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MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR Former Policy Sent a million People Out of Canada-Present Policy

Brought a Million People In-Cockshutt Wanted to Transfer English Tenements to Canadian Cities

(Speech by Hon, F. Oliver, conclud-ed from last issue.) We would ourserves take at the present time twenty men if we could get them, and there are other firms in town who are also looking for men. Anything along this line that you Anything along this line that you ould do for us will be appreciated. Mr. Boyce-What is the date of

hat? Mr. Oliver-October 4, 1905. The

We will consider it a great favor you will be kind enough to advise Mr. Walker, also any of your other agents in Great Britain, that our company is desirous of obtaining weavers or any other good cotton mill help to work in our factories in this country. We nave thirteen mills in operation, and

at the present time could give em-ployment to several hundred good ployment to several mill hands if we could secure them. We have a letter from the Meaford board of trade, dated October 2, 1905 as follows :--I am instructed by the president

the Meaford board of trade to write ou explaining the position of matter here with regard to unskilled lab r i hope that you might be able t In addition to two tanneries, a from canning factory and two sash and ion from the transportation com-banies for whom they sell tickets, and it was thought that by adding to that commission on the tickets sold to door factories we have a large furni ture factory, employing 60 to 70 skil led hands and some 15 to 20 unskilled ands could they be got, the Seamon-Kent company, who manufacture hard wood flooring and deal quite exten sively in lumber, transhipping through

here from vessels. Then there is an schalf of the class of people we con-idered were required in this coun-ry. Besides we went beyond that and explained to them why we took other large factory nearly completes which will manufacture wheelbarrow and will be able to employ 20 or more unskilled hands at least. The three last mentioned concerns are now and expect to be short of hands, both hat position. We said :-The classes of people on whom bon-is is paid by the Canadian governskilled and unskilled, and it occurred o us that possibly if we acquainted you with the position of matters her

you might be able to steer some of th immigrants who desire to locate in towns in preference to taking up farm-ing this way and so help both us and loyntent upon the lands now occupied and cultivated, or in the railway In addition to the factories, the grain elevator, at the harbor, 750,000 bushels capacity, is short of shovel evelopment now in progress.

lers. Pay there is 20 cents an hour I believe work could be got here from now till navigation closes. Worw for at least 30 hands could be given in and around the factories all winter and in addition the Seamen-Kent com pany will require to send men to the

