

1891.

VICTORIA.

DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES FROM THE RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.

RETURN to an Order of the House,

Dated 29th July, 1891, for—

A COPY of all correspondence connected with the recent dismissal of boilermakers and others from the railway workshops at Newport, with a statement of the Railways Commissioners' reasons for such dismissals.

(*Mr. T. Smith.*)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 4th August, 1891.

91/5811.—(341).

Dated 25th April, 1891.—Registered, 27th April, 1891.

J. H. CAMERON, G. HENDERSON, G. H. PANTER (boilermakers), H. DARRAGH (boilermaker's assistant), J. COX (striker). Loco. recommends that their services be dispensed with, as they are no longer required.

Submitted—

Cameron, entered	26.4.82,	pay	10s.
Henderson, „	12.11.77,	„	11s.
Panter, „	19.6.65,	„	11s. 6d.
Darragh, „	13.12.75,	„	8s.
Cox, „	20.9.62,	„	8s. 6d.

28.4.91.

Arrange for them to retire at the expiration of the present financial year, on account of the abolition of their office.

(Signed) R. S.

(Signed) R. F.

Loco. Supt.,

G. W. L., 13.5.91.

11.5.91.

Noted, and the men informed. Loco. Accountant to note.

A. D. S.,
Loco. Supt.
15.5.91

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Victorian Railways (Loco. Carriage and Waggon Branch),
Loco. Supt.'s Office, Newport, 16.4.91.

SIR,

I beg to bring under your notice that, in consequence of the machinery and appliances that we now have for doing the work in the boiler shop, the services of the following men could be dispensed with, viz.:—

CAMERON, J. H., boilermaker.
HENDERSON, GEO., boilermaker.
PANTER, G. H., boilermaker.
DARRAGH, H., boilermaker's assistant.
COX, J., striker.

Full services of the above, from Loco. Acct., attached.

(Signed) W. STINTON,
Shop Manager.

The Loco. Supt.

The COMMISSIONERS,

I beg to recommend that the services of these men be dispensed with, as they are no longer required. The saving to Department will be about £750 per annum.

(Signed) A. D. S.,
Loco. Supt.
25.4.91.

The Secretary.

Railway Department, Loco. Acct.'s Office,
Newport, April 16th, 1891.

PANTER, GEORGE H., boilermaker.

Entered the service, 19th June, 1865, at 11s. per diem.

July, 1865, at 12s. „

Re-engaged *9th September, 1872, at 10s. „

May, 1873, at 11s. „

August, 1882, at 11s. 6d. „

*Absent three years and eight months, 1869, 1870, 1871, and eight months, 1872.

Received compensation, £55 15s. 6d. Born, 21.1.35.; age 56. Present rate, 11s 6d.; last rate of pay, 11s. 6d. per diem; last day at work, July 18th, 1891; six days a week.

(Signed) E. STRONG.
18.7.91.

Railway Department, Loco. Acct.'s Office,
Newport, April 16th, 1891.

CAMERON, JOHN HENRY, boilermaker.

Entered the service 26th April, 1882, at 10s. per diem; in receipt of 10s. per diem since date of entry into service. Born 1.5.34; age 57. Present rate, 10s.; last day at work, July 18th, 1891; last rate of pay, 10s. per diem; six days a week.

Cameron was absent April 24th to October 6th, in year 1888.

(Signed) E. STRONG.
18.7.91.

HENDERSON, GEORGE, boilermaker.

Entered the service 12th November, 1877, 10s. per diem; August, 1882, 10s. 6d. per diem; July, 1883, 11s. per diem. Born 29.9.27; age 64. Present rate, 11s. per diem. Last day at work, July 18th, 1891; last rate of pay, 11s. per diem; six days a week.

(Signed) E. STRONG.
18.7.91.

Please see letter from Henderson, stating he was employed under Public Works from March, 1864, to 26th October, 1877. Henderson elects to take a pension.

23rd May, 1891.

Mr. A. Smith, Loco. Supt. Victorian Railways.

