

think they would be British crews. If there were some Scandinavian ships employed, they would have Scandinavian crews.

By the Chairman:

Q. The round trip takes how long between Vancouver and the West Indies?
—A. They do not make round trips. They just go the one way.

By Mr. Neill:

Q. If these are all chartered boats, why do they give us just the names of five boats?—A. Just as specimens.

Q. Just as what?—A. Just as samples. These and similar boats—"and other chartered vessels."

Q. Has the shipping company considerable standing, this Canadian Transport Company? Did you ever hear of it?—A. As I say, they are a company that have at the present time nearly 50 vessels afloat.

Q. Fifty vessels chartered?—A. Chartered and afloat at this time. They must be of pretty considerable standing. They are engaged largely in carrying lumber from British Columbia to the United Kingdom, the West Indies, and Australia.

Q. They may be quite a legitimate company. I had an idea that a shipping company was one that owned ships. But apparently there is quite a business in just simply chartering boats. They may be quite a big company, as far as I know. I do not want to attack their standing, because I know nothing of them at all.—A. It is sometimes more convenient to charter ships than to own them. You do not run into such a large overhead expense.

Q. It is like renting a house instead of owning it?—A. That is exactly it.

Mr. MACINNIS: Has that company any connection with the H. R. MacMillan Lumber Company?—A. Yes. Mr. MacMillan is connected with this company, the Canadian Transport Company.

By Mr. Neill:

Q. That is a MacMillan outfit?—A. Yes.

By the Chairman:

Q. It says:—"The vessels go to the British West Indies first, unload their cargo for those islands, which usually averages about 25 per cent of the vessel's capacity, and then proceed to their destinations." What destinations are they?—A. As I say there, it may be the Atlantic coast of the United States, or it may be Europe. I think they mostly go to the United Kingdom.

Vancouver and the Northern Ports of British Columbia: The contractors, the Union Steamships, Limited, who are not to be confounded with the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, Limited, employ 210 Canadian citizens and eighteen Chinese on their subsidized vessels. The usual "British subjects" clause is included in the contract.

By Mr. Neill:

Q. That is the percentage?—A. Yes.

Q. One-third?—A. Two-thirds British.

Q. Two-thirds must be white?—A. Two-thirds must be white; in this case it is over 90 per cent.

Q. I think it says two-thirds must be British subjects, not white?—A. British subjects.

[Mr. F. E. Bawden.]