advance the interests of all classes in in connection with their saw numigration branch has appointed a number of employment agents in the various countries of Ontario in order the Domihion. 2—That provision should be made for the lawful importation of skilled mechanics from any other country, provided that the help required can not be obtained in the Dominion. f you think you could make use of s information to our mutual ad han any other, but it is a simple act that the demand in Canada is for his information to our mutual at act that the demand in Canada is for bays from 15 to 18 years of age trait the demand in the cultivation of those already occupied, and the universe of the locality where their services are in de-traited to the country, to aid in the cultivation of those already occupied, and the immigrants are sent to the bet of boys from 15 to 18 years of age and train them. There is no strike 3-That the immigration department of the Dominion government should lise to assist in providing additional cities, it will be readily seen that the Tansportation facilities. This it is itelihood of their taking farm work Organizations Protest Labor Organizations Protest. But there were other demands for labour. In 1904, the labour organizations made strong representations against the importation of skilled la-mer, and this brought forth r-solu-tions irom the county councils and encourage and not discourage the emigration to Canada of the best classe of skilled workmen from other coun tries, provided that these workmen are required in Canadian industrie and cannot be secured in Canada. And that a copy of this resolutio tions from the county councils and curing competitors against them in Manufacturers Urge Their Claims. beir several callings, for which they sould naturally hold the government o account. I wish to place before the House part of a resolution of one of the most influential financial and, I might say, be forwarded to the members of th other organizations of many Ontari government and members of the house counties. Here is a petition from th county of Halton, Ont., dated Janu of commons Government's Policy Adhered to. ary, 1904: political, bodies of this country, the Canadian Manufacturers' association. Stringent Stipulations. I wish to point out to the house that the instructions to booking agents The undersigned petitioners, having Besides pointing out to the booking igents why we do not pay bonuses in others than the classes mentioned, we placed before them the provisions read the representations made to you as minister of the interior by reprewere not an empty form of words but that they were carried out in prac-tice. I have here a copy of a letter dated June 30, from Mr. D. Bruce sentatives of labor organizations o January 4, 1904, in the city of Toron-to, to the effect that more mechanics of the Immigration act of 1906 passed By direction of the executive coun Walker, government agent in Engand farm laborers are not wanted in or the purpose of promoting immi-this country, we the county council gration from the British Isles. We cil of this association, I have the honor to inform you that, at their last land, which reads: of the county of Halton, wish to em-phatically protest against this most ve are to get the approval of the I have written again and again t meeting, the following resolution re-garding the immigration policy of the steamship booking agents, including people, we must use every effort to Mr. Bardwell, pointing out that they statement, knowing as we ion government, was una. in ought to use the government employ ment agents in Ontario for all per do that exactly the reverse is the case. Huntheds of unfinishd buildings and ore at the same time that we increasusly adopted : I need not read the "whereases." thousands of buildings projected have not been started that would have been ings to twenty shillings per head, we follows: sons experienced or inexperienced who The main part of the resolution is as desire to go upon farms, and that, under no circumstances should they Imost unprocurable. This is macted an Immigration act which Resolved, that the Dominion gov-Resolved, that the Dominion gov-ernment be respectfully urged to en-courage, through its present immigue. Stances, should mechanics or other tion officers, and by the appointment skilled tradesmen be sent to these built under favorable conditions, of the labor market, which testifies to the nadoubted fact that there has been previously. We said to the booking t throughout the province of Ontaria igents :of special representatives, for this purpose, the immigration not only of government employment agents. I during the past season an extraordin-It is important that the provisions have also pointed out again and again that Mr. Bardwell and others that arcity of mechanics. And every of the Canadian Immigration act of farm laborers but also of skilled me ary scarcity of mechanics. And every farmer in Canada will testify that farmer in Canada of certain classes of peo-ic exist, and thus assist in building in Canada of certain classes of peo-ic exist, and thus assist in building in Canada of certain classes of peo-ic exist, and thus assist in building in Canada of certain classes of peo-ic exist, and thus assist in building in canada of certain classes of peo-ic exist, and thus assist in building in canada of certain classes of peo-ic exist, and thus assist in building in canada of certain classes of peo-ic exist, and thus assist in building in canada of certain classes of peo-ic exist, and thus assist in building were with), so that the booking agent will understand thoroughly that for ins own credit and the advantage of its business he will not book people if these classes. They are liable to be returned to the place from which they came at the expense of the steam-bin company. This liability exists men intended for railway construc tion may safely be booked for the steamship ports of Canada, but that on every occasion they should posess nough means to insure their transportation to where the work is, and hat they should consult the governnent agent at that port for-such i formation and other general guid have no difficulty in procuring employment at high wages. Your petificulates would therefore to the the start the express of the start the express purpose of engaging for its pray that every possible encourage ment chould be given by your government to induce farm laborers to come to ontario, knowing as we do that profitable employment can be given to any number of people who can be induced to come here. The Policy Adopted. This petition was signed and sent to the interior department by some sixty organizations—county councils, farmers' institutes and agricultural as ance. This point is emphasized in your own circular as well as in my own, and I hope by constant repet ion to bring conviction to the minds of booking agents as to what they should do in these circumstances. The Proof. I have also a letter from the depart-ment to Mr. Jas. S. Waugh, Canadian overnment employment agent at thatham, Ontario, one of the agents appointed throughout the province distribute farm labor, which reads: sixty organizations—county councils, farmers' institutes and agricultural as cociations of one kind and another, in response to the demand of the agricultural community of the prov-ince of Ontario, in the response to the demand of the agricultural community of the prov-ince of Ontario, in the response to the demand of the since of Ontario, in the response to the demand of the agricultural community of the prov-ince of Ontario, in the response to the demand of the since of Ontario, in the response to the demand of the agricultural community of the prov-ince of Ontario, in the response to the demand of the since of Ontario, in the response to the demand of the since of Ontario, in the response to the demand of the agricultural community of the prov-ince of Ontario, in the response to the demand of the since of Ontario, in the response to the demand of the set to the family who will but by other members in their places. The Dominion government did expand its immigration policy in regard to Great Britain with A view of approv-ing these demands. But of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Border, inter any convicted criminal. Persons the Dominion government did expand its immigration policy in regard to point out that the immigration policy in regard to the opposition (Mr. R. L. Border), the opposition (Mr. R. L. Border), inthe letter of May 28, I beg to in-close herewith copy of a circular to the understanding the policy on that the immigration policy in regard to the opposition (Mr. R. L. 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Yours faithfully

