

Agriculture and Colonization.

By Mr. Sproule :

Q. How about Illinois ?

A. The Chicago agent has Illinois and Indiana. Omaha covers Nebraska ; Kansas City covers Kansas. These are all the paid agents we have now. That is, they are all paid salary.

By Mr. Darwin :

Q. What salary do you pay them ?

A. They are paid different salaries. Mr. McInnes, in Detroit, gets \$1,500 a year. All our literature is sent to him and distributed by him to the various agents. Mr. Grieve has \$1,200 a year; Mr. Caven at Bad Axe has \$900 a year; Mr. Broughton at Chicago has \$900 a year.

By Mr. Sproule :

Q. That is Mr. Grieve who used to be a member here ?

A. Yes ; he is at Reed City, Michigan. Mr. Bennett in Omaha gets \$900 ; Mr. Crawford in Kansas City \$900, and Mr. Davies at St. Paul \$1,500. There are two in St. Paul, in fact they both work from that office. The other one gets \$1,200 a year.

By Mr. Wilson :

Q. What does Mr. Grieve get ?

A. \$1,200. Then we have Mr. Swanson who travels.

Q. He gets travelling expenses, I suppose ?

A. Yes. I may say in connection with travelling expenses that we have endeavoured to make arrangements with railway companies to cover as much as possible transportation over their lines for our agents, and with some lines we have succeeded very well in getting transportation.

Q. You allow your agents so much per day ?

A. No ; we allow them actual expenses.

Q. Do you make a maximum beyond which they cannot go ?

A. No ; we do not.

Q. The old Government used to ?

A. No, not latterly, I think. At one time they allowed \$3 or \$3.50 a day.

Q. You would be careful not to allow them too much ?

A. If they have to travel we pay their expenses. They have to certify that the money was disbursed and that it covered actual expenses while travelling on Government business.

By Mr. Rogers :

Q. Have you agents in the eastern part of the States ?

A. Mr. Swanson, a Swede, travels largely through the Swedish settlements, and does very well. He is the same gentleman who went to Sweden last summer. He gets \$1,500. Mr. White looks after the agents generally and the advertising. He gets \$1,800. He travels all over the States.