

Mr. HOWDEN: Should they not be read by the clerk?

The CHAIRMAN: Do you want them all read?

Mr. HOWDEN: Not all. We should know what is in them.

The CHAIRMAN: Is it the wish of the committee that we read all these letters one by one?

Mr. NEILL: If we could hear what is in some of them, just the general nature.

Mr. McINTOSH: All right. We shall have the clerk read them.

The CLERK: This is a letter from the Minister of Public Works and Mines, province of Nova Scotia:—

The bearer, Mr. Walter Johnston, President of the Seamen's Union of Halifax, and delegate of the Trades and Labour Congress of Halifax City and District, is proceeding to Ottawa on matters connected with labour affairs in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Johnston is particularly interested in the seamen's welfare and is strongly of the opinion that only Canadians should be employed on Canadian ships. Any attention or consideration that you can give to Mr. Johnston while he is in Ottawa will be greatly appreciated by all concerned.

A great many of the men in Halifax represented by Mr. Johnston are now on relief and therefore it is of the utmost importance that every attention be given to this phase of Mr. Johnston's presentation.

That is signed by M. Dwyer, the Minister of Public Works and Mines.

The next is a letter from the office of the Mayor, Halifax, Nova Scotia:—

This will introduce to you Mr. Walter Johnson, President of the Nova Scotia Seamen's Union, who is journeying to Ottawa to place before the Industrial Relations Committee the position of Nova Scotia seamen. He is particularly interested in the employment of Canadians on Canadian ships.

I would personally appreciate any assistance that you find free to give him in his endeavour to put before the Committee the position of this particular class of our people.

Mr. HOWDEN: If I may interrupt, are these all endorsements?

The CHAIRMAN: They are practically all endorsements of our witness, and contain a word or two in connection with the reference before the committee about which we are all very well acquainted.

Mr. HOWDEN: Then it is not necessary to go through them all.

The CHAIRMAN: I thought not. I might mention that I have one more letter from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. There is also one from the City Fire Fighters' Benevolent and Protective Association of Halifax.

Mr. HOWDEN: These are all in support of our witness, are they?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. I might also mention that attached to the letter from the President of Local 1341, I.L.P., there is a resolution by the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada which was submitted to the Fifty-first Convention, Halifax, Nova Scotia, September 16, 1935. I will read this communication:—

The bearer, Mr. Walter Johnson, is President of the Nova Scotia Seamen's Union. Mr. Johnson is visiting Ottawa in connection with a Resolution that was adopted at the Fifty-first Convention of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, a copy of which is attached hereto.