

Agriculture and Colonization.

By Mr. McLennan (Inverness):

Q. I notice that the headquarters of all those agents in Scotland are in the cities?

A. Yes, they travel out from them, visit the fairs and all that kind of thing.

By Mr. Wilson :

Q. I find an entry in the Auditor General's Report of a purchase of 12,000 copies of the "Globe," and in your report you say 10,000?

A. Those were sent to parts of the United States.

By Mr. Sproule :

Q. What literature are you distributing for the purpose of giving information with regard to the country?

A. The High Commissioner has authority to advertise and publish anything he may think desirable in the interests of emigration at any time. We also send from this side sacks of anything published here. We have published a handbook this year, and, in fact, different kinds of literature published in various languages.

By Mr. Hughes :

Q. Have you received any suggestions from the High Commissioner recently in the way of immigration?

A. We receive suggestions all the time.

Q. I mean in the way of getting people to write home?

A. Oh, that has been done all the time. One system adopted is to get the agents at Halifax and Quebec to interview all immigrants as they arrive to get the names of their friends in the district from which they come and who we think might be induced to move, and then we send literature to those.

By Mr. Davin :

Q. Would you send us specimens of the literature—I mean the members of the Committee; will you send me some?

A. Yes, but if we sent each member of the Committee it would make a large number, and they are in different languages.

By Mr. Hughes :

Q. Would it not be a good plan, where a colony is established and doing well to induce them to write to the local newspapers in the locality from which they come?

A. We are doing that all the time. We are trying all these things.

By Mr. Hurley :

Q. Do the Government assist these children who are sent out here to the Marchmont Home and other homes in Ontario?

A. There is a system by which the Government pay \$2 a head to a certain class of these people. I cannot give you the precise particulars off-hand. They are inspected at Liverpool before being allowed to sail and a medical certificate is required in the case of each one.