

Mr. NEILL: I was just comparing the two, as to the number of the crew.

*By Mr. MacNicol:*

Q. Let me interrupt for a moment. Remembering the observation that Mr. Bawden has just made about 5 of these ships being freighters, would that make any difference?

Mr. NEILL: That would pull it down.

WITNESS: That would pull it down, because these freighters would only have a crew of about 50 or 60 all told, I think, for each ship.

Mr. MACNICOL: Would that make the crews of the ships in both east and west comparably the same?

Mr. NEILL: It would be impossible to tell unless you took specific cases. I was only guessing.

WITNESS: It is impossible to say for another reason. On the Pacific coast the four ships are employed all the time. On the Atlantic coast they are not all employed. One or two of the ships may be laid up. I do not know whether the *Empress of Australia* is at present chartered for a cruise or whether she is laid up until the summer season.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. The only way to tell would be to take two ships of similar size.—A. And get a statement of the crews.

Mr. HILL: I think they are very close to being the same size. I think that the crew on the Atlantic is about 500.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. A witness last week said that a white man could do as much work as 2, if not 3 orientals. I hardly think it would go to 3, but I think it would be 2 easily enough. Here is a company that has a loophole left for it. Why is the clause left out of this contract where it is most essential? Why is that not put in there?—A. As I stated before, that clause has never been in the Canada, China, Japan contract.

Q. That is a very poor reason.—A. I have not been present at all the negotiations, but I presume the company would refuse to sign the contract if the clause were in.

Q. Well, we do not know that.—A. I cannot say as to that.

Q. There is a company with which it is possible to apply the policy of having a white crew, to a certain extent; and that very company is the one that the clause has never been applied to. It is not in the contract?—A. No, it is not in the contract.

Mr. NEILL: Well, there you are.

Mr. MACNICOL: What company is that?

WITNESS: The Canadian Pacific Railway.

The CHAIRMAN: Any information about that can be obtained from the C.P.R. when it makes its submission later.

WITNESS: Yes.

Mr. MACNICOL: When do you anticipate having the railway's representative here?

The CHAIRMAN: They cannot come until after Easter.

WITNESS: *Canada and New Zealand:* The usual "British Subjects" clause is included in the contract. The contractors state that 445 Australians, 55 New Zealanders, 8 Canadians and 2 Fijians (all British subjects), are employed