

words in the whole country from Fort William to the Rocky Mountains, a scale of charges on merchandise, building material, fuel and produce, and everything carried by it, both incoming, from point to point within the country and outgoing, altogether too high and out of proportion to those charged for the same service elsewhere in Canada, unless it possibly be in British Columbia.

That the Company owning and operating a road built with the money of Canada and intended to be operated in the interests of the Canadian people, and having only that as a reason for its being, has by its action in the matter of charges grievously injured our people and seriously retarded the progress of the entire west.

That this Board has, time and again, called the attention of that Company to the exorbitancy of these charges and that without effect, and the Board now asks that the Government of Canada, which has by its legislation rendered this state of affairs possible, shall find and put in force a remedy.

And claim that the rates on the western division should be but little if any, in excess of those charged for the same service on the same line of railway in the eastern provinces.

(Signed),

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