

APPENDIX No. 2

Q. Have you inquired into the truth of any complaints of that nature?

A. No, I have never inquired into them.

Q. Is it not a fact that every one of them works in with land operators on this side?

A. I could not say.

Q. You do not know.

A. I do not.

Q. Do you not consider it is a question which ought to be looked into?

A. I know that when a man writes to my office and wants to know where he can purchase lands in the west, I refer him to the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Canadian Northern Railway and the Hudson's Bay Company, the three large companies that are interested.

Q. Do you not think your agents ought to do the same thing?

A. I suppose they do as far as I know.

By Mr. Sharpe (Lisgar):

Q. By what authority do these immigration agents go around in the manner in which they do? For instance on the Pembina Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway in Manitoba there is a man travelling up and down all the time wanting to know where the people are going and all about them?

A. That is an arrangement made between the United States and the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Q. The government had nothing to do with it?

A. Absolutely nothing. The position taken by the United States government is that as the Pembina line is close to the international boundary, undesirable people wanting to go into the United States could leave Canada in that way if there was no officer, and just walk across the line. It is a matter for their own protection.

Q. Do you think that the fact of that man being on that line is any guard against that?

A. Well, he sees who is going along the line.

By Mr. Lake:

Q. Have you found any of our immigrants going out of the country?

A. They go out every day.

Q. To any very great extent?

A. Not to any very great extent.

Q. Have you any idea as to the number?

A. No, I have not.

Q. You do not check the numbers?

A. We do not get the passengers outward bound.

By Mr. Wilson (Lennox and Addington):

Q. Is it not your attention at an early day to gather that information?

A. Our intention is as soon as possible to collect the statistics of outbound people.

Q. I know that the United States keeps those records and although they had nearly a million immigrants last year the net increase of alien population was a little over 209,867.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AGENTS.

Q. I want to ask you about these letters you sent out to Mr. Miller and the other people. When you got the answers who opened the letters?