

APPENDIX No. 3

Mr. FOUND: Would you kindly repeat that?

The WITNESS: I say that the same style of car is now used by us on the lines of the Canadian Pacific from Halifax, Digby, St. John, and St. Andrews, as we use throughout the country on the lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway, that fish is carried all over the country by us, and that we have no complaints about the condition of that commodity except in regard to the Atlantic fish.

Mr. FOUND: But is it not a fact that the shipments from the west are practically all in carload lots and refrigerator cars, whereas in the case of the Atlantic Coast it is not so?

The WITNESS: No, Mr. Found, the carload business is the small part of the business in any district.

Mr. FOUND: Are there any shipments from the west coast to points east of Winnipeg that are not shipped in carloads?

The WITNESS: No, I do not think any shipments in less than carload lots are made east of Winnipeg. It is 1,400 miles from Vancouver to Winnipeg.

Mr. FOUND: The fish coming to Winnipeg from the west comes in carloads, doesn't it?

The WITNESS: I think it does, but I could not say positively.

Mr. FOUND: It certainly has for these last few years.

The WITNESS: Of course packages running all the way from 25 pounds up are being shipped from Vancouver all over the prairie provinces.

Let me ask what about your Lake Superior fish? We have been carrying that fish ever since the railway was opened in 1885-6. Mr. James said here the other day that he received his lake fish in good condition. Mr. Binns knows about the Lake Superior fish trade. He can tell you all about it, and I would be glad if he would do so. We have not had any complaints about Lake Superior fish.

By Mr. Chisholm (Inverness):

Q. Is it your idea that the fish from the east is not put into your cars in first-class condition?—A. No, doctor, I am not saying that, I do not know, but what I do not understand is this: That we have had complaints about the fish from the Atlantic Coast not coming in good condition and where we have exactly similar facilities and accommodation in other parts of the country, we have no complaints. Whose fault that is, I do not pretend to say. I would like to know.

By the Chairman:

Q. The evidence we have had here has been to the effect that the fish is well packed in ice when it leaves Mulgrave for Truro where the shipments may be consolidated in one car, but that when the commodity reached Montreal, or points west of Montreal, the ice had melted leaving the fish, as one witness expressed it, high and dry. In other words, the fish is exposed to heat in winter because of the necessity for making the car habitable for the messenger or whoever is in charge, and in summer it is exposed to the rays of the sun. That is the reason why demands are being made for some improvements or alterations in the car which will enable the fish to be carried without deterioration.—A. An express car is made up for all kinds of goods. We have got fruit that has to be kept from the frost, we have got fish that has to be kept cool, and other things necessitating various degrees of temperature in a car 60 by 9, and 10 or 8 overhead. It is not an easy matter to accommodate everything. We have succeeded fairly well by putting the fish in the far end of the car with openings on the sides to let in the air in the cooler weather. As I said before, we have

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