

*a copy of letter drafted by N.S. Eastman
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To the Secretary,
Board of Railway Commissioners
Ottawa 2

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of February 26th
re file 29128 Application of the C.P.R. to discontinue
the operations of trains 31-32 between Montreal and
the W.S.A. Board.

I am instructed by the Mayor and Aldermen
of the Municipality of the Township of Sutton to advise
that we are definitely opposed to the discontinuance of
passenger service on the line indicated.

Actually it is felt that there could be a
better schedule than the present one.. The C.P.R. actually
operates trains 213-214 between Farnham and Montreal
and we are unaware of any effort to discontinue this ser-
vice. The C.P.R. operates train 218 into Sutton every
Friday night.

If the C.P.R. is determined to get rid of the
present service offered by trains 31-32 we would not object
if they would schedule trains 213-214 presently operating
between Farnham and Montreal to leave Sutton at say 6.00
A.M. daily except Sunday and operate train 214 leaving
Montreal on its present schedule and thru to Sutton arri-
ving about 8 P.M. This would not provide any Sunday eve-
ning service back to Montreal but it would provide an
early Monday morning arrival at Montreal.

In view of the possibility of the Railway being
successfull in their application we would strongly urge
that any subsidy presently being allocated the Railway be
taken from them and given to some reliable bus line that
would operate a service on convenient schedule.

It is also the intention of the Mayor and Alder-
men, in the event passenger service is discontinued, to
seek authority to set aside the present low valuation given
Railway property and to value the Railway the same as any
other industry. For nearly one hundred years the Railways
have enjoyed special tax positions and it was also the re-
ceiver of subsidies at the time of building. If they do
not want to operate passenger trains for the convenience of
the public it is time this privileged position should be
with-drawn.

Yours truly

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