

APPENDIX No. 5

By Mr. Schaffner:

Q. I understand you grow apples down there on land that will not grow anything else; it is unfit for anything except orchards?

A. Yes, some land down there you could not even raise a disturbance on it, it would not grow anything else than apples, and I have orchards down there worth \$1,000 an acre for apples.

Mr. Armstrong (Lambton):

Q. What sort of soil is it?

A. Sandy, sandy loam, and of course we have clay lands also in some sections of the country. In my section it is sandy loam and it would not grow grain or anything else without a great deal of fertilizing.

Q. What other fruits do you grow?

A. Strawberries, raspberries and a few plums.

By the Chairman:

Q. Very few of those, is it not?

A. Very few, just for home use.

By Mr. Foster (Kings, N.S.):

Q. Why do they not grow peaches and small fruits like they do in Ontario?

A. Well, we have no canneries, there is a very small market down there at present but Halifax, Sidney and other centres are growing.

Q. Do you have very large quantities of inferior fruit?

A. The good grower does not.

Q. What do you do with them?

A. They take them at the vinegar factories and they make cider.

Q. You have vinegar factories down there?

A. Yes.

By Mr. Bowman:

Q. Can you tell why there is such a small percentage of your fruit shipped to the Western market?

A. Well, all I can speak for is Nova Scotia, and we never went there until the year before last.

Q. And you say your trade has been very satisfactory?

A. Yes, very satisfactory and we are looking for a great increase.

By Mr. Thornton:

Q. Do you ship any No. 3 to the West?

A. No.

Q. Do you ship any No. 2?

A. Yes, 30 per cent No. 2 and 70 per cent No. 1.

Q. Do you get satisfactory results?

A. Yes. We sold for \$1.75 last year and \$2.00 this year.

By the Chairman:

Q. You would not advocate doing away with the exporting of No. 2 and just putting one class on the market?

A. No, the No. 2 is a good apple for ordinary use, as good as No. 1 only smaller in size.

By Mr. Thornton:

Q. You had no complaint about No. 2 apples from the West?

A. No, although they would sooner have all No. 1.