coming out, and the efforts of the im-signation than one of the above nam-d, or on persons mentally or physic-illy unfit. This was supplemented by a circu-ar sent to the booking agents, and I hall take the liberty of reading one if two clauses so as to set out more clearly the policy of the government, n order that the government may by

udged, not on the policy ascribed to Canadian immigration department are t, but on its actual policy. The book-not directed towards those who are ag agents are the people upon whom we depend for the spread of informa-ion which we desire to get before the inflish people. They are heensed to construction work. This, however, does not apply to female domestic ser-We had this further communicatio from the Manufacturers' association dated June 25, 1906: teil transportation under the laws of on the look out for an opportunity to breat Britain they receive a commis better their position in life.

was thought that of the sold to commission on the tickets sold to sanada, we would thereby enlist their increases to contrast it with the proprietor suggested by Mr. Hall, the proprietor of the employment and information sureau of Brandord, Ontario, as en-lored by Mr. Cockshutt, member of lored by Mr. Cockshut workmen. Demand for Skilled Workmen Renewed. have reason to be pleased at the ad-nesion of Mr. Cockshutt to our policy Manufacturers' association (incorpo expressed in his proposal placed ated), at its regular monthly meeting.

in the order paper. Distribution of Immigrants. neld in Toronto, June 21, 1906: nent are expected, by leason of their xperience at home, to find scope for But I want to point out to the House heir abilities in the occupation of he vacant lands of Canada, in emhat we not only have a definite pol cy, but we have carried it out. And ve have been carrying it out under fficulties and opposition from people right here in this province of On-An

ario. But, before I come to that, I 1904, having reference to the importance ario, but, before I come to that, I tion of skilled workmen, as follows: while it is not asserted that people if other callings or conditions of life hould not come to Canada, or may not asserted that peopl wish to read a circular letter addressed to steamship booking agents in Great Britain and Ireland, advising ot find a career open to them in this in regard to the destination of immirants:

country, it is desired to have it well inderstood that the government of Canada assumes no responsibility with espect to any other immigration than hat of the classes mentioned as effe-It is scarcely necessary to point out o you the desirability as far as pos-sible of keeping these newly arrived ble for bonus payment. It is not as-cried that the farmer or farm laborer s necessarily a more desirable citizen nmigrants out of the cities and the

on, England, as follows:--Mr. John Patterson, Canadian govng an outery against the policy which ernment employment agent, Toronto Junction, Ontario, has sent me your it might be alleged produced such con gestion. It is in order to keep the department clear from any such dvice form re. Mr. George Simmons charge that we confine our efforts aband Mr. Fred Parrott, due to sail on congestion that there is in all this so'utely to securing laborers for emhe 25th instant per steam-hip Sardin-Dominion of Canada. ployment on the land and on railway ian. I observe these men are fitters and engineers and wish to obtain simliar employment in Canada, and I am writing this letter to draw your at-ention to the fact that Mr. Patterson in the fact that Mr. Fatterson —some information as to the finited of the farm a certain length of time is not responsible for obtaining em-of Canadians who went to the United before the agent receives the \$2. I can tell the minister that the agent received \$2 a head on account of im-I beg to inclose you herewith a reso-ution passed by the executive counarm work and he will be obliged on he arrival of these two men to re- kindly give it to the House? cil of this association at its meeting held on the 21st inst., having refer inse assistance. I supposed that our incular was sufficiently explicit to the hon. minister, if, from his last hours; he simply got his certificate and that was the end of it. ence to the importation of skilled ou to kindly note that in all future charitable organizations to which he ookings of mechanics or clerks of any (Sgd.) J. F. M. STEWART, has referred attempted to obtain bonort such immigrants must not be diected to one of our employment false or pretended claims without any pointed a large number of agents throughout Ontario and we have to Secratury. As these men do not sail until the 25th instant I think you will have ime to notify them that they must tot expect Mr. Patterson to secure We Want the Best. Resolution unanimously passed by e executive council of the Canadian

Mr. Oliver-I do not know whether ny hon' friend (Mr. Macdonell) thinks or them employment at any rate. he is in the police court or not. I do not think his question is well put. Commission Disallowed.

