

*By Mr. Hughes :*

Q. Have you made any change in your system of assisting immigrants?

A. We do not assist immigrants at all.

*By Mr. Davin :*

Q. I just want to make this plain so that it will not go on the record incorrectly. The heading is "Immigrant Arrivals," and it is the arrivals during the year 1897, and it comes down to December. They number 10,864. That is for the calendar year?

A. That is what I said, for Winnipeg, for the calendar year. (See Tables C and D.) There was practically little or no work done in Ireland until last spring. The arrivals, altogether, for 1897 number about 20,000.

Q. Was not Mr. Devlin at work there?

A. No, it was really after the season for immigrants to move that he began the work in Ireland.

Q. I hope Scotland is not being neglected. Two hundred and five from Scotland is very small?

A. Yes, it is indeed.

*By Mr. Clancy :*

Q. I want to ask you if this gentleman who is encouraging the immigration of Galicians is being paid anything? A large number are being brought in of what is thought now to be a doubtful class of settlers, and it is a question whether we should pay for them. I am told by those who know them that they are not a desirable class of settlers?

A. There is a great difference of opinion with regard to that. Our Immigration Commissioner in Winnipeg, Mr. McCreary, while he says there are a number (as there will be in any class) who are, to his mind, practically useless, the bulk of them have the making of good settlers.

Q. I have information from a more reliable source, that is, from those who live among them and know their daily habits and are therefore better judges?

A. Well, they may improve.

*By Mr. Hughes :*

Q. Take the Irish agent. There were 69 people sent here last year from Ireland; I suppose these agents induced them to come. Have you any record of those who came through the efforts of the agents and those who came on their own account?

A. Yes, we can get that. The agents keep lists of all the people they send. Of course, other people may come through their efforts, but possibly not direct enough to have it on record.

Q. Is there any assistance given them through the Government?

A. No; the only reduction is in the Canadian Pacific Railway rates.

Q. Then the Government pays nothing, either direct or indirect?

A. We pay to the steamship companies' booking agents a commission of £1 on each passenger booked on the Continent, and 7 shillings for each passenger booked in Great Britain and Ireland.