

////////// Vancouver. B. C. June 6th/13

I. G. Ogden, Esq.,  
Vice President,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Vancouver Stores Inventory.

Enclosed please find all papers covering above.

Stock shows an overage of \$47,431.35. But the Store-keeper and Local Auditor advise that there will be a supplementary debit of \$31,620.58 covering invoices taken into account by Montreal, but not included in Local Auditor's Accounts here. They however cannot assure me that this will be the actual supplementary debit, and I have made out final summaries to cover each case.

The net overage of \$15,810.77 is no doubt largely due to the increased prices of material. When these increased prices were applied to issues, considerable stock on hand, purchased at the lower price, would create a credit of no small amount.

Considerable brass goods jumped from 39 cts to 45 cts per lb. Gum lumber from \$64. to \$90. per m. Oak from \$70. to \$90. per m. The last two mentioned items alone would explain approximately \$2500.00. Increase in price of common iron in Class 30 would also cover a large amount.

I also notice that considerable overcharging has been made on lumber issues. For instance, Fir is charged out at \$18. and up, while purchasing price is from \$12.50 and up. Most of the gum lumber is



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purchased from Australia direct at a cost of about \$64. per M. Small purchases made locally costs \$90., and the latter is made the ruling price in charging out. If it be possible to work out the lumber transactions for the year I am satisfied the profit on this class, alone, would almost offset the total overage. The apparent slackness in the handling of other stores should naturally result in a shortage, if not balanced by the benefit of increased prices,.

The iron shed is in charge of a man who does not know iron from steel. The blacksmith shop adjoins this shed, and the blacksmiths simply walk in and help themselves to what they want. Little, or no, weighing is done, and Form. M. is not handed store man until the following day. They also apply what they call a "running order". Material taken out day by day on some particular work is all covered by one Form. M. when the job is completed. There is absolutely no check on what material goes into blacksmith shop, and the store man admits that he does not know, and that it is left to the blacksmith.

The iron rack is so constructed that we are unable to measure material, and practically everything has to be taken out and weighed. We go to all this trouble to get at the actual material on hand, and then in the end find that a store order has been running for perhaps, two, or three weeks, and you have no way of arriving at what portion of it was issued before we had taken stock. The total of such running order is shown as issued after our cut-off on stock card, which results in an incorrect balance at the end of month.

There is a large roofed platform space, adjoining stores



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building, which contains several thousand dollars worth of material. This stock is so exposed that it can be removed by the public or the employees without the knowledge of the stores dept'. Stock cards are not used, and there is no one directly in charge of this material.. It is chiefly stores belonging to Classes 6-7-8-12 & 31, and is of a nature that would not be of much value to an outsider. But it is safe to say that departments requiring this material do not particularly bother about Form. M. if they can avoid it. This platform could, with little expense, be properly protected by heavy wire grating and sliding doors, and should be placed in charge of a store man. Material could then be covered by the usual stock cards, and proper check kept on it.

We were considerably bothered this year with their slack method in handling cards. A great many articles are issued by the piece, but are priced per lb. The stock cards did not indicate how material was issued, whether weight, measurement, or number, and necessitated our again having to go over such stock to get the required information to complete stock books for writing up.

March cards had not all been lifted when we started our stock-taking on April 23rd, and this delayed and annoyed us when we found that some of the March cards marked by our men had been lifted and replaced by April cards.

The stock was gone over pretty carefully just previous to our arrival, and the cards made to agree with stock on hand. This would indicate that sufficient care is not used in posting the receipts and issues throughout the year, and it is spruced up just previous to



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our yearly visit.

I might say that the Storekeeper has to put up with a poor and shiftless class of men to handle the stores. All the men who are now handling stock and cards have been employeed, or placed on that work, since our last check. Sufficient salary is not paid to obtain, and retain, men who take an interest in the work.

These men are not familiar with the stock. frequently do not know where it is located, and you can daily note a loss of time to this Company through delays in issuing stores to waiting men from the various shops.

Yours truly,

Travelling Auditor.



CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF AGENCIES

C. J. BLACK,  
AUDITOR OF AGENCIES.

~~//////MONTREAL~~ Vancouver. B. C. June 11/10

C. J. Black, Esq.,  
Auditor of Agencies,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Vancouver Stores Inventory.

Please note copy of my letter to Mr. Ogden, Vice  
President.

Mr. Priestman advised that this adjustment had been  
omitted, and asked how it had better be handled. I told him to make up  
statements to cover, and to enclose to me with letter of explanation.  
The statements have been sent me, but no letter of explanation.

I enclose copies to be handed Mr. Lealie and Mr.  
Goodchild.

Yours truly,

T. A.



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////// MONTREAL Vancouver. B. C. June 11/13

I. G. Ogden, Esq.,  
Vice President,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Vancouver Stores Inventory.

Further to my letter of the 6th inst.

The enclosed statements of "uninvoiced material from eastern merchants" have been handed me today. The Storekeeper omitted to hand us this information when writing up the various adjustments. This reduces the overage in railway stock, and makes a shortage in steamship.

Yours truly,

Travelling Auditor.



////////// Vancouver. B. C. June 6th/I3

C. J. Black, Esq.,  
Auditor of Agencies,  
Montreal.

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Dear Sir:-

Annual Stores Inventory, Vancouver.

Enclosed find my report #I302 with copy of final balance  
in above.

All original statements are going forward, today, direct  
to Mr. Ogden, Vice President, as per copy of letter attached,.

I have handed a copy of inventory to the StoreKeeper here  
and am enclosing two copies , which I presume will be handed over to  
Mr. Leslie and to Mr. Goodchild.

Yours truly,

T. A.



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MONTREAL,

15th April 1913.

A. W. Tennant, Esq.,

Travelling Auditor,

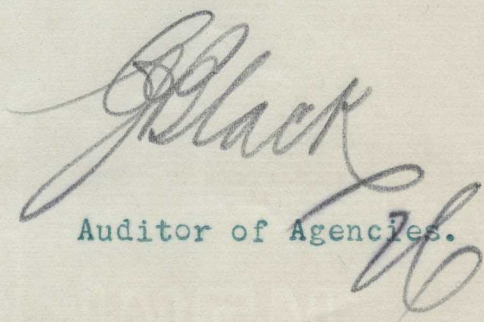
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Annual Stores Inventory, Vancouver.  
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Your letter of the 28th inst, Inventory forms will be  
bound in pads this year instead of sheets. I understand they will  
ready about this week end, and will then be forwarded you.

Yours truly,

  
Auditor of Agencies.



CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

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C. J. BLACK D.C.W.  
AUDITOR OF AGENCIES.

MONTREAL, 16th April 1913.

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A. W. Tennant, Esq.,  
Travelling Auditor,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Annual Stores Inventory, Vancouver.  
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Further to my letter of yesterday. I am sending you  
by separate value parcel to-day twenty pads of inventory forms.

Yours truly,

*C. J. Black*  
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Auditor of Agencies.



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MONTREAL,

20th March 1913.

A. W. Tennant, Esq.,

Travelling Auditor,

Vancouver. B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Annual Stores Inventory, Vancouver.  
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Please arrange for the above, as at April 30th, on the same lines as in previous years. Make request on Vice-President Ogden for money required when the time is near. The Inventory forms are being printed and will be sent you in due course.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. J. Black'.

Auditor of Agencies.