Resolved, that the executive counc Here is another letter from Mr.Scott of the Canadian Manufacturers' as sociation reaffirm the resolution pas the same subject:

I am in receipt of your favor of the nd instant and regret that you are sed at the annual meeting of the Cancharitable organizations may very adian Manufacturers' association held well have a different view of what lissatisfied on account of commission being disallowed on a mechanic place in Montreal, September 20, 21 and 22, their rights are from that which the 1904 having reference to the importa-Immigration Department, may have. d by you. The department in car-But, as a matter of fact, I have given 1-That the Dominion department of ying on its immigration propaganda the hon, gentleman the figures of the abor as such should give equal conthe United Kingdom advocates the claims made by the charitable organsideration to the needs of employer and employee, that 'its exclusive sys migration of farmers, farm laborers, lomestics and railway laborers only izations and of the number of those tem of labor correspondents should b and lavs particular stress upon the bolished, and that it should, as far act that any one coming out with eye to eye with the charitable organas possible, be constituted in policy and practice, an impartial tribunal to he intention of engaging in mechanial industries must do so entirely on is own responsibility and without their claims any more than we are iny assistance from the departmental able to see eye to eye with them in igents on this side. The booking regard to the purpose of their work. igents as a class understand that this Their purpose is to do good to the un-whether fortunately or unfortunately or unfor the attitude of the department, and fortunate of the old country; our purwhile there may be a few who issue pose is to get from the old country erds of introduction to persons other the best they have so as to improve

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Wants Immigrants Bound.

Mr. Clements-My contention is Mr. Sproule—The minister has given us the number who came from the ing an immigrant on a farm in Kent United States. I saw somewhere-I or any other county in Canada, think it was from government sources that immigrant should remain up--some information as to the number on the farm a certain length of time migrants in West Kent who did not

Mr. Oliver-I would not say that our representative in Kent is perhaps us on 2,000 people or thereabouts on all that might be desired. We aptake our chance on the man we got, but I assume that the man we got West Kent was fairly representative of West Kent.

The Present Condition.

would like to say that the man wh I would like to place before the wants has a different point of view House some further information in rom the man who gives, and the regard to the situation as to the supply of labor at the present time, and as to the attitude of the department and its action thereon. In former years the rule was that the rush of immigration took place during the months of May and June; that it fell off greatly after June, and that ther claims allowed by the Immigration Department. We were not able to see Therefore we concentrated months. izations with regard to the number of our attention on the securing of imtheir claims any more than we are able to see eve to eve with them in the rest of the year took care of itself. ly; whether because of favorable con-ditions in Canada or because of ener-



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want to point out that the immigra-tion department did not accede to the whole of the demand. I have not wish to delay the House, but I would ask your inddigence. Mr. Speaker, while I read an extract or two from the printed circulars issued to booking agentes as the momental to essent taken as printed circulars issued to booking agentes to the terms of the rescin-to the position at a set at each as the momental taken and to delay the House, but I would ask your inddigence. Mr. Speaker, while I read an extract or two from the printed circulars issued to booking agentes to booking agentes in the Other House. The position at a set at taken induces as I can see there are many dif-fleulties in the way of the terms of the rescin-to disculars issued to a set at taken induces. The the ast issued to booking agentes to whole your show the the momental taken acceling to the terms of the rescin-to the assume terms of the rescin-to as agressive cam-to private taken and the contract, and improper of supplying the requirements here: advertising. It is hoped that no diffi-Manufacturers Ship in Well.

ntinue issuing such cards of inroduction. On November 28, 1906, Mr. Scott had ccasion to send the following letter

