

Dyer; we pay 25 cents; if we had not obtained them at that we would not have taken them, for they were not worth any more; for 25,000 of such sheep, scattered in 30 to 40 places, 20 cents is a fair rental for one year.

To Mr. Critchelow—I think it was worth 5 cents per head to gather sheep from various parts of the Territory; I know men whose sheep average 7 pounds of wool; J. J. Stocking is one of this class of sheep owners; many of the Sanpete sheep are as good as his; we leased such poor sheep because we had to do something to live; we had intended of turning them over to the receiver, because we were losing money on them; we told A. H. Cannon, from whom we leased them, that we did not want them any more at that figure.

JOHN A. BEVANS,

of Tooele, testified—I was assessor and collector of Tooele County for 1887-8; our county is the main winter range of the Territory for sheep; I inspected flocks for assessment; assessed the sheep herded by the Mumfords—three herds; I mean Thomas Mumford and his two sons; I have since learned that they had Church sheep; those I assessed were of an inferior quality; they had not been graded up, and were very "scabby" and poor; they would not shear, on an average, over 4 or 4½ pounds of wool.

To Mr. Critchelow—The herd in charge of Thomas Mumford was the poorer of the lot; the average rental of good sheep is two pounds of wool and ten lambs to the hundred; I never heard of any being let so low as 20 cents.

THOMAS MUMFORD

testified—I reside in Salt Lake City; have been in the business 15 years; have leased Church sheep; had some from 1881 to 1888; on Oct. 1, 1888, surrendered 1771, all I had, to Receiver Dyer, in Summit County; their quality was considerably under the average; they would shear 4 to 5 pounds of wool; a good average is 6 to 7½ pounds; Charles Danzie's averaged 7½; I applied to the receiver to lease the sheep we had after he took charge of them; we had decided to give them up on the old terms, as we were losing money; for one year I told him we might give him 20 cents; that is the most we would give; I offered him 15 cents; I told my sons, and when they came in they offered 20; the raise was made because we had the sheep, and would have no trouble to get them together; I think that for 25,000 such sheep 20 cents per head is a good rental for one year.

REED SMOOT

testified—I live at Provo; I am superintendent of the woolen mills at Provo; am acquainted with the wool of the Territory; am also a sheep owner; I have handled the wool from the Church sheep; they shear four to five pounds; I let first-class sheep at one and a half pounds of wool and ten lambs in 1881; in Sep-

tember, 1887, he notified us that he would not be responsible for them during the coming winter; the winter was hard, and we received but one and a half pounds of wool and no increase; this was 19½ cents per head at the highest price of wool; for 25,000 head of Church sheep, for one year, from October 1, 1888, a fair rental would be 20 or 22½ cents; I would not take them for one year even at that; the outlook for sheep was poor last October.

To Judge Marshall—The ordinary term of leasing is two pounds of wool per head and ten lambs to the hundred, with no security; the average shearing is six pounds; A. O. Smoot, my father, has some sheep in Castle Valley; I do not know of his having any Church cattle, horses or sheep; I don't believe he has; I know of no Church stock in Castle Valley since 1880.

JAMES A. BEAN,

of Provo, testified—I am engaged in stock-raising; am acquainted with the sheep business in the Territory; am not acquainted with the Church sheep; I have obtained average sheep, in Emery County, at 1½ pounds of wool and 10 lambs; know of no instances of cash rental for a single year; that is unusual; the usual term is three years.

To Judge Marshall—I received stock from E. F. Sheets at different times, from 14 years ago to 10 or 11 years ago; they ranged in Emma's Park and Castle Valley; Mr. Parsons bought one herd of that stock; they were all delivered back long since; I don't know where they are now, or where there are any "straggling critters;" I suppose I received in all 1500, and turned them back whenever they wanted them; there were a few head of stragglers turned back within five years; Mr. Parsons must have bought about nine years ago, and took them over to Colorado.

SIMON HIBBARD

testified—I reside at West Jordan; am in the sheep business; have had Church sheep for 10 years; had 700 last year; have inspected different flocks; as a general thing they are an inferior grade; Mr. Pickard wanted to lease the 700 to me this year, and I took them for my boys; I am not responsible for them; the price was two pounds and 10 lambs, if the winter was good; if it was not he would throw some off; Mr. Pickard wanted me to take them; he also offered me 900 more, but I would not have them; he wanted me to take them for nothing and keep the old stock good; I told him I would not risk that; they were so awfully poor, I would not give more than \$1.25 per head for the average Church sheep; for the 900 I would not give 50 cents; those I got are worth about \$1.50; for 25,000 Church sheep I think 20 to 22½ cents would be a high cash rental to a man who would keep the stock good.

To Judge Marshall—I heard that the receiver had leased the sheep for 20 cents; Mr. Pickard was to do something on the increase for those I got, if the winter was hard; I lost on my contract with the Church in renting the sheep; lost a great many;

last year they sheared 3½ pounds; before then they sheared 4½ to 5 pounds.

OSCAR HUNTER,

of American Fork, testified—I am in the stock business; the outlook last autumn was very poor for sheep, and the price was low; my sheep are a good class, and last September I offered them for \$1.75, with 120 rams at the same price; this was for 6000 head; all I was offered was \$1.25; nobody wanted to buy; the outlook of range was poor; my sheep were worth \$2.50 per head in 1887.

S. J. LAYTON

testified—I reside at Kaysville; have been in the sheep business; in 1886 I leased sheep at 50 cents, and 2 pounds wool and 10 lambs, and 2½ pounds and 16 lambs—that is what I agreed to give, but I lost money; in 1887 I tried it again and made a failure; it broke me up in business; I fell short of keeping the old stock good, and had only \$80 for my work.

To Mr. Critchelow—My failure was in paying too much rent, and the hard winter.

JAMES L. TAYLOR,

of Kaysville, testified—The usual rental of sheep is 50 cents per head, or 2 pounds of wool and 10 or 15 lambs; there is no money at those terms; it has broken me in business, so I had to stop; the Church sheep I know are inferior; I wouldn't pay anything for 25,000 sheep for one year, and keep the old stock good, not with the outlook last fall.

To Mr. Critchelow—The sheep I had sheared from 3½ to 6 pounds; I had some at 2½.

WM. PROBERT,

of Holden, Millard County, testified—Have been in the sheep business six years; have sheep now from Mr. Pickard; there are 1750 Church sheep; they are a poor class; I am to pay 2 pounds of wool and 9 lambs for the year; lots of people in the sheep business had the "blues" last fall, owing to the tariff agitation and scarcity of range; many people offered to sell at \$1.50 per head, but there was no market; I think a fair rental for 25,000 Church sheep would be 20 cents; I would not like to give that and sub-let them.

To Judge Marshall—I did not see the sheep I leased until after I had taken them; I calculate my rent to be about 37½ cents; I told Mr. Pickard he would only get back the kind he gave me; I took them only to make up my herds; I would never take such a contract again; I got soured on the bargain.

EDWIN BOUTH,

of Nephi, testified—I am in the sheep business; from the outlook last fall I would say 20 per head was a good rental for sheep below the average quality.

W. H. WARDLE,

of South Jordan, testified—I have been acquainted with the sheep business thirteen years; have been among the Church sheep all that time; knew some of them last fall; they were generally of a very poor