

PERSONNEL OF CREWS

	Deck	Engine	Stewards	Total	
British.	1,856	1,611	4,209	7,678	British
Foreign.	18	39	96	153	Foreign
Lascars.	461	886	536	1,883	Lascars

Total of 9,714 all departments on 55 vessels, equal to average on each ship of 175.

I should like you to pay particular attention to these figures, gentlemen, because they are taken from the Board of Trade records. Included in these figures are oilers, firemen, coal passers and wipers. You understand, a wiper is employed in the stoke-hole of the engine-room of a ship burning oil; they are called wipers.

By Mr. Reid:

Q. These figures refer to British boats?—A. British boats.

Q. Travelling where, in the far east?—A. Travelling to the far east.

By the Chairman:

Q. What does the total of 186 refer to; how many vessels?

Mr. REID: One vessel.

WITNESS: One vessel.

By Mr. Reid:

Q. A vessel comparable to the Empress boats?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Howden:

Q. What are your percentages?—A. 186 is the grand total. Pardon me, on a 10,000 to 14,000 ton ship the number is 186, which is less than the Empress boats. Remember, we have to be fair about this.

By Mr. Reid:

Q. That is a total of 55 ships?—A. Yes. The total is 9,714 all departments on 55 vessels, equal to an average of 175 on each ship. It is a funny thing they can do it over there.

Mr. BARRY: I should like to see the matter quoted incorporated in the record so that we shall be able to follow it.

The CHAIRMAN: That will be done.

WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, you do not mind my taking a little time?

The CHAIRMAN: Not a bit, so long as you keep this committee interested.

WITNESS: In a recent report you have received from the Shipping Federation of Canada and which is found at page 30 of the Minutes of Evidence, the following appears:—

In regard to the employment of orientals or other so-called coloured races on vessels receiving subventions from the Canadian government, it is contended that in certain ocean services from Pacific and Atlantic ports, the employment of other than Canadian or British born is often a matter of climatic conditions. . . .

Now, I have already answered that. That is twice they have mentioned that to you gentlemen. This is a dozen times we have answered the same question and proved beyond any possible doubt that it is not so. We have submitted reference to you to show that we can stand tropical weather conditions. We