FOSTER'S FALSE STATEMENT AS TO BONUS PAID

Mr. Foster also stated that the North Atiantic Trading Company was paid a bonus upon every immigrant coming from the countries covered by the contract, without any inquiries being made as to whether the Company were instrumental in bringing them or not. These were his words:—

"Just think of what it is—you draw a line around a certain portion of con-"tinental Europe, within that line is a fixed field for work, for any and every agency "to bring in immigrants to Canada—But, no matter how many agencies work, "no matter what the local or general influences are that send people to Canada, "when they come here on every one of them the government says we will pay 85. "per head to the North Atlantic Trading Company."

THIS STATEMENT IS FALSE IN EVERY PARTICULAR—THE CONTRACT CONTAINS NO SUCH PROVISION, NEITHER WAS THE BONUS PAID AS INDICATED.

PARLIAMENT DULY AUTHORIZED PAYMENT

Mr. Foster further stated that the payment to the Company was not authorized by Parliament—THIS IS ALSO FALSE, FOR PARLIAMENT VOTED EVERY DOLLAR OF THE MONEY FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS USED.

REASONS LEADING TO FORMATION OF COMPANY

What led up to the formation of the North Atlantic Trading Company?

During the eighteen years the Conservative Government were in power previous to 1896, the immigration policy was upon the same lines. They paid bonuses to booking agents and ticket sellers. When Mr. Sifton became Minister of the Interior in 1896 that was the system he found in force. Under the Conservatives it had not been successful—although they discriminated against British immigrants by paying for them a bonus of \$1.75 while they paid a bonus upon continental immigrants of \$5.00 a head.

Continental immigration under the Conservatives was practically at a standstill as the following table will show:

1882	12,083	/ 1890	2,938
1883	9,677	1891	7,607
1884	6,151	1892	8,360
1885	3,072	1893	9,562
1886	4,995	1894	4,825
1887	12,376	1895	3,834
1888	12,962	1896	4,451
1889	4,320		

CONTINENTAL IMMIGRATION