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A. It would be difficult to get the information up to the 1st of February this year, because while these people are in the Old Country their expenses are paid from the London office, and we would not get the report of disbursements to them until the 15th of the following month.

Q. Then up to what date can you give me that information?

A. Up to the end of January, probably, or December.

*By Mr. Wilson (Laval):*

Q. Can you give the number of Boundary Inspectors, roughly speaking?

A. I think there are on the International Boundary 69, but I will give you the correct figures in a moment.

Q. I am not insisting upon the exact figures.

A. I think the number of regular agents is 69. They do nothing else but attend to immigration work. Then there are one hundred and some odd Customs officers who assist in the Immigration work. Some of these are paid \$100 and others \$50 a year for the immigration work they do, in addition to their stipend as Customs officers.

*By Mr. Robb:*

Q. Do the railways pay any share of the cost of advertising for immigrants who come in and buy their lands?

A. Yes, in this way: they grant the settler a reduced railway rate. Then they give our officers free transportation, and they issue a very large amount of literature themselves.

*By Mr. Sproule:*

Q. In giving the land sales, as an evidence of the increased immigration I presume, you have no data which would show the percentage of land sold to immigrants and the percentage that may have been sold to Canadians?

A. No.

Q. I would imagine that the immigrants would not be likely to go in very extensively for land purchases.

A. Well, the class of immigrants we are getting now is improving all the time. I notice in reading one of our reports from Great Britain the statement that one farmer was coming out with £15,000, or \$75,000. Now that is a very nice sum of money to bring out to a new country.

Q. I should think they would prefer to purchase homesteads with some improvements on them.

A. A couple of years ago we had a party of Scotch Agriculturists' out. Before we brought them here we experienced active opposition from those farmers to the emigration of farm labourers; they wanted them to remain in Scotland. Well, we induced this party to come out to Canada and they went over the Dominion from Prince Edward Island to the Pacific Coast. The consequence was that after seeing the country they purchased 37 quarter sections and are putting 37 farmers from Scotland on those lands.

Q. They purchased that land from the railroad companies?

A. No. They purchased from private individuals; it was an old ranch. I think they purchased it from Mr. Hull, a stock breeder who had an old ranch to sell.

*By Mr. Sinclair:*

Q. Can you tell me if the advertisement given to Canada by the recent reciprocity agreement has brought in more inquiries than usual from the United States?

A. I could not tell you that, Mr. Sinclair. All I know is that I had a letter from one of our Inspectors in the States, who said it was causing a great deal of