

Coming up in the fourth episode of “Porter Talk,” we’ll explore sleeping car porters’ long fight to gain rights and respect on the job and how their collective efforts created the conditions for a unionized workforce.

**Stanley Grizzle:** I think that one of the best lessons that can be learned from the-the presence of sleeping car porters, uh, all Black men, is that um, they can do it themselves. We organized a union, without a government grant. On our paltry income, we were able to do for ourselves, organize a union ... So the lessons that the porters can give to the community, and it’s important that the-the history of the porters be documented, is that uh— you have the ability if you wish, to-to throw off the shackles of uh, of-of slavery and uh, free yourself.

Stay tuned for the next episode of “Porter Talk”: “The Long Fight for Porters’ Rights.” You can subscribe for free to *Discover Library and Archives Canada* wherever you get your podcasts!