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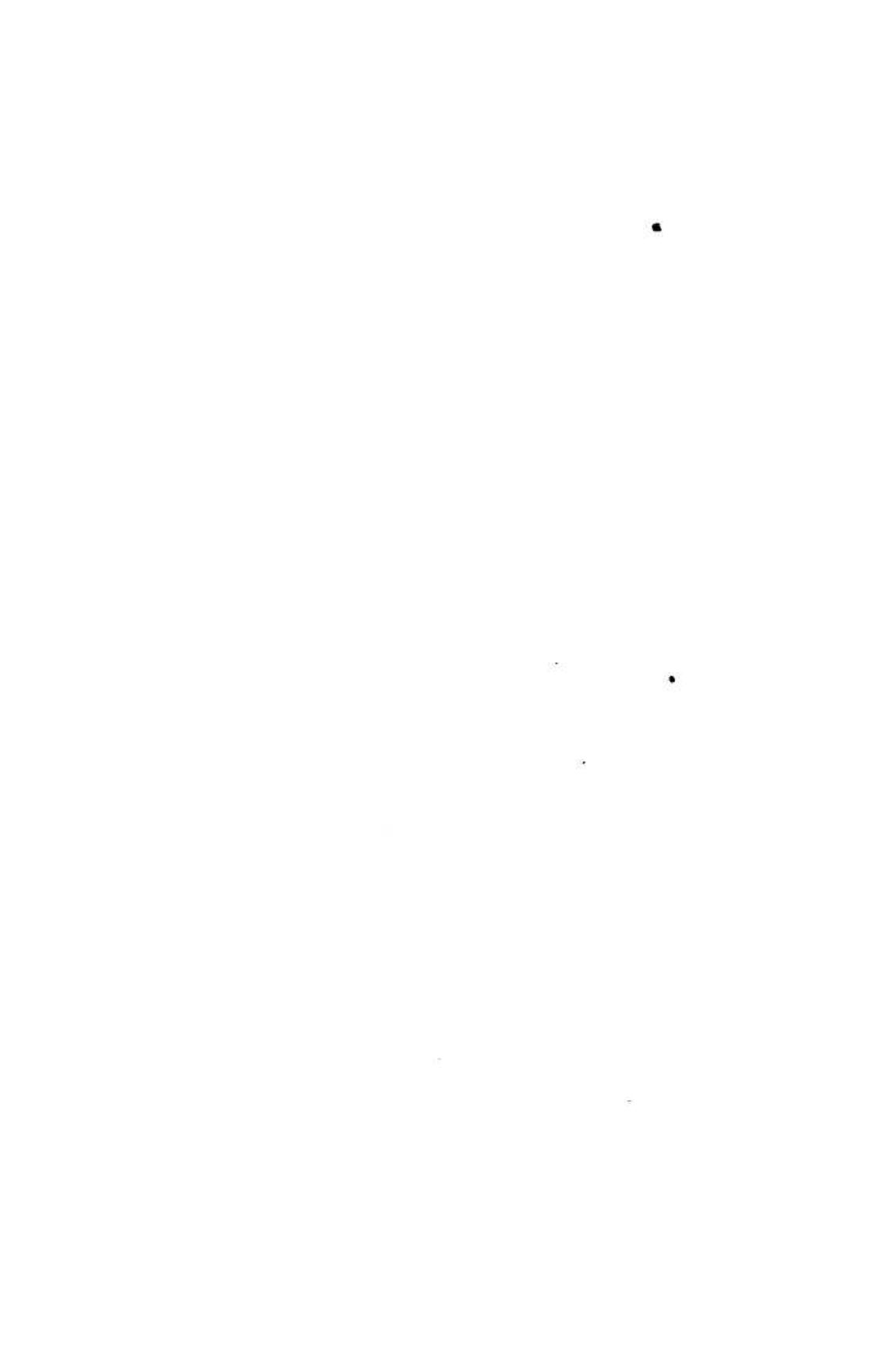
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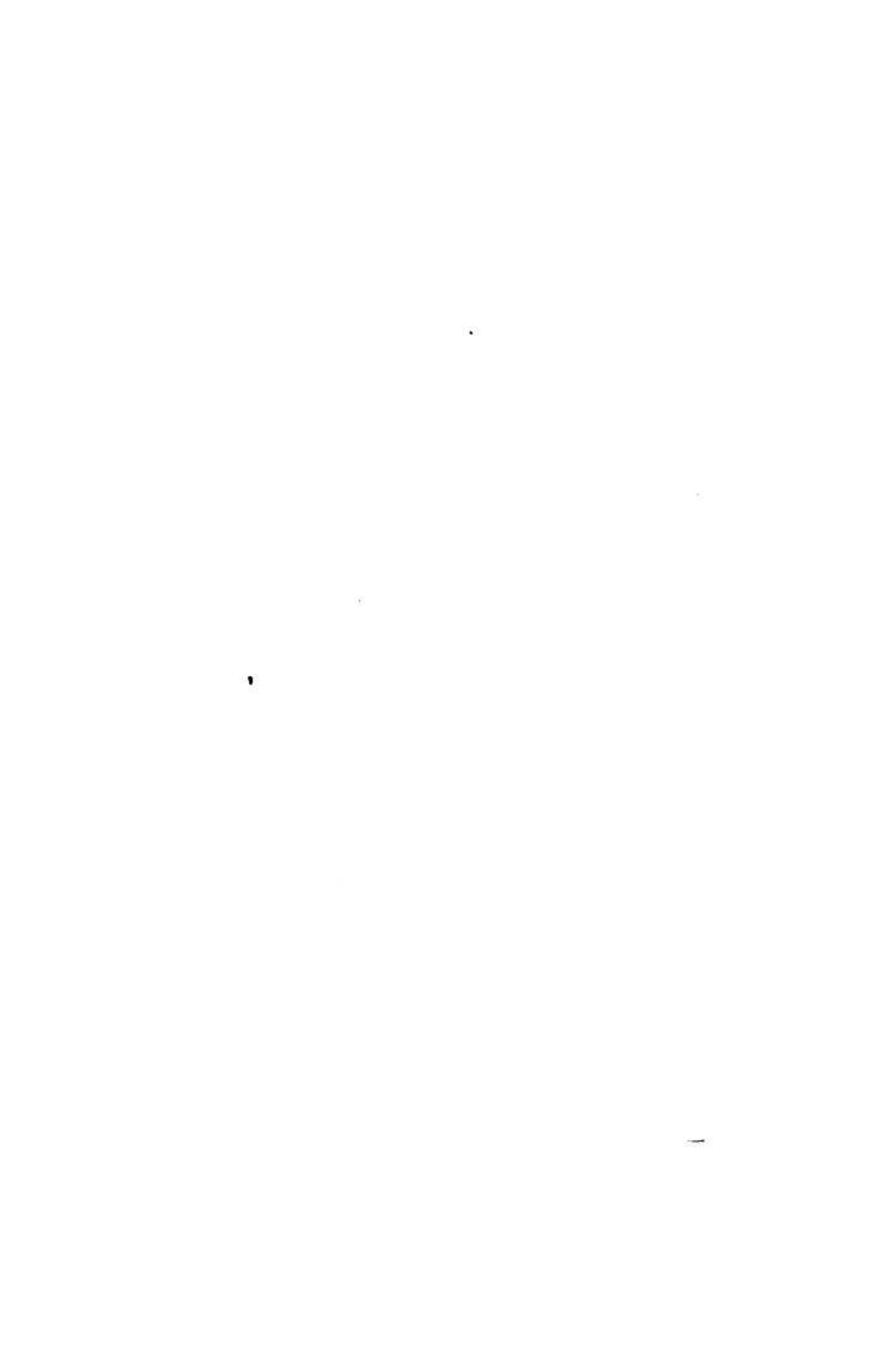
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INTRODUCTORY.

IN replying to a deputation of traders which waited upon him on December 13th, 1906, mainly in regard to the question of owner's risk, Mr. Lloyd-George, President of the Board of Trade, is reported to have said :—

“Do you see the way they work in Germany? There is no such thing there as owner's risk, but there is a limit to the risk where they give reduced rates. Even in this case, however, if the railway is guilty of gross negligence or wilful misconduct, then it is liable for full compensation. That is how I understand it; but I have no official information. It is practically the same in European countries, and even in the United States. I cannot speak with any official information, but this is the information which the Board of Trade has got.”

Mr. Lloyd-George proceeded :—

“I may say here that in the near future we will have to reconsider the whole question of railway rates from beginning to end. I have been very much impressed since I came to the Board of Trade with what one speaker has called the great and growing discontent with the whole system, and I am also impressed with this: I meet some German traders from time to time, and they impress on me their greatest possible satisfaction with their railway system. Whether the German is a much more contented animal than the