

May 3rd, 1936 and had to be withdrawn from the sale to the M.A.N.Z. Line and was later sold at sheriff's sale.

The Affairs of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine have now been liquidated, except for some small transactions which will be closed during the current year. In winding up the affairs of the Company adequate provision has been made for pensions to those entitled thereto under the Pension Rules and Regulations and for dismissal compensation to those not absorbed by the new Company or entitled to pension. The Directors wish to place on record their appreciation of the loyal service rendered by the officers and employees to the Company, the existence of which must now be considered as closed.

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Mr. KINLEY: I am interested in that statement: "In winding up the affairs of the company adequate provision has been made for pensions to those entitled thereto under the pension rules and regulations and for dismissal compensation to those not absorbed by the new company or entitled to pension."

I think I said yesterday that under the railway set-up certain men were retired and were unable to fulfil the pension conditions because of the depression which caused them to be laid off. It did occur to me that some provision should be made whereby a man who reached the retiring age and had not fulfilled his time because of bad years should be given special consideration to continue on until he has qualified for his pension. Now, those men were on call, but continuous time has been defined to mean operating duty and not standing-by duty. In connection with the Canadian Merchant Marine, I had occasion to look into this matter, because when the boats were sold certain captains were within a few months or a year or so of being eligible for pension, and had it not been for the fact that they were laid off between ships would have qualified. This indicates that some regulation has been adopted to look after them, and I wonder if we can be given any further information.

Mr. VAUGHAN: The arrangement was made when those boats were sold that anyone who qualified under the pension rules would be given a pension even though they had not reached the age of sixty-five, which is the retiring age. If they had entered the service before fifty years they would be given a retiring allowance under the pension rules based on service, and those who did not qualify under the pension scheme would be given what is called a dismissal allowance which, I think, was equivalent to two weeks salary for each year's service with a maximum of six months.

Mr. KINLEY: Suppose they had twelve years. That would be two weeks for each year. They could get up to 50 per cent then. You said there was a maximum of six months.

Mr. VAUGHAN: That was the maximum they could get—50 per cent of one year's salary.

Mr. KINLEY: 50 per cent of one year's salary for dismissal allowance?

Mr. VAUGHAN: Yes.

Mr. KINLEY: That means they would get six months pay.

Mr. VAUGHAN: Yes.

Mr. KINLEY: It is not very good treatment for a man who has been in the service for some years and is kicked out because his boat is sold.

Mr. VAUGHAN: Well, it was thought to be fairly generous at that time. Of course, none of these men have been in the service very long, because the Canadian Merchant Marine, after all, has not been running very many years.