

APPENDIX No. 2

Pursers will use this form in preparing manifest and will see that names are arranged alphabetically by nationalities. This form with manifest to be handed to Canadian immigration agent at port of landing to be forwarded to Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa. In case of vessels arriving at Portland, Maine, hand to American Commissioner of Immigration.

Q. You say that the filling in of this form has been in operation since the 1st of this month?

A. Since the 1st of this month. It may have been in operation for a few days in March but we tried to get it started at the beginning of the present fiscal year.

Q. Was there anything of that kind in force previously?

A. No.

Q. When the passenger arrives at the landing place his examination from the moral standpoint only lasts about a minute or so?

A. The immigration officers do not ask him whether he has been convicted of theft or anything of that kind.

Q. Do you see any objection to the moral character of the immigrant being ascertained on the other side of the Atlantic?

A. I do not see any.

Q. I will give you an instance: Is there anything to prevent our making it a condition that the immigrant before leaving the other side should furnish to the booking agent, or in some other manner, a certificate from his native place of his moral qualifications? Is there any objection to doing that as far as you can see?

A. I could not see any objection myself. I do not know whether the immigrants would answer truthfully or not.

Q. Could he not for instance furnish a certificate from the mayor of his village?

A. Yes, he might be able to do so.

Q. Or a certificate from his bishop or minister, some kind of certificate such as every man, as a rule, bears with him when he comes to America, if he wants to be received by people here, the equivalent of a letter of introduction?

A. I do not think they have anything of that kind in the case of persons coming to the United States.

Q. No, I am asking you if the thing is feasible?

A. It might be; I would not like to say. It is a question whether they would tell the truth or not.

Q. What objection do you see to it if he should hand to the examining authority on the other side that document which would show that the immigrant is not a criminal?

A. I would have no objection.

Q. You would have no objection?

PROPOSED MEDICAL INSPECTION AND REPORT BY SHIP SURGEONS.

A. No. It has often been said that there should be a detailed medical examination on the other side. That I think is impossible on account of the way in which the ships are loaded with immigrant passengers. The ship goes alongside the Princess Landing Stage, trains come in and the immigrant passengers are embarked within a comparatively few minutes; there is no possibility of a detailed medical examination. But we propose as soon as possible to have the ship's doctor give a medical certificate, which will appear on the first page of the vessel's manifest, to this effect:

'I hereby certify that I have daily during the present passage made a general inspection of the passengers on this vessel, and that I have at least once during the passage made a detailed individual examination of each immigrant on board and that I have seen no passenger thereon who I have reason to believe is, or is