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Q. I notice another man here, William Griffith. His salary is \$100 a month, and his expenses, \$1,313.84. What is his business?

A. He was working in Wales last year.

Q. He also gets a pretty good salary. Now, what arrangement have you about furnishing clothing to your officers?

A. We furnish all our regular officers with two uniforms a year.

Q. And sometimes three?

A. Occasionally they meet with accidents and have to get a third uniform, but very rarely.

Q. They get pretty good clothes, don't they?

A. I think the average cost is about \$25 a suit, and they pay one-third of that themselves. It costs the Department usually about \$16 or \$17 a suit.

Q. How long has that been going on.

A. Since the passing of the last Immigration Act.

Q. That is last session?

A. Yes, last session.

Q. I notice they get pretty good overcoats too?

A. Yes, they usually get an overcoat once in two years.

Q. At \$35?

A. Yes.

Q. I notice in the United States they do not pay for any uniforms for their officers?

A. I do not know anything about that.

Q. That is in their regulations. If you will look at Article 47 of the Regulations you will find that they do not pay for the uniforms, that the officers pay for their own uniforms?

A. I think their salaries compare a little higher.

Q. Have you withdrawn any agents from any part of Europe?

A. No.

Q. You are still in Southern Europe?

A. We never were in Southern Europe.

Q. Didn't the North Atlantic Trading Company work in Southern Europe?

A. That is many years ago. We have not in late years.

Q. How many agents have you over there?

A. We only have them in Antwerp and in Paris.

Q. I understood you had withdrawn some of your agents in Europe?

A. No.

By Mr. Herron:

Q. You spoke of having commission agents in the United States. How do they trace the emigrants from where their ticket is taken and know that he crosses the boundary of the States into Canada?

A. We have an arrangement with the Canadian railway companies, whereby they accept a certificate issued either by our own officers or by those commission men, for a cheap reduced rate on their lines from the boundary line to where they wish to settle. You know a railway clerk cannot issue a reduced rate unless he has some authority. These certificates are accepted by the railway company for issuing a reduced rate from the International boundary to the point in the west where the immigrants wish to settle. After the railway companies have checked their reports, they send these certificates to us so that we are able then to check our reports with them.