

Agriculture and Colonization.

Q. How do you pay his expenses, so much a day or does he give you vouchers ?

A. They all give vouchers ; we have no daily allowances.

By Mr. Wilson :

Q. I notice by the Auditor General's Report that there is quite a lot allowed for living expenses and for travelling as well ?

A. Yes ; Mr. Duncan and Mr. Grant are allowed all their expenses.

Q. Whether at home or not ?

A. Yes ; they are really supposed to be travelling all the time.

By Mr. Clancy :

Q. Have they their families there ?

A. Mr. Grant has ; Mr. Duncan has not. Mr. Duncan is not there at present although he is going back shortly.

By Mr. Davin :

Q. Do I understand that Mr. Grant travels with his family ?

A. There is only his wife, but her expenses are not of course allowed.

By Mr. Clancy :

Q. You made some reference a moment ago to the sums paid to steamship agents as bonuses. Does that apply to the persons who have means and are sent direct by your agents ?

A. It applies to all tickets sold to persons going to Manitoba and the North-west.

By Mr. Hughes :

Q. At these reduced rates ?

A. Yes.

Q. If a man buys a full fare ticket does the agent get a commission ?

A. I do not think so ; but I can hardly answer that.

By Mr. Wilson :

Q. I see that three of these agents had a trip through the North-west before they started ?

A. Yes ; that was before they started.

Q. Is that a usual thing ?

A. It has been since I have been here.

Q. I find the following accounts : Mr. Devlin, \$206 ; Mr. Jury, \$234 ; and Mr. O'Kelly, \$238, for trips through the North-west ?

A. Yes.

Q. I presume they had passes ?

A. Yes, they had passes and the sums named simply cover their living expenses.