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Minutes of meeting of General Chairmen, representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, The Order of Railway Conductors, The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, on the Canadian Pacific Railway System:

Empire Hotel, Winnipeg, Man.,
August 2nd, 1911.

Meeting called to order at 10 o'clock, the following General Chairmen present: Bros. W. G. Chester, of the O.R.C.; R. H. Cobb, B.L.E.; E. H. Cooke, B. of R. T.; G. D. Robertson, O.R.T., and G. K. Wark, B. of L. E. & E. There were also present, of the B. of R. T., Bros. A. McGovern, Chairman Eastern Lines; C. J. Bourne, Secretary General Board of Adjustment, and J. McLaughlin; of the O. R. T., A. H. McLeod, W. T. Wntson, D. McPherson, and J. M. Mein, members of the General Committee.

Moved and seconded, that Bro. W. G. Chester be Chairman. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that Bro. Geo. K. Wark act as Secretary. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that Bro. E. H. Cooke be Vice-Chairman. Carried.

It was explained by the Chairman that he and Bro. McGovern had called the meeting for the purpose of discussing with other General Chairmen the matter of men being asked by officers of the Company to perform work in violation of signed agreements, and when refusing to do so were dismissed for insubordination, citing the case of Conductor Jackson, of Cranbrook, who had been dismissed for refusing to handle, with one brakeman, a train made up of cars sufficient to warrant him in making request for a second brakeman, as by the provision of their agreement. The case of Conductor Fought, of Chapleau, who was dismissed for declining to be made a party to a surprise test being practiced on the engineer, was also cited as a reason for dealing with the question of the manner in which these surprise tests were conducted. The Chairman also stated that he believed this to be an opportune time for the discussion of every question considered to be of mutual interest.

Voluminous correspondence in connection with these cases was read and given due consideration.

Bro. Robertson, of the O.R.T., introduced the question of the transmitting of train orders by telephone direct from the Operator or Dispatcher to the Conductor, claiming the practice to be a dangerous one, and expressing his opinion that the matter should be dealt with by this Committee in an effort to have the practice discontinued except in cases of emergency, and to have orders given to Operators in order that a check may be kept. Considerable discussion followed on the subject until adjournment for lunch at 12.25.

AFTERNOON SESSION, AUGUST 2ND, 1911.

Meeting called to order at 14 o'clock, with all members present.

Discussion on the several questions before the body was resumed.

The following resolution was offered.

Whereas, Evidence having been produced to prove that officers of the Company are requesting men to perform work in violation of signed agreements, and, in consequence of a refusal to do so, have been dismissed for alleged insubordination; and,

Whereas, It is the opinion of the representative men here assembled that the continuation of this practice will result in destruction of the effectiveness of contracts now in force, or that may hereafter be secured;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That this Committee request an interview with officers of the Company for the purpose of securing a written agreement to provide that when men are asked to perform work in