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A. I prepared a statement for the House some time ago.

Q. 1,380, was it not?

A. Something likt that.

Q. And in this notice you sent out to the booking agents they are notified that bonuses will not be paid to agents who book men to a point where you haven't an agent?

A. No, the notice does not say that, I think you must have misread it. I issued a circular on the 5th of July, 1911, and the reason for issuing that circular was the fact that I had correspondence with the Director of Colonization in Toronto, and it was principally on account of that correspondence that I issued the circular on the date I have named, addressed to Steamship Booking Agents, in the United Kingdom, as follows:—

IMMIGRATION BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR,

OTTAWA, CANADA, July 5th 1911.

Circular to Steamship Booking Agents in the United Kingdom.

Sir,—Canadian Government Employment Agents were appointed in Ontario and Quebec so that persons desirous of securing work on farms might proceed to the point at which these agents are located and without charge, be placed in suitable positions. The Department regrets that some of the British Booking Agents have neglected to direct persons booked by them to these Employment Agents, but have booked them to large cities where no Employment Agent is located, with the result that the immigrant has engaged in industrial pursuits, and so been lost to the agricultural communities.

With the object of remedying this condition, it has been decided that no bonus will be paid upon immigrants arriving on and after October 1st, 1911, who are booked to cities in Ontario and Quebec where no Canadian Government Employment Agent is located. Booking Agents have been supplied with a list of Canadian Government Employment Agents corrected to March 1st, 1911, and if further copies are needed they may be secured from Mr. J. Obed Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Emigration, 11-12, Charing Cross, London, S.W.

Booking Agents will be good enough to understand that it is the intention of the Department to enforce this rule strictly, and in the event of any claims being disallowed on those grounds, nothing will induce the Department to alter its original decision, unless the agent interested can supply this Department with the name and address of the farmer with whom the immigrant, upon whom the bonus has been refused, is working.

Bonus will be paid as heretofore upon domestic servants whether going to country districts, to towns or cities.

Your obedient servant,

W. D. SCOTT,

Superintendent of Immigration.

That is a matter of business, we are not giving up money for people who are not going on the land, and I for one propose to protect myself in every way against that, I do not propose to pay a bonus on people going to the city.

Q. You say you are not going to pay bonuses where no Canadian Government Agency is located. You know that the Ontario Government had six or seven agents working in Great Britain?

A. Yes.

Q. And they were sending out men and placing them from Toronto?