

*By Mr. Jelliff:*

Q. They will not allow you to work in Sweden?—A. They will not allow us to work in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Holland. They do not want their people to emigrate; they want them to stay there; and they will not allow any propaganda, or any solicitation. You can establish an office if you want to so that people who are determined to leave the country can come to you for information and you will give them the information that they require.

*By Mr. Stewart:*

Q. In that respect, Mr. Robb, have you any information yourself as to the attractions you can hold out to these people in other countries, outside of British stock? We all know that outside of the British stock, the best settlers we can get are the Northern Europeans. What attractions can you hold out to them as compared with the inducements held out to get them to remain in their own country?—A. Mr. Price-Green, perhaps you had better answer that question.

MR. PRICE-GREEN: As a matter of fact we have a great deal of cheap land along our lines in Northern Ontario and Northern Quebec, particularly suitable for Scandinavians. The land can be acquired for 60 cents an acre in Quebec and 50 cents in Ontario. That is one of the inducements. Farther in the west, at the present time, we have got excellent land which we are selling at a very low price which is particularly suitable for mixed farming, and that inducement is being offered.

MR. STEWART: I was thinking of something a little broader than just simply the inducement of cheap land. I was thinking of what actual economic conditions there were in their own country, or their own particular conditions in that country, which would bring them to this country. I take it for granted you have organized propaganda to put before them. What inducements are you holding out? Are you giving them the actual truth?

THE WITNESS: Yes, we are giving them the actual truth.

MR. PRICE-GREEN: Perhaps I might read this for the benefit of the Committee:—

“The principles of policy governing immigration which have been adopted by the Colonization and Development Department of the Canadian National Railways have been elaborated expressly to influence the settlement of the largest possible number of people of productive capacity capable of being absorbed and assimilated by the country, to attract foreign capital to the Dominion for the exploitation of its vast natural resources and to foster settlement and agriculture in the vicinity of industrial activity; to promote the land settlement of new Canadian under conditions offering the maximum possibilities for success with full and unrestricted enjoyment of such social and religious institutions as will assure individual happiness and contentment; to encourage improved and diversified farming for the increase of crop, livestock and dairy production in accordance with varying demands and fluctuating prospects, thus widening the field to bring satisfactory financial returns to the farmer; to encourage the settlement from Great Britain of young people of suitable type and character, and by distributing them among congenial Canadian homes, provide them with facilities to acquire such practical instruction as will enable them to embark subsequently upon individual farming under the most favourable auspices and also to enable them to acquire such knowledge of the country, its laws, institutions and traditions as shall ensure their development into first-class constructive citizens with full understanding of their national responsibilities, to assist in the

[Mr. W. D. Robb.]