

them to the farm that has been allotted to them; we give them the after care, and then the Imperial government lends the settler £300 or \$1,500, with which to buy stock and implements. This money is spent under the supervision of the Soldier Settlement Board, so that the new settler shall not be taken advantage of in the way of paying too much for his stock and implements.

Mr. NEILL: Who pays the passage money?

Mr. FORKE: The immigrant pays £2, the Department of Immigration pays £3.10 and the Imperial government pays £7.10, and the transportation companies get a rebate for the passage. Children under seventeen years of age coming out with families are allowed to come in free for settlement and the cost is borne fifty-fifty by the Imperial government and the Canadian government.

Mr. LUCAS: Do I understand the immigrant gets his passage on top of the £300 from the Imperial government?

Mr. FORKE: The £300 is loaned on a twenty-five year payment plan.

Mr. LUCAS: Does the immigrant get his passage extra?

Mr. FORKE: Yes, it is extra. A very common complaint I get through the mail from people in Canada is, "Why do you not do as much for our own Canadian people as you are doing for people on the other side?" Well, what are we doing? We are giving extra care and attending to the immigrant, and he is getting a farm without a payment down, but the Imperial government is risking \$1,500 to start with, and all our risk is letting him have a farm without a payment down.

Mr. GARDINER: Do you think you are taking a less risk with him than you are with a Canadian?

Mr. FORKE: You must remember that the British government is putting up the actual cash.

Mr. GARDINER: You have no security on the stock?

Mr. FORKE: Yes, we have all the security there is.

Mr. GARDINER: Is that on behalf of the British government?

Mr. FORKE: No, we pay fifty-fifty with the British government. We cannot lose the land, and all the risk is on the stock and implements. The Imperial government will

risk half if the Dominion government will risk the other half. The reason we can carry out the scheme is that the British government is putting up the £300. I do not think any government would turn down an offer of that kind, getting a family on the land with \$1,500 to start with.

Mr. GARDINER: Would you give the same opportunity to a Canadian who has his own stock and equipment? Would you provide him with the land and let him go on the land without any payment?

Mr. FORKE: My experience in western Canada is that if you can get a likely man with stock and equipment to go on the land, it is a good proposition.

Mr. CAMPBELL: The minister admits that a Canadian cannot secure the land for a term of twenty-five years?

Mr. FORKE: The conditions are not the same. We are working on some scheme by which we can help our Canadian boys who would like to start farming. I hope I shall be able to arrange a scheme of that kind to help young men who want to go farming who have the right ideas, so that they may get some assistance.

Mr. GARDINER: Was this policy entered into before you came into the department?

Mr. FORKE: The three thousand family scheme was in operation before I came. We are using every endeavour to encourage boy immigration. We are willing to enter into negotiations with any of the provinces with regard to bringing boys out here, having them trained and put in a position to go on the farm or into some occupation. I think I might lay this memorandum before the House and probably save time—

Mr. GARDINER: Put it on Hansard.

Mr. FORKE: Very well. This memorandum gives an account of the system and tells about the assistance given to the different organizations. It reads:

Passage Assistance

The empire settlement agreement provides passage assistance for,—

- (a) Farmers and their families.
- (b) Single farm workers.
- (c) Domestic servants.
- (d) Juveniles.

We formerly loaned the regular transportation rate. Last year we got the rate reduced and secured a further reduction this year. The rate is reduced by contributions from the British government, the Canadian government and a rebate by the transportation companies.