

APPENDIX No. 2

Calgary and possessed sums of money varying from \$100 to \$8,000. We do not ask English-speaking immigrants landing at ocean ports what amount of money they have, further if they are in possession of \$25 it is deemed sufficient to last them for a reasonable time after they land. Of course, foreigners always have been examined as to the amount of cash in their possession.

By Mr. Owen:

Q. Referring to the examination for disease, who is that made by? By the agent or a practising physician?

A. By practising physicians.

Q. Employed by this government?

A. Yes, employed by the government.

Q. Do you know who they are?

A. Yes, I know who they are. At Quebec there is Dr. Page, who is the chief, Dr. Nadeau, Dr. Potvin, Dr. Lessard and Dr. Dobbin.

Q. Is there any examination made until the arrival of the immigrants at Quebec?

A. They are examined medically before they go on board ship.

By Mr. Wilson (Lennox):

Q. By whom is that examination made ?

A. By the Board of Trade doctor and the company's own doctor.

Q. Under what authority?

A. The Merchant's Shipping Act.

Q. When was that Act passed?

A. I could not tell you that.

Q. Do you not remember a report made by Lord Strathcona saying that he had failed to get a clause inserted in the Bill which was before the Imperial Parliament, as it was too late in the session?

A. I could not tell you anything about that.

Mr. WILSON. (Lennox).—If you had read his report you would have seen it.

By Mr. Owen:

Q. My reason for asking the question is that I enquired in the House the other night if all the immigrants that were sent to this country by booking agents were examined thoroughly for disease before being allowed to go on board at the port of embarkation, and I was told no.

A. They are examined. They are examined by the Board of Trade doctor and also by the company's doctor.

By Mr. Barr:

Q. The Board of Trade in England?

A. The Board of Trade in England.

Q. What interest would they have in not allowing diseased persons to go on board?

A. To prevent the spread of disease on the ship, I suppose.

NUMBER OF BOOKING AGENTS PRESENTING CLAIMS.

By Mr. Crockett:

Q. How many booking agents presented claims last year?

A. I think we have about 1,600 booking agents.

Q. What would be the actual number of claims presented in a year?

A. I should think they probably amount to \$100,000, or somewhere around that sum.