

APPENDIX No. 2

By Mr. McIntyre (Strathcona):

Q. Does not the medical officer of a ship give a clean bill of health?

A. Yes.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.

By Mr. Pickup:

Q. Is there not a medical examination before leaving Liverpool?

A. Yes, by a Board of Trade doctor.

By Mr. Macdonald (Pictou):

Q. In regard to the question of determining the health of people who enter Canada from Liverpool, are they not inspected when they go on board.

A. They are inspected by a Board of Trade doctor.

Q. In Great Britain?

A. Yes on board the ship there.

Q. And by the ship's doctor after going on board?

A. Yes.

Q. Of course, if there was any contagious disease or any kind of disease that would be likely to spread to others or cause illness it would be apparent to the doctor during the voyage?

A. Yes.

Q. Then the quarantine authorities have to receive a clean bill of health with respect to these people before they are permitted to land?

A. Yes.

Q. Then a subsequent examination is made by your officers?

A. Yes.

By Mr. Sproule:

Q. Is the ship's doctor only called in the event of sickness?

A. No, the doctors have instructions—I did not bring a copy of those instructions with me but I can furnish one to you—

Q. To examine all passengers?

A. To keep them under observation. In the case of epileptics those are reported to our doctors and they are immediately deported. I do not think that any doctor can say upon merely examining a man that he is an epileptic.

Q. No?

A. But where he is on ship board for 8 or 10 days and through the excitement of coming on or going off the ship he might have an epileptic fit, that is reported by the ship's doctor to our officers.

Q. But that comes accidentally to his notice. What I want to get at is this: Is it the duty of the ship's doctor to make any examination of the passengers?

A. No, he does not strip them or anything of that kind.

By Mr. Macdonald (Pictou):

Q. The immigrant gets a clean bill of health from the medical officer when he comes on board?

A. I don't know what he gets, but he is inspected.

By Mr. Barr:

Q. As a matter of fact, are they examined when they come on board?

A. The medical officer stands and inspects them as they come on board, but they do not strip for inspection.