

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Has the company been formed yet?

The WITNESS: No, not yet.

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The WITNESS: No. We would have to get the money from a Trust Company or from a bank.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Who would get the money?

The WITNESS: We would get it.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: And have you done that at all yet?

The WITNESS: No, not yet. You must bear this in mind, that we are gradually working up to this. We have not got everything in shape yet.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Is that \$2,500 per head or per group?

The WITNESS: No, that is per head, or per family.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: How would you secure that? That is secured by mortgage on the property?

The WITNESS: On his farm, on his land.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Have you any contract with the British government?

The WITNESS: Yes, we have an agreement with the British government, with the Empire Settlement Board.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Is that with a company or with the government?

The WITNESS: With the government, the Empire Settlement Board.

Mr. STEWART: The security part of your scheme, does it follow in general the plan adopted by the Soldier Settlement Board with regard to returned men going on the land?

Mr. PRICE-GREEN: It is somewhat along similar lines. The Overseas Settlement Committee practically guarantees this amount. On account of the difference in exchange they do not feel perhaps that it is very advantageous to put it up at the present time, although they may reconsider that. That advance will be made to the man to enable him to buy stock and equipment. He must himself have £200 in order to qualify for this scheme, and then an agreement is being worked out by which he will give the necessary security. The details of that, the legal end, has not been worked out yet.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Is it your idea that some machinery should be made effective under some form of central control which would co-ordinate our entire immigration efforts?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Of the whole country.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Of the whole country, C. P. R., Canadian National, Soldier Settlement, various private institutions, everything, that that should be steered by some central body, that we should not be working at cross purposes, and that every ounce of effort put forth should bring a maximum of results?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Yes, that is my idea, and I think you will agree with me.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I do.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Have you had a chance of going over the McGrath plan?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Yes. Of course, when you get discussing the question of immigration, it has so many side lines to it, and it is not an easy thing to determine a policy upon. I do not know that there has ever been any effort to approach the problem with a view to fully organizing the whole thing. We have done the best we could under the circumstances, and others have done the same thing, but I think it might be profitable if we could really determine precisely what we are going to do, and then go and do it.