

NORTH ATLANTIC TRADING COMPANY

Wealthy Aggregation of Booking Agents who Combined for the Purpose of Stimulating Immigration from Continental Europe to Canada.

BONUS RESTRICTED TO AGRICULTURALISTS AND DOMESTIC SERVANTS.

Contract Cancelled because Company Failed to Live up to One of its Important Provisoos.

DESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS WERE SECURED.

The North Atlantic Trading Company has been exploited by the Conservatives as one of their choice scandals. The subject was introduced to the House by Mr. Foster in the session of 1906, and his presentation of it was accompanied by the usual assortment of exaggerations, misrepresentations and false statements which usually characterize his charges of scandal against the present government.

DOCUMENTS AND OFFICIALS EXAMINED

All the documents in connection with the case bearing upon the dealings of the government with this company, were before the House. Every officer of the department who had taken part in any of the negotiations were thoroughly examined before the public accounts committee, Mr. W. T. R. Preston was sent from England, and with Mr. Smart, ex-deputy Minister of the Interior, was examined most exhaustively by the committee, with the result that all the facts were well known, all the documents had been examined, and no man knew the history of the transaction better than Mr. Foster, and yet this gentleman reconciled it with his conscience to present to the House a distorted, misleading and absolutely false statement of the case.

Mr. Foster when presenting the matter to the House, disregarded the facts as disclosed in evidence and by the written documents, but seized the opportunity to make a vicious attack upon Hon. Mr. Sifton, who was absent from the House, and insinuated that he and some officials of the Interior Department were interested in the contract.—Mr. Foster had not the courage to make any direct charge.