

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. You feel that if the officials at Halifax were inclined to be friendly to your organization they would have placed your Canadian returned man in preference to the West Indian?—A. Yes, sir.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. You think that is unfair discrimination?—A. Yes, sir.

Mrs. BLACK: Are we going to hear from representatives of the Canadian National in regard to this matter?

The CHAIRMAN: They are giving us the information we asked for. I do not think they want to appear before the committee.

Mr. JOHNSON, the members of the committee would like to thank you for your submission.

Mr. ISNOR: I think it should go on record in the formal way.

Mrs. BLACK: I move a vote of thanks to Mr. Johnson for his submission.

Mr. MACKENZIE: I second the motion.

The CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mrs. Black, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, that a very hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Johnson for the submission he has made this morning. (Carried.)

Witness discharged.

The CHAIRMAN: What about this submission from Mr. J. J. Kinley of Lunenburg?

Mr. HOWDEN: We have time enough now to hear it.

The CHAIRMAN: Then the secretary will read Mr. Kinley's submission.

The SECRETARY: The submission is dated February 27, 1936, and reads:—

Mr. Speaker:—

I desire to express approval of the general intent of the resolution before the House. To my mind, however, it is hardly desirable to draw the colour line when dealing with Canadian citizens in a matter of this kind. The purpose of the Honourable Member who moved the resolution ought to be accomplished without the elimination of any Canadian citizens.

Mr. NEILL: Is not that a speech made in the House?

The CHAIRMAN: Not as I understand it.

The SECRETARY:

I should like to go much further than the resolution and differentiate as between the coasting trade and the foreign trade. In the coasting trade I would endeavour to confine it to our nationals of Canada and the ships of Canadian registry and in the foreign trade there should be a fair percentage of Canadian citizens on all vessels where a construction or operating subsidy has been granted.

The other night the Right Honourable Leader of the opposition in speaking on a matter similar to this, said in effect that the British Commonwealth Merchant Shipping Agreement was eminently in the interest of Canada. This Agreement under Part IV, Articles 10 and 11, has taken away from Canada the rights and privileges that were intended under the Statute of Westminster. Section 93 of the report of the Imperial Conference of 1929 would indicate that. It says as follows:

The SECRETARY: Then something appears to be stricken out.