

The CHAIRMAN: Then we have a statement this morning by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. You will remember that a representative was to make a submission two or three weeks ago. I have a letter dated Ottawa, April 21, 1936, in which this statement is made:—

We would respectfully ask that the Committee on International & Industrial Relations hear us in respect to Mr. Reid's resolution regarding the employment of Orientals on ships receiving subsidies, on May 8th instead of the 24th instant as was suggested.

We have to gather considerable data which is taking some time and further our Solicitor who is to present the brief has an important engagement on May 1st, which it is necessary he attend. It will be absolutely impossible for us to appear on the 24th instant.

Yours very truly,
General Executive Assistant

That is an explanation of why our meeting has been delayed and why it could only be held to-day. Mr. Flintoft of the C.P.R. is here, and I presume it is the wish of the committee to hear Mr. Flintoft.

The secretary will administer the oath.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. E. P. Flintoft, General Counsel for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will now give us his brief.

Mr. FLINTOFT: I am really appearing as counsel for the company. Commander Aikman appears before you as a witness. I have here a brief, but I would not care to swear to it because it has been compiled by the officials of the company. The material has been assembled largely from the official records, and I can present it as such; but so far as the evidence it concerned Commander Aikman, who is in charge of the trans-Pacific services and possesses first-hand information, will testify before you.

I desire in the first place to submit a general brief that has been prepared, and I know that you are pressed for time so perhaps I may be permitted to comment upon a few features of it and the practical aspect of it will be dealt with by Commander Aikman.

The CHAIRMAN: The whole brief will be extended in the record of the proceedings.

Mr. FLINTOFT: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that satisfactory to the committee?

Mr. MACNICOL: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Very well, Mr. Flintoft.

Mr. FLINTOFT: This brief, sir, refers to the finding of the committee last year.

Mr. NEILL: Would you mind quoting the page number when you refer to anything specifically?

Mr. FLINTOFT: I am commencing at the first page. It deals with the shipping services which the company carries on: first, the trans-oceanic services, the trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific; then the British Columbia Coast service, and finally the inland waters services throughout Canada. In the last nine services, that is to say, the inland waters services and the British Columbia Coast fourteen hundred Canadian citizens are employed.

Memorandum in respect to Resolution of Mr. Thomas Reid, M.P., regarding the employment of Canadian citizens on ships and vessels, the owners or charterers of which receive moneys from the Public Treasury of Canada.

[Mr. E. P. Flintoft.]