

Q. He made it higher than you made it?—A. Yes.

Q. Then he was not prejudicing your case?—A. No. I merely want to show that the comparative figures in my statement are very conservative figures.

Q. His figures?—A. He quoted a higher rate of wages than I allowed in making my calculations.

Q. For white men?—A. Yes.

Mr. MacNICOL: I suppose we shall have Captain Aikman's statement extended upon the record of the proceedings?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. REID: I have here a letter dated March, 1933, reading as follows:—

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SEAMEN

March 30, 1933.

Mr. T. REID, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

DEAR MR. REID:—Enclosed please find an affidavit sworn by a Canadian seaman before Mr. Duncan Crux, a local lawyer.

On Monday the 13th instant there were two jobs going on the SS. Junata, a ship chartered by the British Canadian Steamship Company and subsidized by the government from our public funds.

This is not the first instance a Canadian seaman, holding a Canadian Discharge Book, was insulted by an English sea captain, consequently we exposed the matter in the "Sun" on Monday the 27th instant, a copy of which I am sending you under separate cover.

Yours truly,

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SEAMEN

per (sgd) P. O'DONOVAN,
National Secretary.

Q. To the best of my knowledge I received six affidavits from men who claim they could not procure a job. When you made the statement that there are no seamen in Vancouver I seriously dispute it?—A. I am not saying there are no seamen there. I say I do not believe there are sufficient skilled seamen who would be satisfactory to us in Vancouver to man our ships.

By Mr. Neill:

Q. Then where does O'Donovan get his support from, his union?—A. I do not know, but I suggest to the committee that they should ask for a list of the names, nationalities, length of service, and whether they are holders of lifeboat certificates.

By the Chairman:

Q. A list of the men and the qualification of each man in the list?—A. Yes.

By Mr. MacNicol:

Q. You would have no objection to engaging a thoroughly qualified Canadian or Britisher who happened to be in Vancouver if he were out of work?—A. Provided I had a job available, no.