

2—UNDER PRESENT LAW UNUSED TICKETS MUST BE REDEEMED AT THEIR FULL VALUE.

The present law provides :—

"The Minister of Railways and Canals, with respect to any Government railway, and every railway company subject to the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, or to which 'THE RAILWAY ACT' applies, as the case may be, shall repay to every holder of a ticket over any Government railway line or other Canadian railway line, as the case may be, the cost of his ticket, if unused in whole or in part, less the ordinary or regular fare for the distance for which such ticket has been used."

"The claim for such redemption shall be made within thirty days from the expiration of the time for which the ticket was issued, in accordance with the conditions thereon."

Holders of unused or partially used tickets are placed by the present law on an equality with the purchasers of ordinary and regular fare tickets for the distance for which such tickets have been used. *The railway companies obey the law in every instance.*

3—A DISCOUNT IS NOT MADE FROM FULL AMOUNT OF REFUND.

The present law provides that :

"The Minister of Railways and Canals, with respect to any Government railway, and every railway company subject to the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, or to which the 'THE RAILWAY ACT' applies, as the case may be, shall repay to every holder of a ticket over any Government railway line or other Canadian Railway line, as the case may be, the cost of his ticket, if unused in whole or in part, less the ordinary and regular fare for the distance for which such ticket has been used."

The law is obeyed literally by the railway companies, and a discount is not made from the full amount of the refund.

EXAMPLE 1.—A passenger buying a ticket Toronto to Montreal and return at \$16.70 and using the going portion only, is refunded \$6.70, and therefore obtains his one-way passage at \$10.00, the same as any other person who purchases a one-way first class ticket.

EXAMPLE 2.—If there was an excursion at \$7.00 Toronto to Montreal and return and the passenger used the going portion only, there would be no refund accruing, as he paid less than the one-way fare—if this were not so a discrimination would be made against the passenger in Example 1.