

from Havre arrived on the 22nd of April with 269 passengers. We only paid a bonus on seventeen out of that number.

There were twenty-four British immigrants on this ship for which payment was made to the booking agents in Great Britain. On the steamship 'Montezuma' which arrived on May 2, 1905, there were 700 passengers from Antwerp, and we only paid a bonus on 147 out of those 700. The 'Montrose' arrived on June 14, having on board 299 immigrants from Antwerp, and we paid a bonus on 100. The 'Mount Temple' arrived on June 20, having 520 immigrants from Antwerp and bonus was paid on 149. The 'Montreal' arrived on June 19, having on board 679 immigrants from Antwerp and bonus was paid on 193. The 'Lake Erie' brought 614 immigrants and the bonus was paid on 19. The 'Lake Michigan' brought 1,721 passengers and the bonus was paid on 740. The 'Dominion' brought 693 and the bonus was paid on 45 foreign immigrants. The same ship brought 278 immigrants from Great Britain and the bonus was paid to the booking agents in Great Britain. These figures are taken from the ships' manifests and a return of them has been presented to the Committee on Agriculture. The House will see from them that we are not doing a wholesale reckless immigration business or paying a bonus upon every Tom, Dick and Harry who sets foot in this country. Out of some 8,864 immigrants arriving on these ships that I have just mentioned, we have paid the bonus on 2,270. On only 25 per cent of the foreign immigrants arriving on these ships was the bonus paid, or in all, we got 8,864 immigrants at a cost of \$11.150, a very little over a dollar apiece if you count all the passengers that came out by these different boats. We paid \$5 per head on 2,270 immigrants, not undesirable immigrants, but desirable immigrants, the class of immigrants who will make good settlers and good citizens in this country.

Mr. AMES. Has the hon. gentleman (Mr. Crawford) any evidence to lay before the House, that the balance of these immigrants were intended for settlement in Canada?

Mr. CRAWFORD. I do not know anything about it.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. CRAWFORD. If they did not intend to settle in Canada, the hon. member for East Hastings (Mr. Northrup), the other night, would have shown that a great many more immigrants that came to this country had drifted into the United States than the number he was able to show. The hon. member for East Hastings, in going into this feature of the question, could only show that some 1,500 foreign immigrants who had come to this country, had drifted

Mr. CRAWFORD.

into the United States. I do not know the length of time covered by the hon. gentleman's statement.

Mr. WARD. Six months.

Mr. CRAWFORD. If many of these immigrants had gone to the United States, our hon. friends of the opposition would have been only too glad and too anxious to have made out a case against this side of the House in that respect. Now, as far as the question of immigration and the arrangement with the North Atlantic Trading Company are concerned we have a straight business deal. We only pay on results and what does it matter to the government of the day who gets the pay so long as we get the people? It is the people we want. In my opinion the only objection to this contract, which our hon. friends opposite are worrying about, is that they have not been able so far to connect the hon. ex-Minister of the Interior with this company. That is their great object. It is not in the interests of the country that they are making such a great howl about this contract, but they are striving to down, if they can, one of the best men that Canada ever had. I have a table here which shows more or less the amounts of money that have been spent on immigration during the last five years of the Conservative regime and during the last five years of Liberal rule. I see by this statement that during the last few years of Conservative administration the country was going backwards as far as immigration is concerned. We were not receiving the people; in fact, immigration decreased by 30,000 during the period from 1890 to 1895. It depreciated about one half. In 1890, 30,996 immigrants arrived, while, during the last year of their term, there were only 16,835, or 114,083 immigrants arrived during these five years. Figuring out the total amount spent in connection with immigration work during the last five years of the Conservative regime, I find that the cost all around in connection with this work was \$7.89 per head of the immigrants that came to this country. They did not get the people; they only got a few. We have been successful in getting many immigrants in filling up this country, in bringing about new conditions, and yet we are hardly able to realize the great change that has taken place. We got, during the last five years, in round numbers 521,000 immigrants at a cost of \$6.32 per head, a difference in favour of the present management of \$1.57 per head. A point came up at the Agriculture Committee yesterday, that it might not be out of place for me to mention at the present time and that was in reference to the class of immigrants we are getting. It seems there is a record kept of the soundness of mind of the people who come into this country. The question was asked how foreigners compare in respect to sanity with