

## APPENDIX No. 5

Q. You think that the railway companies in Ontario do not charge the very excessive prices he said?

A. I am quite sure they do not, the railway companies are not built that way. They charge the full tariff, and if the agent at the shipping point made a mistake and billed those apples at the rate he said you may depend upon it that the agent at Edmonton would set the charges up.

Q. I think, too, that the Nova Scotia people would have some advantage in their barrel; the Nova Scotia barrel is a barrel of apples in the West just the same as the Ontario barrel, though it is thirty pounds lighter.

A. I do not suppose it would make that difference, he refers particularly to Edmonton, anyway.

Q. You see in that sense they may have an advantage.

A. It might be well, if Mr. Johnson is still under that impression, if he would communicate with our Board, and we will give him all the information; it may be he is using the wrong schedules.

*By Mr. Douglas:*

Q. Is this what I understood Mr. Johnson said, that a man in the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia, landed apples cheaper in Edmonton than the Western Ontario grower? That is the statement if I understand it.

A. That is it.

Q. That is impossible.

A. There is a belief that way, but I gave you the figures, and they run from 20 to 30 cents per hundred pounds higher from Nova Scotia than from Ontario.

*By Mr. Wright:*

Q. But you did not answer this point, that the standard barrel being different that the Nova Scotians can ship apples to the West cheaper perhaps; what would be the estimated weight of one of those barrels, where they do not have the opportunity of actually weighing them?

A. The Nova Scotian barrel?

Q. You say they automatically fix the weight of the Ontario barrel at 165 pounds, what would they fix the weight of the Nova Scotian barrel at?

A. I do not know of any exception, if they were not weighed they would probably go at 165 pounds.

The CHAIRMAN.—That is because of the measurement of your barrel?

A. No, that was the old rule up to 1907, since then it has been by the hundred pounds.

*By Mr. Armstrong (Lambton):*

Q. If you are not aware what they do charge I do not see how you can make a positive statement.

A. I have given the rate per hundred pounds, in fact I do not know exactly what is the size of the Nova Scotian barrel, but I gathered from some evidence I read that it is a smaller barrel, but that they are endeavouring to adopt a standard the same as in Ontario.

Q. You do not know what the railway bills them at, as far as that is concerned?

A. No, if they weigh them then they are charged on the actual weight, and the size of the barrel would cut no figure, but if they do not weigh them, and they charge 165 pounds, then I can understand that they may be charging a higher rate per barrel on the Nova Scotian apples.

Q. Yes, and if they are charging the Nova Scotian barrel at 125 pounds that would be a considerable difference.

Mr. DOUGLAS.—Of course they have the opportunity of having them weighed at the other end.