

ment as to where they should go when they are here. They are subjected to all kinds of representations made in a general way over there. My view is that our activities insofar as placing these men goes, are absolutely in the wrong place. Your policy there is absolutely wrong. Before a man is taken away, as far as agricultural men are concerned, and the man who wants to go and live on a farm, we should know, you should know, he should know exactly where he is going before he leaves the other side.

The WITNESS: You cannot always do that.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: But you can do that in a great many cases.

The WITNESS: Some men know where they want to go, and others absolutely do not know where they want to go. With all the propaganda and everything you can give them, these men will not decide where they want to go.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Have you, by any chance, read the paper prepared by Mr. McGrath?

The WITNESS: Yes, I have.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Is that not a very good basis?

The WITNESS: Yes, but there is nothing new in that scheme at all.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: But it gives a concrete plan for doing something which is not now being done at all. Under Mr. McGrath's scheme you would have the co-operation of the Dominion, of the railways, of the provinces and of the municipalities, which you are not getting to-day.

The WITNESS: Yes, we have. We are getting the co-operation of the Dominion and the municipalities and all the provinces.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: We will see how far we have gone now. Under the legislation of Alberta, according to the figures given by financial papers in the west, this year there will fall into the hands of the authorities, either provincial or municipal, \$75,000,000 worth of lands, which will be held by the public. Now, they are interested in getting these lands worked again. In many instances I should think they would be very very glad to go into such a scheme as is proposed by Mr. McGrath, under which these lands—the full particulars of them would be known all over and would be submitted to the prospective immigrant and groups of prospective immigrants. Is that being done? Have you any offers of farms at the present time from municipalities in Alberta?

The WITNESS: No, I cannot say that we have, but I will say this. We are putting all this land before the people, before the prospective settlers on the other side, and they will not say where they are going to settle. You will not get that, or at least we have not been able to get it.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Perhaps if you were all to get together it might be done. What is your view in connection with assistance? Do you think you can get a proper body of immigrants without assistance in this country?

The WITNESS: Assistance from where?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I am not asking from where, but just the bald question, can you get a proper body of immigrants in this country without assistance?

The WITNESS: No, we all have to assist.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Do you not think we should have some worked out plan by which that assistance could be given?

The WITNESS: That would assist, undoubtedly.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Then, do you not think that McGrath plan should be adopted?

The WITNESS: Certainly.