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It may be said that so far as the Italian Merchant Marine is concerned, the general situation is satisfactory. Vessels, other than schooners, have operated smoothly and no particular difficulties have been encountered.

The schooner situation, however, has presented certain anomalies which continue to require the attention of Economic Section, Maritime Board and the Italian Ministry of Marine. One of the main difficulties which has not been overcome is the localization of COGSA. This has enabled the operating committee to come to satisfactory terms with the schooner industry.

No negotiations have concluded during the period under review on the question of a freight tariff based on a ton mileage basis which will cover all commodities. As the aim of revising this report of it is satisfactory to report that such a tariff is in the point of being put out by all parties, thus avoiding the uncertainty which has hitherto been in force. On the application of these tariff rates freight rates will be eliminated and can only be of considerable help to schooner users.

It is worthy of note that the tariff rates for carriage of goods by schooner will be approximately some forty-five times more than ruling prior to the outbreak of hostilities in 1939; this being due to increased running costs, delays and rate of exchange.

During the month of October, 49.4 weight tons of civil cargo was carried by Italian schooners and some 3800 weight tons by Italian coasters. In November the corresponding figures are 49.6 weight tons and 3930 weight tons respectively. Over and above the foregoing figures approximately 6500 weight tons of civil cargo was carried by vessels under flags other than Italian.

In view of the cessation of the present service between Cagliari and Naples it has been arranged that a civilian service will be instituted. This service will constitute the first reversion to a regular shipping service run by the Italian authorities for civilian cargo.

It is regretted that delays still continue to be suffered by schooners on account of cargo not being available against individual allocations. It is requested that all concerned should give particular attention to this point in order that the maximum use may be obtained of those vessels which are available for the carriage of civil goods.

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for Director, Shipping Sub-Commission.

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which continue to receive the attention of Economic Section, Inter-Allied Shipping Board and the Italian Ministry of Marine. One of the main difficulties which has not been overcome is the localization of cargo. This has enabled the operating committee to come to satisfactory terms with the shipping industry.

No allocations have been made during the period under review on the question of a freight tariff based on a tonnage basis which will cover all commodities. At the time of writing this report it is satisfactory to report that such a tariff is on the point of being put into effect. This will avoid the uncertainty of the present rates which have hitherto been in force. On the application of these rates the freight rates will be eliminated and can only be of considerable help to shipping users.

It is worthy of note that the tariff rates for carriage of goods by schooner will be approximately one-fifth of those more than in line prior to the outbreak of hostilities in 1939; this being due to increased running costs, delays and rate of exchange.

During the month of October, 1944, weight tons of civil cargo was carried by Italian schooners and some 3800 weight tons by Italian coasters. In November the corresponding figures are 4946 weight tons and 3950 weight tons respectively. Over and above the foregoing figures approximately 6500 weight tons of civil cargo was carried by vessels under flags other than Italian.

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for Director, Shipping Sub-Commission.

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