

GENERAL BAKERIES LIMITED

21 Carr Street, Toronto, Canada

March 16, 1948.

Mr. H. A. DYDE,
Counsel,
Special Committee on Prices,
Room 400, Elgin Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. DYDE: I am enclosing certain information which I believe will meet the commitments I made. However, if there is anything else, either that I have overlooked or which the Committee may now wish, please let me know and I will do my very best to supply it.

The statements enclosed are:

(1) Operating Statements for year to April 2, 1947, 16 weeks to July 25, 1947, 12 weeks to October 15, 1947 and 12 weeks to January 7, 1948.

(2) Inventory at July 23, 1947, September 17, 1947, and January 7, 1948, showing Bread Flour separately.

(3) Salaries of Officers of the Company, shown individually, which is what I understood was desired.

(4) Sales of Bread to certain grocers already named as selling below the "going" price.

In connection with this information, it appears that the situation can change from day to day. That is, any one retailer may on one day be selling the "Special" Loaf at 10c, then the next day possibly at 2 for 19c. Later he may sell it for the full going 12c price. I do not believe such variations to be common, but I understand they have occurred.

Also, a retailer may have taken the Special Loaf for a time and then discontinued.

The only point I wish to make is that the price situation in the case of a few retailers is not necessarily a constant one.

(5) Statement re volume of Returns of Unsold Bread.

There are several other points to which I should like to draw your attention:

(a) On page 605 of the evidence in the second line of the question by Mr. Harkness, the word December should be September.

(b) On page 607 about one-third the way down the page, an Answer is shown as ending with the words "ten retail units." That should read "ten-cent retail units"; that is, a unit is something selling at 10c retail; or an item selling usually for 40c retail would constitute 4 units.

The words above following "ten-cent retail units" are merely an explanation of the term and are not intended as a correction of the evidence. If I remember rightly, I did not give that explanation in my oral evidence.