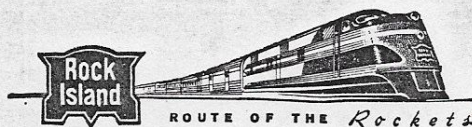


THE CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

FRANK O. LOWDEN AND JOSEPH B. FLEMING, TRUSTEES

G. P. TRACHTA,
GEN'L SUPERINTENDENT MOTIVE POWER



LA SALLE STREET STATION

May 28, 1943

CHICAGO, ILL.

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VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. B.W. Thoron, Director,
Division of Territories & Island Possessions,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

→ Colonel O.F. Ohlson,
General Manager, Alaska Railroad,
Anchorage, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

In response to the personal inquiry and conference of R.N. Dodge, Senior Inspector of car equipment, Interstate Commerce Commission, with our mechanical officers relative to the possibilities of the Alaska Railroad purchasing some box cars from this company to meet its urgent needs in connection with the war activities in Alaska, you are respectfully advised that the C.R.I. & P. Railway is willing to enter into a contract to sell the Alaska Railroad 20 box cars, C.R.I. & P. numbers as follows:

65002	65025	65111	65137
65010	65033	65115	65156
65012	65051	65117	65157
65017	65059	65121	65194
65021	65076	65130	65198

These are 80,000 lb. capacity, 41 ft., insulated box cars; inside clear dimensions as follows: Length 39'-6", width 8'-2", height 7'-0", 2302 cu. ft., built new 1927 and 1929 by the C.R.I. & P. Ry. and in good sound condition for service, other than some minor running repairs which we will make. We also propose to completely repaint and restencil the cars so that they are ready for immediate service.

Attached are specifications and general drawings of the cars as built.

We understand that Mr. Dodge inspected these cars on May 14th in company with our Superintendent of Car Department, and that he will make a report which will give you all the information you may desire as to the construction and physical condition.

Mr. B. W. Thoron
Colonel O.F. Ohlson


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The C.R.I. & P. Railway is willing to enter into a contract or suitable agreement to sell these 20 cars to the Alaska Railroad, subject to approval by the War Production Board and Office of Defense Transportation - the cars to be repaired, repainted and stencilled and delivered complete on our line F.O.B., subject to your final inspection and acceptance, at a price of \$1,075.00 per car.

Please advise promptly of your decision in the matter. In case it is decided to acquire these cars, the desired numbering and color of outside paint should be furnished at once. We would endeavor to expedite the work as much as possible and believe that delivery can be completed within sixty days after contract or suitable agreement is effected.

Respectfully,



Genl. Supt. Motive Power
for C.R.I. & P. Railway

copy to:
Mr. R.N. Dodge,
Senior Inspr. - Car Department,
Interstate Commerce Commission,
Washington, D. C.

cc Mr. W.H. Hillis
Mr. W.R. Owen

Handwritten notes:
Approved
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