

By Hon. Mr. Webster:

Q. Ton for ton, that Montreal gas coke would not be equal to a ton of American anthracite coal for domestic use?—A. No, I don't think so.

By Hon. Mr. Casgrain:

Q. What proportion?—A. It is very difficult to say on account of the varieties you would get; there may be a variation.

Q. What about the B.T.U.?—A. The B.T.U. would be higher in the anthracite coal, but coke can be burned with slightly higher efficiency; you can get more percentage out of coke if it is properly fired. There comes another point—about the proper dealing with the coke. These different fuels have to be treated differently in the furnaces. Each requires special treatment.

Q. The coke burned out all my grates in the apartment this year?—A. If they did it is because the fireman was not used to burning coke. If he was used to burning coke in the way in which it should be burned there is no reason why he should burn the grates out.

By Hon. Mr. Webster:

Q. Have you any comparative figures as between the various fuels that might be used for domestic purposes?—A. We are getting together data for that now, but I would not like to say we have anything to give out. As far as the metallurgical coke and the American anthracite are concerned, I think they really run about on a par. If you get the best Welsh coal it is higher, it is better.

By the Chairman:

Q. Better than anything?—A. Better than anything, and of course, being better, it is worth a higher price.

By Hon. Mr. Webster:

Q. I think Mr. Ellis mentioned that he thought Welsh anthracite was worth \$3 a ton more than the American anthracite in burning properties?—A. I think it is.

Q. Could you develop any further your comparison of relative values of fuels, in regard to oil or peat or briquettes or any other well known fuel?—A. When people are selling oil burners they are apt to compare the highest efficiency oil burner with the lowest efficiency coal; but taking the average, I think it can be taken that around 120 gallons of oil or equivalent would probably be on a par with a ton of American anthracite.

Q. Could you give us the comparison in dollars and cents? What, in your opinion, is the most economical fuel for the people of the province of Quebec, or Montreal, to use?—A. Some things we are collecting data on now, and we do not want to definitely state. If we can get a supply of good coke it is certainly comparable with American anthracite. Now, Welsh coal, it depends entirely on the price; I don't know about \$3 a ton, but the best Welsh coal, I believe, might be considered \$3 a ton better than the average American coal, at any rate, what we have been getting recently.

By Hon. Mr. Casgrain:

Q. American coal is selling at \$18, though?—A. Well, selling at \$18 would bring the other up.

[Mr. F. A. Combe.]