

APPENDIX No. 3

Q. Is this circular sent out by your assistant in London, giving the number of men required by the local agents, sent to the 3,000 different booking agents?

A. Yes.

Q. Then a booking agent knows that this circular has been sent to all the other booking agents, and it is possible that a dozen or fifty or one hundred might be sending these men to the same places?

A. On the front of the circular it is stated,—‘ You may accept this circular as an assurance by the Department that should a greater number present themselves for one particular agent than his needs then require, the surplus will be diverted by the Government agents at the port of landing to positions of equal value elsewhere.

Q. Is it not a fact that letters have appeared from immigrants in *John Bull* for instance, and circulated broadcast all over Great Britain, condemning the system, and pointing out that they have gone to a certain agent and that they have then come out to Canada and found that there were no places for them. I know of dozens of instances of that kind where the Ontario Government agents have placed men who have come out in that way?

A. I would like to have the names when you speak of our agents. I have a great many instances where the immigrants never went near farm work at all.

The CHAIRMAN.—It is moved by Mr. Best, seconded by Mr. Bowman, that the evidence given by Mr. Scott before this Committee be reported to the House.

Motion adopted.

Committee adjourned.

Certified correct,

W. D. SCOTT,