

APPENDIX No. 3

By the Chairman:

Q. Before you go any further, would you say what record you were reading from?

—A. The first annual report of the Statistics of Express Companies in the United States as published by the Interstate Commerce Commission, p. 9, under the heading, "Character of the Express Service."

By Mr. Sinclair:

Q. What year?—A. It relates to the year ending June 30, 1909. This is a somewhat academic analysis of express conditions in the United States, and an attempt to measure the express rates. And I assure you that, giving it the best attention and judgment of which I am capable, it has not landed me at any very definite state of knowledge.

Q. Does it land the people of the United States in any better position than they were in before they had the investigation? Was any improvement made?—A. I do not know, Mr. Sinclair.

Q. What was the idea of the report?—A. This was the commencement of a definite system of statistics applying to express companies. Previous to that time there was no definite information in regard to the business of express companies, just as there was none until we began here in 1911 to get the facts with regard to our Canadian express companies.

By the Chairman:

Q. Previous to 1911, the express companies in Canada were not required to file a report?—A. No.

Q. They have been required to file one since that date?—A. They do, under exactly the same system that applies to express companies in the United States. Our system of statistics is practically identical with theirs.

By Mr. Loggie:

Q. While you are dealing with American express companies, can you tell the Committee the relation of the National and the American express companies operating out of Montreal to the Canadian connections? They have changed their relationships, I understand, within a few months, that is to say that up until a short time ago the Canadian express company took charge of shipments and handed them after they left their own railway to the National and the American, whereas now the National and the American companies have offices of their own in Montreal and are taking the goods. I had occasion yesterday to ship ten boxes of frozen mackerel from Montreal to New York, and instead of going to the Canadian Express Company, I got the billing through the American Express Company.—A. Mr. Loggie, so far as these two companies are concerned, they both report to me, and they are practically one and the same company.

Q. That is the National and the American, I understand that. What I wanted to know is, what is the relation on Canadian territory between those companies and the Canadian Express Company, and the Dominion Express Company?—A. I really do not know. My functions would not—I should not say that my functions would not require me to know. These companies are required to report to me any contracts or arrangements they may make for the handling of express matter within the Dominion of Canada; but an arrangement made outside of Canada does not come within my jurisdiction.

Q. This would be an arrangement made in Canada going over Canadian railways?

—A. If you want that for your personal information, I will get it and send it to you.

Mr. J. L. PAYNE.