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Blain, Richard (Peel)—*Con.*

permitted to take part in politics—1352. Minister should lay down a policy with regard to political interference of immigration agents—1353.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—1342.

Observes there is an increase of \$12,800 for the year—1342. Does not understand how a land company could blanket homesteads—1356. Seems desirable that some drastic remedy should be applied to ascertain what homesteads have been secured wrongfully—1358. If records of department are open to public, that would afford best guarantee that management of department would be above suspicion—1362. Would like to have complete correspondence during past two years between High Commissioner and Mr. Preston, also copies of correspondence between Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Preston—1363.

Chisholm, T. (East Huron)—1353.

Could minister state how many immigrants are likely to be sent to county of Huron? What steps would farmers take to get these immigrants?—1353. Would hon. minister be kind enough to give parliament information concerning female servants as soon as he can—1354. Do not parties who blanket homesteads get parties, for whom they assumed to make entry, to put in abandonment papers at opportune time?—1358.

Herron, John (Alberta)—1349.

Does minister say there are two agencies at Great Falls, Montana?—1349.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—1351.

Do port officers whom minister has appointed, consider it their duty to travel in train with immigrants to see that sharpers do not take advantage of them?—1351. Has minister given any permission to persons to buy a township of land, and in that way hold homesteads from settlement?—1358-9. If minister finds that any fake homesteads have been transferred, will he cancel them?—1360.

Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—1342.

Have any steps been taken towards laying the ordinances of Yukon council on table?—1342. Would ask hon. minister when he gives names of agents in Ontario to specify points at which they are located—1343. Do agents in Ontario devote their time exclusively for six months to this work?—1348. What are the 15 agents in Halifax employed at and the 19 in Quebec? At which of the ports, Halifax, St. John, Quebec or Montreal do the larger number of immigrants arrive?—1350. What are duties of immigration agents in Ottawa—1353. Is immigration literature sent from head office at Ottawa? Does department carefully scan literature to see that nothing goes out but what should?—1354. What are duties of immigration agents in Winnipeg? Has it never been suggested to hon. minister that it was not necessary to employ

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such a large staff of men in United States for purpose of advertising Northwest?—1355.

Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—1362.

Has minister a calculation of cost of procuring average individual immigrant?—1362. Can hon. minister bring down approximate statement of amount expended on immigration from United States, United Kingdom and continental Europe covering separately amounts spent in literature, advertising and salaries of officials?—1363.

Lancaster, E. A. (Lincoln and Niagara)—1358.

In cases which minister has observed, were names given to department fictitious names, or names of actual persons?—1358.

McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—1357.

How long has practice of blanketing homesteads been carried out to knowledge of department?—1357. What action has been taken by department to ascertain what entries are fictitious and what bona fide?—1358. If a party inquires to ascertain who has made entry for a certain quarter section, are agents supposed to tell him? How many homestead inspectors are there in Saskatchewan at present time who are outside limits of their local offices?—1361.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1342.

Informs House that on March 23 of this year, the premier laid before House a copy of the ordinances passed by Yukon council in year 1905—1342. Quotes names and salaries of various agents who are employed in Canada—1343-4-5. Quotes names and salaries of various agents in United States and Europe—1346-7. There are two classes of American agents; there are the salaried agents who receive no commission and the sub-agents who are paid a commission. Quotes Toronto 'News' of April 5th with respect to overlapping of work of distributing agents in Ontario—1349. Quotes Mr. Macdiarmid in Toronto 'News'; larger number of immigrants landed in Quebec—61,000 last year—1350. Every immigration train has an agent on it. If all immigrants were to go to Toronto, the advantage would accrue to farmers in vicinity of Toronto; benefit of whole province is sought—1351. Would militate against agents' usefulness to take an active part in politics—1352. Reads memorandum showing number of letters received at Immigration Department—1353. Land company exists for purpose of making profits for land company; government is in immigration business not for purpose of making money but for getting settlers into country who will make vacant land productive—1356. Has never been policy of department to facilitate claim jumping—1360.