

APPENDIX No. 3

Mr. Ross (Middlesex).—That is in the annual report, and it is open to any member to point out the fact in the House. This is a matter that, as has been properly said, should come up in the discussion on the estimate; any member can point out that a certain inspector or a certain employment agent in a certain county has placed no men there for three or five or ten years, as the case may be. If that be done I have no doubt the man who has failed in his duty will be changed.

By Mr. Armstrong (N. York):

Q. Is there any machinery requiring an immigrant entering the country to have a certain amount of cash, and if so, how much?

A. At the present time a mechanic, anybody other than a farmer, a farm labourer, or a female domestic servant must have \$25 in his possession, that is by Order in Council No. 924.

By Mr. Arthurs:

Q. You said in your main address that these distributing agents in Ontario were good agents, or otherwise, according to their activity?

A. Yes.

Q. That if they wrote to the booking agents often enough they would get men?

A. Yes.

Q. How many booking agents have you?

A. About 3,000.

Q. Do you think they could write to 3,000 booking agents three or four times a month?

A. No, the department selects the booking agents who are likely persons in their respective capacities, but some of them are active and some are not active.

Q. Do they get any salary, other than the \$2 bonus?

A. No.

By Mr. Sutherland:

Q. Do you consider the Salvation Army as an agent?

A. We do, yes, a special agent.

Q. I notice that last year they received a special grant of \$15,516, and as booking agents they received \$9,107, and that they received a grant of \$2,000 for distributing immigrants, and also a commission for placing immigrants of \$1,904?

A. The \$2,000 was for the distribution of immigrants in British Columbia.

Q. And the \$1,904 was?

A. For placing immigrants with farmers.

Q. The Salvation Army is at Toronto. Now, I notice in the circular that you sent over to the British Booking Agents notifying them who the agents were, you have no agent in Toronto?

A. No we endeavoured to meet the difficulty that when immigrants come out and stop at places like Toronto, it means they remain in the cities, they never go to the farm, and our whole object in having these distribution agents in Ontario was to get the booking agents, as I laid before you a personal case, one particular case of a good farm immigrant, booked directly from the place he is leaving to the place where he is going to work in Ontario. Our desire is to keep them away from the city which will always get sufficient immigrants. Our object was to get them booked through the cities directly to the districts where they are to be employed.

Q. Yet you have an agency in Toronto?

A. We have.

Q. You have a staff there and an office?

A. Yes.

Q. And you say you placed how many, 1,300 men from that point last year?