

APPENDIX No. 5

Q. To me. Let me quote further:
 'At the same hearing'—

that is the hearing between the Fruit Growers and the Express Companies—

'we complained about such matters as delays in payments of claims, for facilities for protecting fruit both at shipping and trans-shipping points, use of poor cars for handling express goods, etc., and were told by the Commission that they could do nothing for us in respect to damage claims and careless handling or thieving from packages; that this was a matter that would have to be settled in court.'

A. Yes.

Q. I do not need to tell you, as one interested in the transportation question in this country, that the handling of fruit, in particular, in all parts of the Dominion, has been attended by enormous losses to the shippers.

A. I quite agree with you.

Q. Through thieving and damages.

A. I do not disagree with you.

Q. And it is folly for a man to go into court to try to collect reasonable damages? For instance, I have a statement here that I think is worthy of consideration by the Committee.

Mr. STEELE.—I do not want to interrupt Mr. Armstrong. Might I say, however, that many of us have been especially interested to hear what the Railway Commission have to say in response to the statements made here by representative fruit growers regarding railway rates, and we would like to hear Mr. Hardwell finish his statement on this point.

Mr. ARMSTRONG (Lambton).—I thought that Mr. Hardwell had finished his statement with respect to railway rates.

Mr. STEELE.—I do not think there has been sufficient information given, at least to satisfy us, as to whether the rates have been exorbitant and whether the railway companies are discriminating against the Ontario fruit growers or not. Perhaps it would be well to hear all that Mr. Hardwell has to say on the matter.

The CHAIRMAN.—I think it would be well for Mr. Hardwell to put on record any further statement he has to make with regard to competing rates.

Statement filed as follows:

COMPARISON OF RATES ON APPLES, C.L.

To	From North Yakima, Wash., via Spokane and Kingsgate			From London, Ont.		
	Rate.	Miles.	Rate per Ton per Mile.	Rate.	Miles.	Rate per Ton per Mile.
	Cts.		Cts.	Cts.		Cts.
Edmonton	95	904	2.10	1.04	2,138	.95
Calgary	95	696	2.73	1.04	2,180	.95
Lethbridge	75	624	2.40	1.00	2,100	.95
Medicine Hat	75	739	2.03	96	2,000	.90
Swift Current	75	872	1.72	90	1,857	.97
Moose Jaw	75	982	1.56	85	1,740	.98
Regina	75	1,024	1.46	83	1,700	.98
Saskatoon	85	1,185	1.43	91	1,822	1.00
Brandon	75	1,249	1.20	68	1,475	.92
Portage la Prairie	75	1,326	1.13	63	1,397	.90
Winnipeg	75	1,382	1.09	53	1,342	.80