

Q. In the lumber camps or in the sawmills, or the various factories you could employ cheaper and more docile Chinese labour than you could white labour?—A. I do not operate lumber camps.

Q. But there are lumber camps and such operations in Canada?—A. Yes.

Q. I am not particularly objecting to the employment of coloured labour, but as far as Canada is concerned at this time I think we should reserve our employment for Canadian citizens as far as possible. I am also concerned about the conditions under which they work and live? (No response)

*By Mrs. Black:*

Q. Well, I have been in two of the Empresses and have been through the Chinese quarters, and the Chinese quarters on those ships are clean. Also the men are decently clad and decently fed and decently treated. I have had the opportunity of going through the Empress of Japan a number of times, because an old-time Yukoner there is in charge of the Chinese crew, and I say it is entirely incorrect to say the Chinese are treated like slaves and quartered like slaves.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to leave with the committee the feeling that that term is too strong?

Mr. MACINNIS: No. I maintain that all people who sell their labour are wage slaves.

Mr. MACNICOL: We are all slaves under that definition.

The CHAIRMAN: The term "wage slaves" is a little bit different from the other term used.

It is now one o'clock and we shall have to meet again at four o'clock if we are to complete this evidence today.

Mr. NEILL: Four o'clock this afternoon?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, this is Friday.

Mr. NEILL: The estimates are coming up. Let us sit tomorrow morning.

The CHAIRMAN: We cannot sit on Saturday. Many members go away tonight.

Mr. NEILL: There is no need for them to go away. They are paid to stay here.

Mrs. BLACK: It is convenient for you to stay because you cannot get away.

The CHAIRMAN: We shall adjourn now until four o'clock this afternoon.

Whereupon the committee adjourned at 1 o'clock p.m. until 4 o'clock p.m.

#### THE COMMITTEE RESUMED AT 4 O'CLOCK P.M.

Captain Edmund AIKMAN, R.N.R., resumed the stand.

The CHAIRMAN: We will ask Captain Edmund Aikman of the Royal Naval Reserve to continue with his evidence.

Mr. NEIL: Is the witness a captain or a commodore or a commander?

WITNESS: "Captain" is the correct title. If you will look at the retired list of officers of the Royal Naval Reserve you will see that that is correct.

With your permission I will read my submission:—

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