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respectfully, for the consideration of the Department, that they confine that rebate of one-third to the shipments which are made in the car which they provide or may arrange to provide.

Q. You mean in the refrigerator car?—A. Yes. And if for their own reasons shippers prefer not to take advantage of this service, but put their fish in the ordinary express car, then they should not get the benefit of that one-third rebate.

By Mr. Sinclair:

Q. The shippers had to use the ordinary car, there has been no express service for a year?—A. There has been no subsidized express refrigerator car service for a year. It was taken off, as I understand it, by the Department after making some arrangement with the Intercolonial Railway for a freight service. That arrangement was not made at our suggestion or with our knowledge.

By Mr. McCurdy:

Q. You were quite satisfied with that refrigerator car service?—A. We had no complaint whatever to make about it.

Q. I understood that before that car was put on there was a great deal of difficulty in negotiating with the Express Company on the matter?—A. It is hardly correct to say there was a great deal of difficulty, there were some negotiations with us and with the railway people.

Q. There seemed to be some difficulty in getting it put on?—A. Oh, I think not, but whatever the difficulty was it was overcome eventually. Mr. Found went to a great deal of trouble and through negotiations brought about conferences between the railway and the express companies, and I think that co-operation was obtained.

By Mr. Sinclair:

Q. Why was the service discontinued?—A. I have not any knowledge as to that, we simply received notice that after a certain date the arrangement would not be renewed. I think, if I remember rightly, the communication we received stated that they had made some arrangement with the railway for a fast freight service.

Q. Can a fast freight service ever take the place of an express service?—A. Well, it has not been usually found as satisfactory; for short distances it might be, but for long distances I do not think it will ever be found to be quite so satisfactory.

By the Chairman:

Q. A few years ago the express companies of Canada filed with the Government a statement of their earnings for the years then passed. I think that was up to 1912 and 1913. You might, when you are sending the other information we have asked for, bring that statement up to date?—A. You mean the gross earnings?

Q. The net earnings I think it was?—A. Every express company files with the Department of Railways and Canals each year a full statement which is published in the annual report of the Department.

Q. Then the earnings of the express companies will be available to this Committee by getting a witness from the Department, unless you wish to give it?—A. I have not anything showing the gross earnings from all sources.

Witness discharged.

Committee adjourned.