SIR,

I beg leave to bring under your notice that I commenced work as boilermaker and blacksmith under the Public Works Department at the Government Dock Yard, Williamstown, on the 7th day of March, 1864, and I remained there until the 26th day of October, 1877, and was transferred to the Railway Department as boilermaker on the 12th day of November, 1877, and I have remained there ever since, making a total of 27 years and 4 months at the end of June, 1891. I would be much obliged if you would be kind enough to add it all together, and collect what is due to me from the Public Works Department. I would either take compensation at the rate of a month's pay for every year of service, or a pension according to the rules of the Department.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) GEORGE HENDERSON,
Boilermaker.

91/7651.—(386).
91/5811.

Dated 3rd June, 1891.
Registered 8th June, 1891.

H. DARRAGH, boilermaker's assistant.

V. R. S. Mutual Association asks that he be allowed to remain in the service.

Submitted. See Commissioners 13.5.91 on 5811 attached. Should not this request be made by Darragh himself in accordance with rules?

12.6.91.

3.7.91.

We cannot but adhere to our minute of 11.5.91, as the machinery and appliances furnished at Newport render the services of those in question unnecessary.

(Signed) R. F.
(Signed) W. H. G.

Let minute be given effect to.

See letter from Mr. W. T. Carter attached *re* Cox. Please reply accordingly (1) to Mr. Carter, and (2) to the Association.

(Signed) G. W. L.
4.7.91.

Wrote.

(Signed) C. A. B.
6.7.91.

Referred to the Loco. Supt. to note replies sent.

(Signed) P. P. L.
6.7.91.

Noted. Mr. Stinton to note, and to arrange for these men to retire at an early date.

(Signed) A. D. S.
Loco. Supt.
7.7.91.

Then to Loco. Acct. to note.

Noted. The boilermakers will leave the service on Saturday, 18th instant. As Cox and Darragh have taken out monthly tickets, I have allowed them to continue on till the end of this month.

(Signed) W. STINTON,
Shop Manager.
9.7.91.

Thompson-street, Williamstown,
June 3rd, 1891.

The Victorian Railways Commissioners.

GENTLEMEN,

The Council of the Victorian Railways Service Mutual Association desire me to respectfully ask your consideration to retaining in the service F. Darragh, boilermaker's assistant, Newport Workshops. Darragh states he is fully competent to perform the duties allotted to him, and is only 56 years old, and is not in a position to retire as requested with compensation, and will feel grateful if allowed to remain in the service.

I have the honour to be,

Your humble and obedient servant,

(Signed) J. B. JOHNSTON,
General Secretary.

Acknowledged.

(Signed) G. W. L.
5.6.91.

Then submit with papers to which this refers.

(Signed) P. P. L.
5.6.91.

Parliament House, Melbourne,
June 11th, 1891.

R. Speight, Esquire, Chairman Railways Commissioners.

DEAR SIR,

Re Jonathan Cox, hammerman, Newport Workshops, who has been told that he is to leave the Railway service at the end of this month, I would beg of you to kindly reconsider the matter. Cox has over four months to go before he attains the age of 65 years, and he only asks to be permitted to continue for his full time.

The suddenness of the notice makes it very hard on this man to seek other modes of living.

He is a thoroughly respectable man, and has the confidence of his foreman, and a great hardship will be inflicted on him if he has to go at such short warning.

I must most earnestly ask you to permit Cox to remain until the end of October.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. T. CARTER,
Williamstown.

91/9624.—(387).

Dated 22nd July, 1891.
Registered 24th July, 1891.

H. DARRAGH, boilermaker's assistant.

V. R. Service Association ask that he may be allowed to remain in the service.

Thompson-street, Williamstown.
22.7.91.*The Victorian Railways Commissioners.*

GENTLEMEN,

I am instructed by the Council of the Victorian Railway Service Association to respectfully ask your consideration to allowing boilermaker's assistant "Darragh," Newport, who has been asked to retire from the service (through the erection of machinery rendering his services unnecessary), to remain in the service, at the position he has now been placed in by his superior officer, or other work that may be found for him. Darragh is only 56 years, and states he is fully able to perform any work that may be given to him. Having a wife and young family to provide for, his enforced retirement would place him in a position of embarrassment. Trusting you will allow this request,

I have the honour to be,

Your humble and obedient servant,

(Signed) J. B. JOHNSTON.
General Secretary.

Acknowledged.

(Signed) G. W. L.
23.7.91.

Done.

(Signed) C. A. B.
23.7.91.

Then cover and submit (previous).

(Signed) P. P. L.
23.7.91.