

APPENDIX No. 2

Q. Do you take him back to the port of departure at the expense of the government?

A. The Act provides that he shall be deported any time within two years at the expense of the transportation company.

Q. For instance if a criminal is arrested in Toronto and his deportation ordered do you have to convey him to Halifax, St. John or Quebec?

A. One of our own officers conveys him back.

Q. You send an officer with him?

A. We have an officer in Toronto, one in Hamilton, one in London, one in Kingston, several in Montreal, several in Quebec and so on.

Q. And your officer takes charge of these men who are deported?

A. He takes charge of them and delivers them to the steamship company.

Q. Where?

A. In the case of men for deportation coming from west of Montreal our officers deliver them to our agents in Montreal and they take care of them until such time as the steamer will leave. That is in summer. In winter they are taken to St. John or Halifax.

Q. Is the expense incurred before the criminal is actually put on board the steamship and placed in the hands of the steamship company borne by us?

A. I was going to explain that under the Act the cost of the deportation of immigrants is supposed to be borne by the transportation company at any time within two years. The transportation companies made representations to Mr. Oliver claiming that that was a hardship on them; that a man might have been a year and a half in Canada and then got into trouble and it was a hardship on them to ask them to bear the cost of transportation. The arrangement he made was that if deportable immigrants were less than one year in the country the transportation company would bear the cost; if more than one year and less than two, the department would pay the rate from Montreal to Liverpool which is I think \$15. The railway companies give us transportation where it is shown that the deportable immigrants have travelled over their line.

Q. I see that we have paid a considerable amount?

A. I think that for last year it cost us about \$25,000

By Mr. Blain:

Q. You say that an examination is made to ascertain the amount of money possessed by each immigrant. A few months ago 300 immigrants landed in Toronto and it was reported they had nothing to live on?

A. I investigated that report and found there was not a word of truth in it.

Q. It was reported that those immigrants had nothing to live upon and that the charitable institutions in Toronto were taking care of them?

A. There was no truth in the report at all.

Q. What were the facts?

A. That they all had money and the great bulk of them were simply passing through Toronto. The train happened to get in at about 12 or 1 o'clock at night and they had to remain in the city until the morning trains went out. The restaurant-keeper at the station opened up his restaurant and they purchased all the food they wanted. The restaurant-keeper says he did a very good business. They were all gone again next morning.

By Mr. Monk:

Q. I see that there is a provision in the new law to the effect that an immigrant must have a certain amount of money in his possession?

A. Yes, at least \$25.