

Mr. MACINNIS: And Chinese cooks.

Mr. FLINTOFT: That was in competition with the eastward or Cape of Good Hope route.

Mr. MACINNIS: There is a streak of yellow in the all red route.

The CHAIRMAN: We are giving a new meaning to the word "red".

Mr. FLINTOFT: I am sorry I did not get that.

Mr. MACINNIS: It does not matter.

Mr. FLINTOFT: I was going to say that that was the original situation. Later on the Panama Canal was started, and that introduced a tremendous additional competitive factor in the field, and we are up against that. I suppose my good friend Mr. Reid is possibly—I do not blame him a bit; he wants to increase employment for his constituents, the people who are immediately under his eye.

Mr. REID: I object to the words "his constituents". That might be interpreted wrongly. As a matter of fact, a great number of the people I am interested in are living in Vancouver; they are Canadian citizens.

Mr. FLINTOFT: The speaker orders me to withdraw, and I withdraw. Canadian citizens. People around Vancouver and New Westminster and that territory. I think that is Mr. Reid's primary interest. Now, sir, I suggest that there is the wider interest, and I speak of the Canadian interest as a whole, to be considered; and it would be a great mistake to do anything that would in any way interfere with the character of the service we have built up on the Pacific which is of such great value to Canada and to Canadian labour, because it means that every ton of freight we bring across the Pacific means something more for the Canadian railways to carry, and the same is true with regard to passengers.

By Mr. MacNicol:

Q. Are all your crews on your railways Canadian citizens?—A. Yes.

Q. They are not coloured at all—I mean your enginemen and brakemen and conductors?—A. Generally speaking, yes.

By Mr. Howden:

Q. Have you any service using the Panama Canal?—A. Not except our around the world cruise. In that case the Briton goes through on her around the world cruise and pays them about \$20,000 each crack.

Q. I mean to say that your steamship service is largely a feeder for your transcontinental railway service?—A. Quite. That around the world cruise is a special feature, of course. We do not operate any steamship services through the Panama Canal; they are all co-ordinated with our rail services through Canada.

Q. Quite.—A. Unless there are some further questions, I think I have taken up more time than I intended to.

Mr. MACNICOL: The question I would like to ask has nothing to do with the colour of the crews. At the bottom of page 14 of the brief this statement appears:—

The C.P.R. Empress boats are subsidized by the British Admiralty because of their speed, and because they can stand the recoil of a gun, etc.

I was wondering what size of gun they can stand the recoil of.

Mr. FLINTOFT: I did not take the time to read through that brief. The last two pages are really dealing with statements made by Mr. O'Donovan or the [Mr. E. P. Flintoft.]