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out rural England from the middle of March until the end of October. These cars contain samples of Canadian grains, &c., and the parties in charge stop wherever a crowd can most conveniently be collected, lecture on the country, and distribute pamphlets and disseminate information generally. These cars are present at as many markets and fairs as possible, regular exhibits also being made at many fairs. An atlas of Canada is distributed at rural schools, and the rising generation used to agricultural life are thus made aware of the advantages which Canada has to offer. The sending of farm delegates to the British Isles is still pursued the same as in past years. Those of the farm delegates well fitted for public speaking lecture about five nights a week in halls which are arranged for, and at meetings which are advertised by the booking agents in the locality where the meeting is to be held. In almost all cases the buildings are filled to capacity, and as a rule, magic lanterns showing views of Canadian farm life are used in explaining the work which immigrants may expect to find upon their arrival. All those engaged in lecture work are carefully warned to keep well within the bounds of truth, and to arrange for as good a report in the local press as it is possible to obtain. In this way the lecturer reaches not only the audience who are present at the meeting, but also the reading public of the papers in which the report is inserted. Very often the chair at the meeting is occupied by the mayor or other municipal officers, and in other cases by clergymen or others interested in emigration work. At the conclusion of the meetings, it is usual to invite inquiries and any points upon which the audience may be in doubt are then thoroughly explained. Others of the farm delegates are advertised by the booking agents as being present in their offices, to give their personal experience of farming in Canada, and in the majority of cases a large number of inquirers call to learn of Canada from the lips of one who has had practical and personal experience. The regular offices of the department which carry on the work throughout the year by the supervision of the advertising, lecturing, exhibits, &c., are nine in number on the British Isles, located at London, Liverpool, Exeter, York, Birmingham, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Belfast and Dublin. The general work of all these offices is twofold in character: first to encourage all desirable persons to emigrate to Canada, and secondly to discourage the emigration of those who for any reason are likely to prove failures. Of these reasons lack of adaptability is one of the most common, at the same time one of the most serious and also one of the most easily perceivable to one used to dealing with emigrants. In the British Isles it is customary for booking agents, who come in contact with persons about whose success they have doubt, to refer the party to the nearest government office, where the case is considered without prejudice, and advice given which is considered in the best interests of Canada and the prospective emigrant. As there are over 3,000 booking agents in the British Isles, this phase of the work is very important, and when it is considered that a booking agent suffers a pecuniary loss from every prospective emigrant discouraged from emigrating, it is only fair to them to say that they deserve credit for the manner in which they carry on their work.

*By Mr. Wilson (Lennox and Addington):*

Q. Are all those agents your agents also?

A. All the booking agents?

Q. The 3,000 of them?

A. Yes. There are, however, some who are more interested in looking after their own interests than the interests of their customers or of this country. It is impossible, however, for them to carry on their work contrary to the regulations of the department for any length of time without coming into conflict with the department, and the steamship companies have evinced a willingness to withdraw their license from such as persist in misrepresentation or giving advice which is not in the best interests of people considering emigration to this country. In the past five