

point from which grain is shipped eastward. A true and fair comparison is to compare the wheat rates in force on the Canadian Pacific between Winnipeg and Port Arthur with those between St. Paul and Chicago, Port Arthur standing in the same relation to Winnipeg and other Manitoba points as Chicago does to St. Paul and Minneapolis:

|                              | Miles. | Per 100 lbs. |
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| Winnipeg to Port Arthur..... | 430    | 28 cents     |
| St. Paul to Chicago.....     | 420    | 7½ "         |

So that the Manitoba settler shipping from Winnipeg has to pay four times as much to get his wheat to the Lake as the Minnesota or Dakota settler shipping from St. Paul. It was stated in the House of Commons, and is still asserted in Ministerial papers, that farmers in the northern parts of Minnesota and Dakota have teamed their wheat across the boundary to Emerson or Gretna, paying the Canadian duty, and have then shipped it by the Canadian Pacific to Port Arthur with more profit to themselves than if they had shipped it direct to Duluth from the place of growth. This is not the whole truth, Mr. Van Horne has admitted that only three carloads of wheat were dealt with in this way; and that he allowed the shippers an exceptional rate of 15 cents per 100 pounds to Port Arthur, thus virtually paying the duty for them. The customs returns show that during the year ending June 30th, 1885, only 1,798 bushels of wheat crossed the international line at Gretna and Emerson, and for the year ending June 30th, 1886, but 74 bushels crossed it. Turning to the all-rail rates for carloads, the rate from Winnipeg to Montreal by the Canadian Pacific, a distance of 1,423 miles, is 50 cents per 100 pounds. From St. Paul to New York, a distance of from 1,420 to 1,500 miles, according to the rail route taken, the rate is 32½ cents; from Council Bluffs, Ia., to New York, 1,440 miles, 25 cents per 100 pounds. That is to say, the Manitoba settler shipping from Winnipeg gets 17½ cents per 100 pounds or ten cents per bushel less for his wheat, in consequence of the higher railroad rate, than the Minnesota or Dakota settler, shipping from St. Paul; and 25 cents per 100 pounds or 15 cents per bushel less than the Iowa settler shipping from Council Bluffs. The through rail-and-boat rates for carloads hit him quite as hard. The rate per 100 pounds from Winnipeg to Fort William is 28 cents, and from there to Montreal by Canadian Pacific boats 15 cents, or 43 cents in all. The propeller

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