

Sutton Que.,
Nov. 1st., 1965

Hon. Jack Pickersgill P.C.
Minister of Transport
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Attention Mr. A Fraser Executive Assistant.

Dear Sir;

I am very disappointed at the loss of our passenger train service from Sutton Que. I understand a petition is being circulated in protest of your decision allowing this service to be discontinued. I must congratulate these people for their efforts, as this train was very important to many people in this area.

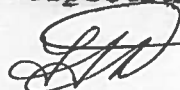
For example, I live in Sutton and have occasion in my business to take a train, quite often, at Farnham Quebec, for the Maritimes. To do this I have to pay a Taxi to take me the 25 miles, at a cost of five dollars per trip. This is bad enough, but what do I do on winter nights when the roads are slippery or snowbound? Busses will probably be mentioned as a very good substitute. Just how dependable are buses in a country with our snow record? Am I to be penalized because I wish to live in this area?

I was under the impression that we were trying to build up this great country of ours, and to encourage people and industry to come to areas such as this. Instead I must be wrong, as I do not feel that allowing this train to be taken off will help this cause.

I hate to think what is to become of areas such as ours if utilities such as our phone companies decide they are losing money. Will they also be allowed to withdraw service?

Possibly our fore-fathers who worked so hard to open up these areas left something in their memoirs, suggesting what we should do when we become so modern that we must be sure of the weather conditions before we plan a Safari out of our wilderness. Probably they would suggest buying a horse and sleigh. Is this the answer? I don't think so. I am sure that when you have a chance to review our situation here, understand our problems, and realize what this service meant to us, that we might again hear passenger trains whistle for this stop.

Respectfully yours,



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