

## APPENDIX No. 1

*By Mr. Blain:*

Q. Have you any figures to show the total production of eggs in Canada?

A. Not official figures. But the figures I have just read to you are official. I believe the value of the poultry industry last year in Canada amounted to something like \$48,000,000. This statement was made by Mr. J. A. Gunn, President of the Montreal Produce Exchange, in a recent address by him.

Q. You mean that the investment in the poultry industry in Canada last year amounted to \$48,000,000?

A. I mean that the output of both eggs and poultry in Canada last year was valued at that large amount. As to the United States, it was nearly \$700,000,000.

*By Mr. Thornton:*

Q. I presume the only way to get at the value of the eggs produced in the country is just to estimate. There is no way of getting anything like exact figures?

A. No not yet, neither in Canada nor in the United States. Some of these estimates are carefully prepared. I believe that in our forthcoming census statistics will be collected as to poultry. If you remember the schedules in the last census only included horses, cattle and pigs. In the forthcoming census I believe poultry will be included. Upon a future occasion—when I hope to have the pleasure of again appearing before your Committee—I may be able to give you something more definite than I can just now do in this regard.

*By Mr. Wilson (Lennox and Addington):*

Q. That will be, I suppose, the year following the Census?

A. I hope so.

In proceeding, I beg to state that the urgent and increased demands in the larger cities of Canada for eggs and poultry of superior quality has resulted in high figures being asked and cheerfully paid for the choice and select article. I do not like quoting these prices for—while they are strictly correct—they are to a certain extent exceptional inasmuch as they are paid for an exceptionally choice article, but one that is being more asked for every year, and not only in the winter, but also in the summer season. It should certainly be the aim of the farmer to cater to this high class trade and secure the higher values.

I wish now to show you that some farmers or their wives do cater to this high class trade. I have here a letter from a farmer's wife whose name I need not mention, but if it is necessary I will do so. She writes about a disease that attacked her fowls and in so doing states that they had got up to an average of 2½ dozen eggs a day, until the ailment complained of, reduced the egg yield to one-half to what it was. This she says was quite a blow to her pocket and her pride for 'I got fifty cents a dozen from a Montreal house for my eggs during December and January, but now, as usual, prices are coming down.'

*By Mr. Best:*

Q. Does she say how many hens she had that produced that number?

A. No. She does not so state in her letter.

Here is a letter from a lady of Cranbrook, British Columbia—written a few days ago—who says: 'Eggs have been 75 cents here all winter (per dozen I mean) except at Christmas, when they were 90 cents per dozen.'

I have also a letter from a gentleman living on Second avenue, Vancouver, B.C., who states: 'Eggs at 50 cents, and 80 in winter cause one to have a high regard for the hen which lays the eggs when prices are at the figures named.'

I could further quote but it is hardly necessary. These are however very respectable prices.

Now, if you will permit me, I will hand to you some card boxes of eggs. The eggs were laid by the hens in our poultry division. Each case holds one dozen eggs.