

A. As I explained in the circular which I have just read, in April, 1906.

Q. Why was that change made?

A. Because we limited the occupations. We ask for certain classes of people in the circular—farmers, farm labourers, gardeners, stablemen and so on. Prior to that it was not necessary that the man should be of any of these occupations. He might be a clerk in a dry goods store and come out to Canada and say, 'I am going on a farm in this country,' and we paid a bonus on him.

By Mr. Wilson (Lennox):

Q. That was up to 1906?

A. Up to 1906 that was always the practice. Then we limited the number of classes but we increased the bonus.

FORMS OF CERTIFICATES.

By Mr. Blain:

Q. A statement was made in the House the other day that a different certificate was signed by those on whom the bonus was to be paid from that signed by the emigrant upon whom no bonus was to be paid?

A. That is not correct.

Q. Then my friend Mr. McIntyre was decidedly wrong in his statement?

A. To explain the practice I showed you two forms. One is the form signed by the immigrant and the other is the form filled in upon the immigrant's arrival here.

Q. Then a change was made in the application to be signed by the immigrant. The change is what I have stated, and that is before the booking agent and before the immigrant when he steps up to get his ticket?

A. Yes.

Q. Before that the immigrant did not write under what class he was to come. Now he writes that he belongs to one of the following classes—farmer, farm labourer, gardener, stableman, railway surfaceman, carter, navvie or miner. The emigrant understands that?

A. The emigrant does not understand that, because he does not know what he has signed for. The emigrant does not know what that is and there is nothing on the face of the application to tell him?

Q. He knows what he is signing for?

A. He is signing an application for a ticket.

Q. That makes it all the worse I think?

A. Signing an application for a ticket?

Q. Because the booking agent has the emigrant's answers to his questions in his hands?

A. Certainly.

Q. Now you have said that a change was made and you have given the reasons. Here I have another set of applications?

A. These are not applications.

Q. Well, I have another set of forms?

A. They are filled out by the agent at the ocean port.

Q. And signed by whom?

A. Signed by the receiving agent, the agent who examines the immigrant.

Q. Is it not signed by the immigrant?

A. No.

Q. In any case?

A. No.

Q. Whether a bonus is paid for him or not?

A. No.