

## APPENDIX No. 5

A. Possibly they have, I do not know as to that. But the figures I have given are correct. They have been gathered by our transportation officer, who has been devoting his whole time to that matter.

*By Mr. Wright:*

Q. Is the freight rate higher from Ontario to Winnipeg than it is from the points in Washington from which apples are shipped to Winnipeg?

A. I should say that the Ontario rate is decidedly higher.

Q. How does the mileage compare?

A. I don't know about that, but as I was saying, our shipments from Winnipeg to Calgary cost 84 cents a barrel. Their shipments cost them 13 cents a barrel, and they can distribute throughout the whole West for that rate.

Q. The Railway Companies could not possibly haul apples for 13 cents a barrel from Washington to Edmonton.

A. I understand that the freight rate from Calgary to Winnipeg is 13 cents a barrel. I think they are doing that because the Americans are getting the business at the other end.

*By Mr. Douglas:*

Q. What is your freight rate to Winnipeg from Ontario?

A. 88 cents a barrel, I think it is.

Q. And from Walla Walla to Winnipeg?

A. I have not got those figures.

Hon. Mr. BURRELL.—It would be quite possible for this Committee if they want to get at the freight rates to call a railway officer who is familiar with the matter.

The CHAIRMAN.—I think it would be the proper thing to do.

Mr. DOUGLAS.—There are many things in connection with freight rates that we do not understand.

Mr. JOHNSON.—We find that we have to pay higher rates to get our freight into Calgary. A Wholesale House in Calgary can stock up with American fruit cheaper than we can ship it on account of a cheap rate.

*By Mr. Douglas:*

Q. I understand you to say that the rate on American fruit from Calgary to Winnipeg is 13 cents.

A. Yes, 13 cents.

*By Mr. Lalar:*

Q. Going West there is discrimination against our own shipments?

A. Yes.

*By Mr. Wright:*

Q. Have you made any shipments from Calgary to Winnipeg?

A. No, I never did.

Q. How did you get these freight rates?

A. They have been worked out for me by the transportation man of our Association, who devotes all his time to the question. He has been looking into the freight rates for the last six months.

*By Mr. Thornton:*

Q. What did you say was the rate from Winnipeg to Calgary?

A. The Americans pay 13 cents a barrel from Calgary to Winnipeg. The distance between the points is 837 miles. We Ontario shippers pay 94 cents a barrel or