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Mr. HARDWELL.—The distance from Wenatchee to Winnipeg is 1512 miles and the freight rate is 75 cents between these points. The nearest Canadian haul to that which I have here is from London to Brandon, a distance of 1475 miles, or about 35 miles less, and the rate from London to Brandon is 68 cents.

By the Chairman:

Q. That does not clear up the point. You want to get a certain point in the United States, the distance from which to the Canadian market would be about 1,500 miles. Then you take a similar point from Ontario.

A. I would have to figure out these mileages.

The CHAIRMAN.—The blanket policy seems to me to favor the Western fruit growers.

By Mr. Best:

Q. Will you explain to me how the Winnipeg consumer can get cheaper fruit from the West than from the East? I cannot see that he can.

A. I cannot answer the question. Perhaps the middleman would come in there. I may say there are before the Board of Railway Commissioners statements from American shippers in Washington and Oregon, complaining that they are being discriminated against in favor of the Canadian shipper.

By Mr. Webster:

Q. Does any quantity of Washington fruit go through to Montreal?

A. I do not think so. There may be some in the early part of the season, perhaps, shipments in boxes.

Q. But no carloads?

A. I have never seen any carloads when I have been to Montreal.

Mr. RUDDICK.—(Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner).—An odd carload goes to Montreal and Toronto.

By Mr. Webster:

Q. At what port would American fruit from Washington enter Canada?

A. It would enter by way of the Sarnia tunnel, I fancy, or over the Wabash and the C.P.R. through Windsor. The American roads would take the long haul.

By Mr. Steele:

Q. Why not take the chief distributing points in the West, and then get the rates from Washington and from Ontario to those points and compare them?

A. I have the principal points here, because I anticipated having to answer some questions with respect to them. I have Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Saskatoon, Regina, Swift Current, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge and Edmonton.

Q. Give us the Ontario and Washington rates to Winnipeg.

A. Winnipeg—Washington, 75 cents, Ontario, 53 cents. Regina—Washington, 75 cents, Ontario, 83 cents. Medicine Hat—Washington—

By Mr. Smith (South Ontario):

Q. What is the difference in the mileage?

A. I have not got the mileages figured out. I have got the Ontario rate figured out from London as a representative point.

By Mr. Chairman:

Q. Give us now Medicine Hat.

A. Medicine Hat—Washington, 75 cents, Ontario 94 cents. Calgary—Spokane points 80 cents, others 95 cents, Ontario about \$1.04.