

*By Mr. Sharpe (Lisgar):*

Q. How many agents have you in the United States?

A. Twenty-four or twenty-five State agents.

Q. Have they any assistants?

A. They have clerks.

*By Mr. Verville:*

Q. They are supposed to make a report weekly.

A. Yes.

Q. Do they do it?

A. Yes.

*By Mr. Lake:*

Q. In regard to immigration from the United States, do you find that the immigrants are going mainly into parts where Americans are already settled?

A. No. They are going wherever there are free lands.

Q. How do you account for the falling off in the immigration last year?

A. Well, the United States immigration did not fall off at all. The large falling off of 44 per cent was mainly from Great Britain.

Q. Is there any reason for that?

A. We cut off entirely all assisted emigration and we have adopted regulations which make it difficult for them to emigrate.

Q. You do not think any of the falling off was due to crop failure?

A. The financial conditions in the country may have had something to do with it.

Q. The fact that there was a poor crop has not had anything to do with it?

A. I do not think it affected emigration. It did not affect it in the United States.

Q. You think your regulations affected it?

A. Yes, I think they had some effect.

*By Mr. Molloy:*

Q. Have you a system of boundary inspection similar to that adopted by the United States boundary inspectors?

A. Very much the same. We have boundary inspection at 107 points. We have 175 officers along the international boundary. During the last year we debarred at the international boundary 4,580 people from entering and we debarred at ocean ports 509.

Q. What are the duties of Mr. Adamson of the Immigration Department, Winnipeg? I understand from a conversation with him that it was part of his duty to advise incoming settlers as to the best localities to settle in?

A. I could not say. I know he is in Winnipeg.

*By Mr. Sharpe (Lisgar):*

Q. Have you had any complaints of your agents in the United States working in with land companies operating on this side?

A. Of our agents working in with them?

Q. Yes?

A. Yes, I have heard so.

Q. Have you received any complaints?

A. I think possibly no written complaints. I have heard people say they were working in with them.