

Q. That would leave a balance of only 33½ per cent for foreign labour?—A. That is correct.

Q. Now, what type of—what part of the crew would come from Canada?—A. Well, the men I know who have gone have been oilers, firemen, and some of them have been stewards and some have been able bodied seamen.

Q. You spoke about the Canadian National steamships. Did you include the "Lady" boats?—A. No; just on the Pacific coast.

Q. Then, are you aware of the situation which we have in the east?—A. Yes.

Q. And sympathetic to it?—A. Absolutely.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. Some of the representations made on behalf of the shipping people contained the statement that it would cost one million dollars to change the quarters over to the white seamen. You have been on board the boats. The British Board of Trade regulations require a certain number of cubic feet for each seaman; are those rules and regulations not complied with at the present time in the matter of Chinese quarters?—A. They must be.

Q. Then the same quarters could accommodate the white men?—A. Absolutely.

Q. What about this million dollars? It has been said it would take not a million dollars to operate but a million dollars to change the quarters?—A. All I suggest is to fumigate the ships. Never mind about the labour quarters, the quarters are all right.

Q. You stated that the quartermasters are all orientals; is that correct?—A. Yes.

Q. The quartermaster is a very important man on board ship, is he not?—A. A very important man.

Q. Can you give us any information as to the wages that these Chinamen are paid per month?—A. They are paid on the average from \$9 to \$10. That would be in exchange—

Q. What would the British man get—£4 10s?—A. No. The British quartermaster is actually getting £9 10s.

Q. So that \$9 would refer to Chinese quartermasters?—A. Yes. It fluctuates—\$9.50 some months and sometimes \$10.

Q. One man gets as many pounds as the other gets dollars?—A. Yes.

Q. What about the deck-hands?—A. That comes down accordingly.

Q. Some mention was made about the Congress of Organizations. Is there any suggestion at all that that is in any way controlled or dominated by United States influences?—A. Why no. That Congress of Canadian Organizations is all native sons practically.

Q. Entirely a Vancouver organization?—A. They are all in eastern and western Canada; they are all business men, all men connected with different organizations. We have lawyers in it, and we are affiliated with it. We are fighting for the welfare of the native sons of Canada.

Q. You have no affiliations with Americans?—A. No, they could not.

The CHAIRMAN: I always understood the Native Sons was an eminently Canadian organization.

Mr. MARTIN: There is no question about it.

Mr. ISNOR: The object is definitely stated in their charter which says that they are loyal sons of the empire.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. It was stated in the house the other day, so it is common property, that 45 Japanese had been let out in connection with a strike, I think they said, and they could not get back again on account of the movement that has