

Q. In other words, the English seamen would not object to having forty-five British subjects from Canada with the rest of the British subjects from the British Isles?—A. Oh, no.

Q. That is what I wanted stated definitely?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Isnor:

Q. Your records will no doubt show the wages paid previous to 1913 to the original Empress boats?—A. Previous to 1913?

Q. Yes?—A. I have not those figures.

Q. Your records would show?—A. They might. I do not know that we actually have the figures now.

Q. They were manned at that time by white crews so far as the deck was concerned?—A. Yes.

Q. That would be interesting for us to know?—A. We nearly always had to send to Great Britain for those crews; we could not get them in Canada.

Q. But they were on the boats at the time. You had a white deck crew in 1913?—A. Yes, up to about 1913.

Q. 1913 or 1914?—A. Yes.

Q. Your records would show the cost at that time?—A. What has the cost at that time to do with the cost now?

Q. It is for me to make that comparison. I wonder if you would be good enough to supply the chairman with that information?—A. If the records are available I shall be glad to do so, but I doubt very much if they are.

Mr. ISNOR: Mr. Chairman, I do not think the witness should answer: "What has the cost at that time to do with the cost now?" If the witness wishes to adopt that attitude, well and good.

WITNESS: I certainly apologize.

By the Chairman:

Q. If the information can be obtained, kindly produce it?—A. If the information is available I will produce it.

By Mr. Neill:

Q. Your records up to 1913 will be available?—A. Not necessarily; they may have been destroyed. Our offices were changed in 1927 and a great number of the old records were destroyed when we changed to new offices.

By Mr. Dubuc:

Q. Would it be possible to get the information as to how many Canadian seamen are on the Atlantic service and how many other seamen are on all other services?—A. I would not be able to supply you with that information.

Q. Could it be supplied?—A. I do not know.

Mr. FLINTOFT: We will take that up.

By Mr. Neill:

Q. If your records are not available how do you know that it was cheaper to put Chinamen on in 1913?—A. I am comparing the wages now with the existing wages, and in connection with that I would like to say that in making out the statement of comparative wages I noticed that in Mr. O'Donovan's evidence he quoted \$10 higher in every case except the ordinary seamen than the figure upon which my statement is based, so that the actual cost, according to Mr. O'Donovan's figures, would be anywhere from 15 per cent to 20 per cent higher than what I have shown in my statement.

Q. Whose wages?—A. White men's wages.

[Captain Edmund Aikman.]