

APPENDIX No. 5

fact practically all the shipments of apples, go in carload lots to the West. All that go by express are probably a few lots of early apples.

By Mr. Douglas:

Q. You said the rate was \$1.33?

A. That is taking Kentville, Nova Scotia, as the point of shipment.

Q. The rate from the Western Ontario point of shipment is what?

A. \$1.04. Mr. Johnson said that the Nova Scotia growers had a rate of 1 cent per hundred pounds less than the growers had from Forest. I have given the exact figures, and the difference applies not only to Edmonton but to Winnipeg and all Western prairie points. The rate from St. John to Edmonton is \$1.22, 18 cents higher than from Western Ontario.

By the Chairman:

Q. That is the rate from St. John to Edmonton is \$1.22?

A. Yes. The rate from Halifax is \$1.23, 1 cent more. From Windsor, Nova Scotia, it is \$1.31, from Wolfville, \$1.32, from Kentville and Canning, \$1.33, and from Berwick, Mr. Chute's home town, \$1.34. Mr. Chute is the gentleman from Berwick, Nova Scotia, who gave evidence before this Committee the other day. The same differences apply through the West. I have made a note of the statement of Mr. Chute when he was before the Committee. He said:

'We cannot compete with Ontario in winter apples. They have a better freight rate and a larger barrel too.'

That I think disposes of Mr. Johnson's evidence in that regard.

By Mr. Armstrong (Lambton):

Q. Would you mind repeating that?

A. I have given a quotation from Mr. Chute's evidence.

Q. Yes, and what did he say?

A. "We cannot compete with Ontario in winter apples. They have a better freight rate and a larger barrel too."

Q. That might be a mistake on the part of a fruit grower who did not investigate the freight rates. I have received a letter from Mr. Johnson in which he makes this statement:

—"Regarding Nova Scotia rates West, I believe we have a better rate to Winnipeg than they have, but to Edmonton they have a rate of 1 cent per hundred (cwt.) less than we have, although 700 miles further away."

A. That is not correct. Mr. Johnson is misinformed.

Q. He has obtained this information from the Transportation Committee of the Fruit Growers' Association.

A. In that case they are also misinformed. They are either working on wrong tariffs, or have misunderstood the tariffs which are applicable.

Q. By the hundred pounds?

A. By the hundred pounds.

Q. It makes no difference what the size of a barrel is?

A. These rates are for the hundred pounds.

By Mr. Douglas:

Q. There is another point which you may have overlooked. The barrel shipped is 165 pounds.

A. This is the actual weight, sir.

Q. But if a barrel actually weighs 150 pounds does the railway company accept it as 165 pounds?