

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Nova Scotia Seamen's Union consists of three hundred men, mostly residents of Halifax, all of whom are Canadian citizens. Many of these men are former employees of the Canadian National Railways and are fully qualified to perform these duties. Most of these men are married and are taxpayers in the city of Halifax and ready and willing to accept employment of any sort. Naturally they feel strongly that they are entitled to employment on Canadian-owned ships in preference to foreign West Indian labour which is at present employed.

ORGANIZATION

The Nova Scotia Seamen's Union is an entirely self-governed body within its own constitution and by-laws. It is not dictated to or governed by any other body but is under the control of its local officers and committees. The officers of the organization are:—

JOHNSON, WALTER, *President*
CORNELL, SAMUEL O., *Secretary*

JOHNSON, WILLIAM H. *Treasurer*
CARTER, J. WILLIAM, *Business Agent*

SHIPS EMPLOYING ALIEN LABOUR

The ships to which this memorandum refers are the following Canadian National Steamships' steamers:

Lady Nelson
Lady Drake
Lady Hawkins
Chomedy

Lady Somers
Lady Rodney
Colborne
Cornwallis

All of which are engaged in the West Indies trade.

There have been omitted the *Cathcart* and *Cavalier* both of which are included in the West Indies trade.

It is interesting to note here that as a result of local agitation some years ago the coloured West Indian help employed as stewards and cooks on the *Lady Nelson* and *Hawkins* and *Drake* were replaced by Canadian white stewards and cooks and that to-day the first-class stewards, waiters and cooks are white. The second and third class stewards have been replaced again with alien West Indians. All of the cooks, stewards and waiters on the *Colborne* and *Chomedy* are alien West Indians. The *Cornwallis* when in the West Indies service in the past has employed members of our union as referred to above. The *Lady Somers* and *Rodney* employ all coloured West Indian stewards and waiters and most of the cooks are coloured. In the engine room department of all the above mentioned ships employed in the West Indies trade all the firemen and wipers are alien West Indians.

SUBMISSION

The Trades and Labour Congress of Canada in session at Halifax on September 16, 1935, passed the following resolution dealing with the matter of employment of alien labour on Canadian operated and subsidized ships:—
Resolution No. 36.

Whereas, at the present time and for some time past the government of Canada has been subsidizing or operating certain ships in the Canadian coastwise West India trade; and whereas, certain ships so subsidized or operated have been manned as to firemen, stewards and cooks department by persons not domiciled in Canada, or having Canadian citizenship, with the result that domiciled