

Q. Then what does he get it out of?

A. Out of his head.

Q. He must use these certificates for every man that comes up?

A. No.

A. Well, I cannot see any other way?

A. We will take the first name on this manifest. The first man whose name appears there is named Thomas Adams. He was 35 years of age, he could read and write, he was a farm labourer, he was born in England, had transportation over the C. P. R. and was going to Manitou, Manitoba. After he had been medically examined that man goes before the civil examiner. He has a card, without a name on it, which simply says his name will be found on line one, page one, of the manifest.

Q. Who gives him the card?

A. The purser of the ship before he lands. It is the only quick means of identifying the 838 passengers on the ship—speaking, for example, of the number that was on the *Virginian*. If the officer had to look individually over the whole of the names it would be very difficult for him. However, a card is furnished to him and the officer turns to the manifest and finds his name. He asks the immigrant whether he can read and write and what his occupation was in England. The immigrant tells him that he is a farm labourer and then he will take a form and fill it out.

Q. Supposing he said he was a plumber or an engineer?

A. The immigration officer would not fill out one of these forms. There would simply be the information on the face of the manifest.

*By Mr. Adamson:*

Q. Would you consider the second form to which Mr. Blain has referred to be a certificate or not?

A. That is the evidence upon which we pay the bonus, and it was the evidence upon which the bonus on 32 persons on this ship were disallowed.

*By Mr. Sproule:*

Q. I understood Mr. Scott to read from the circular of instructions issued to booking agents that a party might set forth these facts in his application for his ticket and then if the statements were in strict compliance with the regulations the party holding that or the duplicate would be entitled to collect the bonus?

A. No, you misunderstood me. In the case of first class passengers we do not examine them at ocean ports excepting persons of foreign birth who may be in first class compartments. The arrangement we have with the steamship companies is that we let the first class passengers go without inspection if the officers on the ship produce for inspection any foreigners who are in first class compartments. First class passengers speaking English are not examined by the immigration officers, but some of the booking agents in the Old Country claim that they should be allowed a bonus upon the first class passengers. In reply to that we said: 'We do not examine them, we do not know what their occupation is, and we cannot verify your statement.' We said to the agents: 'We will put a certificate on the bottom of the bonus claim which reads 'I have to-day examined the party or parties above mentioned and believe that the particulars given are in accordance with the facts. I consider that the parties are physically and mentally sound, that they belong to one of the classes prescribed by the Canadian regulations and that they are in all respects desirable persons for Canada. If that booking agent had an immigrant before one of our officers in London, Liverpool, Birmingham or any other point where we have paid officers, and that officer considers the persons concerned are desirable men for Canada he would sign this certificate at the bottom that would entitle the booking agent to the bonus irrespective of any examination on this side. But that is only in the case of first class passengers who are not examined.'