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A. F. OF L.  
LOCAL UNION No. 655  
General Teamsters and Chauffeurs

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Mr T.L. Hughes.

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I. B. of T. C. S. & H.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

I enclose herewith my bill for this month and trust you will find same O.K. I went down to Seattle to have a consultation with Brother Dail, as we find the Team owners here and in Seattle are more or less working together, and we discussed the situation from various angles, with more or less good results. I have now sent into the Team Owners here a letter asking for the reinstatement of our agreement and an increase of 50 cents per day, as if we can get this it is going to have a big effect on the rank and file, this comes up at the Team owners meeting on Feb. 4th, and in the meantime am getting all the outside parties can working for us, failing this it is my intetion to recommend to the local that we apply for a Board of Conciliation under the industrial disputes act, as if we get this we can bring into the daylight several interesting facts, one in particualar, and that i s the fact that the Employers Association here with which the Team owners are affiliated, have advised the Team owners to refuse to recognise the union, and a letter advising this was read at a meeting of the Team owners association so that we are not only



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have the Team owners association to contend with but also the Employers Association, and I do not want it to spread down the coast, so you will realize that the movement by the employers is a big one, and bears out my statements that the secession movement originated in their ranks with the idea of splitting up the unions so that they could break them up.

The local here is going to try and keep me going on full time, and we shall have to do the best we can, as I feel that you have treated us O.K. but I honestly think that the way things are it would be good business on the part of Headquarters to try and keep someone here, until things get going again, which is as I have stated before simply a question of time, Local 464 is going to help and allows us about \$30 per month, and you will find when you get the per capita for this month that both Locals 371 and 464 have had nearly record months, as I am naturally giving them some time also, I will let you know developments as they develop, and am always glad to receive any advice as to the best way of keeping things going.

I am addressing this to you Brother Hughes but if you think it belongs to Brother Tobin, please pass it along.

Yours fraternally, *Birt Showler*

February 2, 1920.

Mr. Birt Showler,

1120 Robson Ave.,

Vancouver, B. C. Canada.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

Your favor of January 27th  
received enclosing statement for the month of  
January and am enclosing herewith check for \$152.07  
as per your bill.

Trusting check reaches you in due  
time, with best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

General Secretary-Treasurer.