

Q. It is necessary for you to give this information because of another question having been raised by the previous witness. What percentage, would you say, comprise the second and third classes in as far as white passengers are concerned?—A. Out of a Canadian port?

Q. Yes.—A. As I said before, the passenger list that they have on the Canadian National would be 100 per cent white until they get to St. Kitts; then you pick up the coloured passenger.

Q. Well, out of Canadian ports the percentage would be practically 100—say, 90 per cent whites?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. And you pick up local traffic down there from one island to another?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. Now, with regard to these West Indians—and I see some of them around the streets in Halifax—have any of them homes?—A. In the West Indies?

Q. No, in Halifax—in Canada?—A. Not one of them is maintaining any home in Canada.

Q. And do they live on board the boats, or do they live around the city?—A. They live aboard the boats. When they are fumigating the boats, quite naturally the Canadian National make provision for them in the immigration.

Q. These men of yours are all Nova Scotians?—A. Every one of those has to maintain families and are willing to lay down their lives for Canada.

Mr. NEILL: These wages would include board, I suppose?

The CHAIRMAN: I would think so.

Q. The wages mentioned on here include board, do they not?—A. They are employed, yes, sir. The amount there on each ship is set out there.

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. They get their meals in addition, do they?—A. Everything.

Mr. ISNOR: Yes, in addition to board.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. What is the company's idea? Are West Indians cheaper to get?—A. Well, yes. As far as the conference I had with them, mostly in regard to that, in some cases unsatisfactory service as far as Canadians are concerned; and secondly, wages.

*By Mr. Isnor:*

Q. You made a very fair statement, or your union did, in reference to replacement. You do not ask for 100 per cent replacement?—A. By no means, no.

Q. Would you care to state what replacement should take place or could take place without interfering with the efficiency or the service?—A. Well, as far as the union is concerned, our union is willing to co-operate with the men working on those boats and also with the company, to be fair and considerate to the company. I would suggest, for instance 25 to 50 per cent in starting off, and gradually as our men get educated to the service and satisfactory to the company, of course we would like for them to give us about 10 per cent.

Q. 10 per cent increase, you mean?—A. Increase, yes, until we had up to about 70 per cent. Of course, I do not quite agree that 70 of the 100 per cent is Canadian, and we are willing to co-operate with the West Indian labour that is placed upon those boats in every state and form.

[Mr. Walter Johnson.]