

*By Mr. Henderson:*

Q. But take the *Lake Champlain*, for instance, you can go cheaper than that on that ship?

A. But the farmer delegates going over for the Government do not travel on the cheap boats.

Q. But that boat is good enough for members of Parliament. I found myself very comfortable on the *Lake Champlain*, and I found a number of very prominent men from the province of Ontario travelling the same way.

*By Mr. Morphy:*

Q. In my section of the country the farmers who employ a man and his wife are building a little house for them on the farm: is that practice spreading generally over the province of Ontario?

A. It is spreading very rapidly. If you will notice these lists, which I will leave here, show that the employment agents are asking for quite a number of married couples, and the agent, as I explained this morning, is advised by the booking agent in the Old Country that he is sending out a man and his wife, who are sailing on a certain boat—as you know all steamship tickets are purchased in the Old Country at least thirty days before the boat sails. The booking agent writes to the employment agent that he is sending a man and his wife, and he describes them by the necessary form, and it enables the employment agent to look around amongst the farmers in the district to find some one who will have that man and his wife and family. Very often they have the old original house standing on the farm which they have vacated for a new house, and they fix it up, put a few bits of furniture in so that when the man and his wife and children arrive they have a shelter.

Q. My information leads me to believe that that practice is the direct outcome of unsatisfactory conditions of employing men who will not stay. If the Department directed their attention to cutting out the class of immigrants that gives rise to these married men being employed and devoted their mind to the married class don't you think it would be better? If the practice is a good one, should not the Department take it up themselves and impress it on the minds of agents?

A. We do.

*By Mr. Sutherland:*

Q. Have you a special contract with these farming delegates? Are they required to devote their whole time to the work of the Department?

A. They are supposed to.

Q. Have you a contract to that effect?

A. We write a letter stating that they have been appointed for a certain length of time to do certain work.

Q. They do not sign a contract?

A. No.

Q. Do you know whether these delegates have been employed in other capacities when they have been over in the Old Country?

A. I could not say. I know they all report when they come back.

Q. My information is that some of them have been in the employment of others at the same time?

A. I have no knowledge of that.

Q. Have you any report from your assistants in England as to the work they are doing; are they keeping in touch with them from day to day?

A. Not from day to day. We do not get a report every day. They report when their time is up; before we settle up and pay them their salaries, we expect to get a written report as to what they have done. Like any other class of people, there are good ones and poor ones. Some of them are very energetic and enthusiastic.