

*By Mr. Northrup :*

Q. Be good enough to tell us what vouchers you had before you when these accounts of the North Atlantic Trading Company were passed by your department ?

A. What vouchers ?

Q. The vouchers which your department had before it when it passed these accounts for payment to this company ?

A. We had the list of arrivals at the various ports in Canada.

Q. I am asking for vouchers, not for accounts ?

A. These lists constitute a voucher.

Q. A list signed by you ?

A. Signed by the Superintendent of Immigration.

Q. A list signed by the Superintendent of Immigration of the arrivals at the various ports ?

A. Yes, these vouchers or lists are made up by the officers of his department.

Q. You have the list before you as a voucher on which you pass the account ?

A. This list of arrivals.

Q. A list of arrivals signed by the Superintendent of Immigration—that is one voucher ?

A. That is all we require.

Q. That is the only voucher the Audit Department had before it when it paid this large sum ?

A. Yes.

Q. By whom were these lists signed—by the Superintendent of Immigration ?

A. Yes.

Q. Can he personally know anything about the number of immigrants arriving ?

A. Not personally, but through his staff he can.

Q. How can he learn through his staff ?

A. By taking the names off the manifests and entering them on his lists.

Q. The steamship company sends him a list of the passengers ?

A. Yes.

Q. The officials of the department check this ?

A. They make up the list and hand it in.

Q. They inform you of the number of passengers, and then you pay without any other voucher ?

A. Yes.

*By Mr. Barker :*

Q. On this question of your going behind the certificate, are you aware that a couple of years ago the former Auditor General went behind a certificate of the Railway Department properly vouched, and sent an engineer down to examine the work, and he reduced the estimate by many thousands of dollars ?

A. I am.

Q. Do you think you could do that in this case ?

A. Yes, if I felt I had not confidence in the certificate of the Department of the Interior officer.

Q. You could do it when you thought it was your duty ?

A. If we had staff, time and money.

Q. Could not you go behind that certificate after you had this paid out ?

A. I think so.

*By Mr. Cockshutt :*

Q. I notice in looking over this document that the Allan line give their address as Liverpool in one place and in another place as Glasgow. Is there any special