

APPENDIX No. 6

By Mr. Lancaster:

Q. You say you would have preferred not to sell to him had he not stated the fact that he could not get it in the town?—A. I would prefer not to sell. That is our business principle.

Q. Would you have sold if he could have got it in the town?—A. I do not think I would in that case.

Q. But in this case he complained that he could not get it?—A. Yes.

Q. If he could have got it in the town would you have sold to him?—A. No, I do not think so. If he could have it in the town he would not have come to me. What I am prepared to swear is that in the course of business I do sell to other people than those in the Retailers' Association. We do not confine ourselves absolutely to those in the association.

By Mr. Crocket:

Q. Were complaints made in those instances?—A. In some other instances to my knowledge.

By Mr. Sloan:

Q. Do you sell to contractors?—A. Not generally, although last year I billed to one contractor four cars of lumber to build stations on the Canadian Northern railroad.

By Mr. Herron:

Q. Not only was this complaint made, but letters were produced and placed in evidence tending to show that the association had corresponded with you or with your firm and had received assurances that you would not break the rules again?—A. I saw that but I never wrote any such letter. I never wrote any such letter to Mr. Stewart or never received any such letter from him. If there was a letter written from my firm I have no knowledge of it.

Mr. HERRON.—You are the business manager of your firm. There were two letters to the effect that I have stated and the secretary wrote to the complainant saying that the thing would not occur in the future, that he had a guarantee from Mr. Burrows' firm that it would not occur again.

By the Chairman:

Q. Were there any letters from your firm?—A. No, there is no letter from my firm promising not to sell to outsiders.

Mr. HERRON.—There was nothing produced from Mr. Burrows' firm, but there was a letter from the secretary of the association to this man who made the complaint.

Mr. LANCASTER.—Saying he had made a promise.

The WITNESS.—I do not find any such guarantee.

By Mr. Lancaster:

Q. I understood you to say to Mr. Crocket just now that if you had sold this man when he could have got it from his town you would have expected a complaint?—A. I do not think that, I said that there were other complaints, in other cases.

Q. You spoke about making sales to men not members of the association and I asked you if there had been complaints?—A. No, I know of several cases where there were not complaints.

Q. There was a complaint in this particular instance?—A. Yes, there was, I did not know it until I saw it here, I had no knowledge of this complaint till I saw Mr. Carruthers' letter which is filed here.