

A. No, but I will come to that later on. Now that manifest is handed to the immigration agent at the port of landing. This particular manifest was handed to the agent at Halifax. These people are landed from the ship and placed in a building where nobody has any communication with them at all and are medically examined. After undergoing a medical examination they have to pass a civil examination, and it is upon that examination that we pay the bonus. Now, in the case of this particular bonus—

*By Mr. Sproule:*

Q. What is the civil examination?

A. The examination made by our own officers, by the immigration agent and his assistants at the ocean ports.

Q. At the ocean port?

A. Yes. The examination by the immigration agent of the immigrants individually and separately at the port of debarkation.

*By Mr. Wilson (Lennox):*

Q. I see according to the agent's report that your inspector examines the immigrants in batches of hundreds at a time?

A. I cannot help that. I am telling you what actually takes place.

*By Mr. Sproule:*

Q. What ought to take place?

A. What I am saying is what actually takes place. Every immigrant is individually examined both medically and civilly.

*By Mr. Barr:*

Q. That is a very important point. You say they are examined separately, whereas the agent in his report says they are examined in numbers?

A. They are examined in numbers, yes. Every ship is examined by itself.

Q. Every ship?

A. Yes. This particular ship had 838 passengers on board.

*By Mr. Herron:*

Q. Give us the length of time which is occupied by this examination, have you any information in regard to that?

A. Well, this particular ship, the *Victorian*, sailed from Liverpool on March 13 and arrived at Halifax on the 20th at 11.55 a.m. The passengers started to land at 12.5. There were 39 saloon passengers, 359 second cabin passengers, and 440 steerage passengers or a total of 838. The second-class passengers were medically examined by Dr. Hawkins. The examination began at 1.25 p.m., and was completed at 2.30 p.m. The civil examination of the second-class passengers was made by Messrs. Barnstead and Blackadar.

*By Mr. Sproule:*

Q. How many second-class passengers were there?

A. 359.

Q. And the medical officer examined that number in an hour and five minutes?

A. In one hour and five minutes.

Mr. SPROULE.—That would be a great examination.

Mr. BARR.—That is an impossibility?