

Pursers: SS. "Prince George" and "Prince Rupert," \$170.00 per month.

Pursers: SS. "Prince Charles" and "Prince John," \$155.00 per month.

Radiotelegraphers, Assistant Pursers, and Freight Clerks, on all ships:

1st year \$ 90.00 per month
2nd year 100.00 per month
3rd year 110.00 per month
4th year 125.00 per month
and after.

The sleeping accommodation for the Radiotelegrapher on the "Prince John" being in the office where an uninterrupted period of rest is impossible, it is requested that a separate cabin may be provided. It is also hoped that you will consider the propriety of removing the distinction at present existing on the "Prince Charles" as regards dining quarters, whereby the Purser sits with the officers of the ship and the Radiotelegrapher eats down below, on a board fastened to the wall. No reason is apparent why the Radiotelegrapher should not receive treatment on a Canadian National boat similar to that accorded to such workers on all other vessels of Canadian registry.

As uniform clothing has to be worn, it is requested that an allowance of \$45.00 per year (in addition to the scale shown above) be paid to cover this expense, an allowance of that amount being paid to the employees of the Marconi Company.

Our Committee believes that the adjustment of the salaries and working conditions of the office personnel on the Canadian National ships in the manner indicated would remove the present dissatisfaction, and as it is well known that the policy of the Canadian National Railways is to pay the prevailing rates for all branches of the service (as exemplified by the agreement existing between the Railways and this Union, affecting the land-line telegraphers), the Committee feels confident that you will accept these recommendations as a fair basis of settlement.

Yours very truly,
W. T. BURFORD,
General Secretary,
Canadian Radio Division,
C. T. U. A.

Canadian Government Merchant Marine Limited

File 230-1

Vancouver, B. C.,
14th November, 1925.

Mr. W. T. Burford,
General Secretary,
Canadian Radio Division,
Commercial Telegraphers' Union
of America,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 25th of October was received in my absence, hence delay in answering.

We have noted carefully the contents of your letter and would say that we are not prepared at this time to discuss the adjustment of wages of the Pursers and Assistants on our Coast passenger steamers through your Association, but we have in mind certain adjustments in the rates which will be taken up with the parties concerned individually.

Yours very truly,
B. C. KEELEY,
Pacific Coast Manager.

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Vancouver, B. C.,
17 November, 1925.

Mr. B. C. Keeley,
Pacific Coast Manager,
Canadian Govt. Merchant Marine, Ltd.
1150 Main Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant, and note that you are not at present prepared to discuss with the Union the wages of its members employed on the Canadian National Steamships, although individual adjustments are contemplated.

It cannot be too clearly stated that the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America is not seeking recognition from your Company, for that recognition has already been accorded. It has long ago been found to be to the advantage of the Canadian National Railways and its subsidiary organizations to deal with the Union in the collective interests of its members, in preference to attempting a piecemeal settlement of disputes with individual employees, and if our General Committee were to find that the announced policy of Sir Henry Thornton towards trade unions is not

observed in a particular branch of the Canadian National system, it would naturally make its representations in a quarter where courtesy is assured.

Our Committee believed that this dispute might be best adjusted by approaching, in the first instance, the responsible local official, and it is still our hope that by this means a prompt and satisfactory settlement may be effected.

The grievance of the Pursers, Radiotelegraphers, Assistant Pursers, and Freight Clerks on the Canadian National Steamships is of long standing, and is so self-evident from the facts submitted in our letter of the 25th of October as to discountenance any equivocation. We shall therefore be glad to learn that the Union's proposals for the amelioration of present conditions are acceptable to you, or to be granted the favour of an interview, at an early date, for their full and frank discussion.

I am directed to ask that you will be good enough to inform us in this connection by Saturday, the 28th instant.

Yours very truly,
W. T. BURFORD,

General Secretary,
Canadian Radio Division,
Commercial Telegraphers' Union
of America.

Further action, after the time of going to press, the 21st of November, will be reported in a later issue.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RADIOTELEGRAPH SERVICE

Case 6 (Continued from Bulletin No. 6
of the Canadian Radio Division)

In view of the more or less satisfactory assurances of the Minister of Labour that the recent Dominion order in council, P. C. 1537, will be "acceptably applied" in respect to the six-day working week, the General Committee of the Canadian Radio Division ordered the cancellation of the strike ballot which was being taken on both coasts of Canada, on the 17th of October. The next issue of the Radiotelegraph Bulletin will contain the whole correspondence in connection with this dispute.