

LARGE AMOUNTS GIVEN SKIPPERS, EMPLOYEE SAYS

**Gratuities Handed Out
When Work Completed**

**Continue Hearing of Con-
spiracy Charges**

Montreal, Feb. 2.—(CP)—Ralph Gullean, an employee of Engine Works and Trading Incorporated, testified in the court of King's bench to-day that he gave gratuities to ship captains and chief engineers on orders from company officials.

Gullean said that he was a contact man on ships, and his work included the soliciting of business for Engine Works and Trading. He said that when work on a ship was completed he usually gave a gratuity to the captain or the chief engineer.

Crown Prosecutor Gerald Fauteux, K.C., said that books of Engine Works showed \$49,000 as being paid in gratuities from April 1, 1940, to March 31, 1942. He asked Gullean if he could say what percentage of that amount he distributed.

"I don't know what percentage I paid," Gullean said. "I believe that the gratuities amounted to about 10 per cent. of the bill."

The evidence was given at the trial of four men charged with conspiring to defraud the government and three companies of \$200,000 in connection with war sub-contracts for the munitions department. The men are Patrick Lynch, president and general manager of Engine Works; his son, Donald, former production manager; Patrick Noonan, paymaster, and Daniel Taugher, clerk.

Gullean said he paid the gratuities on orders from Patrick Lynch or Noonan. The amount of the gratuity was set by Patrick Lynch, he said. "On the bigger jobs Mr. Lynch would handle the paying of the gratuity himself."

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