

APPENDIX No. 3

However, I suppose there is a regular practice which is followed by this Committee. I do not quite understand the rule and I do not want to be rude.

A. I am quite willing to answer any questions at all that may be asked, but not being accustomed to public speaking, like members of Parliament, I would like to be permitted to finish my remarks and then I will be glad to give you any information I have.

Q. You do strike me as having a verdancy that we cannot all boast of?

A. Yes, quite so.

I may say that some are under the mistaken idea that when an agent received an application from a farmer for farm help he sent it to Ottawa, Ottawa forwarded it to the old country, and the farmer would have to wait until a labourer was secured for him and forwarded to his destination. This is not at all the practice. Early in the year, in the month of January say, employment agents are supposed to write to the booking agents giving in round numbers the requirements of their vicinity and mentioning approximately the rate of wages paid. From amongst the numbers sent in answer to this request the farmers are supplied in so far as the numbers arriving enable the employment agent to do so. This year we have adopted a slightly different principle and have circularized the 3,000 booking agents as to the requirements of each employment agent. The following circulars have been issued:—

Labour Demand Circular No. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GOVERNMENT OF CANADA,

EMIGRATION BRANCH,

11-12 CHARING CROSS, LONDON, S.W.,

January 29, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—Advice has been received of the following requirements of the Canadian Government employment agents in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, for farm hands and domestic servants during the months of March, April and May.

I trust you will make an effort to direct to the employment agents the help they each require.

You may accept this circular as an assurance by the Department that should a greater number present themselves for one particular agent than his needs then require, the surplus will be diverted by the Government agents at the port of landing to positions of equal value elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,

J. OBED SMITH,

Assistant Superintendent of Emigration.

JOHN ALLGEO, Simcoe, Ontario, requires 20 single experienced men, wages \$20 to \$25 per month; 5 married experienced men with families, wages \$300 per year; 12 domestics, wages according to ability.

WM. JERMYN, Bradford, Ontario.—Forty single experienced men, wages \$25 per month; 30 single inexperienced men, wages \$10 to \$15 per month; 6 domestics, wages \$10 to \$15 per month.

HENRY TAYLOR, Perth, Ontario.—Twelve single experienced men, wages \$15 to \$20 per month; 24 single inexperienced men, wages \$10 to \$15 per month; 6 domestics, wages \$8 to \$12 per month.