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Q. There might be an arrangement made by which the figures could be got; I mean arrangements between the agents on commission and those on salary?

A. It would not be possible to do that.

Q. You think you could not do that?

A. No. It is not possible.

Q. Could you not get information from the agents of the Canadian provinces that are also engaged in the immigration business as well as the Dominion?

A. Do you mean in Great Britain?

Q. Yes, you know who those agents are, do you not?

A. Yes. The Ontario government has an agent in Great Britain, and also the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and British Columbia.

Q. Those are all the provinces that have an immigration agent in Great Britain?

A. Yes.

Q. Well, should not these provincial agents be working in unison with your branch?

A. They are working in perfect harmony with our department; in fact I may say that most of the literature which they distribute is printed by our department.

Q. Are any of the provincial governments paying a bonus on immigrants or granting assisted passages to immigrants?

A. The Ontario government, I understand, do something of that kind. Last year they assisted passengers of a certain class; they paid a portion of passage money to Canada of farmers, farm labourers and domestics.

Q. Does that not interfere with our Dominion law?

A. No, not at all.

Q. I understand that no assisted passages can be paid?

A. That is quite true. The people the Dominion Government agents deal with are not the same class as those whose passages are assisted.

Q. I understand that the law makes no difference in the matter of the class?

A. The only persons that we pay the bonuses on now are farmers, farm laborers and domestic servants.

Q. Have they got to get a permit from the Assistant Superintendent at London before they are allowed to come?

A. They have to get a medical certificate.

Q. But the people whose passages are partially paid by the Ontario government, do they require to get a certificate from our representative in London?

A. We agree to accept the card of the Ontario government's agent in London, Mr. Colcook, that the immigrants he sends are desirable people.

Q. You have inspectors along the frontier in Canada?

A. Yes.

Q. Are they engaged the year round?

A. Yes.

Q. Could you give us a list of the places to which they are attached?

A. Yes, I could furnish you with that.

Q. I think it would be desirable that we should have that information, also the salaries paid to them?

A. Yes.

Q. Are they regular salaried officers?

A. The boundary inspectors are all salaried officers.

Q. I find that one inspector was at Brockville for seven months last year. Did you not have an agent there for a longer period than seven months?

A. We have no boundary inspector at Brockville.

Q. Well, what was this man's business?

A. I suppose he was placing farm laborers for farmers, at points around Brockville.