

On April 27th the hon. member for Vancouver (Mr. Ralph Smith) gave notice of motion for return as follows:

For a statement showing the names of all American aliens employed in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific surveys in Canada; the nature of their employment, and the reasons for their employment, to the exclusion of Canadians.

#### Aliens Were Being Employed.

You will notice, Mr. Speaker, that, in this notice of motion the hon. member for Vancouver takes it for granted—no doubt knowing it to be true—that aliens were being employed by the Grand Trunk Railway in making surveys on this line. I have a letter here signed on behalf of the Dominion Institute of Amalgamated Engineering, for Manitoba, Northwest Territories and British Columbia, to the Minister of Railways, in which the charges are made and reiterated. They also say in this letter that there are any number of civil engineers in Canada out of employment, a great many more than were required by the Grand Trunk Pacific Company. The letter, which is from Winnipeg, says that:

Men trained and experienced in railroad engineering work are now employed in subordinate commercial positions here at inferior remuneration, who are anxious to secure engineering work, but could not do so and were compelled to resort to some other means of securing a living and maintaining their families.

If the government will grant us a commission of inquiry with power to take evidence under oath to send for persons and papers and to incur all necessary cost and sit until the investigation is completed, we will not only prove every general statement made but much more.

Later in the letter is the following quotation from a letter written to the Prime Minister by Mr. Hays:

So far as I can learn, last year ninety-five per cent. (95 per cent.) of the Grand Trunk Pacific staff were Canadians or British subjects. It is represented that of the entire staff of ninety-four (94) last session, eighty-nine (89) were Canadians.

Discussing this they say:

If this statement be thoroughly and critically examined it can easily be

proven to be absolutely untrue. Either the Grand Trunk Pacific management are wilfully deceiving your government or the engineering officials are wilfully deceiving the management of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

To prove that the statement made by the Grand Trunk Pacific, that out of the entire staff of ninety-four, eighty-nine were Canadians, is untrue, I herewith give part of the personnel of the Winnipeg and Edmonton division alone:

#### Names and Residence of Aliens Given.

G. A. Kyle, divisional engineer, residence, 1820 North Yorkina Avenue, Tacoma, Wash.; G. M. Kyle, engineer, (brother of G. A. Kyle), residence 1230 Yorkina Avenue, Tacoma, Wash.; Allan, office engineer, residence, St. Paul, Minnesota; (a relative of G. A. Kyle or J. R. Stevens); Kellar, engineer, residence, Cleveland, Ohio; J. Heaman, engineer, residence, Oklahoma; Raymond Heckman, engineer, residence, Tacoma, Wash.; (nephew of G. A. Kyle); William Meyers, engineer, residence, Portland, Oregon; Nutting, locating engineer, residence: W. Mason, draughtsman, residence; M. H. Goodman, draughtsman, (now transferred to Grand Trunk Pacific office, Montreal); Van Aradalle, divisional engineer, residence, Portland, Oregon; McNeil, district engineer, residence, Indiana; W. Jones, engineer, residence, St. Paul, Minnesota; Hare, engineer, residence, Wisconsin; Wm. Mann, sr., engineer, residence, 1215 Stopple street, Cincinnati, Ohio; W. Mann, jr., engineer, residence, 1215 Stopple street, Cincinnati, Ohio; Hicks, transitman, residence, Tacoma, Wash.; Anderson, topographer, residence, Seattle, Washington.

And several others. All these names were in possession of the government as engineers from the other side who were brought in here to take the place of our men—our men who are willing to work—our men who are out of employment—but the Minister of Labor would not even make an investigation until a few days ago when he telegraphed for one of these engineers to come down from Winnipeg, when nearly one-half of the surveying work in the Northwest had been completed.

In the year 1900, when I first became a member of this House, I had the honor to introduce a bill in the