

## APPENDIX No. 5

A. No, the American shipping rate to Edmonton is 95 cents, or 85 cents from Spokane points, that is owing to this Red River basis I speak of.

*By Mr. Armstrong (Lambton):*

Q. Just a moment, I understand that the rate from Kootenai Wash., is 75 cents, is that right?

A. I have only the rates here of the western territory, because these were the only ones dealt with in the evidence.

Q. The statement I have from a man who is an authority on rates is that the rate from Kootenai, Wash., to Montreal is one dollar, that is a very cheap rate, isn't it?

A. I should think so. That would be governed, I suppose, by the rate New York has fixed, and the rate to Buffalo might be lower than that, and so it would scale back and might produce a low rate to Montreal. I thought only the rates mentioned in the evidence were coming up or I would have brought the tariffs with me. However, I shall be glad to give them to you if you will call at my office, or I will drop you a line.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Do I understand that the rate from Washington to Winnipeg is 75 cents?

A. 75 cents.

Q. And from Ontario to Calgary?

A. Ontario to Calgary is \$1.04, the same as Edmonton.

Q. What is the difference in the mileage from Ontario to Calgary say, and from Washington to Winnipeg?

A. Take London, that is a central point in Ontario, to Calgary it is 2,180 miles; now if we take from Wenatchee, in Washington, to Winnipeg, it is 1,512 miles; or 1,382 from Yakima, short mileage in Spokane.

Q. What is the difference in the rate?

A. The rate from Wenatchee, etc., to Winnipeg is 75 cents, and the rate from London to Calgary is 95 cents.

Q. 95 cents?

A. No, pardon me, \$1.04.

*By Mr. Douglas:*

Q. The difference in favour of the American shipper is 19 cents.

The CHAIRMAN.—I am speaking of Winnipeg, they get a rate to Winnipeg of 75 cents. While their rate does not get any greater as they go east to Winnipeg, our rate from the east, going west, gets greater every 50 miles, until we have to pay \$1.04 to get our apples to Calgary, while they have to pay 75 cents from Washington to Winnipeg. Apparently the way that works out is this, that through their blanket rate the Washington apples are carried from Washington to Winnipeg, the same distance, for 75 cents, that we have to pay, from here to Calgary, \$1.04.

A. Is it the same distance?

Q. You tell us they have a blanket rate, so I assume that they can ship their apples from Washington for 75 cents, the same distance as we have to pay from Ontario \$1.04; that is discrimination, to my mind, against the Eastern grower getting his fruit into the Western market of 28 or 29 cents.

Mr. WEBSTER.—And one quarter further distance. So that the American railways charge much higher from Washington to Lethbridge.

The CHAIRMAN.—That is not what I was coming at. The rate for American shippers from Washington to Winnipeg is 75 cents, whereas the charge to our Ontario shippers for the smaller distance would be \$1.04.