

WITNESS: Yes. They are taken from where there is a market to get them the old country. I can assure you of this that we find the greatest difficulty in getting competent supervising stewards in the catering department. We are at our wits end. I am speaking quite straightforwardly to you now. We are at our wits end to get competent supervising stewards to take charge of the catering department. We are training Canadian boys as supervising stewards, but it will take some time before we can achieve the result of our scheme.

Mr. NEILL: Are you doing that on the Pacific?

WITNESS: Yes, in the engineering, catering and purser's department for instance.

*By Mr. MacInnis:*

Q. If you had to pay equal wages to oriental crews and to white crews which would you have?—A. At the present time, oriental because we can get better service from them for the reason that they are skilled and trained.

*By The Chairman:*

Q. With regard to crew service in any waters, whether inland or oceanic, is it not safe to conclude that all your inland services, for instance in Ontario between Port Arthur and the Sault or Owen Sound or Port McNichol—is it not a fact that you have white crews on those ships?—A. I have never handled men services.

Q. I thought you had; and I always understood that they are as fine an aggregation of men on ships as could found anywhere in the world.

Mr. NEILL: You are quite wrong; he is in favour of chinamen.

WITNESS: I am speaking from my own experience on the Pacific.

*By Mr. Howden:*

Q. I would like to ask this question. I think, perhaps, I can bear out that statement, Mr. Witness. Is not the meaning for your assertion merely that the oriental is a more satisfactory servant because he is more servile, and because the average Canadian is of a very independent nature?—A. There may be something in that. They are more willing to do what they are told.

Q. Your attitude is that the average Canadian would not lend himself to the overlordship and the discipline that the chinaman would.

Mr. MACNICOL: Overlordship is a pretty strong word.

Mr. HOWDEN: The Canadians are a very independent race of people and they do not like to be told; they just don't naturally like being told.

A MEMBER: That is the trouble. I do not like it myself. The Chinaman is a natural born servant.

The CHAIRMAN: Is your statement akin to this point of view, that you think there is more divine discontent in the average Canadian than there is in the oriental.

Mr. HOWDEN: No. I think there is a lot more independence in the average Canadian, a lot more self-sufficiency than there is in the average chinaman.

*By Mr. MacNicol:*

Q. Captain, what percentage of the passengers travelling on your ships in the Orient are orientals?—A. That was brought out this morning—between 60 and 70 per cent.

Mr. FLINTOFF: 67 per cent of through and local.