

At the same time, I was requested to convey to you the recommendation that a greater effort should be made by steamship companies in arranging for the gradual employment of a larger percentage of white seamen.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) R. V. ROBINSON,
Assistant Secretary B.C. Division.

Mr. NEILL: You read too much, Mr. Clerk; you should have stopped at the second paragraph.

The CHAIRMAN: You asked me to name a sub-committee to deal with future submissions to the committee, and I will name the following: Messrs. Isnor, MacInnis, MacNicol, Howden and myself.

Mr. MARTIN: As a new member I would like to ask whether this committee is going to deal with problems of unemployment and corollary matters such as housing problems and ways and means of taking care of emergencies.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, I will answer that question in this way: when resolutions dealing with these matters are brought up in the House it will be for the government and the House in support of the government to ask this or some other committee to deal with those matters. Of course there is a reference before the House dealing with the annual report of the External Affairs department which has been sent to this committee for the first time.

Mr. NEILL: We could cover almost anything under that submission.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. If anything in that report comes before this committee we will have representatives from the External Affairs department to deal with it.

Mr. TUCKER: Can this committee not ask leave to study a certain question and get power from the House?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes; but we shall have to have leave of the House.

Mr. McIVOR: Suppose I want to bring up the question of the difficulties of sailors at the head of the lakes?

The CHAIRMAN: I do not see why you should be barred from doing that. However, if there are many members whose ideas run along these lines, I may say that the Minister of Labour is a member of this committee, and we can ask Mr. Rogers to attend the meeting to answer questions pertaining to unemployment and other vital matters.

The committee adjourned to the call of the chair.