

opportunities for remunerative employment for domestic servants, farm or railway labourers, is as good, if not better, in Canada than anywhere else on the American continent; and consequently only a small percentage of those of such occupations leave Canada after arrival. During the past year where 15,677 went to the United States only 1,212 were those on whom bonus had been paid. The system of checking those going to the United States upon whom bonus is paid is so complete that no danger exists of money being thus wrongfully expended.

*By Mr. Sproule:*

Q. Was that money paid in bonus upon persons who went to the United States deducted from the next payment to these booking agents?

A. Yes, from the agent's next account.

Q. How do you allot that among the agents sending them out, how do you keep your accounts in that regard so as to insure that they are correct?

A. It will take some time to explain that. If you will allow me to go on reading my statement I will show you the forms we use, afterwards.

The State of Virginia at present carries on an immigration propoganda in Belgium from which country Canada has in the past secured some very desirable settlers. In its printed literature the Virginian authorities compare the advantage offered by their state with those offered by Canada. Some of the noticeable passages are :

'The price paid to the Virginia farmer is higher than that paid to the farmer in western Canada for his products. The winter climate is very mild and winter lambs are very easily raised and are far superior to those raised in the north and known as "hot house lambs," also the cost of raising them is far less.

'An enormous number of persons who are not able to stand the rigorous climate of Canada and of the northern states have come to Virginia and found there health and prosperity.'

From these extracts it will be seen that Canada has at least one competitor in Belgium, and as already stated, Australia is also a competitor, in the British Isles, so that the assistance of booking agents will be seen to be of great value in presenting the claims of the Dominion to intending emigrants. Visits are paid by our agents to the offices of the booking agents and I quote as samples of reports the three following:—

'Mr. Henry Courtier, 44 Aberdeen Walk, Scarborough, is agent for all the Canadian companies, also American and South African, being the only steamship agent in town. He does a rural and city business. The character of his advertising is newspaper, bill-posting and distribution of literature. Mr. Courtier is a very good agent; he has an emigration office down town, and also one at his private house where has large bills displayed outside, and his wife thoroughly understands the business as well as he does himself. They have the same complaint that the other agents have that they could have done far more business if they could have got the emigrants away when they wanted to go, though their business is better than last year, with a prospect of a better business still. They make a better display than a great many of the other agents of posters with reference to emigration.

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'Messrs. Chapple & Son, Ilminster, are agents for all Canadian lines. They do a rural business and the character of their advertising is extremely good. They are a good enterprising firm who do a lot of advertising both on the premises and by