

Sir HENRY THORNTON: That is true.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: There is another concrete illustration of the necessity of the commodity rate which was proposed by Saskatchewan people some three years ago in reference to the development of coal deposits.

The WITNESS: How about that, Mr. Price-Green?

Mr. PRICE-GREEN: I cannot speak of this rate, because that would be handled by the Traffic Department.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: That is a matter that might get some consideration.

The CHAIRMAN: Before we leave the matter of your immigration service and transportation, Mr. Robb, I want to ask this: You have, in connection with your business in Europe, I suppose, certain steamship lines—the White Star and the Cunard?

The WITNESS: Well—

The CHAIRMAN: I would like to ask whether you are placed at a disadvantage with regard to the securing of passenger traffic by reason of the fact that you have not a passenger line of your own, as compared with your competitors, we will say.

Mr. ROBB: The C.P.R. do have some advantage of us in some of the European countries, because they have steamships of their own, but on the whole we have received very satisfactory results; we are getting satisfactory results with the White Star and Cunard lines.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you think that advantage would be lessened by reason of the fact that you have established an office in Paris?

The WITNESS: I did not quite get that question.

The CHAIRMAN: Would that disadvantage be lessened, would the fact of your having an office in Paris influence passenger traffic, make it more easy to secure?

The WITNESS: Yes, we would be able to do that if we had an office in Paris. Certainly, as the head of the Colonization Branch I feel that we ought to have an office in Paris.

Mr. JELLIFF: You say the department spent \$160,000 on this immigration work last year. Have you any record which would give the approximate number of immigrants you brought in?

The WITNESS: That we brought in ourselves? That is a difficult matter to do. We know how many were brought in altogether, but as to how many we brought in—

Mr. PRICE-GREEN: We were not organized sufficiently early in the year to give any reliable figures.

Mr. JELLIFF: Then you cannot give us an approximation of the nationalities either?

The WITNESS: Yes, we have that; we could get the nationalities.

Mr. PRICE-GREEN: The record of the nationalities is only kept as a whole by the Dominion authorities; it is not segregated so far as the different railroads are concerned. Moreover, on account of the peculiar classification of the nationals now, it is more difficult than ever, because there are a great many people who practically have no country. They may have been at one time Austrians, and now they are Czecho-Slovakians or Jugo-Slovaks.

Mr. JELLIFF: Should it not be kept in that way, so that we can tell whether the expenses being paid are giving returns or not?

The WITNESS: We will know that as soon as we are established.