

APPENDIX No. 3

A. Generally in the interest of emigration so that I could understand something of the conditions on the other side. I had never been there before.

Q. Mr. Preston had been there in May ?

A. I had forgotten that. I know he did visit the continent, in fact probably every part of it.

Q. Well, then when you went over in August was it for the purpose of discussing this same arrangement with Mr. Preston ?

A. Partly, of course ; everything in general. I will not say particularly that because I do not remember, it is so long ago.

Q. I think there is no doubt about that ?

A. Oh, I think that is correct.

Q. And you did discuss the matter with him ?

A. Yes, we discussed that very question.

Q. Did you see the gentlemen he had been negotiating with ?

A. No.

Q. None of them ?

A. None of them.

Q. How long did you remain there, Mr. Smart ?

A. On the other side ? I think I was perhaps four or five weeks altogether. It may have been longer, I am not just certain now, but I was not there very long.

Q. Well, in the time you were there did you discuss this matter with Mr. Preston ?

A. Yes, the whole question of continental emigration.

Q. And you did not see any of the gentlemen with whom he had been in negotiation ?

A. No.

Q. Do you recollect how it happened you did not see them ?

A. Well, no, I really cannot remember any reason why I did not see them, excepting that they were not in London and I did not go to any part of the continent excepting Paris during that time.

Q. Well, did you ascertain from Mr. Preston ?

A. I beg pardon. I went through to Belgium as well. I think we had an agent at Belgium at that time. I was mistaken in saying we had not any agent.

Q. Did you ascertain from Mr. Preston who and what they were ?

A. Yes. He explained to me that the people who were behind the arrangement that he thought well to make were very responsible people. They were in fact amongst the very largest, if not the largest people, engaged in the steamship business at that time on the continent.

Q. You mean steamship owners ?

A. No, no, not steamship owners.

Q. Ticket agents ?

A. Or what they call booking agents ?

Q. Or what we call ticket agents ?

A. Well, they are a little different from what they would be here. There is nothing here of the same kind. The booking firm in the old country has its general agency with local agents scattered throughout the country in which they are operating, in fact numbers of countries. They are all licensed to carry on the business and they are subject to certain regulations.

Q. I was referring more particularly to the word 'booking' ?

A. They are really ticket agents on a large scale, most of them.

Q. What we would call here 'ticket agents,' although they might be on a large or on a small scale ?

A. I know, that is right.

Q. You did not see any of those at all ?

A. No. I remember him telling me the names of some gentlemen connected with it. Of course I did not know them at all, I never heard of them before. He explained the

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