

or men working in the hold. The Chinamen do not desert. The white men do desert, because they are always on the lookout for something better. The Chinamen save their money and eventually they hope to be buried in the land of their fathers, of course. That is another thing. All the superior officers are white people.

Mr. McIVOR: Would that apply to the transatlantic ships?

Mrs. BLACK: I do not know anything about the transatlantic ships. I have been travelling up and down the west coast for thirty-eight years, and I know it well. Somebody mentioned Canadian Chinese. I have known some of these cooks who have been on these boats for years, and they have brought their sons and their grandsons and have worked them into positions. When I go on board, some of these old cooks that I have known for years say, "Missy likes this, Missy likes that." They always call me that. I know some of them very well. It would be too bad if they were let out.

Mr. HILL: The committee is working this morning on the principle that we are looking for a hundred per cent white sailors on these boats. I do not think that is the idea. We might be able to arrive at a percentage, which would be more agreeable to the seamen, and we might obtain that without any great trouble, and without taking up too much of the time of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: When we get all the evidence, that will be one question that we shall have to come to a conclusion on.

Mr. MACNICOL: Before the committee rises I should like to express my appreciation of the manner in which Mr. Clendenning has presented his report. I hope he does not think that any of us—

The CHAIRMAN: Would you make a motion to that effect?

Mr. MACNICOL: —object to his stand. Personally I have nothing in mind, whatever. I am doing the best I can for Canadians; and I am much interested in the fact that you represent such large business interests in Vancouver. That has made some impression on me. I want to do the best I can to ensure the employment of Canadian citizens. I think you are of the same opinion. If there are jobs for Canadian seamen we should not let Chinamen or any other nationality stand in the way of their obtaining the jobs.

The CHAIRMAN: Are you making a motion to that effect, Mr. MacNicol?

Mr. MACNICOL: If you so desire, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. McIVOR: I will second it.

Motion agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: I extend to you, Mr. Clendenning, the thanks of the committee for the information you have given us this morning.

WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I assure you I greatly appreciate the opportunity to appear here before you to-day, realizing it is a little out of order. I thank you all. I should like to say that there is no question, as far as the average Canadian is concerned, he would sooner see Canadian workmen on the ships than the others. With the experience we have had we know just what the result would be. Mrs. Black put it very, very well. If we had had white crews on the Empresses last summer they would have been tied up and you would not have had your mail service out of Vancouver. That would have been the position. We had a strike there as you know for six months before the longshoremen went back, and probably most of you gentlemen have read Mr. Justice Davis' report. It covered the situation very fully. I do not think any obligation can be put on the shipping interests without causing trouble.

Mr. MACINNIS: It is the privilege of free men to strike.