

Mr. NEILL: This wire says that to reserve or restrict employment to Canadians on ships would be contrary to the spirit of the British Commonwealth Merchant Shipping Agreement signed in London on the 10th of December, 1931. Could we have a copy of that, so that we will know what we are doing?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, we can get that.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. Have you any knowledge of that, as to what is the nature of it?—A. I presume he is referring to the Act there. I do not think I have got that.

Q. It is not an act; it is an agreement.—A. Yes, it is an agreement.

Q. The British Commonwealth Merchant Shipping Agreement.—A. I have not got it, but I might probably get one.

Q. When they send wires saying it is contrary to the agreement, I think they should submit the agreement.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, we should have that agreement. You will try and get a copy of that?

WITNESS: I have an extract from it here, as follows:

#### PART IV

##### EQUAL TREATMENT

Article 10. Each Part of the British Commonwealth agrees to grant access to its ports to all ships registered in the British Commonwealth on equal terms and undertakes that no laws or regulations relating to seagoing ships at any time in force in that Part shall apply more favourably to ships registered in that Part, or to the ships of any foreign country, than they apply to any ship registered in any other Part of the Commonwealth.

Article 11. While each Part of the British Commonwealth may regulate its own coasting trade, it is agreed that any laws or regulations from time to time in force for that purpose shall treat all ships registered in the British Commonwealth in exactly the same manner as ships registered in that Part, and not less favourably in any respect than ships of any foreign country.

Article 12. Nothing in the present Agreement shall be deemed—

- (i) to derogate from the right of every Part of the Commonwealth to impose customs tariff duties on ships built outside that Part; or
- (ii) to restrict the right of the Government of each Part of the Commonwealth to give financial assistance to ships registered in that Part or its right to regulate the sea fisheries of that Part.

Mr. BETTS: I take it we shall be furnished with copies of the brief that is before us this morning. I was not fortunate enough to get one.

The CHAIRMAN: Everything that was said this morning will be in your committee report. Are there any other questions?

*By Mr. Massey:*

Q. May I ask a question. These ships go to Japan as well as China. What is the reaction of the Japanese to the fact that there are no Japanese on these ships, but all Chinese?—A. Oh, the Japanese mostly travel on their own line.

Q. The Japanese merchants for example. It was contended that the Americans employ 75 per cent of their nationals.—A. The Japanese is an entirely different type of man from what the Chinaman is. They do not react against these matters; they do not pay any attention to that. They have their own vessels and they patronize their own vessels pretty well.