

*By the Chairman:*

Q. What is the frequency of this service?—A. It is irregular, according to the time of the year. In the summer the service is much more frequent than in the winter. They run according to a very complicated schedule, which might be from two trips a week to one a week, or one every two or three weeks, according to the ports served.

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. They give a good service?—A. Yes.

Q. They travel almost entirely in the district I represent. They give a good service.—A. Yes.

*Victoria, Vancouver and Skagway:* The contractors, the Canadian Pacific Railway, employ from time to time, according to the season of the year, such vessels from their entire coastal fleet as may be suitable. It is therefore impossible to state how many Canadian citizens are employed on this particular service, as the number varies from time to time, but it is stated by the contractors that on their entire coastal fleet they employ 674 whites, who are said to be practically all Canadian citizens, and 64 Orientals, some of whom are Canadian citizens.

Q. Did you say the clause was omitted in that case also?—A. No, I did not say anything about the clause. I think the clause is in the contract.

*By Mr. MacInnis:*

Q. Which one are you dealing with now?—A. Victoria, Vancouver, and Skagway.

*By Mr. Neil:*

Q. I should like that point brought out?—A. Yes. Just a moment. The "British subjects" clause is in that contract.

Q. Well, it is not in the one at the top of the page where it really counts, 1,783 orientals?—A. No; because it has been found impractical to put it in, I suppose.

Q. It is put in where it is harmless, and left out where it might do some good?—A. *Victoria and the West Coast of Vancouver Island:* The remarks which I have just made in regard to the preceding Skagway service also apply to this service. That is to say this service is performed by vessels of the general coastal fleet, and sometimes there is one vessel on the route, and sometimes another.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. They give a good service?—A. An excellent one.

*Other subsidized services:* With respect to the remaining subsidized services, which are all in and around Eastern Canada, all employees, with the exception of two, are stated to be Canadian citizens.

If any further information is required by the committee, Mr. Chairman, I shall be glad to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have had a splendid submission from Mr. Bawden this morning. Have you any further questions to ask before we adjourn?

Mr. MACNICOL: As far as I can see, and as far as I have heard, Mr. Bawden has given a very exhaustive summary of the matters that we are to look into. I am sure when we read his evidence contained in the next issue of the committee report, we shall find it will assist us materially in our further conferences.