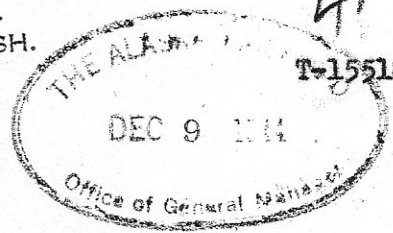


UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
CONSOLIDATED PURCHASING AND SHIPPING UNIT  
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SEATTLE, WASH.

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AIR MAIL

December 5, 1944.

Commanding Officer,  
Prince Rupert Sub Port of Embarkation,  
Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

Attention: Assistant Supt., Water Division.

Dear Sir:

The Alaska Railroad has purchased a snowplow from the Russell Snow Plow Company, Ridgway, Pennsylvania. As the railroad is urgently in need of this equipment, we are desirous of obtaining its transportation to Whittier, Alaska, as soon as possible.

The Seattle Port of Embarkation advised us to send it over the Canadian National Railroad to Prince Rupert, saying you have indicated that you are prepared to undertake the transportation from Prince Rupert to Whittier. This information was received in a letter of November 27, signed by Major K. L. Swinton, copy of which he says was sent to you. As indicated in that letter, the size of the snowplow, which will move to Prince Rupert on its own wheels, is as follows:

Weight - 85,000 pounds  
Overall length - 43' 9"  
Overall height - 15' 3"  
Overall width - 10' 1"

We received a telegram today from the shipper saying that the snowplow was billed out to the Pennsylvania Railroad on December 1. It is moving under GB/L I-107840, ODT Permit PR-510001-J, and is routed FRR-CMSTP&P-DW&P-CN.

It would be appreciated if you will advise the date the snowplow is shipped out of Prince Rupert.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. Lichtenwalner,  
Purchasing Agent.

CC: Col. Gilson  
Mr. Stratman  
CHB:fnw

Attached is copy of Major Swinton's letter of November 27. The Alaska Steamship Company indicated that they would not be able to handle this shipment for some time as the only freighter which could handle it, the SS SUTHERLAND, will have deckloads of lumber and piling the next few trips.