

Here they sent a letter to Messrs. Grip, Limited, saying that action will be taken if it can be legally taken, when they knew that no such action could be taken until proclamation had been issued by the Governor in Council. (Reading):

It has also been asserted that some have during the past few weeks secured entry either through misrepresentation as to their occupations, or by being furnished with money directly or indirectly by their prospective employers, the department has agreed that if any such cases are brought to its attention an investigation will be at once commenced, and if it is found that any party gained entry through misrepresentation, deportation proceedings will be commenced.

Having been informed that your firm is one affected by the strike, I bring the attitude of the department to your attention for your guidance.

Your obedient servant,

W. D. Scott,
Superintendent of Immigration.

You will notice, Mr. Speaker, that that letter was written on the 18th day of March. A sort of threat was made in that letter that, if the attention of the department was brought to the entrance into Canada of any prohibited immigrants who intended to take the place of those strikers, deportation proceedings would be commenced. The matter was brought to the attention of the department previous to the 18th of March and subsequent to the 18th of March, and it has been brought to the attention of the acting Minister of the Interior very many times since that date. Yet no definite action, no action which would remedy matters, has been taken by the Department of the Interior.

I wish to read a letter sent to one of these intended immigrants in England:

London, E.C., 18th February, 1913.
Mr. A. Venn,
6 Gardnor Road,
Well Walk,
Hampstead, N.W.

Dear Sir,—We are desired by Mr. Macnamara, of Toronto, to inform you that all arrangements have been made for you to sail from Liverpool on Friday next by SS. Hesperian, and in order to get there in time to catch the boat you will have to leave Euston by the 10.25 train on Friday morning. Will you please call in here to-morrow for your railway ticket to Liverpool?

As soon as you get on board you had better apply to the purser for your passage ticket, and when you arrive in Canada, you will, before leaving the boat be given your railway ticket to Toronto and a draft for \$50 made out to you in order that you may have sufficient money to satisfy the requirements of the Canadian immigration authorities, who require everyone landing in the country to be in possession of at least \$50. On arrival at Toronto you will present the draft to Mr. Watts, at the office of Grip, Limited, 48-52 Temperance street.

Your wages will start from the date of your presenting yourself at the office of your employer.

That is direct proof that \$50 was given to each of those intending immigrants before they left the Old Country, for the very purpose of evading the immigration regulations made under section 37 of the Act, which reads as follows:

Section 37 says:

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under this Act may provide as a condition to permission to land in Canada that immigrants and tourists shall possess in their own right money to a prescribed minimum amount, which amount may vary according to the race, occupation or destination of such immigrant or tourist, and otherwise according to the circumstances.

By virtue of that section, an Order in Council was passed on May 9, 1910, prescribing the amount of money which immigrants must have, over and above tickets to their points of destination when they arrive in Canada. It reads:

Monday, the 9th day of May, 1910.

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No immigrant, male or female, other than a member of a family provided for under the following regulations shall be permitted to enter Canada between the first day of March and the thirty-first day of October both days inclusive, unless he or she have in actual and personal possession at the time of arrival, money, belonging absolutely to such immigrant, to the amount of at least \$25 in addition to a ticket or such sum of money as will purchase a ticket or transport for such immigrant to his or her destination in Canada.

It is provided that during the remaining portion of the year the minimum amount must be \$50.

Drafts were given to these people for the very purpose of evading this regulation which was made in 1910 and this matter was brought to the attention of the acting Minister of the Interior.

Mr. CROTHERS: Have you read the whole of the letter said to have been sent to individuals in England?

Mr. CARROLL: No, I have not, but I shall read the balance of it:

On arrival at the railway station at Toronto, you should telephone from the station to Mr. Watts at the office of Grip, Limited, saying that you have arrived, and they will send one of their representatives with a motor car to meet you and take you to some suitable lodgings which will be found for you until you can get settled down.

I am given to understand that although the reason of your being engaged is owing to a strike, the firm guarantee that they carry out the agreement whether the strike is settled or not, and they also undertake that the wages they are paying you will not be less than the minimum rate required by the Trade Union for a man of your grade.