

*By Mr. Howden:*

Q. Can you give us some idea of how many strikes the Chinese service has been involved in over a number of years which would give us some average for them?—A. As far as I know, there has been only one strike. I do not know of any other strike since I went into the business. I will not say there have not been others, but I do not know of any others.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. What was the date of that strike?—A. That was about 1923, I think.

Q. And where was it?—A. Hong Kong; but I was not on the Pacific coast at the time.

*By Mr. Reid:*

Q. In view of the fact that most of the crew is not allowed to land when the ship is in port, who gives them a certificate of competency?—A. The examiner of masters and mates in Vancouver.

Q. He goes aboard.—A. He goes abroad. It has to be done on the water; it cannot be done on the shore.

*By Mr. MacNicol:*

Q. I had some impression that a Chinese crew was not allowed to land at Vancouver?—A. The immigration authorities do not allow them to land.

Mr. NEILL: And there is a heavy penalty of \$1,000 if you let one away.

WITNESS: Yes.

Mr. MACNICOL: If they are absolutely loyal to the ships why would they want to run away.

Mr. HOWDEN: They might want to get on shore for a spree.

Mr. NEILL: Yes, and then they would come into Canada free. There is a heavy penalty on the ships.

*By Mr. MacInnis:*

Q. If they are Canadian citizens they are allowed to land?—A. I do not see how they could stop Canadian citizens from landing.

Q. The reason they are not allowed on land is that they are Orientals without Canadian domicile; but they would like to stay in the country as immigrants.

*By Mr. MacNicol:*

Q. They would all be Britishers from Hong Kong anyway?—A. They are all signed on at Hong Kong.

Q. But most of them are Britishers born in Hong Kong.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. All Orientals, labouring Orientals, are excluded from landing in Canada?—A. The fact that they are born in Hong Kong does not permit them to land in Canada.

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. I am rather interested in this phase of the inquiry. You mentioned you were now training stewards and certain classes for future work?—A. Yes, in supervisory capacity.

Q. You do not include stewards? Just to what classes do you refer; is it officers only?—A. After we train them they are deck officers; we train them for pursers and for supervising stewards, white deck stewards and smoking-room stewards and anything up to chief steward.

[Captain Edmund Aikman.]