

APPENDIX No. 3

Q. Have you any plans to improve the freight shipments on small parcels of fresh fish?—A. We did consider that the arrangement that we made last spring for freight service was going to work out satisfactorily, more satisfactorily than what had been in effect. I know that it has done so until the last two or three months, only I must say that our service by freight has not been all that we would desire—we have had a large volume of traffic moving; we have had pretty severe weather conditions to contend with, and the service for the last two and a half months has been irregular for the fish men.

Q. Would it be too much to ask the Intercolonial to have a refrigerator car on every day of the week to carry parcels of fresh fish in cold storage?—A. To Montreal?

Q. Yes.—A. Just look at the record here since June (indicating statement).

Q. But you understand the fish business is a special business. You say you will carry fish on Thursday, for example. Wednesday is a stormy day, the fishermen do not get out, there is no fish to go on Thursday. On Friday the harbour is filled with fish, and there is no chance of forwarding it. It is a question of business with us. If you do not have the daily facilities the business is so uncertain that it cannot be prosecuted with success. That is what the dealers tell me.—A. The trouble is the fish will not come up on the shore.

Q. Can the Intercolonial meet that situation?—A. I am at a loss to understand why, with the arrangement made last spring, there was not more patronage made of the cars on the three days of the week selected, Saturday, Monday and Thursday. We had shipments from Mulgrave during that period on several days other than Saturday.

Q. You are talking now of less than carload lots?—A. Yes. Here is our schedule (producing document).

Q. Perhaps you had better place it on the record.—A. (Reads.)

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

MONCTON, N.B., June 24, 1915.

SUBSIDIZE FISH SERVICE.

Under an arrangement with the Department of Marine and Fisheries, the following subsidized refrigerator service for L.C.L. shipments of fresh fish will be operated until further advised.

Starting Point	Day	Train	From	To	Due to arrive at Montreal
Mulgrave.....	Monday and Thursday	176 75	Mulgrave..... Truro.....	Truro Montreal	Thursday..... 6 A.M. Sunday 6 A.M.
	Each week				
	Monday and Thursday	13 75	Halifax..... Truro.....	Truro Montreal	Thursday..... 6 A.M. Sunday..... 6 A.M.
Halifax.....	Each week				

Fish shipped from Halifax under this arrangement will be forwarded to Truro in ordinary box cars and will be consolidated at that point with the shipments from Mulgrave.

Fish shipped in these cars will be charged the current tariff rates without additional charge for icing.

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