

discovery of suitable sources of remunerative employment for those physically fit and anxious to work, more especially upon the land."

The CHAIRMAN: Any further questions, Mr. Stewart?

*By Mr. Kyte:*

Q. What has been the result of these activities during the last year, Mr. Robb?—A. Of course we do not get results until some time after, and, as I said, we were a new organization, and while we have had some results we have not had those which we feel we will get next year. Of course, you have the result of increased immigration which we have had this year, and we have put more people on the land. For instance, last year we sold 61,000 acres of our own land to settlers.

Q. Your organization works independently of the established organizations that have been put forward by the Immigration Department?—A. Yes, but we work very closely with the Immigration Department.

Q. As regards the number of immigrants coming into Canada last year; You have not "ear-marked" them, so to speak, those who have been brought in as a result of your activities, and those as a result of the activities of others?—A. That is a pretty difficult thing to do. We know the number we bring in on account of their travelling over our railroad, and coming on the steamships with which we are allied.

*By Mr. Stewart:*

Q. You do not claim that you transport all the immigrants which have been coming in owing to your policy of expansion in the Old Country?—A. No. That all who travel on our railway are due to our activities? No, we cannot say that.

*By Mr. Kyte:*

Q. In how many countries of Europe have you established agencies of the Canadian National Railways?—A. We have not established any in London yet. We have an agent in Copenhagen. Our European Manager was over looking over the situation in May, seeing what could be done with respect to obtaining immigrants from these countries.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Will your central agency remain in London?—A. Yes.

Q. Have you any sub agencies in the British Isles?—A. Yes, we have one in Glasgow, and will establish one, I think, in Dublin, and will establish them in several other places; I do not know them all.

*By Mr. Stewart:*

Q. It has been suggested in past conferences that the agency in Paris would probably be opened, and that it would be a very central point, and a very effective point from which to reach the best immigrants from Europe—A. There is no question about that—

Q. Just a minute. We were speaking a moment ago with regard to the immigrants, and I think your report of the policy as stated here agreed with my own opinion in that regard, that the Central European is the preferable immigrant at the present time, outside of British stock. In your opinion, would an office in Paris be effective in reaching the Scandinavians, or any inhabitants of Northern Europe?—A. I would not say so much about the Scandinavians, or any particular country, but I will say this; that Paris is really the hub of Europe, and the whole world, practically, goes to Paris, and I believe it is necessary we should have an agent both for traffic and colonization in Paris. It is a well known fact that the French themselves are not an emigrating class

[Mr. W. D. Robb.]