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## A Christmas Message from Sir Nicholas Cayzer

So far as we are concerned the event of the year has been the ending of the Mail Service after 120 years. I have on several occasions paid tribute to all concerned in this Service, past and present. It is a Service that Union-Castle can look back on with pride, and it is very sad that the splendid Mail ships will no longer be seen in Southampton water or in the waters around South Africa. They will be greatly missed.

The end of the Mail Service has meant great change in our Company. It has of necessity curtailed employment, which I greatly regret. To those who are leaving the Company or who are retiring I would like to express my deepest appreciation for all they have done, with my best wishes for their future.

With so much changing in our midst we rejoice that we have a secure monarchy, and this year's Jubilee reminds us of just how much we owe for this matchless blessing.

We have passed and are passing through an unsettled period of strikes and threats of strikes, and one realises how inter-dependent we all are. Each of us depends on our neighbour behaving in a responsible and sensible way. The priority must continue to be the fight against inflation. No easy task as it does mean restraint in regard to wages and salaries. I always feel that the most helpful thing the Government could do would be to cut tax. I believe that high taxation has a very real connection with inflation.

Hopefully we can still enjoy Christmas, and may I send you all my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

*Nicholas Cayzer*