

CORRESPONDENCE

Between Mr. Selby Parsons of Harbor Grace and the Postal Telegraph Department Relative to an Error Made in Transmission of a Message, Which Error Cost Mr. Parsons \$44.90

Harbor Grace,
October 6th., 1914.
David Stott, Esq.,
Superintendent,
Nfld. Postal Telegraph.

Dear Sir.—You will please find enclosed a copy of a telegram I sent Joseph Hudson of Adam's Cove. This message was delivered to Joseph Hudson, two dollars per ton. I did not find this out till a few days ago when I received payment of freight two dollars per ton.

I had to go to Western Bay and I saw message for two dollars, also the message received by Joseph Hudson for two dollars.

I have lost on freight of 106 tons coal \$42.40, and two dollars and fifty cents to go to Western Bay to look this thing up. I shall look for compensation for \$44.90 as I have paid the same to the schooner that brought the coal.

You will oblige me very much if you will investigate this matter.

Yours truly,
SELBY PARSONS.

October 13, 1914.

Mr. Selby Parsons,
Harbor Grace.

Sir.—Referring to your letter of the 6th inst. in complaint of error 200 for 240. I regret the error was made in this Service between H. Grace and Western Bay. The whole matter has been referred to the Postmaster General, who replies as follows:

"Re the enclosed correspondence. There seems to have been a mistake in the transmission of Mr. Parsons' message, but under our rules we are not liable for any damages."

I have instructed our Mr. Heath to refund your 20 cents, which you paid for this message.

Yours truly,
DAVID STOTT,
Superintendent.

Hr. Grace,
Dec. 3rd., 1914.

Hon. H. J. B. Woods,
Postmaster General,
St. John's.

Dear Sir.—I am taking the liberty

to write again; no doubt you have seen my two other letters that I sent Mr. Stott, concerning the \$44.80 that I lost through a mistake or a neglect of one of your Postal Telegraph operators, when sending a business message for me.

You know it is not right for me—a poor man—to lose this amount. It is all very well to tell me you have investigated the matter, and admit there is a mistake. You say you do not hold yourself responsible for mistakes made by your clerks; but you return me 20c. for the telegram which I did not take. Losing an amount like this in the way mentioned is a piece of great injustice; and if the public of this country knew that they were doing their business with incompetent clerks, they would prefer to do their business with other companies. You may think this strong language; but I intend to keep writing till I think I have enough letters to publish in the papers if a settlement is not made. It is in Dublin I would not be treated so bad although being a loyal British subject.

If it were Emperor William on a matter of this kind he would compensate me for my loss.

Yours truly,
SELBY PARSONS.

General Post Office,
St. John's, Nfld.,
December 9th., 1914.

Mr. Selby Parsons,
Harbor Grace.

Dear Sir.—I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst and have also seen the correspondence between you and Mr. Stott in reference to a mistake made in the transmission of your message from Harbor Grace to Western Bay, July 7th last.

I regret to learn of the loss you appear to have sustained in consequence, the more so as I have no power to make good the same. You notice that in the agreement under which your message was accepted that "the Newfoundland Postal Telegraphs are not liable to make compensation for any loss, injury or damage arising from the non-transmission or non-

delivery of a message or delay or error in the delivery thereof."

These conditions apply to telegraph business all over the world and I presume are found to be necessary as mistakes will occur and all sorts of claims might be made.

It is very difficult to prove consequently damages as in the case under consideration, it is possible that if your message had been delivered correctly your offer at the higher rate of freight might not have been accepted.

I have no excuse whatever for the Operator who is responsible for the mistake, but as there are two concerned in it and both disclaim it, it is impossible for Mr. Stott to discover which of them is to blame and to deal with him accordingly.

Yours truly,
H. J. B. WOODS.

Stretton Hill, Hr. Grace,
January 5, 1915.

Hon H. J. B. Woods,
Postmaster General,
St. John's.

DEAR SIR.—I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., stating that you have no power to make good my loss, concerning the mistake between the Postal Telegraph operators of either Hr. Grace or Western Bay. One or the other made the mistake, but both disclaim it. I claim that both of them should be held responsible, and that I should be compensated by the salaries of these men—for my loss through their carelessness.

You say that it is possible that if my message had not been delivered correctly my offer of higher rate might not have been accepted. I could have sold my coals to a nearby place for the price I asked, but not knowing of the wrong message until the coal was discharged and the cheque had been received for \$2.00 instead of \$2.40 per ton, I could do nothing else.

I hear of a case pending regarding the mistake of another operator of another telegraph company. If not compensated now I shall await the decision forthcoming of the former before taking further proceedings, for I have made up my mind to have my loss made good if possible.

Yours truly,
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red felt on the outside, or maintained in a water-tight condition. The floors of camp shall be constructed of boards or logs flattened on three sides. It shall be the duty of the Inspector to report immediately to the Minister of Agriculture and Mines upon any unsuitable camps inspected by him, and the said Minister shall call the attention of the person or company responsible, who shall forthwith cause the said camps to conform with this section.

13. Employers shall cause a physician to visit each logging camp at least once in each month, when loggers are occupying the same, except in case of employers with less than one hundred employees. No charge shall be made the loggers for medical services of the doctor so supplied, unless a doctor visits the camp each month, in which case forty cents per month shall be paid as a doctor's fee by each logger.

14. Board and lodgings in the camp shall be afforded by the employers to the Government Inspectors, when such accommodation is requested; provided the person so accommodated shall in all respects conform to and observe the rules and discipline for the time being in force in such camps.

15. Upon complaint of neglect of duty, signed by not less than fifty loggers, Inspectors complained of shall be dismissed by the Minister of Mines, unless the Minister, after enquiry, is satisfied that the complaint is unfounded. No complaint shall be acted upon until the signatures thereto have been proved by the affidavit of some person.

