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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION WILL PROBABLY GIVE REDUCED FREIGHT CHARGES TO FLORIDA GROWERS AS ASKED FOR.

Hearing Held in This City Before Com. Prouty Excites Great Interest.

That the efforts which have been put forth by the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' Protective Association to secure a reasonable reduction in rates of fruits and vegetables shipped from Florida to Eastern markets are likely to be realized, was evident at the hearing which was held in this city Wednesday before Commissioner Prouty, of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The hearing was ordered as the result of a petition which the Protective Association had filed before the Interstate Commission, and it brought a number of prominent growers and shippers from various points in the state to this city. The Association was ably represented by Wm. A. Glasgow, Jr., of Philadelphia, the interests of the transportation companies being looked after by Sidney F. Andrews, of Nashville. James Menzies, General Freight Agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Mr. Capps, General Freight Agent of the Seaboard Air Line were both present as witnesses for their respective railroads.

Among those who testified for the Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' Protective Association were J. C. Chase, of Chase & Co., this city; A. R. Rule, Florida representative of Crutchfield & Woolfolk; D. R. Warner, J. L. Stringfellow, C. A. Colclough and C. S. Robertson, all prominent growers of Gainesville; H. H. Chappell, of Sanford; M. C. Hardee, of Dania, and several others all of whom gave interesting testimony as to the disastrous effects which the present rates are entailing on the fruit and vegetable growers of Florida.

Mr. Chase brought out in his testimony that the present charges made it almost prohibitory for shippers to make up carload lots at Jacksonville from small shipments brought here for the purpose. He said that it would be a great advantage to the shippers when cleaning up the crop if they could make up carload lots here and put them through at carload rates without having to pay the excessive charges alleged to be made for shunting the cars.

Mr. Chase also forcibly brought out the advantages to the shipper if they were permitted to combine in carload lots both citrus fruits and pineapples, as well as vegetables in their season, at carload rates, which the transportation companies now do not grant.

Mr. Stringfellow declared that the rates on cabbage was so high as to make it unprofitable, under ordinary circumstances, to grow them. He told of large acreage of cabbage that last year was left to rot in the fields because the first carloads shipped did not bring returns enough to pay for cutting and shipping. He said that the cabbage crop this year would have been a dead loss had it not been for the freeze that reduced the crop at Mobile and other points.

The testimony from the others called was substantially along the same lines and Commissioner Prouty appeared to be much impressed with the reasonableness of their contention. The representatives of the railroads agreed that the rates on cabbage were too high and there is no doubt they will be lowered so that Florida shippers may stand an equal chance at least at the markets with Mobile and other cabbage-growing districts.

Commissioner Prouty declared that he would recommend as reasonable that the Jacksonville rates on pineapples and oranges now in effect should be reduced. He also stated that if the transportation companies did not put into effect the rates on vegetables as recommended by the Interstate Commission, the Commission would itself do so, and would pass on the question as to what should be the minimum carload to go forward under these rates. The transportation companies will agree to permit shippers to forward mixed cars of citrus fruits and pineapples to Eastern markets. Shippers will also be allowed to ship mixed carloads of citrus fruits, pineapples and vegetables of different kinds at carload rates. In case the shipment does not come up to 24,000 pounds in weight, the difference between the actual weight and the above stated minimum carload weight is to be charged for at the highest rate on any commodity in the car.

At the conclusion of the hearing Commissioner Prouty held a short conference with the representatives of the transportation companies, and suggested that they be present at Washington on March 10, so as to arrange to put the new rates in effect at once so the shippers may take advantage of them during the present season.

**IN COURT OF COUNTY JUDGE, STATE
OF FLORIDA, Duval County.**

Estate of Samuel B. Russ, deceased.
By the Judge of Said Court.

Whereas, Walter Mucklow has applied to this Court for Letters of Administration on the estate of Samuel B. Russ, deceased, late of said County of Duval;

These are, therefore, To cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said deceased to be and appear before this Court on or before the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1909, and file objections, if any they have, to the granting of Letters of Administration on said estate, otherwise the same will be granted to said Walter Mucklow or to some other fit person or persons.

Witness my name as County Judge of the County aforesaid this 18th day of January, A. D. 1909.

(SEAL)
1-23-5t

H. B. PHILLIPS,
County Judge.