

APPENDIX No. 3

first is the movement to the West, and in this connection I would point out the residence by provinces of homesteaders who have located in Western Canada during the last two fiscal years and nine months of the present fiscal year.

	Fiscal Year 1909-10.	Fiscal Year 1910-11.	9 months April to Dec. 1911.
Prince Edward Island.....	91	68	54
New Brunswick.....	130	140	100
Nova Scotia.....	188	237	135
Quebec.....	964	1,101	801
Ontario.....	3,965	4,438	2,645

These figures refer to homesteaders only and do not take into consideration the thousands who purchased land from railways or other land holding corporations; or the hundreds from the eastern provinces who are now in the west working as farm hands for others. Any member here must know of many cases from his own constituency of good farm hands who went west on the harvest excursions during past years, who remained there and thus helped to create the scarcity in the east which no doubt exists.

By Mr. Best:

Q. Can you tell us on what basis these agents are appointed, there are five in Ontario and 25 in the Northwest?

A. We generally employ them about three to four months at \$100 a month and all travelling expenses.

Q. But what basis are they employed on? Why is it that for the small population in each of the provinces in the west there are six and there are only five here in Ontario.

A. I could not tell you that; they are appointed by the Government; I simply carry out the instructions I get.

Q. Well, I would like to know, because it is pretty generally known that there is no place in Canada where farm help is scarcer than it is in Ontario.

By Mr. Sutherland:

Q. Do I understand that there were 4,438 homesteaders from Ontario located in the west in 1910-11?

A. Yes, the fiscal year.

Q. And during that time I notice, that is for the fiscal years 1909-10 and 1910-11 there were placed by your distributing agents in Ontario 4,177 men, that is that there were more homesteaders left Ontario in the one year 1910-11 than all the settlers who were placed in that province by your local agents in two years.

A. I haven't the total number placed in Ontario last year.

Q. Well, that is according to the return brought down in the House?

A. I think there was a return brought down, yes.

Q. That there were 2,363 during the fiscal year 1910-11 and 1,814 during the year 1909-10, making a total of 4,177, yet you say there were 4,438 homesteaders from Ontario located in that one year, 1910-11.

A. Who were born in Ontario. The figures of the census for 1911 are not yet available, but for the purpose of showing this western movement I may quote for the years 1901 and 1906 the numbers in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba combined who were born in the Provinces of the East.