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Mr. WILSON (Lennox and Addington).—I would like to ask Dr. McIntyre whether he thinks any medical officer or any staff that we have at any port in this country could make a thorough examination of 7,000 people in one day.

Mr. MCINTYRE.—(Strathcona).—My honourable friend is speaking as though one man does it. There are relays.

Mr. WILSON (Lennox and Addington).—Dr. Bryce in his report said he had dumped on him in one day as many as 7,000.

Mr. MCINTYRE (Strathcona).—I do not think that time enters into this. When you say 7,000 people you must keep in mind that the majority are able bodied people.

Mr. SPROULE.—In the face of the evidence that was given before this committee that there were passed as many as from 3 to 5 per minute—I ask Dr. McIntyre if he would regard that as a sufficient length of time for any medical man to make anything like an intelligent examination of a crowd of people?

Mr. MCINTYRE (Strathcona).—You must remember this, that those people are in a line as the medical officers watch them coming along and they may pass in three or five minutes. In passing able bodied men, men who are evidently healthy, I do not think that time is a consideration.

Mr. SPROULE.—The honourable member is speaking of an extreme type of physical manhood. But take those who are anæmic or partially anæmic and emaciated and have other evidences of disability, who have been passed by hundreds and thousands. With reference to that class would he regard the examination as sufficient?

Mr. MCINTYRE (Strathcona).—I have said that those of a suspicious type of health are set aside and properly examined.

Mr. MONK.—I have a great many questions to ask Mr. Scott, but I do not think there is time to get them answered to-day, particularly if we discuss the points as they come up. I was going to ask if Mr. Scott would come to the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. SCOTT.—Any day will suit me.

Mr. MONK.—Then I will defer the questions I have to ask.

Committee adjourned.