

*By Mrs. Black:*

Q. The P. & O. boats carry Lascars only?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. MacNicol:*

Q. They are all British subjects?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. MacInnis:*

Q. In most cases they are paid the same wages as white crews, but not in all cases?—A. I doubt if they would. There may be some; not such as we would have to pay out of Canada. They may compare more favourably with the white crews out of Britain. On page 82 Mr. O'Donovan makes a statement that Canadian seamen never go on a strike. I say that that is not quite true. Last year the Union Steamship Company, that is the Harold Brown Steamships, were held up by the crews walking out when the strike broke. And Harold Brown had to concede all their points. Then they signed an agreement with him. But notwithstanding that they walked out on him again.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. Did he not say his bunch did not go on strike?—A. No. I think he made a general statement.

Q. It seems to me that is a wild statement, to say that seamen never go on strike?—A. He made a mis-statement.

Q. I thought he said the bunch with which he was associated did not go on strike?

Mr. MACNICOL: He may be misquoted. I have read at different times statements credited to me that certainly did not read like what I said.

Mr. NEILL: Yes.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. I thought he was talking about the strike last year in Vancouver and he said "our bunch" or "we" did not go on strike. I thought that was the inference?—A. Didn't he have one with Harold Brown when we had to go in?

Mr. MACINNIS: No. As a matter of fact it was much the other way. The other seafarers were the strike breakers. So you people should not be hard on O'Donovan.

Mr. NEILL: He may have been taken down wrong. There is a lot of conversation which is going on, and you do not always get it right exactly.

Mr. FLINTOFT: Of course, that unfortunately is the printed record that we have to meet.

Mr. NEILL: He would see that in the meantime.

Mr. FLINTOFT: It is too bad he is not here.

Mr. NEILL: We will accept the Captain's statement that the seamen do go on strike. We all know that. Why waste time?

*By Mr. MacNicol:*

Q. I am going to ask one question which should be pertinent to an inquiry like this: in your opinion, what would be the effect, if any, on trade with the Orient if you displaced your oriental crews?—A. I feel quite confident that our ships would, to some extent, be boycotted.

Mr. REID: Will you differentiate between the trade of the ships and the trade of the country. Mr. MacNicol is referring to the country's trade, I suppose.

Mr. MACNICOL: Yes.