

APPENDIX No. 2

Q. You have got the original documents.

A. Yes, I supplied them to Mr. Wilson.

Q. Now there is a case which I want you to explain because it is a little different. It is that of Mr. Fred. Stockwell and wife and children. Elizabeth, Catherine, Edward and Beatrice, who landed at the port of Portland on the 14th day of April, 1907, on the steamship *Kensington* and are reported as having been placed as a farm labourer and domestic with Mr. George Clements of Deseronto post office, province of Ontario, to work on his farm. The terms of engagement are \$26 per month, the commission claimed \$14. There are two reports on this case and I would like you to read them. You wrote this man a letter on February 26, 1908, and his answer in his own handwriting is there I think.

A. I wrote to Clement on February 26th and on February 29th he replied:—
'*Re* Fred. Stockwell. He worked for me about three months after his arrival here but not at the farming. I am in the contracting and building. Stockwell gave me excellent satisfaction and is a sober, honest and industrious man. I paid him \$9 per week as helper. He has worked the balance of the season for William H. Harvey, a cement contractor of this town, and received from \$1.75 to \$2 per day.'

Q. He did not work at farming at all apparently?

A. Apparently not.

Q. Well there were some others that he reported and you wrote to him and got no reply. In those cases you allowed him full commission.

A. I cannot say I am sure.

Q. How can we find out?

A. If I heard the names I could tell you.

Q. Well, we will have to give them to you. Turn to 3931. That is the case of George Williams. In that case he only stayed one day.

A. Mr. O. M. Williams wrote saying:—'Last spring I was very much in need of a man and could not get one around here. Mr. Nathan Miller was appointed to supply farmers with these immigrants as they came over. I bought a ticket in Napanee which I paid \$5, thinking I could not do any better, and sent it to Montreal. The man Williams came. I drove seven miles to meet him. He stayed with me one day. He said he did not take to farming. He was simply no use whatever, but needing a man so much I thought to try and do my best by patience and trying to learn him, thinking he would become satisfied, but it was no use. He simply walked off. I forbid him going without paying me for the ticket. He gave me \$3. The balance I lost. He also went across the bay from here and persuaded a chum of his who had hired with a farmer to leave too.'

Q. Did you pay commission on that?

A. I cannot say without looking at the accounts.

Mr. MONK.—I suppose it cost us \$5 to bring him out from England.

A. Not necessarily.

Q. That is the kind of farm labourers you are bringing in.

Mr. SMITH (Nanaimo).—That is only one.

A. We are liable to make mistakes, but I am glad to say that the class of immigrants we are getting in Canada today is the finest in the world, including the much despised Englishman.

By Mr. Wilson (Lennox and Addington):

Q. Who are they despised by. I do not think it is fair to say that.

A. We are receiving the very finest class of immigrants.