

Mr. POWER: None from Sydney to the St. Lawrence.

Mr. TEAKLE: No.

Mr. POWER: Why not?

Mr. TEAKLE: Because we are operating overseas and coastal, and the rates that we could get for carrying coal from Sydney to Montreal would not pay us; we could not come out on that.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Is that not adequately taken care of.

Mr. TEAKLE: Yes, the Dominion coal company have their own boats.

Mr. POWER: You could not compete with them.

Mr. TEAKLE: No. If their ships are not sufficient they charter a Norwegian to supplement what they have got, at very low rates.

Mr. POWER: What about the grain trade?

Mr. TEAKLE: We carry grain on the Atlantic and also on the Pacific.

Mr. HEAPS: And the coal you get from Wales is a return cargo.

Mr. TEAKLE: Yes, part return cargo at least.

Mr. JELLIFF: The matter of return cargoes seemed to be our difficulty in the past. Has there been any improvement in that situation.

Mr. TEAKLE: A slight improvement, Mr. Jelliff.

Mr. POWER: On account of the greater use in Canada of Welsh coal?

Mr. TEAKLE: Not necessarily. It is a slight improvement in trade, and as the president has intimated, a readjustment of schedules and working up of trade, and the better support of the people of Canada to the fleet.

Mr. HEAPS: What are the relations now between the employees of the Merchant Marine and the management.

Mr. TEAKLE: The very best, as far as I know.

Mr. HEAPS: Was there not some trouble about a year ago at Vancouver.

Mr. TEAKLE: No, I do not recollect it. From time to time you will get a man who thinks he has been badly treated, or something of that sort.

Mr. HEAPS: I do not refer to any individual case, but in a general way I understand there were some rather serious complaint that I read of in connection with some of the boats sailing out of Vancouver.

Mr. TEAKLE: We have no serious trouble on the Pacific coast. We adjusted some officers' wages.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: That question of officers' wages was adjusted to the satisfaction of the officers?

Mr. TEAKLE: Yes, quite. There was no absolute complaint or trouble. If a request comes along we take that in the ordinary day's work.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: When a proposal is made there is always a discussion and there was some discussion with respect to officers' wages. I think it was a question of rating them with the engineers, and that was adjusted to the satisfaction of the complainants.

Mr. HEAPS: I thought it was some trouble in regard to conditions on board the ships sailing out of that port.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I do not know of any.

Mr. TEAKLE: Once in a while you will get a complaint from some man who thinks he is badly treated, but when you sift it down you will find that the man was never so well treated in his life. There is a case on the Atlantic where a man thinks he is badly treated and I have that up before the shipping master. We do not neglect matters of that sort.

Mr. HEAPS: I am not referring to individual cases. I know things happen anywhere and everywhere.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: As far as we know, the relations between those who are employed in the Canadian Merchant Marine and the Administration are cordial and friendly. Of course there will always be discussions from time to time.