

*By Mr. MacNicol:*

Q. If the crew were white would they appeal to the oriental passengers with the same courtesy?—A. I have not heard that said.

Q. You answered that about 60 per cent of the passengers to the Orient are orientals?—A. Yes.

Q. And my question now is: if you displaced the oriental crews and supplanted them with white crews would a white crew give the orientals the same courteous service—orientals as well as whites—the same courteous service that is now given by the oriental crews when serving both whites and orientals?—A. I do not think they would.

Mr. NEILL: Will you break that percentage up into first-class and third-class passengers.

The CHAIRMAN: It is here on page 8 of the statement given this morning by Mr. Flintroft:—

Through Transpacific. . . . .	61·57 per cent
Inter-port in the Orient. . . . .	72·53 “ “
Through Transpacific and Inter-port in the Orient, combined. . . . .	67·05 “ “

*By Mr. Neill:*

Q. I want to know of that 61 per cent how much is first class and how much third class?

Mr. FLINTOFT: The first class is practically all occidental—all whites.

Mr. NEILL: The 61 per cent brings in more revenue than your third class because you lower class carries a low rate.

Mr. FLINTOFT: They are not equal in number.

Mr. NEILL: The only difference is 50 per cent and 61 per cent.

Mr. FLINTOFT: That is percentage not numbers.

Mr. NEILL: The bulk of that percentage is carried in the steerage, is it not?

Mr. FLINTOFT: If you classify them as first, you will find probably that 90 per cent of the first class passengers are whites, and the conditions are reversed in the second and third classes. What I mean is that the number of first class passengers—

Mr. NEILL: What percentage?

Mr. FLINTOFT: It is 90 per cent of the first class passengers. The number of first class passengers is very much less than the number of thirds.

Mr. NEILL: What percent?

Mr. FLINTOFT: I do not know; but I should say the first class—have you any idea, captain? You mean of the total number of passengers on the ship?

Mr. NEILL: Yes. My argument is this, that you will find that while the percentage is greater in the steerage they are carried at a very low cut-rate price. Where you make your money is in the first class.

Mr. FLINTOFT: No. I think you are mistaken about that because, as I said before, the number of first class passengers is—they cannot accommodate as many first class passengers on those ships as they can second and third.

Mr. NEILL: Tell us the percentage?

Mr. FLINTOFT: I do not know, because the percentages are of the first class passengers.

Mr. NEILL: Say there are 1,000 passengers on the ship; what percentage of that number are first class?

[Captain Edmund Aikman.]