

nected in the old country, and he is doing good work for us there. Now, in addition to these, of course we have still our agent at Liverpool, Mr. Dyke, and the agent at Glasgow, Mr. Graham. In addition to these gentlemen, we have men in Scotland, in England and in Ireland to-day, who have farmed in Manitoba and the North-west for some years, and have been sent home for three or four months. Transportation is given to them by the steam-ship companies and by the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the Government make them an allowance for travelling expenses. All of these men who are well connected and have relatives in different parts of the country, are going to work in Great Britain, and I may say that we find it is absolutely necessary for an agent to do good work that he should be connected with persons to whom he can refer as to character, and as to whether his statements can be relied on or not. Owing to the fact of Great Britain having been overrun with agents of American railways and the Australian colonies as well as the South American republics, the people are very chary of receiving as true statements made by agents seeking to induce people to emigrate to other countries. And, therefore, it is that any person endeavouring to work they should be able to refer to people of responsibility as to the facts he states. We have three of those gentlemen in the north of Ireland, a portion of the country that seems to have been neglected, because the number of people coming here from that part has been small indeed. Those men are all practical men, who have had practical experience in farming in Manitoba and the North-west, and, so far as accounts go, good work will be performed by them. In addition, Sir Charles Tupper has secured from the British Government the right to put up our posters in the 25,000 post offices in Great Britain and Ireland. In addition, we have advertised in every leading periodical and paper in Great Britain, and to-day Canada is a household word from one end of the country to the other. We have distributed all the English Farm Delegates' Reports not only to different parts of the country, but to almost every school there. Undoubtedly gross ignorance prevails as to our country. Our efforts are not directed alone to bringing emigrants to our western country, but we are endeavouring to bring before the people a knowledge of the whole of Canada. In order, if possible, to increase the effectiveness of our work, I communicated with the Premiers of the different provinces, calling attention to the machinery we possess in England, and asking their co-operation. With the exception of a reply from the Premier of Prince Edward Island, I have received no communication from the Premiers of the provinces. It is, in my opinion, a great oversight on their part. We have a number of farms for sale in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, and if we could obtain lists of

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vacant farms or be furnished with any information, I would be happy to distribute any literature the Local Governments might prepare or any lists of farms for sale through our agents in Great Britain. So much with respect to Great Britain and Ireland.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). Has the hon. gentleman a statement showing the number of emigrants from each district sent out by those agents during the past twelve months, and who have arrived, say, in Winnipeg?

Mr. DALY. The hon. gentleman will find the figures in a statement I laid on the Table of the House some time ago. I have given up the idea altogether of keeping returns such as were kept in the Department of Agriculture of the number of emigrants coming into the country, and relying on them. The hon. gentleman will find in the report the number of homestead entries made by the people going into the North-west, either from Great Britain or the United States.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). The reason I asked was to ascertain how far each agent has been successful, and what results have been secured by agents in any particular district. Of course, some agents might send out many, and others no emigrants whatever.

Mr. DALY. Those agents of which I have spoken have only been home since October, and they have had no opportunity of obtaining results from their work. Statistics, however, will be kept as to the work done by each man; but, I repeat, that I have given up the idea of keeping a record similar to that kept by the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). It is a dangerous experiment.

Mr. DALY. Yes; I think so. All I propose to do is to keep a record in each Dominion lands office of the number of persons in the family of the individual making the homestead entry, and in this way we will have undoubted evidence as to the number of settlers. Passing on to speak of continental Europe, it will be remembered that we are met with considerable difficulty, many obstacles in dealing with the question of immigration. We are excluded entirely from Germany, being proscribed by name in the State papers.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). Why?

Mr. DALY. I cannot tell the hon. gentleman the reason; but in consequence of that fact, we are unable to send any authorized agents into Germany to do our work. The only way we can obtain a foothold is through the steam-ship companies, and we give a bonus of \$5 to every shipping agent making a booking for Winnipeg, this amount being payable on the arrival of the immigrant in that city. This course has to be adopted in order to meet the efforts put forth by the Australian colonies and the Argentine Re-