

*By Mr. Flintoft:*

Q. Could you have Chinese to serve the Chinese and whites to serve the whites, the first-class passengers?—A. No; you could not mix them; I am confident that it would result in trouble. Our first and tourist-class passengers prefer to have the Chinese look after them, and we have to meet the wishes of our clients. We definitely attract business to our ships because we can give such service we do give, and they prefer the Chinese bedroom boys and waiters to look after them.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. The white people do?—A. Yes. They have so expressed themselves, not once but many times.

Q. Have you that in writing?—A. Not here; but I know that as a fact because I travel frequently in the ships, and I know we attract a lot of business from the United States; and I make a point of contacting personally those who come from the United States in order to ascertain why they travel on our ships, because it is bringing money into Canada from outside.

Q. Did not the United States pass an anti-Japanese exclusion law?—A. Well, the United States citizens seem to prefer not to travel under their own flag on account of having the Chinese service on our ships.

Q. I would like you to modify that statement.

Q. You say they travel on our ships because they want Japanese servants?—A. Now you are trying to trip me up.

Q. Oh, no.—A. Yes, you are.

Mr. FLINTOFT: Yes, you are.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. You said the Americans prefer to travel on our boats because they prefer Japanese service?—A. No.

Mrs. BLACK: He never mentioned "Japanese."

Mr. FLINTOFT: I think Mr. Neill is twisting the answer of the witness. The witness did not wish to give this committee the idea that United States citizens travelled on our boats because they preferred Chinese service but because they received superior service from our line. I am sure if the witness is allowed to explain his position there will be no question about it.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Proceed.—A. Here is the situation: I travel on the ships and meet people who come from outside and bring revenue to Canadian ships, a great many of those coming from the United States. When I draw these people into conversation invariable they say in effect: "We are very disloyal at sea so far as our flag is concerned," and when I draw them out a little more they say they travel in our ships because they feel safe and because our ships are thoroughly disciplined and they get a service which they cannot get elsewhere. What I am fighting for today is to maintain the prestige of the service of the C.P.R., which is an asset to this country.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. That is a better statement.—A. Very well.

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. You said you could do with a smaller crew of Chinese?—A. Yes, but I could not give the same efficient service.

[Captain Edmund Aikman.]