

*By Hon. Mr. Lemieux:*

Q. Anything concerning immigration between your department and the old country, through what channel does it pass ?

A. Through the High Commissioner.

Q. And then he distributes the work amongst the officials you have in London, in Liverpool and Glasgow, Antwerp, and the different European countries, does he not ?

A. I presume he turns it over directly to the Commissioner of Immigration if it is an immigration matter, and the Immigration Commissioner, I suppose, would instruct his agent, wherever he happened to be.

Q. Are you aware, Mr. Scott, that there are certain countries, in fact mostly all countries in Europe, forbid or have some laws enacted against any officials from foreign countries trying to induce people to emigrate ?

A. Yes, I understand it is against the law.

Q. It is against the law in most of them.

A. I think all countries except Holland.

*By Mr. Hughes (Victoria) :*

Q. Officials from foreign countries—would they accept a man from that same country ? I wanted to make that point clear ?

(Mr. Lemieux's question was repeated.)

WITNESS.—It is a fact I think that it is against the law of all countries except Holland to induce people to leave their country; even in France and Belgium, I think it is against the law, although we do certain work there.

*By Mr. Lemieux:*

Q. You were speaking a minute ago, Mr. Scott, about the immigrants registered on the manifest as farmers. Would you tell the committee if when an immigrant takes the steamer, are there any special advantages to him if he describes himself as being a farmer ?

A. No, there is no advantage.

Q. Has he not certain advantages when he reaches this side of the water with regard to homesteading ?

A. None whatever. In fact some of our most successful farmers in the west never worked on a farm in the old country.

Q. Would you state that since that contract exists between your department and the North Atlantic Trading Company there has been an increase in the number of immigrants from Europe ?

A. Well, I had a statement prepared for the Agriculture Committee the other day. I can produce that showing the number of immigrants and the countries they came from each year for a number of years.

Q. Have you found the work of that company satisfactory from a departmental point of view ?

A. Yes, the increase in immigration from these countries is considerable.

Q. There has been considerable increase ?

A. Yes.

Q. With the exception of France and Belgium, I believe this company deals with immigration all over Europe ?

A. Well, not from all over Europe, they don't touch the southern countries of Europe.

Q. I mean central Europe ?

A. Central and northern Europe.