16. Once each month Inspectors shall report to the Minister of Agriculture and Mines upon the following, in writing:

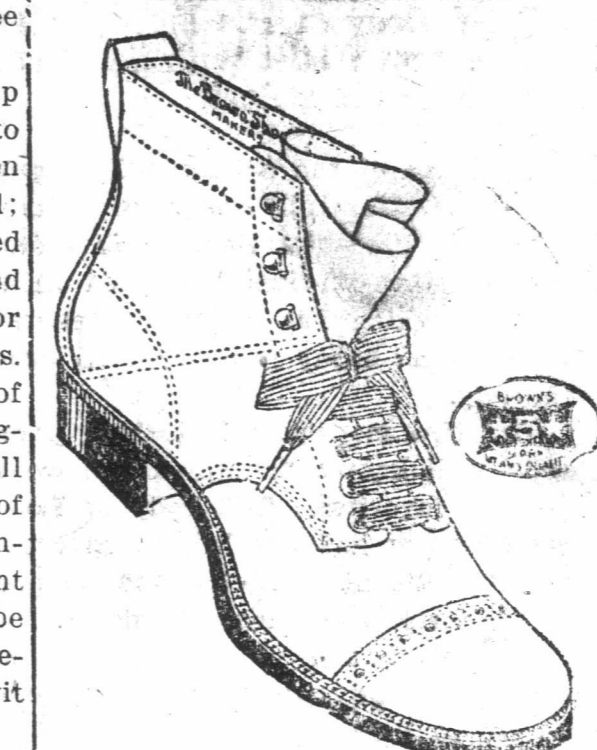
- (a) The number of camps visited.
- (b) The condition thereof.
- (c) The number of men occupying the same, and wages paid them per month.
- (d) The quality of food supplied.
- (e) Particulars of all breaches or complaints under this Act, and the action taken in connection therewith.
- (f) All further information bearing upon camp life and its operation.

17. Except where otherwise provided herein, the penalty for a breach hereof shall, for each offence, be a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or in default of payment, imprisonment for not more than three months. The fine shall be paid to the Minister of Finance for the use of the Colony.

18. Every breach of the provisions of this Act shall be reported in writing to the employer by the said Inspector, and in the event of such not being remedied within ten days after the report thereof shall have been served on the employer, proceedings shall be instituted to recover the fines and penalties created by this Act by and in the name of the said Inspector in a summary manner before a Stipendiary Magistrate.

- 9. Respecting the schedule of food.
- 10. Respecting bed-clothes.
- 11. Respecting the construction of camps.
- 12. Respecting the attendance of a Physician.
- 13. Board and lodging to be supplied Inspectors.
- 14. Respecting the dismissal of Inspectors.
- 15. Penalty section.
- 16. Respecting reports of breaches of Act.

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Published for Information of Loggers.

An Act to Regulate the Employment of Men Engaged in Logging. Passed June 5, 1915.

BE it enacted by the Governor, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, as follows:—

1. In this Act the employer shall be held to mean the individual or company which engages or pays the workmen concerned. Loggers shall be held to mean men engaged in the physical work of cutting, hauling, driving, piling and handling of trees and their conveyance to a mill or factory, or to a shipping port, and cooks and helpers engaged in maintaining the camps and the logging operations in the woods.

2. The Minister of Agriculture and Mines shall appoint one or more Inspectors whose duty it shall be to see that the provisions of this Act are observed and enforced.

3. In the absence of any special agreement, no logger shall, during the logging season, terminate his contract of employment unless he shall give to his employer or his employer's agent at least one week's previous notice of his intention to do so. Any logger leaving his employment without giving such notice shall forfeit to his employer one week's wages.

4. The employer shall pay in cash or cheque to the logger the amount of wages due under his contract of employment, within twenty-four hours of the time when his time-slip and ticket as provided in section 5, is presented at the usual place of payment of such wages. If the employer shall fail to pay such wages on that day, he shall pay to such logger, in addition to the wages so due, a sum of one dollar for every day during which such default shall continue, to be recovered as part of such wages in an action against the employer at the suit of such logger.

5. Within two weeks after loggers are engaged they shall each be supplied with tickets, signed by or on behalf of the employer, stating the rate of wages to be paid.

6. Not later than every alternate Tuesday, the employer or his agent shall give to each logger a written statement of the time during the previous two weeks up to and including the previous Saturday for which he is entitled to be paid.

7. Each logging camp shall contain a sleeping compartment and an eating compartment, and the sleeping compartment shall be comfortably heated, and the sleeping berths shall be fitted, subject to the approval of the Government Inspector.

8. The Government Inspector shall, in each year, prescribe the manner in which sleeping berths shall be fitted as required by section 5, and shall notify the employer thereof not later than the first day of July in each year, and publication thereof in the "Royal Gazette" shall be conclusive evidence of such notice.

9. After making proper enquiry, a schedule of food to be supplied to loggers while engaged in logging operations shall be prepared by the Minister of Agriculture and Mines and published in the "Royal Gazette" not later than the first day of April in each year, and the food so prescribed shall be supplied by employers to the loggers working for them, under a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars for each offence, provided that not more than one penalty shall be payable as penalty for breach of this section upon any one day in any one camp.

10. The employer shall, upon request of a logger, supply him with all necessary bed-clothes at actual cost and expense.

11. Employers shall supply loggers with axes and axe handles free of cost. If an axe be lost, the value thereof shall be deducted from the wages of the loser. A logger breaking more than one axe handle during a week shall pay the cost of handle or handles supplied to him in place thereof.

12. Logging camps erected hereafter shall be lined or celled with paper or board in the inside of the walls and roof, or covered with board and tar-

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