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there, hunt it up in the Allan account and if we find that it is correct take another one and hunt it up. If we find no mistakes after hunting up a number of them we assume they are all correct. If we had time we would be able to go over them all but it is an impossibility.

Q. Eight or ten on one of these sheets means perhaps \$50.

A. Eight or ten on one of these sheets means three or four days looking for them.

Q. That seems to be a very poor way of keeping the books and statements if it takes three or four days looking for them. A clerk would go over 500 of them in a day.

A. If we had them alphabetically and numerically arranged we could, but where you have these accounts coming in from the Allans in an entirely different order and where you have to hunt up the sailings and dates of each ship.

Q. How many out of twenty do you examine?

A. Perhaps one or two, it very much depends on what time of the year they come in. If it is near the end of the fiscal year probably very few, if it is in the early part of the year quite a number.

Q. And one or two you check out of twenty, and then you take one or two off another form, and if they come up all right you think the whole are right.

A. That is the best we can do in the time we have.

Q. Do you get from Mr. Leopold himself, a certificate that all these people come out as immigrants, that they are not people that have been in Canada before, and all that sort of thing.

A. No.

Q. Nothing of that kind?

A. Nothing.

Q. Nothing of that kind by Mr. Preston?

A. No.

Q. You simply take the purser of the ship who says here are certain people that we brought out, and we believe that so many of them, mentioning them, are passengers who have never been in Canada before and say they are going to Manitoba.

A. Yes.

Q. That is all you get, even if you get that.

A. The department gets that, they check over the name.

Q. That is all they get.

A. Well, they get the claims of their agent.

Q. But you do not know that they get any certificate from Leopold himself, that certain people come out as immigrants, never having been in Canada before, and that they are coming as agricultural settlers.

A. I think you will find that certificate with the steamship company's account.

Q. From Leopold?

A. Not from Leopold, he is only a sub-agent of the steamship company.

Q. From whom do you get it, from Mr. Preston?

A. In the case of the Allan Company, it comes from the Allan Company and in the case of the Canadian Pacific Railway steamers from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Q. You have told me that you get a certificate from the Allans or from the Canadian Pacific Railway, according to this form on another paper. I ask you, do you get from Leopold, the sub-agent, or Mr. Preston, a certificate to the department that they know these things?

A. No.

Q. You only take the purser of the ship who never sees the men before or after, or who knows anything about it?

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