

WITNESS: We can give you that.

Mr. MACINNIS: I think you could get that better from the company.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there anything further, Mr. Isnor?

Mr. NEILL: Is the company going to appear?

Mr. MACINNIS: Even if they do not, we can get that information.

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. Mr. Johnson, one of your main points is that you feel that as these boats are subsidized from the Treasury of Canada they should employ a larger number of Canadians particularly in those positions to which you refer in your brief; that as there is something like \$123,000 being paid to West Indian crews it should rightly be paid to Nova Scotians so that they could spend it in Canada and help to relieve the unemployment situation to that extent?—A. That is our contention, yes, sir, because that sum of \$123,000, every nickel of it, providing they were taken not only from our organization, but from the unemployed seamen who are walking the public streets of Nova Scotia, would revert back here to the Dominion of Canada, and, of course, the Treasury would be receiving that money. I would also make the statement that even those who are employed buy cigarettes and so forth and the Government would derive revenue from that source. The West Indians get those cigarettes free of charge out of bond and they pay nothing to the Treasury of Canada.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. They buy them outside of Canada?—A. Yes, in bond, Canadian cigarettes.

*By Mr. Howden:*

Q. I would like to get these numbers straightened out. Now, witness, if all the West Indian coloured help were replaced by Canadian coloured labour how many men would you put to work?—A. That is not our contention, to replace all the West Indians.

Q. But I want to know if you did replace them?—A. If we did replace them?

Q. Yes. In other words, how many coloured West Indians are there working on those boats who could be replaced?—A. By Canadians?

Q. Canadian coloured help?—A. That would be the total I gave before, 150 at least.

Q. 150?—A. 150.

Q. That would be, roughly, the outside figure?—A. Yes, sir. Of course, quite naturally you would have to keep a suitable crew of 25 ready for emergencies as these boys were getting off, the same thing they are doing now in the Island of Barbados and Demerara.

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. That would cover it all right. The crew is 381 on the *Drake*, *Nelson* and *Hawkins*, particularly applying to these positions. On the other two boats they average 18½, which would bring the amount up to about 150?—A. And then there is the shore staff. You would have to have that.

Mr. HOWDEN: That is all I want to know.

*By Mr. Reid:*

Q. Do these boats operate all the year round? Do they run every month in the year?—A. Yes, sir.

[Mr. Walter Johnson.]