

APPENDIX No. 3

Q. What part of the Government railway system do you operate your business over?—A. All lines.

Q. On the Intercolonial from Mulgrave to Montreal?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Chisholm (Inverness):

Q. Do you operate from Sydney?—A. From Sydney to Montreal.

Q. Do you go over other branch lines of the Intercolonial railway?—A. Yes, I think we operate practically all of the branch lines tributary to the Intercolonial.

By the Chairman:

Q. They furnish the cars?—A. Yes.

Q. And they provide any improvements required in the cars?—A. It will have to be arranged with them.

Q. How are the receipts of the business divided between you and the Government railway?—A. Fifty fifty.

By Mr. Stewart (Lunenburg):

Q. Do you do business with the Halifax and Southwestern railway?—A. No, they operate their own express.

The CHAIRMAN: Can you tell us how many officers you have between Sydney and Montreal on the Government railway? Do you use the Intercolonial staff for the purpose of your business?

Mr. VICKERS: We have route agents and superintendents.

The CHAIRMAN: They would be only a few?

Mr. VICKERS: You mean regarding station agents? We employ the Intercolonial railway men in most cases. We have several of our own exclusively.

Mr. TURGEON: Your agents are not always I.C.R. employees?

Mr. VICKERS: No.

By the Chairman:

Q. Could the Intercolonial by organizing its staff operate an express business over its lines in the territory now served by you?—A. They could on their own system. I do not wish to be understood that they could do it to the same advantage to the public covering the whole territory we do.

Q. But the territory which they cover could still be served by an express company operated by them as well as by another express company?—A. It could be done locally, the local traffic could be handled.

By Mr. Chisholm (Inverness):

Q. The local traffic of their own line?—A. To just as good advantage probably as anybody else could handle it.

Q. For instance, the Intercolonial station agent at Mulgrave is also your agent?

Mr. VICKERS: Yes.

Mr. CHISHOLM (Inverness): Why could not the same man do express work for his own line?

Mr. VICKERS: He could.

By the Chairman:

Q. You would not feel disposed to go any further in an expression of opinion as to what would happen if the Intercolonial were to organize an express company, I suppose?—A. I would want to say this, that there is an advantage to the public in

MR. W. S. STOUT.