

Q. It is absurd to say that the report of the Postmaster General of the United States is not available for the last five years.—A. Well, we can get the figures up to date.

Q. Why bring that which is five years old?—A. Because personally I did not draft this.

Q. Then on page 7 you said—and this is your brief, not mine—that the Americans in the United States, when subsidizing these boats, require that 75 per cent of the crew shall be American citizens?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you not think that, if they can make that stipulation, we can make the same?—A. I asked that that be corrected to two-thirds.

Q. You admit that the Americans do recognize the need for taking care of their own nationals?—A. Well, I would not want to—

Q. No, I know you would not want to.—A. I would not want to follow the United States, as a nation with a merchant marine, with all the troubles that I have seen.

Q. I have in my hand a wire that the Chairman read at the beginning of these proceedings. It is not signed, by the way, Mr. Chairman. Who signed it? There is no signature to it at all.

The CHAIRMAN: There is no signature?

Mr. NEILL: No.

Mr. MARTIN: It may be one of Mr. Reid's constituents.

The CHAIRMAN: There must be a signature some place.

Mr. NEILL: Who did sign that?

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. Did you have anything to do with this, Mr. Clendenning?—A. No.

The CHAIRMAN: No, look at the top.

Mr. NEILL: They signed it upside down? I cannot see it.

WITNESS: I can understand this: A copy of this brief was sent by the secretary of the Vancouver Merchants' Exchange to the Shipping Federation of Montreal.

The CHAIRMAN: Just a minute; it is signed, "Shipping Federation of Canada" on the last line, Mr. Neill.

Mr. MACNICOL: Mr. Neill did not have his spectacles on, I guess.

Mr. NEILL: "10th December, 1931, Shipping Federation of Canada." I take it all back. It is signed.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. Mr. Clendenning, this was O.K'd by your branch in Vancouver on March 5, I think, and here it is O.K'd by the Montreal people, and it says: "This Federation strongly endorses." Did it come before their executive or an annual meeting or in what way was it endorsed?—A. I don't know as far as the Shipping Federation of Montreal is concerned. I don't know anything about that, other than I know the organization. I did not have anything at all to do with it other than, as I say, the Secretary sent me a copy of the letter that he sent to the Shipping Federation of Canada. That is customary between both the Merchants' Exchange in Vancouver and the Shipping Federation in Montreal.

Q. They got pretty quick work, did they not? It was only passed by you in Vancouver on the 5th, and it takes six days to go to Montreal, and this is dated the 12th.

Mrs. BLACK: I dare say they could telegraph.

[Mr. F. H. Clendenning.]