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Rt.Hon.Arthur Meighen,
Leader of the Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

235 17th.Avenue,
New Westminster,B.C.
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Dear Sir:

Time has delt very hard with me for several years past,through no fault of my own, I simply got in amongst a lot of unprincipled men when the Liberals got into power in 1922, you remember the case in 1924 before the Senate. I was to have a full measure of justice meted out to me when our people got into power, but up to the present Senator Talyer has taken no steps towards redressing a great wrong, he knows so well has been done me.

He promised to act without delay when our party got in power, would like to know now what is wrong. He put up a wonderful case against Sir Henry Thornton and his staff of culprits. A great many of my enemies including the Manager here in Vancouver Mr.B.C.Keeley have had their walking tickets presented to them since I was let out. I told Senator Taylor at one time that I did not want them all punished when he observed that there were so many implicated in my case, which rendered it so hard to handle. I informed him that all I was concerned in -was a measure of justice for myself. I do not want anything unreasonable, but I do want a measure of justice.

Thur.May 8th.1924 THE DEBATES OF THE SENATE. Vol.LIX No.19 Page 212 right hand side 36 line from top Senator Taylor "I was not in the court,but it was described to me by responsible gentlemen who had been there as the most flagrant perjury they ever heard. One of the witnesses, an official of the Company, was warned by the Wreck Commissioner holding the court, in these words, which you will see in the return for which I asked. "You are plainly giving false testimony and concealing something. I warn you." I might here state that the Government side throughout the whole of the Wreck Commissioner's trial was a farce-- so was the Temple investigation -he was to say the least insignificant in every way I am sorry to say. Sir Henry Thornton to Senator Taylor Page 213 line 32 "On November 28th,1923 I said to you that I would have an investigation made by a representative in whom I could rely. This was done and furthermore, the whole case was reviewed by our Vice-President in charge of legal affairs. "Senator Taylor I want to nail that right there. "This was done?" that is, the investigation was made. How could there be an investigation of my complaint without reference to me? or of Boyd's complaint without reference to Boyd? There was no reference to me either to me or to Boyd in connection with this alleged investigation; therefore I think I am correct in stating, as I stated to Sir Henry Thornton, that he had had no investigation within the proper meaning of the term. Now,here is a significant paragraph,in view of the pretence in former correspondence that these complaints rested solely on the character, of Captain Boyd. Listen to this; "There has been so much accusation,redimination and general turmoil on the Pacific Coast in which every officer in the service from the top to bottom has been accused of every conceivable crime that I am getting heartily sick of such a condition and I have,therefore,nominated Mr.R.H.M.Temple, our Regional Council at Winnipeg to proceed to the Coast and undertake an investigation as soon as possible. In preparation for this,due notice will be made through the press and those who have charges to prefer or complaints to make will be asked to communicate them to Mr.Temple. It is perhaps unnecessary for me to say that the officer I have selected to conduct this investigation is an able lawyer of irreproachable reputation, in no way connected with any of our officers on the Pacific Coast and without knowledge of the previous state of affairs. When this investigation is over we will certainly dismiss from the service anyone who is found guilty of acts which effects their usefulness,and I am also going to discharge anyone caught making malicious charges."

Yours faithfully,
H.W.Thornton,
President.

To be concise I might state there were just what Senator Taylor told the Senate,perjury & rascality most glaring all through the Wreck Comm'r. court. The same applies to Mr.Temple's investigation,he even had a photo taken of another ship's steering gear & wheel grating-and tried to substitute it for my ship's gear in order to beat me. In my letter to you 2.3.32.you will find dates of debates in the Senate enough data to clean up C.G.M.M.Ltd.& C.N.R. I need employment most urgently- anything in my line-I can handle anything in the Merchant Navy, foreign-going,coasting, or a shore position.

I have the honor to be very respectfully yours,

Wm Jno Boyd
Master Mariner

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