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Col. V.I. Smart,
Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Colonel Smart:

Before dealing with the general situation may I at this time express my appreciation for the many courtesies and assistance that you have been kind enough to render me during my tenure of office as General Manager of the Canadian National Steamships.

My forced retirement from this position is due, according to advice given me by Judge Fullerton on the afternoon of the 27th instant, and which retirement became effective today, to my lack of co-operation with the Trustees.

When the Trustees were appointed and took over in 1934, I was advised by the Chairman of the Board that I was expected to keep him posted as regards all matters in connection with the ships, and I pointed out to him at that time, which he no doubt will refute as I am sorry to say the gentleman has not a particularly good memory, that it was impossible for me to run the organization and keep him posted of all details, but that I would be glad to advise him of any matters of moment that might arise. I would also like to point out at this meeting I was informed that in future, the Canadian National Steamships, amongst other subsidiaries of the System, would report direct to the Chairman and not the President. I was somewhat surprised to receive this information as according to the Act, this appeared to me to be somewhat beyond the authority granted under such Act.

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