

Cheese : on this we pay an advance on eastern rates of for

42 miles.....	41 per cent.
77 miles.....	30 per cent.
105 miles.....	57 per cent.
150 miles.....	69 per cent.
210 miles.....	100 per cent.
324 miles.....	95 per cent.

or an average advance over eastern rates of 65%. These are L. C. L. rates.

The average on the 6 points named on eggs in car load lots is 63% over the eastern rates; on poultry 71% over the eastern rates; on butter 71% over the eastern rates; and on cheese 63% over the eastern rate.

Q. Is there a large trade in these articles?

A. Yes and a growing trade; one that should be encouraged in the interests of the country.

Q. Are there many shipments over the long distance?

A. I am informed by Mr. McKenzie, a gentleman present, that 300 miles is the extreme distance west of Winnipeg from which these commodities are shipped. West of that eggs and butter find their way to the Coast. The average haul would probably be 200 miles. If the average haul be 200 miles, the per centage against us will be greater than I have mentioned.

EXHIBIT L.—Local grain rates. In these we will compare with the C. P. R. or Grand Trunk in the east, and the figures stand thus :—

In the east.	Here.
50 miles 6c.	11c. per 100
95 miles 9c.	13 1-2c. per 100.
162 miles 12c.	17c. per 100.
280 miles 14c.	22c. per 100.
332 miles 15c.	25c. per 100.

Thus we pay an excess of 3c. up to 6c. a bushel, or on the ten points named an average of 3.57c. per bushel. There are certain peculiarities about this that I am not sufficiently a rail-