

APPENDIX No. 3

I received this cablegram either on the 11th or 12th :

'Your cable 7th instant. The persons named as subscribers to the memorandum and articles of association of the North Atlantic Trading Company, Limited, and holding one share each are : Edward Sainsbury, 8 and 9 Newcastle Street, Strand, London, hotel proprietor; Alfred Hindley Alexander, 7 Sutton Court Road, Cheswick, engineer; John Alfred Randall, 347 High Road, Cheswick, articled clerk; George Thomas Hide Downey, 27 Palewell Park, East Sheen, S.W., solicitor's clerk; Henry James Whitman, 277 High Road, Cheswick, builder; John Henry Stephens Thompson, Lynwood Ave., Epsom, chartered secretary; Charles Guy Underwood, 36 Willcott Road, Acton, solicitor's clerk. Solicitor to the company, E. A. Alexander, 37 and 39 Essex Street, Strand, W.C. Capital of company, £3,000 in 300 shares of £10 each. Am endeavouring to get list of shareholders and amount actually subscribed and paid up. The company incorporated in Island of Guernsey as North Atlantic Trading Company, Limited, registered 3rd June, 1905, and certificate registration dated Greffe, Guernsey, 14th June, 1905. Memorandum of association, states registered office company situate Island of Guernsey. Director, J. Gluck; managing director, H. Pheifel; secretary, N. Kohan. Business office, 92 Damrack, Amsterdam. Memorandum Association will be mailed *Campania*, 14th.

'(Sgd.) STRATHCONA.'

Mr. JAMES A. SMART, called and sworn and examined.

By Mr. Barker :

Q. Mr. Smart, are you the late Deputy Minister of the Interior ?

A. Yes.

Q. Will you tell us when you entered the Civil Service, in what capacity, and how long you remained ?

A. I first was employed by the government on January 1, 1897 ; I became Deputy Minister of the Interior on April 1, 1897, and I ceased to be Deputy Minister on December 31, 1904.

Q. During the period that you were Deputy Minister had you charge of immigration matters ?

A. Very largely, yes.

Q. Very largely ? Under the minister you were the chief officer, I suppose ?

A. Yes.

Q. And those who had anything to do with that department were sent to you ?

A. They were, yes.

Q. What was Mr. W. T. R. Preston's position ?

A. Inspector of European agencies, he was called.

Q. You had better begin about when he started ?

A. I think he began, I am not certain, in 1898. About the beginning of 1898, I think it was. He was then sent over to the old country to be Inspector of Emigration Agencies for the British isles and for the continent of Europe. At that time of course we had no agencies in Europe at all, but he was directed, if I remember correctly, to visit every part of Europe, to see what could be done in the way of promoting emigration.

Q. I only want the information very generally ?

A. That is what I say, those were his duties.

Q. Now, Mr. Smart, we have been trying to get at the origin of the 1899 agreement with the North Atlantic Trading Company and all those that followed it. I find in the papers produced a confidential letter of the 26th October, 1899, from Mr. Preston to Lord Strathcona. Mr. Preston says on page 262 of the papers : 'I would also point out to the attention of your Lordship that for sixteen years the government of Canada

Mr. JAMES A. SMART.