

A. A circular was sent to the booking agents in the Old Country.

Q. Will you read it?

A. Certainly. (Reads.):

### IMMIGRATION BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR.

Ottawa, Canada, November 15, 1906.

#### *Circular to Steamship Booking Agents in the United Kingdom.*

'Sir,—This circular takes the place of my circular of March 20 last, and I beg to inform you that the following rules will come into effect respecting tickets sold to emigrants arriving in Canada on and after the 1st January, 1907.

'(1). Bonus will be paid provided the regulations of the department are complied with, upon tickets to Canada sold to British subjects, whose occupation in the United Kingdom has been for at least one year, one of the following, viz.: Farmers, farm labourers, gardeners, stablemen, carters, railway surfacemen, navvies or miners, who have signified their intention of following farming or railway construction work in Canada; and female domestic servants.

'(2). Bonus is only payable on emigrants landing at Canadian ports, excepting those landing at Portland, Maine, during winter.

'(3). The bonus will be £1 on each person of prescribed classes, 18 years of age or over, and 10 shillings on those between 1 and 18 years of age. No bonus on infants, tourists, returning Canadians, prepaid tickets, or persons of other occupation than one of the above named, or on persons mentally or physically unfit. To obtain bonus on saloon passengers it is necessary to obtain the certificate of one of the accredited agents of the department in the United Kingdom.

'(4). In order to enable the department to pay bonus it will be necessary to have the evidence that it is due supplied on the prescribed form.

'(5). No bonuses will be paid to the head offices of steamship or railway lines.

'(6). No bonus will be paid to booking agents misrepresenting the conditions in Canada, or whose advertising does not meet with the approval of the Immigration Department.

'(7). Payment will be made monthly, and accompanying the cheque in each case, which will be issued at the Canadian Government office in London, Eng., two statements will be sent to the payee, one giving the name, age and ticket number in each case of the passengers on whom bonus is allowed; and the other giving name and particulars of passengers on whom bonus is not allowed, stating also the reasons for such disallowance.

'(8). A supply of blank forms for use under this system has already been sent to the line for which you act as agent, and from whom you may obtain a supply. The agents are particularly requested to refrain from sending any claims on persons not fully coming within the requirements as to occupation, &c. If the head of a family comes out in advance of his family, bonus may be claimed later on the members of the family when tickets are purchased for them, the bonus being allowed in the meantime on head of family alone. Booking agents should secure and retain the home address of the emigrant or his friends.

'To insure the payment of bonus, in respect of passengers of the classes above mentioned landed in Canada, a certificate may be secured from one of the accredited agents of the department in Great Britain or Ireland, as per form on emigrant's application ticket. The persons entitled to sign this ticket are as follows:—

'J. Bruce Walker, Asst. Superintendent of Emigration, 11 and 12 Charing Cross, London, W.C.