

with a copy of the judgment delivered by Judge Graham, but he did not read it for the benefit of the House. I want to call the attention of the House to some correspondence touching this matter which I know will satisfy the House that every effort was made by the Immigration Department for the protection of the men in Toronto who made complaint. We do not pretend to justify anything that was done by the employers in connection with this matter. We have had no communication or correspondence with them whatever, except to write them to say that complaints were made, and warning them against a breach of the Immigration Act in any respect. And on the 1st of March in reply to a letter from Mr. Nunn, who represented these men, the following letter was sent:

1st March, 1913.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your night letter of the 28th respecting strike among photo-engravers in Toronto.

All that we can do, as I said in my previous letter, is to notify our port agents of the existence of this strike. I am now doing so, that they may enforce the immigration regulations strictly, with regard to any immigrants who are coming to take photographic work.

Your obedient servant,

W. D. Scott,

Superintendent of Immigration.

Edwin Nunn, Esq.,

Secretary, Toronto Photo-Engraver's Union,
91 Beatrice street,
Toronto, Ont.

A gentleman in Halifax, representing the men, asked permission to interview the photo-engravers arriving in Halifax on the 1st of March. That same day, Mr. Scott sent a message to the Dominion immigration agent at Halifax in these words:

W. L. Barnstead,
Dominion Immigration Agent,
Halifax, N.S.

Allow John T. Joy or other representative labour people to interview photo-engravers arriving your port or going Toronto. I have advised Joy.

That was in reply to a telegram received from Joy of the same date:

Am in Halifax representing striking photo-engravers, of Toronto, watching importations. Department officials here refuse to let me examine passenger lists. Joy advises me ask you to wait a Minister Interior. Try to have him wire permission to local officials at once.

Here is a message that was sent to our official at Portland, Maine, at the request of those representing the strikers in Toronto. It is dated March 7:

In further reference to the matter of photo-engravers' strike in Toronto, will you please note that in the application of P. C. 924, it is desired to make sure in the case of persons going to a place where a strike is in pro-

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gress, that the money presented belongs absolutely to the immigrant presenting it and not loaned to him by some employer in Canada who may be interested in his admission.
(Sgd.) W. D. Scott.

Geo. W. Elliott,

Canadian Government Official,
116 Spring Street, Portland, Maine.

A message similar to that was sent to each of our officials at the other ports where it was suggested that these men might come in. Here is a message sent to our agent at St. John, N.B., on the same day:

Strike of photo-engravers now in progress at Toronto. Examine carefully all photo-engravers going that city, satisfying yourself that money shown belongs absolutely to immigrants instead of being loaned. Object to those who do not fully comply.

A message in the same terms was sent on the same day to our agent at Halifax, Mr. Barnstead. A message was sent to our agent at Ellis Island, New York, as follows:

There is photo-engravers' strike in progress, Toronto. Understand strike-breakers on Cymric arriving to-morrow. Question these carefully and see that money shown belongs to immigrants instead of being a loan. Reject all who do not comply fully.

On the same day, a message was sent by the superintendent of immigration to the secretary of the union of photo-engravers in Toronto:

Your wire received. Have telegraphed our official New York make careful examination, but cannot arrange for examination manifest, this being United States matter. Am writing fully.

When we were notified that there was a possibility of their attempting to get through under assumed names, we sent this message to our agents at the different ports:

Reported here that photo-engravers are entering Canada giving other than their correct occupation. Question closely all immigrants destined Montreal and Toronto, and if any found to be photo-engravers reject if that action can be legally taken.

My hon. friend has emphasized the few words at the end of that message, namely: 'if that action can be legally taken.' Certainly you would not advise an officer to reject a man where he could not legally take such action. You would advise him to reject a man who was attempting to come in in violation of the Immigration Act. There is no ground whatever in these few words for insinuating that there is any suggestion in them that the law should in any way be violated by the action. If that action can be legally taken, certainly reject him; reject him if he is an undesirable, if he has not the money quali-