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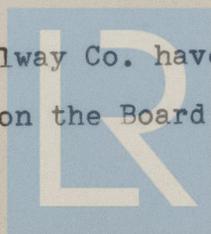
Dear Mr. Riddell:-

Further to my letter of today's date regarding the Union Steamships Ltd.'s request that their T.S.S. "CARDENA" be withdrawn from Classification and Load Line Assignment, I have to explain I have delayed forwarding same in the hope I might be able to persuade the Owners to reverse their decision.

I have discussed the matter fully with Mr. G. McBean, the Managing Director, and with Mr. A. Graham and Mr. F. Clendenning who are also Directors and, like Mr. McBean, Members of the Society's Canadian Committee.

Apparently the Firm has been operating at a loss for years and in 1952 the loss has been substantial. The decision to withdraw their ships from Class has been made from considerations of economy. As the ships are all subject to Dominion Board of Steamship Inspection, it is inevitable Classification may be regarded as a duplication of inspection the advantages of which may not outweigh the costs involved when the Firm is operating at a continual loss.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have a controlling interest in this Company and have two Directors on the Board who are aware C.P.R.



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policy for very many years is not to maintain Coastal ships in Class.

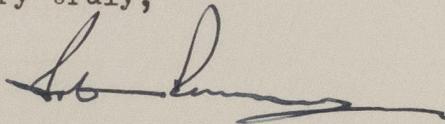
My efforts to induce the Owners to reconsider their decision have not been successful except that I feel there is a possibility some of the newer ships might still be retained in Class and I am doing all I can to further this end.

A letter from Mr. McBean dated 23rd instant, giving a full explanation of the reasons for the Owners' decision, is enclosed herewith and makes it clear how difficult it is for us to do anything further but holds out some hope for the newer passenger ships.

I hope to be able to raise the matter, before the next Directors Meeting on 7th January, with Senator S. McKeen, one of the Representatives of the C.P.R. on the Board. I am doubtful, however, if it will help matters much as his own large fleet of Coastal tugs is surveyed by Board of Steamship Inspection only and no doubt he regards Classification to be worthwhile only for deep sea ships.

A list of the ships in Union Steamships Ld.'s fleet is enclosed herewith for easy reference.

Yours very truly,



For the Surveyors.

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