

## APPENDIX No. 3

Q. Would you sell that kind of horses to the Government?—A. I do not handle them.

Q. Would you sell that kind of horse to the Government?—A. If they were foolish enough to buy them I would sell them.

Q. You think it is a perfectly honourable thing to do?—A. Perfectly honourable. If a man goes after a certain thing and will not buy a good article will not pay the price and is determined to have an inferior article for the price he should have it.

*By Hon. Mr. Reid:*

Q. What about your own horses were they inferior stuff?—A. No.

*By Mr. Boys:*

Q. If the Government were buying horses that must not be more than 10 years old if you could would you dispose of 30-year old horses?—A. I do not think you have a right to ask me that question.

Q. I will ask you that question?—A. I told you before if you sent me—

Q. Will you answer that question, please, or else let it be ruled out as an unfair question?—A. If you will allow me to answer in my own words I will answer it. If you send a man and ask for a certain quality of goods, and you will not pay the figure for a good article, I certainly would sell them if that was what they wanted.

Q. That is no answer to my question. My question is that if you knew that the horses were required for the troops, and must not be more than 10 years old, even if you could put through horses 18, 20 or 30 years old at extravagant prices, would you do it?—A. You say if I knew that they were required of that age by the troops?

Q. Yes?—A. I knew it, but I did not know it, because your men came down there and bought horses altogether older than that.

Q. Will you answer the question as it is put? I will put it to you fairly; are you biased in this matter, or do you want to be fair?—A. I would like to be.

Q. Well then, keep that standard in your mind and try to answer the question fairly. If you knew the horses were wanted for the troops, that they must not be more than 10 years old, even if you could get them passed at 18, 20 and 30 years of age for extravagant figures would you do it?—A. I do not think a man—

Q. Would you do it?—A. Just wait now.

Q. Be honest?—A. I do not think a man knows what he will do until he is tried.

Q. That is the kind of man you are, are you? You sit there, and on your oath before this committee you cannot say whether or not you would do it?—A. My past reputation will tell you whether I would or not.

Q. That man Harvey that sits there—

Objection raised by Mr. Carvell to form of question.

Q. I want to tell you that Mr. Harvey when under oath admitted that he had seen the posters giving the maximum age at which horses would be accepted and that he had also been told what the maximum ages were and that he knew they were for the troops, and notwithstanding that he was glad of the opportunity which offered itself for getting horses 18, 20 and 30 years of age passed for that purpose?—A. As I told you before I do not think it is possible for me to get up and tell you what I would do. I think a man must be judged by his reputation.

Q. Do you think that a man who would do that would be an honourable man?—A. I would hate awfully to say that any man who did that would be dishonourable. I would hate to be calling so many men in King's county dishonourable.

*By Hon. Mr. Reid:*

Q. Would you say that these men were not willing to pay the price for a good horse?—A. I think they would take good horses if they could get them at the same price as they could get the culls, but they would not pay the price for a good horse.

Mr. S. SELFRIDGE.