

APPENDIX No. 3

A. Went behind their certificates, and they informed me that they were taken from the ships' manifests and I examined some of the manifests.

Q. A sample manifest?

A. A sample manifest, and I inquired into the general checking of the various immigrants that were entered upon these lists.

Q. And satisfied yourself that the lists were probably correct.

A. I satisfied myself as far as I was able to go in the time that the names entered on the lists were bona fide immigrants, according to the ship's manifests, and that they were coming from the countries named in the North Atlantic Trading Company's contract and that that company were entitled under the contract to a bonus of £1 per head.

Q. That was by an examination of one or two out of 20, say. On that basis you concluded that they all were correct?

A. Well, in this case—

Q. You could go no farther than that?

A. In this case the proportion would not be one to 20, it would be one to a much larger number.

Q. Well, it would be one to how many?

A. It would be very hard for me exactly to estimate because there were 6,000 or 7,000 immigrants, and to examine each one of those names would require several years for one person.

Q. So that by examination of one out of 100 or 200 names and finding these correct, you came to the conclusion to pass the whole 37,000 as correct.

A. I came to the conclusion that the officers' certificates were correct, and that they had taken proper precautions to check the ship's manifests.

Q. Did you ever address any inquiry to them to know whether they ever compared those names with the ship's manifests?

A. I certainly did.

Q. Did they give a certificate that they had?

Q. Well, they gave a verbal certificate, and I saw them doing the work.

Q. But did they do one in 100 or 200, or all?

A. They did all, because they necessarily have to copy the names, and these names are not easy names to copy. They have to copy all the names from the ship's manifests to these sheets.

Q. And they certify that these are all taken from the ship's manifests and properly certified to?

A. Yes. They have the ship's manifests and no other place to get these names from, and these are copied by junior officers in the department.

Q. Did you ever address any inquiry to the Interior Department as to what evidence they had satisfied themselves that \$15,000 had been spent every year as demanded by the contract?

A. I inquired of officers there, yes.

Q. What answer did you get?

A. Well, they informed me that the contract had been lived up to.

Q. But did they ever give you a special answer to that special question?

A. No, I cannot say that they did. My inquiries were usually general inquiries, and I had access to their files, and got whatever information I asked for.

By Mr. Hughes (Queen's):

Q. You said you compared some of the certificates of the Interior Department with the ship's manifest and found them correct?

A. At least I looked over these lists which are given here, and saw the manifests from which they were taken. I will not say that I took one man's name, say John Jones, and hunted him up on a special manifest, but I took a manifest and saw there