

present services are very good, and are doing very well, but we want it faster yet." (1)

Although the frequency of sailings increased, the speed does not seem to have increased during the next four or five years. At the Imperial Conference of 1911, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, speaking on this subject of better Imperial communications, said: "We have at the present time between Canada and Great Britain four lines of steamers of first importance, the Allan Line, the Canadian Pacific, the Canadian Northern Line, which is known as the Royal George, and the White Star. They give a fairly good service, but it is susceptible of very considerable improvement. None of these lines, I think, are faster than 18 knots, if even that much."

(1) Beckles Willson: Life of Lord Strathcona. pp. 550-551.