

APPENDIX No. 3

By Mr. Kyte:

Q. Taking one season with the other, the price of fish has not gone up very much in the last five years?—A. Not very much.

By the Chairman:

Q. At the present time is the price abnormally high at the seaboard?—A. It is. That is due to the difficulty of catching fish.

By Mr. Loggie:

Q. What is the express rate from Portland and Boston to Montreal?—A. Eighty cents a hundred from Portland, and \$1.20 from Boston.

Q. Portland is quite a distributing centre?—A. I think so, but it does not count to-day hardly anything, because from Portland the only thing we get is lobsters, and we have not had to do that this year.

Q. Are you getting Nova Scotia lobsters now?—A. Yes.

Q. The express rate from Halifax is one cent a pound?—A. Yes, a cent.

By Mr. Kyte:

Q. As compared with what from Boston?—A. \$1.20 per 100 pounds.

Q. Is it higher from Boston?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Sinclair:

Q. Does that include the ice in the boxes?—A. It does.

Q. You have to pay on the box and the ice as well as the fish?—A. I think they add 20 per cent on.

By Mr. Loggie:

Q. Twenty per cent does not cover a box and ice. I do not know what they do out of Boston. Do you not pay on the gross weight?—A. I think they add 20 per cent on.

By Mr. McCurdy:

Q. Do you pay for the cases?—A. Everything from Boston comes in barrels instead of cases.

By Mr. Sinclair:

Q. Is it the same 20 per cent on the box and ice?—A. I do not think so.

By Mr. McCurdy:

Q. About oysters, did I understand you to say that the Cape Cod is the best oyster on the market to-day?—A. To-day.

Q. Do you mean to say that it is more satisfactory for the dealer to handle, or a higher quality oyster?—A. It is more satisfactory for the dealer, as they are more even, a nice shape, and beautiful flavour. In October, November and December the Malpeque is the best flavoured there is.

Q. What do you give for the Malpeque?—A. As high as \$15 a barrel.

Q. They are the highest priced oyster?—A. They are.

Q. Are they the finest oyster?—A. They are, but it is so hard to get them real good. They do not demand them now as much as they used to.

By Mr. Sinclair:

Q. You are not sure about your statement of a minute ago, are you?—Of course the comparison of freight rates is of no service unless we know that the boxes and the ice are charged for the same in both places.—A. In both places? I am not quite sure. I am under the impression that from Halifax it is net weight, but I may be mistaken.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Found knows, I think he had better put the information on the record.

Mr. FOUND: I think you will find that from the United States it is on the net weight plus a percentage. A charge is made also for the package.