

APPENDIX No. 2

Q. Why pursue a different course here?

A. Somebody might have written.

Q. It is a little strange to me that you should require a private citizen to tell you what your duty is as an officer of the government. This will have to come up in the House if you do not see fit to have this man properly punished for his misdeeds. We will have to raise the matter on the floor of the House. I see nothing else for it. Now I want to ask you have you known of any other men who have defaulted in their payments.

A. No, I explained to the committee that we have open accounts and where we find that they have made a mistake we deduct it from the next payment.

Q. Have you made any other discoveries of men being short in their accounts like this.

A. I think that when we checked them up there were. We got replies from farmers saying they had not received men and we deducted them.

Q. Were there many?

A. I cannot say.

Q. Will you tell us how many there were in the provinces.

A. There were cases in the province of Ontario and the eastern townships of Quebec?

Q. Have you none in the other provinces?

A. No.

Q. Will you tell us how many men you have in the Province of Quebec placing immigrants? How many are on salary and how many on commission?

A. For placing immigrants there is none on salary.

Q. How many on commission?

A. I suppose 15 or 20.

Q. How many in Ontario?

A. I think about 150.

Q. None of those on salary?

A. No.

Q. All on commission.

A. All on commission.

Q. Could you send to this committee the files of the reports of these men from Ontario?

A. Do you want each individual file?

Q. Yes. You will send them up here in charge of the clerk.

A. I will bring them, but I won't leave them. I have instructions from the Minister not to leave them.

Q. If we go to the office can we see them there?

A. Certainly, any day.

Q. Well, I think we will have to go there and see them. It will be more convenient. But I would like to take a little more active part in seeing that justice is done to the people when men defraud the country.

Mr. WILSON (Laval).—I may say I have been in practice for a good many years and there were many cases of violation of the Adulteration Act tested in our courts. There was the famous maple sugar case for example. I do not think it would be fair to say that a public employee in a department should take upon himself to become public prosecutor especially when one case was made against Mr. Miller. We cannot charge a man and have him prosecuted in a court of justice because he did not report. Of course I think as a matter of general policy, these offences should be punished.

Mr. WILSON. (Lennox and Addington).—In the cases you speak of, were they government officials?