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A. The Customs Department keep a record as to the value of settler's effects. Where our agents in the United States issue a certificate which entitles the settler to the low rate on the Canadian railways of a cent a mile, we will say from Portal north, they ask the intending settlers the questions of the amount of money they have.

Q. And is that information transmitted to you?

A. We get that information here.

Q. I asked you about our agencies in New England. I now ask you if you can place another statement before the committee as regards church organizations with whom we have contracts or arrangements showing the nature of such contracts or arrangements in each case.

A. Such an arrangement with the Salvation Army do you mean?

Q. And there is the church army, I think?

A. We have no contract with them. The only religious organization we do any business with is the Salvation Army.

By Mr. McIntyre (Strathcona):

Q. Is there not an organization known as the King's Daughters or something of that kind?

A. That is not a religious organization. There is also the National Council of Women in Montreal.

By Mr. Monk:

Q. I mean only the church organizations?

A. The only one we do any business with is the Salvation Army.

Q. Have you a different arrangement with the Salvation Army.

A. They are booking agents and we pay them the usual booking agent's bonus.

We also pay them a certain amount on account of rent for their immigration office in London.

Q. Has that arrangement been reduced to an agreement in writing?

A. It is authorized by order in council.

Q. Would you mind putting a copy of that order in council in the hands of the secretary of the committee and a statement of how much you have paid the Salvation Army in bonuses during the last fiscal year and since the close of that year up to date?

A. That is for the fiscal year 1908-9?

Q. For bonuses and in respect of rent or any other reason?

A. Yes.

METHOD OF DEPORTING UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS.

Q. One word, Mr. Scott, in regard to deportations. Could you give the committee some idea how deportations are effected? For instance when a man is arrested in Montreal or Toronto and found to have been a criminal in the old country, how is his deportation effected? Is it the magistrate who notifies you or how is the matter brought to your knowledge?

A. In some cases the magistrate notifies us and in other cases according to the Act it is the duty of the clerk of the municipality. We have a regular printed form giving full particulars as to the man's name, when he landed and all about him. We investigate the case and if we find it is of a deplorable nature we deport the man.

Q. How do you proceed to do that? Is the order signed by the minister or yourself?

A. I sign an order notifying the steamship company.