

Territories, with all reports with regard to the mineral or agricultural interests, are given to the people of Great Britain. I think Mr. McMillan will say that these gentlemen are obliging and intelligent men, and furnish the people with all the information they want.

By Mr. Watson :

Q. I wish to have Mr. McMillan's opinion?—A. In answer to Mr. Watson's question, I may repeat what I said a minute or two since, that I believe there is a great scarcity of men in the Dominion Government offices in Great Britain who can give practical information about the North-West. I take a great interest in this question of immigration, and I am trying to bring before you to-day points which I think will be of use to you in carrying on immigration work. I think that is a very weak part of our Dominion service in Great Britain. I am speaking now with regard to information respecting Manitoba and the North-West, towards which I infer the principal part of immigration from Great Britain is directed. I think, perhaps, the weakest part of our whole system over there, is that we have too much machinery—too many offices for the appropriation we have at our disposal. I think it would be better to divide the country up into districts, and have permanent travelling agents, to be answerable to some permanent head in Great Britain, who in turn should be responsible to the Minister of Agriculture, and that this Department of Immigration should be separated from the High Commissioner's office. I would also suggest that, annually, men be sent over to each of these districts to give lectures—men who had previously lived in that district, and had succeeded in the North-West. Many a man is glad to go over for the sake of some assistance to his passage. He should act in conjunction with the resident agent of that district.

By Hon. Mr. Carling :

Q. Would you have any particular place where the agent should be found?—A. Yes; some office. I do not mean to go to the expense of establishing such an office as you have in Liverpool.

By Mr. Davin :

Q. Why dissociate it from the High Commissioner's office?—A. For reasons I have pointed out—that I think the immigration question is of such importance that it requires some good practical man at the head of it, who can devote his whole time to that work.

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