

The clause is broad enough to cover everything, and I cannot imagine what your objection is to it. Draft a clause, however, for a rule which you think will suit and let me see it.

I think that every employee should consider it his duty to take any and every action that can safely be done in order to keep trains moving that may otherwise be held up.

Yours truly,

(Signed) D. McNICOLL.

Moved by Bros. McGovern and Robertson, that Mr. McNicoll's letter be received and reply made embodying the rule accepted as a settlement on Western Lines. Carried.

Brothers Robertson and Wark were appointed by the Chairman to draft letter to Mr. McNicoll as by the above action and retired for that purpose.

Returning, the following was submitted for the consideration of the Committee:

Montreal, November 11th, 1911.

Mr. D. McNicoll,

Vice-President,

Canadian Pacific Railway,

Montreal Que

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Joint Committee of General Chairmen representing your employees in train, engine and telegraph service, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. in connection with the methods of handling train orders by telephone, in which you request us to draft a clause which would be considered suitable to be inserted in the rules.

In deference to your expressed wish we respectfully submit for your favorable consideration copy of a proposed article submitted by the Conductors and Trainmen's Joint Committee in February, 1911, a copy of which was embodied in enclosure accompanying our letter of November 13th, to you, and which reads as under:

"Conductors will not be required to take train orders over the telephone except in cases of injury to persons on, or by their trains, or in cases of wrecks, washouts or snow blockades, on the sub-division over which the train requiring the orders is being moved."

We would, however, respectfully suggest that this be made a basis for a clause to be inserted in the schedules of the various branches of the service affected, rather than in the rules, as we understand your idea to be. Thanking you in anticipation of an early and favorable reply, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

W. G. CHESTER, Chairman.

Moved by Bros. Ball and Murdock, that the letter be approved by the Committee and forwarded to the Vice-President. Carried.

Brothers Robertson and Wark were requested to deliver the letter.

Moved by Bros. Murdock and Ball, that meeting stand adjourned until 2 p.m. Carried.

Adjourned at 12.25.

Note.—Nothing having been received from the officers of the Company in reply to our letter of to-day, meeting was not called this afternoon.

#### MONTREAL, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 1911.

Meeting called to order at 9.30 a.m., all members present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Having been advised over telephone that letter had been written by the Vice-President in reply to our communication of yesterday, Brothers Campbell and Robertson retired for the purpose of securing same. Letter was received, reading as under: