

Q. That service is efficient because of the additional men?—A. Yes.

Q. Their services are no better than those of white men, but because you have a larger number they can give better service.—A. We can give a more efficient service because we can man our tables with more boys and our bedrooms with more boys.

*By Mr. Reid:*

Q. It is very difficult to draw conclusions from the opinions of passengers. I travelled in Canadian National steamers up north last year and 90 per cent of the passengers were American citizens. Before the ship docked they gathered together and gave a testimonial to the captain and agreed that never in their lives had they been better treated by the officers on any line than the Canadian National, and the service was furnished by white men.—A. Yes, they do the same thing in the C.P.R. boats.

Mrs. BLACK: I have crossed the ocean a number of times and have been up north fifty times and back, and I never have left a steamer, whether Canadian, National or overseas, whether from the United States or South America, without the passengers giving such a testimonial. I do not care whether they are white, green or yellow, as long as the passengers get good service they will give a testimonial.

Mr. REID: I said that one can draw a testimonial from any crowd of passengers.

WITNESS: Why do the Americans come to our ships?

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. Mrs. Black said she had been in the Chinese quarters of one of the Empress boats and found they were satisfactory. Are there not Board of Trade regulations as to so many cubic feet per man?—A. Yes.

Q. Why do you say in your brief that it would take \$250,000 to adapt the quarters for the use of white men?—A. Because we would have to furnish mess rooms; lavatories and bathrooms for the use of the European crew.

Q. Are there different Board of Trade regulations as far as the Chinese are concerned? (No response.)

*By Mr. MacInnis:*

Q. Are the Board of Trade regulations for Chinese crews on British ships different from the regulations for whites?—A. I do not know that I could give you an exact answer to that question; they may be, but I do not think so. In any case, our ships would furnish the regulation cubic capacity, which I believe is 100 cubic feet per man, in their quarters.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. Would it take \$250,000 to adapt those quarters to the use of whites?—A. We would have to give them a great deal more than the Chinese have.

Q. If the quarters complied with the Board of Trade regulations the white men would have to be content with them?—A. They would not be.

Q. The merchant ships do not exceed the Board of Trade regulations?—A. It is possible to exceed them, and the Board of Trade regulations are exceeded in many cases. And I know perfectly well, and I think you know, too, and will admit it if you are honest, that white men, particularly Canadians, would require a little more than we give the Chinese.

Q. I would hope so.—A. Quite so.