

As regards the rates on apples, I submit the following table which shows in as plain and comprehensible a manner as I can put it:—

1. The rates which are, and have been in force on the Windsor and Annapolis Railway since December, 1877.

2. The rates which the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company are authorized to charge by law; and

* 3. The rates on all Railways in Canada, excluding those in Nova Scotia and Government Railways.

Comparative Table of Rates per Barrel on Apples:

Distance Carried.	W. & A. Railway, Tariff Rate.	W. & A. Railway, Allowed by law to charge.	Canadian Railways, Joint Tariff Rate.
10 Miles.	6½ cents.	7 cents.	7 cents.
30 “	9 “	13 “	13 “
50 “	12 “	17 “	17 “
70 “	15 “	20 “	20 “
90 “	18 “	23 “	24 “
100 “	21 “	25½ “	26 “
130 “	22½ “	28½ “	27 “

A reference to this table not only bears out everything I have publicly stated regarding our charges, but establishes several points conclusively and beyond cavil, viz. :—

1. That the Tariff Rates of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway are on an average *five cents per barrel less* than we are authorized to charge by law.

2. That the charge allowed by law, and adopted by other Canadian lines as the result of experience, must necessarily be fair and reasonable; and, therefore, shippers would have had no ground of complaint whatever had we charged five cents per barrel more than we do.

3. We have *voluntarily* made this reduction of five cents per barrel notwithstanding that our proprietors do not receive, and have never received any return upon one-half of the capital invested in the railway.

4. Instead of our rates being exorbitant, or even high, *they are more than liberal*, inasmuch as the shippers reap the benefit of this

* The Canadian Railways which have adopted those rates are:

Grand Trunk Railway,	Canadian Pacific Railway,	North Shore Railway.
Ontario and Quebec Railway,	Quebec Central Railway,	Canada Atlantic Railway.
Midland Railway,	South Eastern Railway,	International Railway.
Northern and N. W. Railway,	Erie and Huron Railway,	Welland Railway.
Bay of Quinte Railway,	Napanee & Tamworth Railway,	Gananoque & R. Railway.
Michigan Central, in Canada.	Central Vermont Railway, in Canada.	