

1895, the question of paying a bonus on immigrants coming to eastern, as well as to western Canada was introduced, but it was decided that as the land in eastern Canada was under the jurisdiction of the provincial governments, the department should leave the question of bonuses to provincial parliaments.

In 1897, the High Commissioner recommended more prompt payment of British bonuses and the continuance of the \$5 continental bonus.

In 1899 an agreement was entered into with the North Atlantic Trading Company, by which they were to receive a bonus on all immigrants to Canada of the farming or domestic service class from certain specified countries in which they were to carry on an active propaganda. From time to time alterations were made in this contract, but generally speaking the bonus was £1 per head, and the countries affected, Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland.

This contract was terminated on November 30, 1906, and on March 1, 1907, the department commenced to pay to certain selected continental booking agents a bonus of 10s. on adults and 5s. on those between one and 18 years of age who came to Canada to engage in farm work or railway construction work, and who had been for at least one year one of the following classes, viz., farmers, farm labourers, gardeners, stablemen, carters, railway surface men, navvies or miners. This bonus was also paid on domestic servants.

On February 1, 1908, this bonus was increased to £1 on adults and 10s. on those between one and 18 years of age, the same classes as those paid on in the former arrangement.

By Mr. Sproule:

Q. When you speak of continental bonuses, to what countries do you refer?

A. The countries on the continent covered by the order in council at present are Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia, France, Belgium and Switzerland.

By Mr. Wilson (Lennox):

Q. Can you give us any reason for that increase of bonus on immigrants between one and 18 years of age?

A. I could not. I simply got instructions to increase the bonus.

By Mr. Burrows:

Q. The last order in council gave a bonus to immigrants from more countries than were included in the North Atlantic Trading Company contract?

A. No, I think not. I think they are the same.

By Mr. Wilson (Lennox):

Q. I think you had one or two more countries in the contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company?

Q. It was changed at one time. Servia and Northern Italy were at one time covered by the contract.

Q. Changes would not be made under the contract with the company?

A. I could not say as to that; I know that changes were made.

By Mr. Sproule:

Q. You have referred to steamship agents and booking agents, what distinction do you draw between the two?

A. They are the same. They are men who sell tickets on commission.

Q. They are one and the same thing?

A. One and the same thing.