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Department of External Affairs.

and which reads as follows:

"Conditions of joining Auxiliary Territorial Service unaltered".

Immediately she received this cable, Miss. Patterson made arrangements to leave for England and got in touch with the Local Agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to arrange her transportation to England, and then she proceeded with the necessary preparations for her departure.

It was with much surprise that Miss. Patterson was informed by the Local Agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on the 3rd instant that permission would not be granted to her to leave Canada. She is utterly at a loss to understand why she should not be able to go to England to engage in an essential war service and so on. As a matter of fact there is no reason for it at all that I can see except the whim or fancy of some official in the Department. She is perfectly able financially and willing to defray her own expenses to England and she is perfectly willing and anxious to abide by all the terms of service of which she is fully aware and she is perfectly fit physically for she has had a very thorough examination by a very competent and qualified Doctor who has had much experience in examining recruits for the army. There is no possibility of Miss. Patterson becoming a burden to the authorities in England for even if anything should happen that she would not be accepted when she reached there, and there is no possibility of that, she would still have plenty of means to support herself and provide for her return to Canada. It seems very strange to me that one who is willing to serve as Miss. Patterson is and not only to serve but at her own expense to proceed to where she can serve, should be deprived of that privilege.

I see from newspaper reports that the Minister of Home Security for England stated that the Government is prepared to pay the transportation from the United States to England of British Subjects who are qualified artisans. Surely the War Office in London knows much better than you do whether it requires the services of these people or not.

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