

By Mr. Hartigan:

Q. By reducing the number would it reduce the efficiency—the service to the passengers on the boat? Would it reduce the number of employees on those ships to such an extent that the services rendered by the company to the passengers would be interfered with?—A. No.

Mr. REID: In support of that he gave figures in connection with shipping from Great Britain to the far east.

Mr. BARRY: It is difficult to follow, but it will be on the record.

By the Chairman:

Q. This organization is known as the Canadian Amalgamated Union of Seamen. Its membership, I understand, is over five hundred. Is that membership exclusively white?—A. Yes.

Q. Are all those who are not white barred?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Reid:

Q. Would there be more seamen than that?—A. Oh, yes, quite a number more than that.

Q. They would not all belong to the association?—A. That is just the number we know. We knew of practically 1,007 actually before last Christmas.

By Mr. Barry:

Q. Do you know how many unemployed seamen there are in British Columbia?—A. The figure I gave to the Hon. Ian McKenzie when I saw him in Vancouver last year was 1,007.

Q. Has it increased or lessened?—A. I do not know for this year yet.

By Mr. Isnor:

Q. I would like to ask one or two questions. As I understand you, you stated you had not demanded that all whites be employed?—A. No.

Q. That is definite?—A. Absolutely.

Q. Secondly, do you bar our coloured Canadian citizens from entering your organization?—A. Well, I do not know. That is a question that has never been raised. It was really directed against the orientals.

Q. I want to clear that up. You know that in Nova Scotia, if you are familiar with that province—you are aware that we have in Nova Scotia a Nova Scotia Seamen's Union composed largely of coloured men?—A. Yes.

Q. Would you have any objections to them serving on the boats subsidized in Canada?—A. No. They are fine fellows.

Q. Then, your statement with regard to native sons includes the coloured men as well?—A. Yes.

Q. You made mention about going on the Empress boats. In what capacity would you so frequently have occasion to go on the Empress boats?—A. Well, we have members aboard those boats.

Q. You would go as president of the association to look after them?—A. Occasionally, yes.

The CHAIRMAN: You are really secretary of the association, are you not?

WITNESS: No, president.

By Mr. Isnor:

Q. Now, with regard to Canadian sailors going to the United States and obtaining employment there, if I am correctly informed there are 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ or 75 per cent of the crew apart from the officers who must be American citizens?—A. Yes.

[Mr. Charles Patrick O'Donovan.]