

Q. Seventy dollars?—A. Yes.

Q. And a waiter?—A. Well, waiters—

Q. There is only one.—A. I know. You mean on the Pacific coast?

Q. Yes.—A. They are getting \$60.

Q. Sixty dollars?—A. Yes.

Q. And an oiler?—A. An oiler, \$70.

Q. An able seaman?—A. An able seaman, about \$65.

Q. That is your schedule?—A. That is ours. But they are not all paying that.

Q. No. I am asking about yours.—A. That is ours.

By Mr. Howden:

Q. Is that the schedule or ordinary scale? Is that the understood schedule of anybody, or just what the shipping interests are offering?—A. No. The shipping interests would offer him \$40 a month if they could get away with it.

Mr. ISNOR: I wanted to know what their schedule was.

By Mr. Howden:

Q. Is this schedule set by law or what?—A. No, it is not set by law. We are asking to have it set by law. We are asking for a seamen's fair wage board.

Q. The reason the companies are paying this price is because they have to pay it; is that the idea?—A. Absolutely. Some of them are shamed into doing it.

Q. There is a sort of loose understanding between these companies and the seamen that a seaman doing a certain service will receive a certain wage without there being a hard and fast agreement?—A. Yes.

Q. I see.—A. That is it.

The CHAIRMAN: Our time is just about up. Are there any more questions?

Mr. McIVOR: I should like to move a vote of thanks to the witness. He has shown himself to be an able representative of the organization that he represents, when he could take in in quick order the questions that have been put to him from the members here and answer them, and he has shown himself honest in his way of doing it.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I would second that motion.

The CHAIRMAN: It is moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. O'Donovan for his submission to the committee this morning, and for the interest that he has taken in answering the questions put to him by the various members who are present. All in favour of the motion?

(Carried.)

Mr. O'Donovan, I have much pleasure in presenting to you the vote of thanks of the committee for your able presentation on the reference before it.

Mr. NEILL: I should like to make a motion, if I may. We have all heard what has been said to-day, and the witness has indicated that he had trouble getting certain information which I think is pertinent to the discussion. I move this, if it is acceptable to the committee, that the clerk be instructed to write to the shipping companies on the Pacific coast and ask them for a statement showing: (1) Wages paid by them to white crews, detailing the various grades; (2) The same applied to Orientals; (3) The cost of feeding white crews; (4) The costs of feeding Oriental crews. Then we will know.