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Mr. VAUGHAN: I do not recall any instances. I think the Interstate Commerce Commission has been very fair in that respect.

Mr. POULIOT: Are their rates standard?

Mr. VAUGHAN: Oh, yes.

Mr. HAZEN: May I ask a question concerning the last part of Mr. Vaughan's report? It says,

The department brought a limited number of British immigrants into Canada and is in a position to deal with large scale movements when it is called upon to do so.

How did you bring them in? You had no ships of your own?

Mr. VAUGHAN: No, sir, their transportation is, in some cases, arranged by our London office. We get them from vessels at Halifax, Saint John or somewhere else.

Mr. HAZEN: What part did you play in bringing them in? Did you start in the old country or where?

Mr. VAUGHAN: Our activities in connection with them would start in the old country.

Mr. HAZEN: You arranged for their coming out here?

Mr. VAUGHAN: Yes.

Mr. HAZEN: Could you give us any idea as to how many came?

Mr. VAUGHAN: The figures are given on that page, but I may say this, we have had to add one or two additional stenographers to our London immigration office because the enquiries are coming in so fast we had not sufficient staff to answer them.

Mr. HAZEN: I was referring to the number you have brought in...

Mr. VAUGHAN: I think a large number of those were the wives of soldiers and some may have been Poles who were brought in under the auspices of the government.

Mr. HAZEN: You have referred to them as British immigrants. Are you in a position to give us the number?

Hon. Mr. CHEVRIER: It is set out on the page from which you have read, 4,922 persons.

Mr. HAZEN: It refers to the number of people who were established in agriculture, mining and forestry. It also says, "The department brought in a limited number of British immigrants..."

"The department brought in a limited number of British immigrants..." It does not say how many were brought in and I am asking about the British immigrants only.

Mr. VAUGHAN: We will give you that information.

Mr. HAZEN: You say you are in a position to deal with large scale movements when called upon to do so.

Mr. VAUGHAN: Yes.

Mr. HAZEN: But you have no ships of your own. How would you be prepared to handle a large scale movement?

Mr. VAUGHAN: That means we have a staff to look after those people when ships are available. We have staffs there who are answering all kinds of enquiries about Canada as well as enquiries from industries which are considering establishing in Canada.

I might say this, too, that we have an agreement with the Canadian Pacific with regard to certain immigration traffic which permits us to handle people ex their boats.

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