

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS, ROOM 429,

OTTAWA, April 3, 1936.

The Standing Committee on Industrial and International Relations met this day at 11 a.m., the Chairman, Mr. McIntosh, presiding.

The CHAIRMAN: We have a quorum now, gentlemen, and we can start our meeting. I understand you have to leave very shortly, Mr. Church, and that you have a matter which you wish to bring to the attention of the committee.

Mr. ISNOR: Before you leave this, I should like to refer to a matter brought up by Mr. Martin last week. It appears to me that this committee has considerable work before it at the present time, and I do not think we should go looking for extra work. I think we should be trying to clear up what is at the present time before us.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. ISNOR: I think if we adopt that policy and work along those lines, we will get somewhere. Otherwise we may be side-tracked.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that is sound. We have a certain duty to perform which was given us by the House. We must complete that job. If they give us any more work, we are ready for it.

We will now have the minutes of our previous meeting read by the clerk.

The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: You have heard the reading of the minutes, gentlemen. What is your pleasure?

Mr. MACINNIS: I move that they be adopted as read.

Mr. ISNOR: There is just one question in connection with that, in respect to the shipping companies. Could the clerk give us the details of the number of companies?

The CLERK: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Could we not have this motion dealt with first?

Mr. ISNOR: Of course, that is embodied in this motion. Still, it is all right if you want to dispose of the other first.

The CLERK: There were four shipping companies written to: The Union Steamship Company, the Silver-Java Line, the Canadian Pacific, and in conjunction with the Canadian Pacific, the Canadian Australasian Line.

Mr. ISNOR: They are all operating in the west.

The CHAIRMAN: You have not had word back yet have you?

The CLERK: Only from the C.P.R., that there are no orientals on the Canadian Australasian Line. The C.P.R. representative came to my office and told me that when they made their submission they would be pleased to furnish all that information.

Mr. ISNOR: The reason I raised the question is that the Canadian National steamships were not asked.