

APPENDIX No. 3

Q. In London ?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know who the North Atlantic Trading Company consists of ?

A. I do not know.

Q. Have you ever heard ?

A. I have never heard that I know of. I think there are two gentlemen who signed the contract in some official capacity. Theirs are the only two names I know.

Q. I suppose you see reports in the department, and things of that kind are open to you ?

A. Certainly.

Q. Do you know whether these reports give any information as to what this company consists of ?

A. I never had occasion to look that matter up.

Q. Perhaps I may read a paragraph or two from a report dated April 21, 1902. The minister observes that about two years ago the immigration department made a tentative arrangement with an organization known as the North Atlantic Trading Company, composed of certain leading representative continental steamship agents, having its headquarters at Amsterdam ?

A. That is my understanding of the organization.

Q. It did not profess to be a company ?

A. No.

Q. It was a syndicate of steamship agents ?

A. Yes, I think that is right.

Q. Have you any knowledge of the composition—who are the agents ?

A. No, I have not.

Q. Or how far the syndicate extends ?

A. Their operations are set out in the agreement, in certain countries, that is the only knowledge I have of their operations.

Q. We are now dealing entirely with the position of what is called the company.

A. I have no knowledge of that.

Q. You never heard ?

A. I never heard any more than it is a syndicate of steamship agents. I have never heard the names of any of them any more than those two who signed the contract.

Q. It does not purport to have been an incorporated body ?

A. No.

Q. It is what is called a syndicate ?

A. Yes, or an association.

Q. Is it a tangible one, or one that so far as you know may consist of certain people to-day and others to-morrow ?

A. I should imagine they could do that.

Q. It is a somewhat movable affair ?

A. Yes.

Q. And have you any knowledge as to whether it consists of anybody except steamship agents ?

A. I have not.

Q. Never heard any discussion about that ?

A. No, I have never heard any discussion as to who might constitute the company any more than steamship agents. That is the only knowledge I have about it.

Q. Do you know where any of these steamship agents that constitute the company or association have their headquarters ?

A. None excepting that the company's headquarters are at Amsterdam, I think.

Q. Do you think all the people of this syndicate live at Amsterdam ?

A. No, I do not think so—I haven't any knowledge.

Q. That is where their head office is ?