

G. R. Anderson to Board of Railway Commissioners

In this letter G. R. Anderson, owner of a general merchandise, coal, and hay store in Caldwell, Kansas, complains to the Board of Railroad Commissioners that the rate of transferring loads of coal on the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Ft. Scott is unreasonable. The flat rate of five dollars per car meant that, proportionally, moving a small load of coal was more expensive than moving a large load of coal. See the Board of Railroad Commissioners' response to this concern, a letter by H. M. Hoxie to E. J. Twiner, dated May 31, 1883.

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General Merchandise, Coal and Baled Hay,

Caldwell, Kan., May 21 1883.
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To Railway Commissioners
Topeka Kan

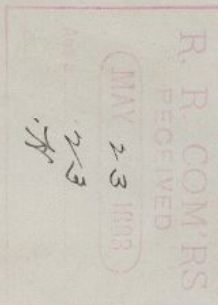
Gentlemen

I have a little information
that I wish to bring to your notice.

The transfer or haul of coal from off the
K C F S + G R R to St L F S + W R R
over the Mo Pacific at Ft Scott is too
high it is \$5⁰⁰ a car Big or little
Now when I ship a 24000 car it costs
me about one + $\frac{3}{4}$ cent a bu & when I ship
a 4000 car it costs me one cent a bu
now I cannot get a 4000 car only once
in while the full over the Mo Pacific
is only $\frac{1}{2}$ mile So you can see it costs
me \$6 $\frac{60}{100}$ to get it pulled 12 miles on
the K C F S + G while it costs me \$5⁰⁰
to get it pulled $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on the Mo Pacific
I think this matter ought to be looked
after & another thing the rates on
the St Louis Ft Scott & Wichita is too
over

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high & they give G. T. Dean, & Co. a rebate
off the regular rate on all Points, Please
Investigate this matter & see if you cannot
help the Poor People that have to Buy Coal
and must it costs more to get the Coal
Pulled 38 miles than the Coal costs here
Now if you want it I will meet you in
St. Scott any time you may choose to have me
I would not care to have you to Expose
me to Wichter Co unless it is necessary
as if they get mad they will not let
me have Coal off their Road



Et "A"

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