

APPENDIX No. 3

A. Some of them.

Q. Your letter to the Director of Colonization mentions Toronto and no other point, and you made the statement that it was owing to a letter you received from him that the regulation was enacted?

A. Yes.

Q. As a matter of fact there were half a dozen men who had violated the conditions, and you were asked to deport these men. You took action and arrested one of them, but when Godfrey & Robinette got busy, instead of the matter being probed you refused to do anything more. Now, is it not a fact that with the agents of the Ontario Government placing immigrants in Ontario this circular was going to be a great handicap in the matter of securing farm labour?

A. No, Ontario gets more immigrants than any of the other provinces in the Dominion.

By Mr. Webster:

Q. Have you an agent named McIntyre?

A. D. C. McIntyre, apparently from this list I have in my hand, is not now in the employ of the department. In 1907 he placed 30 people, in 1908 81, in 1909 43, but since that he has placed none.

Q. Is he in the employ of the government to-day?

A. I do not think so.

Q. Well, who is in the employ of the government in his place?

A. I cannot tell you that. There are a great many vacancies in these employment offices—a great many.

By Mr. Steele:

Q. Can you give us any idea of the reason why so many farm labourers who are brought out to Canada are unsatisfactory on the farm? If the farming delegates are instructed to secure men suitable as farm laborers I would like to know the reason why so many men come out who are not satisfactory on the farm?

A. I might say that in the case of every farm labourer placed through our employment agencies we send a circular to the farmer employing that immigrant. I cited a particular case this morning, that of a man named George Stokes who left Broms-grove in England on the 9th July, 1911, and was placed with a man of the name of Albert Nichols, at Bridgeworth. I wrote to Mr. Nichols, of Bridgeworth, on the 25th July, saying:

It has been reported to me that George Stokes, an immigrant who recently arrived in Canada, engaged with you as a farm labourer. I would be pleased if you would let me know if such is the case, stating if he is still with you, what kind of satisfaction he is giving and what wages he is receiving. I desire this information in order to form a fair opinion as to the satisfaction immigrants are giving to Ontario farmers. Please reply on space underneath and use enclosed envelope (upon which no postage is required) in mailing your answer to me.

Mr. Nichols replied to me on 28th July. He said:

I have received your notice and find all reported to being right and I find him giving good satisfaction and the wages being \$12 per month and is still engaged with me yet.

We follow up every domestic servant that is placed through these distributing agents in the same way. Before we pay the agent his commission, we ascertain whether the man or girl is actually working where the agent says they are, and we ask what degree of satisfaction they are giving. The reply in this particular case is the reply we get in 95 per cent of the cases. At my office I have thousands and thousands