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In all lectures, advertisements, and pamphlets distributed, attention is called to the great dearth of agricultural labour in this country, and full and reliable information is furnished as to wages, &c., &c.

With regard to the placing of new arrivals, I may say that in the case of immigrants going to the province of Nova Scotia, desiring farm work, positions are secured for them either by the Dominion Immigration Agent at Halifax or by Mr. A. S. Barnstead, Secretary of the Bureau of Mines and Industries, who meets incoming vessels.

In the case of New Brunswick, immigrants are provided with employment by the Dominion Immigration Agent at St. John or through the office of Mr. Wilmot, Superintendent of Immigration for the province of New Brunswick.

The immigration to Prince Edward Island is very light, practically all who have gone there having been induced to do so by the Rev. J. A. Winfield, a special agent who for a number of years placed the advantages of the Island before intending emigrants in the old country. As he was personally acquainted with all who went, he either arranged their employment before they left England or directed them to some personal acquaintance who arranged it for them upon arrival.

In Quebec, immigrants have been placed by the Dominion Immigration Agent at Quebec and Montreal, by the provincial agents at the same points, or by Canadian Government employment agents working on a commission basis, of whom there are at the present time sixteen located according to the list which I now hand in for the information of the committee.

#### CANADIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AGENTS.

In the Province of Quebec, who will secure free of charge, situations as farm help or domestic servants in their localities for all emigrants desiring such positions.

*(Corrected to March 1, 1912.)*

County.	Name of Agent.	Railway Station and Post Office Address.
Argenteuil . . . . .	E. C. Whinfield . . . . .	Calumet                      Quebec.
Arthabaska . . . . .	Léon Samson . . . . .	Stanford                      "
Brome . . . . .	A. W. Westover . . . . .	Sutton Jet.                      "
Drummond . . . . .	Alfred Millar . . . . .	South Durham                      "
" . . . . .	Chas. Manseau . . . . .	Drummondville                      "
Deux Montagnes . . . . .	Jos. Legault . . . . .	St. Hermas                      "
L'Assomption . . . . .	Max Janson . . . . .	L'Assomption                      "
Megantic . . . . .	Samuel de Champlain . . . . .	St. Ferdinand                      "
Missisquoi . . . . .	C. P. Taber . . . . .	Cowansville                      "
Richmond . . . . .	Geo. McCracken . . . . .	Danville                      "
St. John's and Iberville . . . . .	J. Augustine Latour . . . . .	Iberville                      "
" . . . . .	Alphonse F. Gervais . . . . .	St. John's                      "
Stanstead . . . . .	H. E. Colt . . . . .	Coaticook                      "
" . . . . .	John F. Belisle . . . . .	"                      "
Vaudreuil . . . . .	Emmanuel Bourke . . . . .	Rigaud                      "
Verchères . . . . .	Ernest Chicoine . . . . .	Verchères                      "

In this connection I may state that as is only natural the English-speaking immigrants prefer to go to the eastern townships rather than to districts where French is the predominant language, the result being that the French-speaking districts are compelled to depend largely for their immigrant help upon those coming to this country from France and Belgium. As Quebec has not suffered to the same extent as Ontario through the drain upon its population by migration to the prairie provinces, the demand for help there is not so great as in Ontario.