

Department, that you will feel, we were warranted in claiming 1-4c per pound additional as charged.-

Since we undertook the supply of the wire the duty was increased by the Government which makes a difference in the cost of importing, but aside from this, a combination was soon after effected between the makers of Barbed wire in Canada, and the effect of that combination has been to materially increase the cost of wire to consumers.

As we did not have an order for any considerable quantity from your Department at any one time, but your Department seemed rather to expect us to furnish the wire from time to time as we might be called upon to do so. This would have been all very well had the Government not raised the duty and the Combination been formed as mentioned.-

We had only counted on a moderate profit when making the original figures. Owing to the advance as stated our profit was practically wiped out, and we feel that our charge of 1-4c per pound, is a charge which your Department would feel justified in granting under the circumstances.-

Your kind consideration will oblige,

Yours truly,

(Sgd) The Public Works