

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I would suggest that if you were to appoint a man—preferably do it yourself—to represent your system; the C.P.R. to do the same thing; the government to do the same thing; the British government to do the same; and the Bankers' Association to do the same thing, to sit down and see if we cannot put the whole of this thing upon a real business basis, cutting out overlapping and hitting upon some definite plan, so that the reproach can no longer exist fairly that we bring people over here not knowing what we are going to do with them, that we waste money sending them back, or that they become charges upon municipalities. In other words, know what we are going to do. We should treat the immigrant as a matter of business, practically ticket him from the time he leaves one place until he gets to his destination.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: The thing that has always impressed me in connection with our immigration problem, as compared with that of the United States, is that, so far as I know, the United States government and the United States railroads, none of them have ever put up one penny or done anything to induce immigrants to come to the United States, yet every day they are fighting them off to keep them out of the country. We have done quite differently. We have put forth every effort, we are spending money to induce immigrants to come here, and yet we are not getting them as they are in the United States to-day. The United States government and the people of the United States have not done one thing, yet somehow they are getting the people.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Yes, and way we are doing to-day, we are bringing these people over here, having a great deal of trouble in getting them, and they stay until they fill their pockets and then move on. Of course, we have not any expansion going on; we have not any ready work. During the time of railway construction, every man could get a job; he could always be sure of getting a job on the railway and he always got it, but now all railway construction is over and we have not any active development going on, and there are no jobs for these people.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: This question of immigration is one with many sides to it.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I think if you could only get the different interests of this country together, the government would set to work, and after all this is public business that affects everybody. It should not be looked upon as government business alone, because it is not. There is no one more interested in it, after all, than the railways and the banks, and yet no attempt has been made to have them co-ordinated. The banks should be able to get a lot of information through all their offices spread over the country, where men could be placed.

The CHAIRMAN: Will you require to ask any more questions of Mr. Robb? He is the witness on this immigration idea.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: No, not as far as I am concerned. Sir Henry Thornton has the idea. What did we spend on immigration last year?

The WITNESS: \$160,000.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: What will we spend this year?

The WITNESS: Probably a little more than that.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: What do your estimates call for?

The WITNESS: We have not any on that at all.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Oh, yes, you have.

The WITNESS: It is included in ordinary operating expenses. We have not anything in the estimates for that. It will be somewhat increased, although not very much.