I beg to acknowledge the receipt ie course of your letter of the 14th nstant, enclosing copies of corres ondence between Captain Taylor, iverpool, and Mr. J. R. Ronald, fontreal, and stating that as then ppears to be a genuine demand for veavers you have told Captain Tayor that there will be no objection is advertising for the men. I think hat it would be well for you to hold ntirely aloof from any business of his kind and to avoid expressing any pinion as to the probability of per ons in other callings obtaining emloyment and doing well in this coun 'ry, and that their coming here, if under no circumstances should they they do come, must be entirely their be sent to any of the large cities in wn effair.

our agent in England:

Encouragement of Desired Classes; Discouragement of Others,

I have tried to place before the House clearly and distinctly that the olicy of this government in regard to ctive encouragement of those who that powerful organization the Can-edian Manufacturers' association. On Mr. H. S. Clements (West Kent)-1

to of our friend Mr. Hall, recommended by Mr. Cockshutt, that it is desirable

than the specified classes, still the and not deterioriate the population of acting in such manner is of this country. Regarding the effec small and when a case such as the of the payment of bonus in securing ne you mention is brought to the a desirable class of immigrants, l ittention of the department the book-ng agent is immediately notified to bonus is paid for the express purpose

of giving an inducement to the bool ing agent to send us the man upon which he can get a bonus rather than the man upon whim he cannot get :

Opposition Members Endorse. We have the endorsation of our hon friend from Brantford (Mr. Cockshutt) in regard to our immigration policy and I am therefore glad to be able t refer the House to the endorsation e hon. leader of the Opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) in regard to the princilast, the hon. leader of the Opposition enlightened the House as follows: It does not seem to me that the paythis country. That would depend altogether on the way you work it.out. without the payment of bonuses you permit people to come in indiscriminately, if you use every possible

means by advertising and otherwise in the minigration, while it was a policy of might, without a system of bonusing the 3rd of December we wired to Mr. at all, increase the tendency to bring Bruce Walker in London: vere especially desired, was a policy in people who are not desirable. On the other band, if you used the sys-

the other hand there are in England would like to ask the minister what agent is entitled to receive the bonus | ing.

be in farm employment before the said: man who places him in that employexcept at farm work." gration society, the Central Unem-with further reference to this mat-bloyed Body, the Central Emigration ment is entitled to the bonus of \$2 for money if they have not employment.

getic advertising, or because of both. this year the flow of immigrants did not cease with the passing of the spring months but continued into the fall and apparently was likely to continue into the winter.

Immigrants Warned

That was a new condition and it equired to be met. Naturally there is a falling off in the demand for labor as winter set in, and there was some depression in financial condi-

tions which added to the ordinary lack of work in the winter, and we found for the first time in some years a surplus of labor in some of the cities of Canada. We were not in any sense responsible for that congestion of labor. I have pointed out to the House that it was practically contrary to our policy; I have pointed out ple of our bonus policy. On April 9 House the direct causes which brought that labor there, and with which we were neither directly nor indirectly connected. But it was a fact that it ent of bonuses in itself has any ten- was there to a certain degree, and it dency to bring in a less rather than a was for us to consider what our at more desirable class of people into titude should be. We believed that in the presence of more or less unempersons in the cities, accon panied by the fact that the demand for labor is slack during the winter was not desirable that the ranks of unemployed should be increased any particular country from which by further arrivals of unemployed immigration is not very desirable, you from the old country. Therefore on

Advertise in newspapers and notify if just as active discouragement of hose who were not desired, and if here is at this time in this country to it such conditions as would not congestion of immigrants such as alleged in the resolution of Mr. ockshutt, the blame, if blame there is that in that particular we have must be placed elsewhere than on e shoulders of the immigration de the Opposition. He says further: then only if they have employment partment. I have already read to the In a word, 1 would be inclined to assured or have sufficient cash to keep House the action that is taken in the restrict our efforts in so far as the sys- them until they secure employment Money Necessary.

On the 6th December we sent th following to steamship agents:

powerfal organizations for the purpose of sending out those who have not employment in that country, organiz-ations which are taking the suggestion In view of the condition of the laconditions under which they are en- large number of immigrants are liable titled to receive the bonus upon each to land, bound en route to Toronto. immigrant placed? How long has If without sufficient funds, notify this an immigrant to be here before the office, giving particulars before land-

of \$2? Mr. Oliver-The immigrant has to were willing to co-operate with us Then the steamship agents who

or friends in view. How much money

