

Q. They are inspected just as they are passing on board?

A. In the case of foreign emigrants when they come to Liverpool, they go to the company's boarding houses and there they are carefully examined. That is shown by the number of deportations. Since the medical inspection act went into force in December, 1902, we have detained at ocean ports 16,353 people of whom 3,294 were rejected and were not allowed to enter Canada at all. During that same period we have deported to the countries from whence they came 1,402 people. That is they got through our inspection, but we exercised the provisions of the law and deported them. The major portions of this number were English people, 883, because they are not as carefully examined at the ocean port of departure as the foreigners are. Of the foreigners 7 were Russians, 8 Germans, 8 French, 8 Belgians, 1 Roumanian, 1 Doukhoboar, 1 Turk and 1 Assyrian.

*By Mr. Blain:*

Q. Who is the immigration agent at Halifax?

A. Mr. F. W. Annand.

Q. At the bottom of a number of these certificates I see no signature?

A. Is there not a rubber stamp?

Q. A rubber stamp, but not a signature?

A. We take that as evidence of whether the immigrant has landed or not.

Q. Then the agent does not sign the certificate?

A. In some cases he does, or else he stamps them.

Q. Just examine those and see whether they are signed (handing certificates to witness)?

A. These are signed 'F. W. Annand, Halifax, N.S.' They are all stamped.

Q. None of them are signed by the agent?

A. None.

Q. The agent does not sign any of them?

A. He may not have been there.

*By Mr. Macdonald (Pictou):*

Q. Would you regard that stamp as the signature of the agent?

A. Yes.

*By Mr. Blain:*

Q. Is there the signature of the agent on any of that lot (exhibiting certificates)?

A. They have all got the rubber stamp of the agent affixed.

Q. I am asking is the signature of the agent on any one of them?

A. There is a rubber stamp.

Q. Is the signature of the agent there?

A. They are rubber stamped.

Q. That is not a signature. I am asking the question whether there is the agent's signature on any one of these documents?

A. No, not in pen and ink.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox).—I would like, Mr. Scott, at the next meeting, to bring the report of Mr. N. B. Miller, the agent for Lennox and Addington, the lists that were sent out and the answers received.