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Jones? It was reported that certain parties were located with him but Mr. Jones writes to you direct saying that he did not ever have these people with him. Still you say that you do not think Mr. Miller intentionally did anything wrong?

A. I do not think he did.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox and Addington).—It is astonishing the faith that some people have, I have not found such faith anywhere else.

*By Mr. Wilson (Laval):*

Q. Does the Immigration Act define the meaning of the word 'farmer' or what constitutes a farmer?

A. I think not.

Mr. WILSON (Laval).—I would ask my honourable friend from Lennox this question: supposing a man that owned an acre of land in a village and carried on gardening for himself were to ask for an immigrant to be sent to him and the immigrant were to be located on that little piece of land, would that be farming?

Mr. WILSON (Lennox and Addington).—Can you cite a case.

Mr. WILSON (Laval).—I can cite my own case. You will see that these definitions are quite nice sometimes. I have got 3 acres of land. Supposing that I were to apply to the department for a farmhand and the agent located an immigrant on my place. Would that be wrong or would it be right? I might say that I am a lawyer by profession.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox and Addington).—All I have to say is that the conditions cited do not exist in any of the cases that I have reference to. I am giving definite cases and the witness still persists in saying that the offender did not know that he was intentionally doing wrong.

Mr. WILSON (Laval).—Supposing a farmer having three or four hundred acres of land asks the immigration officers for a farm hand and then uses that farm hand for a coachman. I would like to know from my honourable friend whether this would be infringing the law or not, or whether the locater would commit a crime by reporting to Mr. Scott; in other words whether that would be a good location or not. This is the reason I brought up the question of definition, as to whether there should not be in the Bill some definition of the word 'farmer,' the word 'location,' and of the duties of an agent.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox and Addington).—There is a clause in the instructions which each locating agent gets, prohibiting him even to help to locate any person other than farm labourers or domestic servants. Is that not right, Mr. Scott?

The WITNESS.—Yes.

Mr. WILSON (Laval).—What is a domestic servant or what is a farm hand, what is a farm and what is a farmer? These things should be defined in order to avoid any errors in future that would reflect on the honour of the citizens of this country. We are forcing an immigration agent to be a little more acute even than a judge of the Superior Court whose judgment might be reversed in the Court of Appeal and more particularly when we are dealing with a new Act. You musn't play with crime, it is too serious.

*By Mr. Lake:*

Q. I would like to ask Mr. Scott a question in connection with what we were discussing just now. I understand from you, Mr. Scott, that you know of no cases in