

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

ROOM No. 301,

TUESDAY, March 28, 1916.

The Committee met at 11 o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Jameson, presiding.

The CHAIRMAN: At our last meeting it was decided to summon as witnesses, Mr. Smart, Master Carbuilder for the Intercolonial Railway, and Mr. Archibald, Superintendent of the Dining Car Service of the same system. However, Mr. Gutelius, the General Manager, wrote me on the 23rd and 24th inst. in regard to these gentlemen, saying that owing to the movement of troops that was going on they were both so busy it would be impossible to spare either of them until about 4th April, and he wanted to know if the taking of their evidence could be postponed until that date. In view of the important nature of the service in which Messrs. Smart and Archibald are engaged, I felt the Committee would not insist upon their attendance today, and I replied that the Committee would advise them later as to whether their attendance would be required on the 4th April, when Mr. Gutelius thought they would be available.

Mr. Stout, Manager of the Dominion Express Co., has written to the clerk of the Committee, furnishing him with certain information in regard to one point which was left untouched in his evidence. I think the letter of the clerk of the Committee, as well as Mr. Stout's reply, might go into the evidence as a memorandum supplementing Mr. Stout's evidence.

Mr. Hayes, Traffic Manager, Intercolonial Railway, has also furnished some information which he transmits to the Committee in the form of a letter, supplementing his evidence, and Mr. Macdonell, Assistant Freight Traffic Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has done likewise enclosing some documents. I think it would be well to have both these communications and documents printed in the evidence.

The clerk, at my request, telegraphed to the Lockport, N.S., Cold Storage Company, the Maritime Fish Corporation, Canso, N.S., and Mr. H. B. Short, of Digby, N.S., asking them to state the average cost of ice, package, and labour in the shipping of fresh fish to the Canadian markets, and also the relative weight of ice and package as compared with fish in each case. Replies have been received which should also, I think, be printed.

March 20, 1916.

Room 301.

W. S. STOUT, Esq.,

President, Dominion Express Co.,
Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—Having reference to your evidence given before the Marine and Fisheries Committee a few days ago, I am requested by the chairman of the committee to ask you, upon what commodities your company gives carload lot rates on transportation from Nova Scotia to points such as Montreal, Toronto, etc. In this connection will you be good enough to give l.c.l. and carload-lot rates.

I shall be glad to have this information as early as convenient.

Yours faithfully,

THOS. S. HOWE,

Secretary of Committee.