

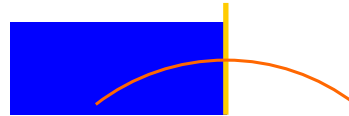


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BARGAINING UPDATE



NEGOTIATIONS RESUME IN SASKATOON

Your negotiating committee met with the company for our second set of negotiations sessions at the Saskatoon Inn Monday and Tuesday of this week.

On Monday the company presented the union with a comprehensive counter proposal. The company document dealt with most of the outstanding issues and your committee worked late into Monday evening preparing a response. We met with the company again Tuesday



and by the end of the day we are pleased to tell you that we have come to agreement on several issues.

There are still several dif-

ficult issues, including wages, to work through before we will be able to reach agreement but, both sides are working hard to try and settle this contract before the agreement expires at the end of January. If we are successful it will be the first time we have done that in the history of negotiations at Kindersley Transport.

We are scheduled to meet again in negotiations on December 18th and 19th

Waiting Time and Issue for All Concerned

A recent study reports out of Ontario tells us that dry van drivers wait an average of 33.5 hours per week while loading and unloading. On average, according to this report, such drivers spend 2.4 hours per stop waiting to load, 2 hours waiting to unload and only 1.1 hours loading and 1.2 hours unloading.

Some LTL carriers are charging as much as a 25% surcharge because of long waits at some terminals.

Industry sees a Shortage of Truckers Across the Country

Canadian Trucking Association estimates that there is an immediate need for 50,000 qualified drivers. Some Canadian trucking firms, including Kindersley Transport, are being forced to park their rigs, and the turnover of drivers at many trucking companies has become one of their critical operation concerns.

