

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

ROOM No. 301,

THURSDAY, March 16, 1916.

The Committee met at 3 o'clock, p.m., the Chairman, Mr. Jameson, presiding.

The CHAIRMAN: On the 3rd of March we took the evidence of Mr. W. S. Stout, President of the Dominion Express Company, Montreal. He subsequently forwarded to the Secretary a copy of his evidence, with one or two slight verbal changes which he desired to have noted. I presume it will be in keeping with the views of the Committee that this privilege should be afforded to any witness whose evidence has not been quite accurately reported, in his judgment, or who wishes to modify what he has said. I will ask the Secretary to hand Mr. Stout's letter to the reporter so that these slight changes and corrections in his evidence may be made.

Mr. H. E. MACDONELL, called, sworn and examined.

By the Chairman:

Q. What is your official connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway?—A. Assistant Freight Traffic Manager.

Q. How long have you been acting in that capacity?—A. For six months or so.

Q. Before that, were you connected with that or any other transportation line?—A. With the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Q. For how long?—A. Twenty-five or twenty-six years.

Q. You have a knowledge, I suppose, of the matters relating to the transportation of fish from both the Eastern and Western sea-boards, by your Company?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. Can you state to the Committee what the carload and less than carload freight rates are, by refrigerator car, on shipments of fresh fish from Mulgrave to the following points:—Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Windsor, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver? First will you give the carload lot rates?—A. Mr. Chairman, I have the rates here from St. John, St. Stephens and St. Andrew's to all these points, if that will be acceptable. Of course, we simply act in connection with the Intercolonial Railway where the shipments come from Mulgrave. Then we have, of course, arrangements with the Intercolonial Railway and receive freight from them at Ste. Rosalie Junction and also at St. John.

Q. You do not originate freight in the Province of Nova Scotia?—A. Not in Nova Scotia except on the Dominion Atlantic Railway.

Q. Then would you state please what the rates are to these different points?—A. From St. John, and is it on fresh and frozen fish you require the information?

Q. We want the refrigerator car rates?—A. I have a tariff here which covers fresh and frozen fish which is handled in refrigerator cars in carloads.

Q. Give first the carload rates.—A. To Quebec, 22 cents per 100 pounds in carloads—a minimum of 20,000—and 31 cents per 100 pounds in less than carload lots.

Q. That is from what point?—A. That is from St. John, for Quebec, Montreal, and Lévis.

Q. Now give the rate to Toronto?—A. Thirty-two cents per 100 pounds in carloads, minimum 20,000 pounds.

Q. Is there a less than carload lot rate to Toronto?—A. No, sir.

Q. Now, the carload rate to Hamilton?—A. 33 cents per 100 pounds, with the same minimum but no less than carload lot rating.