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Box 157

Powell & Pines B.C.

April 22nd 1942

Arthur Handley Esq,
Director of Merchant Seamen,
Dept. A. Dept of Transport,
West Block Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your advertisement in a Vancouver paper, ~~recommending foreign going masters certificates, for Steamships, No 003222~~ I wish to state that I hold a ^{going} Masters foreign certificate for Steamships obtained in London England, No 003222. I have had a wide experience as officer some experience as Master.

I am best acquainted with the following trade routes:
N. & S. Atlantic, Mediterranean, East ^{India, Red Sea Ports} & West Indies, Baltic & White Sea. *I was also in the Cross Channel mail ^{trails}.
During the last war, I was Chief Officer Master in the Mercantile Fleet Auxiliary attached to the Grand Fleet. I hold the 1914-1918 war medal. I also had 3 years as Master on the British Coast from British ports to France Belgium & Germany, later returning to deep sea. the foreign trade. I am at present Surveyor of Timber Deck Cargoes at this port, but could be released from this post as there are no more vessels taking deck cargoes. Trusting you may be able to place me as Master
Yours truly

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(Capt) R Russell

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Powell River B.C.
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Lt. Liut D.P. Johnston
Belmont B.C.
Victoria B.C.

Dear Sir,

I have been given to understand that the R.C.M.F., through your dept, is inlisting master mariners with Deep Sea Certificate's experience. I have a foreign trade Master's certificate obtained in London England, & have had a wide experience as officer Master. I am 59 years of age & ^{in good health} at present, I am ~~very active~~ ^{very active} ~~for the last three years~~ I have been authorized surveyor of Timber Deck Cargoes at this port. On account of the war there are no more vessels to survey & I do not expect to have any more until after the war is over. I volunteered for the navy but was turned down on account of my age. I was officer Master in the Mercantile Fleet Auxiliary attached to the Grand Fleet during the last war & hold the 1914-1918 war medal. If you think you could use my services, I would be pleased to hear from you, when convenient.

Yours truly
(Capt) R Russell