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Q. You have been there as examiner all the time that this North Atlantic Trading Company has been carrying on immigration work?

A. I have.

Q. And all the time that Mr. Leopold has been there?

A. No, I have not. At least I do not know how long Mr. Leopold has ever been in that position.

Q. What did you do when you received the account from Mr. Leopold? What steps did you take to see that he was entitled to the bonuses that he was asking for and which Mr. Preston, of London, certified to be correct?

A. I first went to the J. & A. Allan accounts to ascertain whether he had been paid through their payments.

Q. Yes.

A. He was originally paid through the J. & A. Allan account and naturally when a specific payment was asked for to Leopold, I went to the last account to find out whether he had been paid through their payment.

Q. You mean the shipping firms?

A. Yes, the same except that these were the Allan shipments.

Q. Well, supposing it was not the Allan shipments?

A. I think you will find that the most of them are the Allan accounts.

Q. Not all?

A. I think you will find in most cases, perhaps in all cases.

Q. Here is the Canadian Pacific Railway *Lake Erie* and there is no signature?

A. You will find that with the Canadian Pacific Railway accounts.

Q. What is your name? F. E. Stockton?

A. No, E. E. Stockton.

Q. Would this scrawl in pencil be yours? Whose is that?

A. In think in all probability Miss Gardener in London.

Q. This is the certificate of the *Lake Erie*, Louis Leopold stamping the paper, and then there is a scrawl with 'four adults £1/8, F. E. G.' or something of that kind. Then there are four names and four struck out. Now, how would you know that the four names were to be paid for and the other four were to be struck out?

A. Well, the four names that are to be paid for would in all probability be entered on the Canadian Pacific Railway accounts and struck out of this account because they are paid direct to Leopold. The others would be all on the Canadian Pacific Railway account.

Q. These four that are struck out of the *Lake Erie* account would not be on the Allan account?

A. On the Canadian Pacific Railway account.

Q. That is on the Canadian Pacific Railway ship *Lake Erie*. You would not go to the Allan account to see whether they were struck out?

A. I would go to the Canadian Pacific Railway account.

Q. I thought you said you would go to the Allan account?

A. In some cases. You will find some of these were Allan accounts.

Q. You would go the Canadian Pacific Railway accounts for these?

A. Yes.

Q. Where are those accounts?

A. With the Committee here.

Q. Under another heading?

A. They are Canadian Pacific Railway accounts. These bonuses were paid to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Q. Why did you not get a certificate on this form certifying the important matters that are printed at the foot of it?

A. Because in all probability the certificate is on the original account. This is practically a copy of the Canadian Pacific Railway accounts checking Leopold's bonuses.

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