

Railway Act to justify it. The members of our Board are urging for another meeting of the Committee, and the Chairman is anxious to hear from you before calling the Committee together.

Awaiting the honor of an early reply,

I am, yours truly,

(Sgd.) EDGAR A. WILLS,

Secretary.

Dictated by Mr. Hugh Blain,
Chairman of the Committee.

Office of the Minister of Railways and Canals,

OTTAWA, 20th April, 1900.

DEAR MR. WILLS,—I have your valued favor of the 19th inst., and will write you fully on the subject in a very few days. I am exceedingly burdened with departmental and parliamentary duties at the moment, and scarcely know which way to turn to get through with the more pressing and urgent portions of my work. Your letter of the 5th was handed in regular course to the proper officer of the Department, and I thought that probably you would have heard from him before this.

Yours faithfully,

EDGAR A. WILLS, Esq.,

Secretary Board of Trade,
Toronto.

(Sgd.) ANDREW G. BLAIR.

Office of the Minister of Railways and Canals,

OTTAWA, 23rd April, 1900.

DEAR MR. WILLS,—In further reference to your letter of the 5th inst., having relation to the Freight Classification No. 11, I beg to enclose a memo. which has been prepared for me on this subject by the Law Clerk of the Department.

I do not send the enclosed memo. as containing an expression of my own views, because it has not been possible for me, with the very considerable and engrossing duties I have to discharge incident to the Session of Parliament, to give this particular point the study that I would need to give it in order to express a definite personal opinion; but you will see in the memo. views of the matter suggested which may, perhaps, not have been presented hitherto to your Board.

Yours faithfully,

EDGAR A. WILLS, Esq.,

Secretary Board of Trade,
Toronto.

(Sgd.) ANDREW G. BLAIR.

MEMO re JOINT FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION No. 11, and letters of Toronto Board of Trade, April 5th and 19th, and Montreal Board of Trade, April 19th, 1900, re Freight carried at "Owner's Risk."

The Committee on Freight Rates of the Toronto Board of Trade protest against Rule 7, page 6, (respecting Owner's Risk), of Classification No. 11, approved by O.C., December 17th, 1899.

The Montreal Board of Trade learns of the adoption of "a more stringent policy with reference to merchandise carried at owner's risk," and protests accordingly.

The Rule referred to reads as follows :—