

witnesses in all were examined, including twenty-seven Japanese, thirty-five Chinese, fifteen Hindus and twenty-four other persons. ^{hearings conducted} ~~Sittings~~ were held in both the cities of Vancouver and Victoria. Besides the sittings held in the regular places of meeting, witnesses were also examined at the Detention Shed, Vancouver, the freight shed at Victoria and on board the steamships Princess Victoria and Kumeric. A number of the immigrants on the latter ship were examined on her arrival from the Orient and before communication had been held by them with any persons on this side.

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Mr. Charles W. Wilson, K.C., ex-Attorney General of the Province of British Columbia, appeared before the Commission on behalf of the Government of ^{that} ~~the~~ Province of British Columbia, and Mr. George R. Cowan, City Solicitor, ~~of the City of Vancouver,~~ appeared on behalf of the city of Vancouver.

Mr. Harry Cowan was appointed by the Asiatic Exclusion League of Vancouver to appear before the Commission on behalf of the League. Mr. Cowan was present at all the sittings of the Commission and assisted counsel, but did not take part in the examination of witnesses.

The direct examination of the witnesses was conducted by the Commissioner, the witnesses being also examined by counsel for the Government of British Columbia and counsel for the City of Vancouver, who were accorded the right of questioning all witnesses and of having any persons called whom they desired to have appear before the Commission.

I made it plain at the outset of the enquiry that it was my desire to make the investigation as thorough and searching as possible, and that to this end, I would welcome suggestions and assistance from any source. The presence of able counsel on behalf of ^{Province} ~~both the~~ ~~Government~~ of British Columbia and the municipality of Vancouver warrant me in asserting that no phase of the subject, which by reason of local conditions or other ^{may have been} ~~considerations~~ ^{either} ~~was~~ of special significance to the Province or the