

	£	s.	d.
July 7, 1903.—Edward Field, wife and child.	33	17	7
April 13, 1903.—Bert Bode.	15	16	3
April 4, 1910.—Alfred Bode and wife.	30	13	11
May 5, 1910.—John Cauley, wife and 7 emchildren.	41	1	4
June 6, 1911.—Thos. Humphrey, wife and 4 children.	20	10	0
	£207	3	2

Alfred Humphrey, wife, and L. Cauley have also joined the family, but paid their own passage money.

APPENDIX E.

PAYMENT OF BONUSES.

Letter from the Secretary of the British Passenger Agents' Association.

16 ELDON STREET,
LONDON, E.C., January 19, 1912.

Dear Mr. HAWKES,—I am sorry to learn from yours of the 17th inst., that you are not quite sure of being able to be present to meet our council on the 30th of January. I therefore, have pleasure in bringing before you a subject upon which our association and other agents of the country would like you to carefully consider.

As I mentioned at the conference recently, one of the grievances is that the bonus on approved emigrants is repayable in the event of the person upon whom the bonus has been paid, leaving Canada.

The position is that the agent spends a great deal of time and money in securing a class of citizen Canada mostly desires; and, after a period of uncertain length, receives a bonus. The experience of many agents has been that, as time proceeds, the department in Ottawa discovers the departure of many persons upon whom bonuses have been paid. Their procedure then is, when remitting an agent for his current bonuses to deduct therefrom amounts previously paid to the agent upon certain people whom, the government state, have left Canada, and therefore the bonus previously paid becomes payable to the government.

This state of affairs is discouraging to the agent because he feels that he has no control over the movements of his passengers once they have arrived in Canada, and should the United States or any other country prove a superior attraction, all his work has gone for nothing and he is in the position of owing the Canadian government money. Agents feel that this is a hardship which, being beyond their own control, should be altered by your government.

Possibly you may be able to bring this matter forward at the right time and secure a remedy. If you could also see your way to advising an earlier payment of the bonus this would also act strongly in Canada's favour.

As no doubt you are aware the Australian States are very keen competitors for agriculturists and give agents a bonus thereon and payment thereof is made much sooner than in the case of your government, in fact, in some cases the agent is allowed to deduct the bonus at the time of booking the passenger. These bonuses for Australia are not repayable, so that the agent is in a very much better position than with regard to Canada.

Whilst the fares to Australia remain so low and there is so much state assistance, it is easier for the agent to work for Australia than for Canada, which certainly is not in your interests.

There are other points upon which I could write, but for the present I will confine myself to the above and any further information which you would care to have upon the subject, I shall be very pleased to supply.

Yours sincerely,

F. W. FREIR.