

*By Mr. Sutherland:*

Q. The purpose of my question was to find out what these local inspectors are doing. Mr. Scott admits that he does not inquire whether the agent is placing people or not, but merely seeks to ascertain whether he is a respectable man?

A. The inspector goes a little further than that, he instructs them how to do their work, how to get people placed, how to frame up a letter to the booking agent in the old country.

Q. And you say the inspector instructs them. Does he not ask them how many men they have placed?

A. I suppose he does ask them.

Q. If he does not how does he know it has been satisfactory or not?

A. He reports on each one of them.

Q. As to whether satisfaction is given?

A. Well, I have seen the reports, but I did not read them very carefully.

Q. I am just trying to get information?

*By Mr. Steele:*

Q. There are some counties that have no distributing agents at all, for instance in the county of Perth; can you tell me why there are no agents in those counties?

A. I could not tell you that; I have never been instructed to appoint them, that is all.

Q. Can you give me any idea who is responsible?

A. If any member wants a distribution agent appointed he would write to the Minister and say that he would like to have 'John Doe' appointed in that county.

Q. It is in the hands of the members?

A. In the hands of the members, that is it.

*By Mr. Henderson:*

Q. Is there any limit to the number of employment agents in any county?

A. None whatever, except that we would like to have a man given a radius of about five miles so that he could place the men in that territory.

Q. There might be a dozen or there might be two?

A. Yes, it does not cost anything.

*By Mr. Chisholm (Antigonish):*

Q. It is generally the case in every province in the Dominion?

A. Some districts get more than others.

Q. And some portions of a province get a very large proportion of the immigrants?

A. As I stated before about 50 per cent of the immigrants come to friends in Canada nowadays, and they naturally go into the district they have friends

*By Mr. Marshall:*

Q. Where a number of men are located, it is because the local agent is active?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, I was looking at the list and I find that at my home town the agent you have there is a first class business man, but I do not think he would bother with it at all; as a matter of fact he has not placed men in employment at all. I think the agent should be a farmer, and I think we are to blame, Mr. Chairman, I do not think Mr. Scott is so much to blame for this. If we have an agent who is not placing men in the location where we live we should report the matter to the Department. The Minister and the Department will not know that the agent is not working actively unless their attention is drawn to it. I can quite understand that it depends entirely on the man, and I have in my mind a first class man in my neighbourhood, a farmer who meets the farmers, who can talk with them, who writes a good letter and quite a