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Secretary

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The Hon. George P. Graham,
Minister of Railways and Canals,
OTTAWA - Ontario.

Dear Sir:

In connection with Bill 181, "An Act to amend the Railway Act of Canada," now under consideration in the House of Commons of Canada, I am instructed to call your attention to the Crow's Nest Pass Act 60-61 Victoria Chapter 5, paragraph E, which reads as follows:

"That there shall be a reduction in the Company's present rates and tolls on grain and flour from all points on its main line, branches, or connections, west of Fort William to Fort William and Port Arthur, and all points east, of three cents per one hundred pounds, to take effect in the following manner: One and one-half cent per one hundred pounds on or before the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and an additional one and one-half cent per one hundred pounds on or before the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine; and that no higher rates than such reduced rates or tolls shall be charged after the dates mentioned on such merchandise from the points aforesaid."

Our interpretation of paragraph E, above referred to, is that the Crow's Nest Pass Act not only fixed the rate from points west of Fort William to Fort William and Port Arthur but also to all points east of Fort William and Port Arthur. In other words, the all-rail rate on grain and flour from Fort William to Montreal, at the time the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement was signed, was 25 cents per hundred pounds, and it is our understanding that we are entitled to this rate to-day.

If Bill 181 is passed as now drafted, sub-section 4 as we understand it will remove the rates east of Fort William and Port Arthur from the application of the Crow's Nest Pass Act and Agreement, and not only the Millers but the entire consuming public in Ontario and Quebec, also the Maritime Provinces, will be deprived of the rights which they formerly enjoyed under the Crow's Nest Pass Act and Agreement rates on grain and flour, and the reduced rates will be confined entirely to the territory west of Fort William. We fear that this discrimination will seriously affect the whole of Eastern

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