

Note 1.—Provided free by Railway. This service started some years ago in order to give Postal Service to Railway Employees, Annual value of this service is \$6,285.04.

Note 2.—Provided free by the Railway from June 1st to September 30th for accommodation of summer tourist traffic. Annual value of this service is \$5,341.44.

We, therefore, ask that mail service on the Canadian Pacific Trains 1 and 2, the "Imperial Limited," Montreal-Vancouver, be reduced from a full postal car to an apartment postal car, and that apartment car service be authorized on the "Continental Limited" Trains 1 and 2, Montreal-Vancouver, of the Canadian National Railways, which will increase the mail revenue of the Canadian National Railways by approximately \$391,864 per annum, and give an increase of \$36,938 per annum to the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

This change would not in any way affect the service to the public along the Canadian Pacific Railway, but would provide a greatly improved service to the public along the Canadian National Railways.

Apartment postal car service on the "Continental Limited," C.N.R. Trains 1 and 2, Montreal-Winnipeg-Vancouver would eliminate numerous transfers at junction points between C.P.R. and C.N.R. stations, which will tend to expedite the service and at the same time reduce Post Office Department transfer expenses.

The service to the public would be greatly quickened as follows:—

Mail between Montreal, Ottawa and stations east on the one hand, and T. & N. O. Ry. stations on the other hand, is now handled on C.P.R. trains 17 and 18 between Montreal and North Bay and on T. & N. O. local trains Nos. 17 and 18. A letter from Montreal or Ottawa to Cochrane would arrive at Cochrane at 7.30 p.m., instead of 10.35 p.m. The answer could be written and posted the following morning and would leave Cochrane at 12.20 noon, arriving Ottawa 5.40 a.m., or Montreal 8.55 a.m., the following morning, whereas under present service the answer would not leave Cochrane until the second morning following arrival, at 6.50 a.m.

Delivery of westbound mail at important stations on the T. & N. O. Ry. would be greatly expedited and the eastbound mail, being handled on a fast limited train, operating approximately five hours later than the train on which mail is now handled, would give the public greatly improved service.

Mail between stations east and south of Cochrane on the one hand and stations west of Cochrane on the other hand, is required to be handled via Cochrane Post Office for sortation purposes and on account of the lack of train connections with T. & N. O. local trains on which handled. With apartment service on C.N.R. Trains 1 and 2 the handling of this mail to and from important stations west of Cochrane at which trains stop would be quickened 24 hours.

The service west of Hearst, Ont., to Sioux Lookout, Ont., is tri-weekly, and where the volume of traffic warrants, daily service could be given.

Mail between T. & N. O. Stations and C. N. R. stations west of Sioux Lookout, Ont., to and including Winnipeg and all points west thereof is now handled via North Bay and C. P. R. trains. In the case of Winnipeg the delay is over 24 hours and if to or from a station between Winnipeg and Sioux Lookout the delay is approximately 48 hours. Note—a letter Winnipeg to Hearst is handled via Sudbury, North Bay and Cochrane.

The delivery of eastern mail at important stations west of Winnipeg would be greatly expedited, as follows:—

Rivers, Man., 24 hours.

Melville, Sask., 24 hours.

Watrous, Sask., 24 hours.

Saskatoon, Sask. Noon delivery instead of 3.45 p.m., which would enable letters to be answered and reply mailed on the day received.

Biggar, Sask., 24 hours.

Edmonton, and all points west of Edmonton on C. N. R., 24 hours.

Eastbound mail from points west of Winnipeg to Ottawa, Montreal and East thereof would arrive destination in nearly all cases 24 hours earlier than at present.

Locally in Western Canada the handling of all mail traffic would be greatly expedited.

Mail between
Winnipeg

And

every important business centre west of Winnipeg and east of Edmonton and all C. N. R. local stations east of Edmonton on the one hand

And

All C. N. R. stations west of Edmonton—would be expedited 24 hours.

The handling of mail between Vancouver and Edmonton and the delivery at Vancouver or Edmonton as the case may be, will be expedited from 8 to 24 hours, varying according to the time at which the letter is posted, all such mail now being handled via Calgary.

[Mr. R. L. Fairbairn.]