

APPENDIX No. 1

By Mr. Sproule:

Q. Would a man going in to look over the country, presumably with a view of settling in it, get the reduced rate?

A. Certainly.

Q. Though he might go back and never settle in Canada?

A. Yes.

By Mr. Wilson (Lennox and Addington):

Q. Does the government pay any part of the reduced rate?

A. No.

By Mr. Sharpe (Lisgar):

Q. How many came over from the United States last year?

A. In 1909-10 there were 103,798, and for the nine months up to the end of December in the present fiscal year there were 97,702.

Q. You have no way of telling then, how many of those went back? As Dr. Sproule has said, they might just get their certificate issued by an agent and come over and look at the land, and, if it was not satisfactory, go back. You have no record of them?

A. No, we do not keep any track of the outbound.

Q. No telling how many of those 103 odd thousand that came over settled in Canada?

A. There is by homestead entries. For instance, last year for 1909-10, there were 14,032 entries granted to Americans.

By Mr. Wilson (Lennox and Addington):

Q. The United States report gives a very different version of it. In the report of their commission, which was issued last year, they say we got 116,377 immigrants and that they got from us 94,496, leaving a net gain to us of 21,881. Of the total that went into the United States, they say that 44,328 were Canadian citizens and that left 50,168 that were foreigners. That is in their commissioner's report just issued?

A. We do not keep any track of people leaving Canada.

Q. Why not? Lord Strathcona keeps count. You have seen his report to the department?

A. No, I have not.

Q. It is in your report, in the Blue Book issued by the department? He says there were sent to Canada 113,315, and that there returned 46,791, leaving a net increase to us of 66,524?

A. Of course it is a very easy thing to keep track of ocean transportation, because they have to file manifests, but on the International boundary where there are ferries and trains crossing and re-crossing, it is an absolute impossibility.

Q. Well, the Americans seem to keep it?

A. That may be. We have no desire yet to interfere with the traffic or to bother people. I think possibly they have enough troubles going backwards and forwards across the boundary without being asked further questions.

Q. But we cannot tell, unless we have some information of the people who leave this country, what immigration we are getting. If we did not have in Lord Strathcona's report the number of those who went back, I would have supposed that 103,000 came in, but he gives us the 46,000 that returned.

A. They count everybody that goes on a ship, whether on a single or a return ticket.