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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING
759 Victoria Square,
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20th August, 1958.

The Secretary,
LONDON.

Dear Sir,

I herewith enclose a letter received from the Canadian National Railways, Atlantic Region, regarding their ships operating around the Newfoundland coast. It is with much regret that this letter is forwarded.

The Canadian National Railways, by whom these ships are operated, has been running a heavy annual deficit for a number of years and the present Government has been tightening up very considerably on expenditure.

Mr. A. Sauve, a member of the Canadian Committee, advised me of the possibility of the ships being withdrawn from class and I discussed the matter with him and suggested that in an effort to retain the classification, the Society, I felt sure, would be prepared to consider a reduction in fees for the fleet of the order of 25% to 30%. I suggested to him the advisability of having an interview with Mr. Donald Gordon, the President of the C.N.R., but he suggested that the negotiations would be better if left to him and he would do his utmost to retain the classification with the Society. However, apparently he has been unsuccessful.

This withdrawal from class of these fourteen ships will affect the income at Newfoundland quite considerably and it will be necessary to review the work at this port.

Yours very truly,

Snd; A.R. Riddell.

Principal Surveyor for Canada.

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