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DISCRIMINATING RATES ON TEXTILES.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has called attention to the unjust discrimination in freight rates to western Canadian points, by which in some cases the railways deliver goods from Liverpool or New York at points on the Canadian Pacific Coast at a lower figure than they will ship them from Toronto or Montreal to the same destination. We have already mentioned cases of grossly unfair rates on wool, and the association mentions another instance where wool is carried from New York to Nelson, B.C. for \$1.38 per 100 lbs., while \$1.98 per 100 lbs. is charged from Toronto to Nelson. Details of the discrimination in dry goods are given by the association in the following table compiled from the winter schedule, comparing the rates from Toronto to Winnipeg and Vancouver, and from Liverpool to the same points. Similarly in many cases the rates are lower from Liverpool to these Western points than from Montreal. In the table the initials L.C.L. mean: goods in less than car lots:—

	Liverpool to Winnipeg, per 100 lbs.		Liverpool to Vancouver, per 100 lbs.	
	Carload L.C.L.	Carload L.C.L.	Carload L.C.L.	Carload L.C.L.
Calicoes cambrics, etc.....	\$1.30	\$1.52	\$....	\$1.74
Cotton clothing.....	1.63	1.96	....	2.29
Dry goods, not otherwise specified..	1.63	1.96	....	2.60
Bags, bagging, jute, ex Dundee.....	1.04	1.25	0.98	1.25
Bags, bagging, jute, ex Liverpool.....	0.98	1.20	0.87	1.15
Carpets	1.63	1.96	2.07	2.60
Wool clothing and hosiery	1.63	1.96	....	2.40
Hemp carpet in bales.....	0.87	1.09	0.98	1.20
Oilcloth	0.87	1.58	0.87	1.58
Kid gloves.....	....	1.96	....	3.26

	From Toronto to Winnipeg.		From Toronto to Vancouver.	
	Carload L.C.L.	Carload L.C.L.	Carload L.C.L.	Carload L.C.L.
Calicoes, cambrics, etc.....	\$....	\$1.38	\$....	\$1.73
Cotton clothing.....	....	1.82	....	2.25
Dry goods, not otherwise specified.....	....	1.82	....	2.85
Bags, bagging, jute, ex Dundee.....	....	1.16	....	1.20
Bags, bagging, jute, ex Liverpool.....	....	....	....	....
Carpets	1.24	1.82	....	2.75
Wool clothing and hosiery .....	....	1.82	....	2.85
Hemp carpet in bales .....	....	1.82	....	2.75
Oilcloth	0.82	1.24	1.16	1.70
Kid gloves.....	....	1.82	....	2.85

The curiosity of some of our readers has been excited by an item in the figures of the textile trade of Newfoundland given in last issue. This item states that "wool cards" to the value of \$52 were imported to the island from Great Britain, \$1,046 from Canada and \$9 from the United States. The \$1,046 should have been credited to the United States and the \$9 from St. Pierre. One enquirer asks "Will you kindly inform us as to who the users of this article are?" We were under the impression that these were the hand cards, shaped like a large size curry-comb for grooming horses, and used largely to this day in country districts of Quebec by those who do their spinning on the old fashioned hand spinning wheel. This notion is confirmed by a reply just received from the assistant collector of customs at St. John's, in answer to our question. "The wool cards referred to are hand cards used by the country people in carding wool to prepare it for spinning. In nearly every country place in Newfoundland sheep are kept and the wool is used by the inhabitants to knit their own underclothing." These hand cards are made in the Province of Quebec, and though the total trade in this line in Newfoundland is not a large item, it seems strange that almost the whole of it is supplied by