

and of these 696 were approved. The remainder for one reason or another were not eligible. Of the 696, 519 reported to the D.V.A. for training, but 175 did not report and the applications of two were deferred by reason of illness. Of those 519 for whom training was arranged, I am informed, two are still in training as river pilots. 367 completed the approved training, and 14 are continuing at their own expense. The remainder, for one reason or another, discontinued training.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, does the committee wish to hear from Captain Slocombe representing the Department of Transport who could give us an idea of what they have done or are doing in respect of this matter? It is five minutes to one. If the committee wish we could hear from Captain Slocombe perhaps in the five minutes that are left.

Mr. GREEN: We also have to hear from the Department of Labour.

The CHAIRMAN: We may as well go on until one o'clock. This gentleman is Captain F. S. Slocombe, Supervisor of Nautical Services, Department of Transport.

Mr. QUELCH: If the brief is going to take any time would it not be better to adjourn?

The CHAIRMAN: Captain Slocombe, could you give us any idea how long it would take you to give us your brief?

Mr. SLOCOMBE: I am glad you have asked that question because I have no brief. I just heard about this meeting an hour or so ago and I have nothing prepared.

The CHAIRMAN: You are prepared to answer questions?

Mr. SLOCOMBE: Yes.

Mr. HENDERSON: I would suggest that we adjourn until after lunch.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Crawford is here as director of Vocational Training of the Department of Labour and I take it, Mr. Crawford, that you have not a brief and are just here to answer questions?

Mr. CRAWFORD: Yes, sir, I am here to answer questions.

The CHAIRMAN: I suppose the committee would like to continue on with this matter this afternoon at 3.30.

Mr. GREEN: There is the debate on wheat in the House this afternoon and I cannot imagine any prairie farmer being willing to sit anywhere but in the House when the wheat debate is on.

The CHAIRMAN: I would like very much to be there but I realize that there is a desire to get this veterans affairs committee work finished and if it is the wish of the committee we will adjourn until this afternoon at 3.30.

Agreed.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum. Mr. Heide said that he had to leave on the train this afternoon; so he will not be able to stay with us until the conclusion of our meeting. Now we have with us Captain F. S. Slocombe, of the Department of Transport, and if he will come forward the committee may ask him some questions.

Mr. F. S. Slocombe, Supervisor of Nautical Services, Department of Transport, called:

Mr. HERRIDGE: Could Captain Slocombe give the committee some idea of what his department has done for the merchant seamen?