

MAY 18, 1914.

Gentlemen,—I have the honour of again addressing you with regard to Bill B2 'An Act to consolidate and amend the Railway Act,' and to say that the Council of this Board considers that provision should be made to extend the jurisdiction of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada over special services, incidental to the business of a carrier, rendered by the railways, which services, covering such special arrangements as Stop-Over, Re-Shipping, Milling-in-transit, etc., have been styled by them 'special services' or 'privileges' over which the railways claim the Board of Railway Commissioners has no jurisdiction, and, therefore, that they (the railways) may grant, amend or cancel as may best suit their purpose, provided of course this is done without unjust discrimination.

The Toronto Board of Trade wrote the Honourable the Minister on this subject on 17th February last, strongly recommending that the Railway Act should be amended so as to give the Board of Railway Commissioners power to control or to order any services incidental to the business of a carrier, which in the Railway Commissioners' judgment is in the public interest, and as the Council of this Board heartily concurs in the views of the Toronto Board it urges upon your Committee that in the proposed revision of the Railway Act the Board of Railway Commissioners be given power to control or order all such services.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

GEO. HADRILL,
Secretary.

Hon. FINLAY M. YOUNG,
J. E. ARMSTRONG, Esq., M.P.

Chairmen on the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on Bill B2 'An Act to consolidate and amend the Railway Act.'

Mr. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.—We will instruct the Secretary to notify the Montreal and Toronto Boards of Trade to appear before the Committee on Tuesday next. I have a telegram from the International Harvester Co., Hamilton, Ont., as follows:—

HAMILTON, ONT., May 18, 1914.

J. E. ARMSTRONG, M.P.,
Chairman Joint Committee House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Just received notice that proposed revision of Railway Act contains drastic regulations of goods by water such regulations not clearly understood and we ask for sufficient postponement giving us opportunity of expressing our views, will you advise when we can appear before committee.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO.

Mr. ARMSTRONG (Chairman).—I have another telegram from the Steel Co. of Canada, Hamilton, Ont., as follows:—

HAMILTON, ONT., May 18, 1914.

Chairman Parliamentary Committee,
House of Commons, Ottawa, Ont.

Just advised committee tomorrow will consider placing vessels under Railway Act. We desire enter most emphatic protest against any action being taken without giving us chance to be heard as we are most vitally interested in this