

By Hon. Mr. Webster:

Q. Have you also some anthracite fields on your line, Mr. Lanigan?—
A. Yes.

Q. At what points are they?—A. On Shepherd Creek, Mr. Burns, of Calgary, has—I do not know it myself, but from what I have heard—quite an extensive deposit of, I presume, semi-anthracite, something of the same character as the Bankhead coal. It may be a little better.

By the Chairman:

Q. That is not open, though.—A. It is not open, and it will need about 150 miles of railway to open it. But of course it is just like other fields. Why spend the money to open it? It would merely add to the production of Alberta coal, without affording any means of using the coal.

By Hon. Mr. Laird:

Q. To sum up that point that I raised right at the start—the domestic coal fields that the C.P.R. would tap would be the Lethbridge and Drumheller areas? Those would be the two large fields for domestic coal?—A. Yes.

Q. That is what I wanted cleared up before you started on the question of rates.

By the Chairman:

Q. And Canmore would be included too?—A. Oh, yes. Well, we do burn Canmore coal now, you see; and Canmore coal runs up to 78.7 per cent, in the ultimate analysis of fixed carbon.

Q. Yes. The ultimate analysis, according to the figures I have on page 13 of the Report, runs to 85-85-86.—A. I am looking at page 15, on the Canmore coal.

Q. That is your coal. Look at the Canmore-Banff area. Canmore Coal Company: it runs to nearly 14,500 B.T.U.'s. It is a very superior coal. It runs high in fixed carbon. This is on page 85.

Q. It is a very superior coal. They are different seams. That apparently is the basis of it.—A. And the same way with the Brazeau fields. There is a very superior quality of coal in the Alberta mountains.

Q. Can we go on to rates now?—A. I put in some extra copies of the statement I made before the House of Commons Committee. There is one question I did not dwell on, Mr. Chairman, and that is the very high wages paid in Alberta as compared with those of the Maritime Provinces or British Columbia. I am not a coal miner myself; I don't know any reason for it; but there is such a marked difference in the wages—it was given in the Financial Times, and afterwards published in the Calgary papers—that it has made the cost of coal there very high indeed. The railways buy one-third of the output and production.

Q. That is consume—A. Yes, consume. So I sent out on March 26, pursuant to the investigation that the President had asked me to make, to find out what the cost of this coal was at the pit's mouth.

By Hon. Mr. Laird:

Q. That is the domestic coal?—A. That is the domestic coal. Lethbridge quoted us \$6.55; Saunder's Creek \$7; the Drumheller quotation was in three sections; double screened \$5.70, single screened \$4.95; stove size \$4. Taber quoted on double screened \$6.40, on single screened \$5.40; no quotation on run of mine. Edmonton, Clover Bar and Cardiff districts—that is where the Government returns show such an abnormal percentage of moisture, and very low B.T.U.'s—quoted \$3.75, double screened and \$3.50 single screened. Of course, how much they can reduce that price I do not know; but as long as they are

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