

Mr. ISNOR: Are you not going to have a complicated situation arise if you receive representations from a foreign country?

The CHAIRMAN: It was the wish of the committee to do all we could to get a submission from the Chinese.

Mrs. BLACK: Would you call the British Chinese "foreign"?

Mr. REID: China is a foreign country; Hong Kong is a British protectorate.

The CHAIRMAN: As far as the Canadian Pacific Steamship services are concerned, the Chinese think they should say something.

Mr. HOWDEN: It seems to me to be a somewhat roundabout method to go to Hong Kong for a submission in support of the Chinese who are employed on the Canadian Pacific steamships plying between Canada and the Orient.

The CHAIRMAN: If you do not want that submission you may so state.

Mr. NEILL: The Chinese are not allowed to land at Vancouver, so they cannot have an organization or agent there.

Mr. ISNOR: I asked as to whether the Chinese were organized.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes—at Hong Kong but not in Canada.

Mr. ISNOR: And I was fearful that some question might arise with regard to the submission by the Chinese.

The CHAIRMAN: You remember, Dr. Howden, you urged us at our last meeting to get in touch with the Chinese in order to obtain their submission.

Mr. HOWDEN: Yes, and I do so now, because the Chinese are the biggest factor in connection with the employment of Oriental labour on our boats. What is the use of holding this investigation if it does not deal with the Chinese?

Mr. MACINNIS: I do not think we need be afraid of any complications entering into the matter. So far as those who are opposed to the employment of Chinese labour are concerned I do not think there could be a better argument for their case than the fact that it is necessary to go to Hong Kong to obtain a submission on behalf of the Chinese.

Mr. REID: Quite so.

The CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion? That is settled. The submission will be sent here. I might say that the secretary and myself got in touch with the Chinese Legation at once in order to have this information before the committee to-day, so that the members of the committee would be aware of the submissions that are yet to come in order to complete the investigation that we were ordered to conduct by the House. The secretary mentions to me that the Consul was emphatic when dealing with us in regard to the matter that this was the only method by which we could possibly get any information with regard to the Chinese; otherwise we could have no information whatever from them.

Mr. NEILL: Oh, we could give permission to a Chinese representative to get off a ship and come here.

The CHAIRMAN: If we did that it is not like that we, I might say, could make a report to parliament this session.

We have a submission here from Mr. J. J. Kinley of Lunenburg, who is a member of the House. He gave me this submission quite a while ago and asked me to read it. It deals with the reference before the House, and it is akin to the submission we are to have this morning. What is your pleasure with regard to this submission? Should it be printed in the appendix to the minutes or do you want it read now by the secretary?

Mr. HOWDEN: Could we hear the witness now?

The CHAIRMAN: Do you want to deal with this submission now?

Mr. HOWDEN: I suggest that that submission might be dealt with later. If this witness has not a very lengthy submission to make perhaps we could take it now and deal with Mr. Kinley's submission afterwards.