Episode 5 Trailer

Coming up in the fifth episode of "Porter Talk," we'll meet some of the strong and devoted women who stood with porters. As the railway pulled men away from their homes and communities, these women stepped up and became leaders in their own right. Union gains would not have been possible without their commitment to the cause.

Saje Mathieu: These were the women, who year after year, month after month, generation after generation, witnessed their loved ones come back from work feeling belittled, dehumanized, frustrated, harmed, accosted, sometimes racially accosted, sick from having to work in smoky, sooty spaces, suffering from constant sleep deprivation. It is those women who had had to spackle those men back together, right, stitched them back together, ironed those uniforms, reminded the men that they were respected at home and in their communities, if not always in their workplace.

Stay tuned for the next episode of "Porter Talk," entitled "The Women Who Stood With Porters." You can subscribe for free to *Discover Library and Archives Canada* wherever you get your podcasts!