

expenditure of \$200 per vessel, they could easily put in electric fans and ventilating shafts, and they promised to have it carried out. In Montreal, two thirds of those who took our cheese and apples, were properly ventilated with electric fans and proper shafts. It was simply a representation in a business like way to the heads of the firms, and they, seeing the propriety and advantage of it, gave orders and it was done. If it has not been done by the Furness Withy people, then the promise which the head of their firm gave me has not been fulfilled.

I heard the question of uniform barrels discussed here. I will leave that question to my friend, Hon. Dr. Borden, who has dealt with it in the House of Commons in the interest of the people of this Province. He understands it and knows it. I have found a great deal of complaint as to the lack of uniformity in your barrels. A uniform package is as absolutely necessary in the apple trade as it is in any other article. The market there wants uniformity in its package all the time. If you do not send your produce forward in a uniform package always containing the same weight, you will be at a disadvantage. When a man orders 1,000 barrels, he will not do it unless he knows what quantity he is to get in each barrel. He must know whether it is 2 1-2 bushels or 3 bushels. I am not prepared to give you an opinion. It is not a subject upon which I have any particular authentic knowledge. I do know about the trade. If you send 1000 bbls. to the London and Liverpool market, the man who buys them wants to get just as much in one barrel as in another. If you ship 2 1-2 bushels at one time, and 3 bushels at another time, it will hurt your trade. It is absolutely necessary if you wish that trade to succeed in England, that you shall adopt a uniform barrel and strictly adhere to that barrel.

I thank you heartily for your kind attention in listening to me.

Col. Shippy Spurr—I would like to ask the Hon. Mr. Fisher one question. He said they had the power of fixing the maximum rate of freight with this company. Has that rate been fixed, and what is that rate?

Hon. Mr. Fisher—No. It has not.

Col. Shippy Spurr—I would ask why it is that these sub-