

TWO REPORTS ON COAL SHORTAGE

Lawrence Stands Alone as Minority Favoring Regulation of Rates on Local Traffic.

IS TOO LATE FOR ACTION.

Present Session Will Pass Problem up To Members of the Eighth Assembly to Meet in 1909.

Among the last legislative movements to reach definite form in this assembly, has been that growing out of railroad commission agitation. Some 20 hours after the legislature was officially dead, two reports came in, one exonerating the roads from all blame in connection with the coal shortage last winter, and the other finding them guilty in that their equipment is declared to be in a wretched condition. The minority report is signed only by Lawrence. All other members of the committee sign a majority report, recommending that no action be taken, but that the problem be referred to the eighth assembly to meet in 1909.

The coal committee was a joint one, and was unique in that Harry Joseph refused to concur in the majority report of having one of its members provide over a joint committee. This broke an old precedent, as the upper house members have always exercised the privilege before. Harry J. Robinson was made chairman to break the deadlock that occurred, and after the committee had finished its investigation, several weeks of delay were necessary to be found in which to submit a report. The documents finally submitted follow:

MAJORITY REPORT.

To the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House: We, a majority committee, submit the following report of the proceedings of the special joint committee of the legislature of the State of Utah, appointed to investigate the coal shortage, and its causes, as our findings in said investigation:

We began our investigation of inquiry on Thursday, Feb. 14, 1907, having previously met and organized the joint committee by the election of Representative Robinson, chairman, and Representative Tolton, secretary of said committee, and further by the appointment of Senator Lawrence to conduct the examination of witnesses.

The committee employed as its official stenographer, Mr. Daniel Homer, at a compensation of \$10 per day, and further authorized him to make four copies of the transcript of his notes for the use of the committee.

There were examined during the said investigation, the following named witnesses, viz.: Richard P. Morris, William B. Sprague, Robert Barton, John R. Brough, Isaac Barton, John E. D. Williams, Charles O. Harris, William S. McCarthy, Charles H. Griffin, Col. E. A. Wall, H. S. Joseph, and Rufus Curtis. Each of the above named witnesses responded willingly to the questions propounded by Senator Lawrence and members of the committee.

The basis for the report propounded to the various witnesses is suggested by the following statement made by Senator Lawrence to the first witness interrogated, viz.:

FACTS DEVELOPED.

1. That the total tonnage of coal mined at the Utah coal company's mines aggregated approximately 1,839,219 tons.
2. That the amount shipped out of the State of Utah for the production of its own mines was about \$80,000 tons.
3. That the amount shipped into the State from Rock Springs, etc., Wyoming, exceeded the amount shipped out of the State.
4. That the cost per ton at Utah mines owned by private individuals and corporations is the same in all cases, viz. \$2.42 per ton, and that a uniform rate of transportation for all parties, on lump or market coal, is \$1.75 per ton, and on slack coal, \$1.50 per ton.
5. While the testimony varied somewhat, the report of all witnesses developed the fact that coal mine operators had done all in their power to mine and place on the market as much tonnage as possible with the number of men they were able to secure to operate their mines; and further that the transportation companies had taxed their rolling stock to the utmost capacity to handle the same, in some cases taking their motive power from handling other commodities in order to give the coal industry the preference. When this is said, there is no disputing the fact that the railroad companies' rolling stock is not the best and is not kept up to the standard of efficiency that the agency of the case, and demands of the public require.
6. The testimony of some of the witnesses substantiated and disclosed the fact that industrial activity, increased demands (in some cases amounting to several hundred per cent over former years), are responsible for the shortage in coal, not alone in Utah, but throughout the entire United States.

RATE REGULATION.

There is one important matter upon which all the witnesses, except one, in a general way agree, and that is that the appointment of a railroad commission would not solve the question and correct the evil. A further opinion, however, which was quite unanimous, was that the fixing of a maximum rate of transportation on the haul of coal and ores would tend to place the business of these industries on a sure and permanent basis, and encourage the individual mine operator to engage in the coal business, and thereby increase the supply to the consumer. How well founded this theory is, is a question which is not within the scope of the present report.

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GUARANTEED UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, JUNE 30, 1906. No. 324.

now in operation and the roads will doubtless adapt their affairs to its provisions. Evidence and calm judgment should prevail and every opportunity given the railroads to clear up the situation, and overcome present difficulties.

TIME TOO SHORT.

Taking the testimony all in all, it lacks that element of assurance, unity of thought, and practical expression that we had hoped to receive. So far as your committee are concerned, we are of opinion that the remaining time of the legislature is too short, owing to other important matters of state engaging our attention, to attempt to pass such remedial legislation at this time, and give it the serious and considerate attention that the importance of the case would seem to require, and we recommend that a copy of the proceedings had and filed herewith, together with this report, be submitted to the legislature two years hence for its consideration. Respectfully submitted,

Senators—CLEGG, HOLLINGSWORTH, JENSON.

Representatives—ROBINSON, TOLTON, BARNETT.

By Order, BOWEN, Majority Committee.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 14, 1907.

LAWRENCE'S VIEWS.

To the Hon. S. H. Love, President of the Senate, and H. S. Joseph, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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