

APPENDIX No. 3

By Mr. Hughes (Victoria) :

Q. How long has the company been in existence?

A. I cannot tell you that. It was in existence when I came to the department.

Q. How long ago was that?

A. Three years.

Q. There were some of those people from Central Europe coming to Canada before that time?

A. Yes, there were some, I remember, away back in 1879.

Q. There were people here from central Europe not brought out by the company?

A. The Mennonites came away back in 1870.

By Mr. Bergeron :

Q. Do you know the president of that company?

A. I stated to the committee before that I don't know any of them.

Q. Nor the secretary?

A. No.

Q. None of them?

A. No.

Q. Do you know who is president of the C. P. R.?

A. I know Mr. McNichol, the vice-president.

Q. You know some of them?

A. Yes.

Q. You don't know the North Atlantic Trading Company?

A. No.

MR. BERGERON.—I do not know whether we would not be justified in ordering Mr. Scott to find out by telegraphing Lord Strathcona the names of these people composing the North Atlantic Trading Company.

MR. FOSTER.—There is just this point about that, he has been asked to do so by another committee.

WITNESS.—I was not asked by a committee.

By Mr. Maclean (Lunenburg) :

Q. The examination by Mr. Foster as to the mode of settling the accounts, this amount paid per head, leads me to believe that Mr. Foster thinks it is not a proper method or that it is irregular inasmuch as the account is made up by the department. Now, under this contract the Government pays a bonus upon all immigrants of certain classes who arrive from these certain countries?

A. Yes.

Q. Whether their coming can be traced directly to the company or not?

A. Yes.

Q. So therefore there is no other way to make up these accounts except by the government?

A. Not accurately.

Q. And it is done at the department?

A. I do not know how you could make them up accurately any other way.

Q. Do you consider that any other method would be unfair to the department?

A. It would have to be checked; if they did file the accounts it would have to be checked by the agent from the manifest.

Q. The company could not do it?

A. No.

Q. Have you any other organization or individuals that are carrying on this propaganda in these countries except this company?

A. No.