

The company shall and will carry on an active educative work in the agricultural districts of the following countries.

Then follows a list of the countries.

To promote emigration to Canada and to make known the advantages offered by Canada as a field for settlement.

Now, if the clause is read in that way, it is apparent to every person what was the purport, what was the spirit and what was the sense of that clause, namely, to encourage immigration from certain countries to Canada by means of an active educative work in certain agricultural districts by advertisements, pamphlets, personal canvas, and by other methods which may be suggested by experience in the prosecution of the work—very much the same as in the second contract. The company under this contract were to submit all their advertisements and publications to a representative of the Department of the Interior if so required, and they were obliged to change them if they were not found satisfactory to the department.

The company agrees to expend in carrying on its operation a sum of money not less than £3,000, or \$15,000, annually, which is to be accounted for at the end of each year ending June 30, by receipted vouchers, sworn statements or other evidence in proof of expenditure made under this agreement.

Now, the member for North Toronto was not fair in his criticism of this section. He construed this clause to mean that as soon as the company deposited with a representative of the Department of the Interior the vouchers, sworn statements or other evidence of proof, the government or department were not competent to go behind. Now, I submit that this is not the sense of the clause at all.

Mr. FOSTER. I must ask my hon. friend to allow me—I did not make such a statement as that, never intended to make it. The statement I made was, not that they were not allowed to go back, but that as a matter of fact they did not go behind that statement of expenses and the receipted voucher.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN. I am glad to accept my hon. friend's explanation of that. The next clause, No. 4, is similar to the clause in the second contract except that the company were to receive no bonuses upon immigrants coming from Switzerland. In the second contract they were entitled to a bonus upon immigrants from Switzerland. In this contract they were not to receive any bonus so that in that respect I say that this provision of the contract was in no wise an extra advantage given to the company or a disadvantage to Canada.

Mr. FOSTER. All Germans that came from Switzerland were dutiable. You will see that a little later on.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN. Yes, Germans coming from Switzerland, but on those other than Germans the company were not entitled to a bonus while on the second contract they were. Therefore, I submit that in this respect it is not open to my hon. friend to say that this particular clause of the contract was a concession to the company and a disadvantage to Canada. Now, there is a change in the next clause and that, I submit, was not one in favour of the company or one which operated to the disadvantage of Canada. In the last contract the company were entitled to a bonus of £1 upon all immigrants of this special class coming from Galicia, Buckowinia and Poland, no matter to what number they came, but in this second contract there is the provision that the company cannot draw any bonus when the number of immigrants exceeds 5,000. The next portion of the contract is the same as the second contract. The seventh clause varies in this respect that it is optional with the government whether they shall make their payments monthly or quarterly. The hon. member for North Toronto in his statement the other evening thought it was a considerable advantage to the company to secure their payments monthly, but it was purely optional with the government whether they should make them monthly or quarterly. I think that it was a businesslike thing for the government to make them monthly, although in this section they were given the option of making them quarterly.

Mr. FOSTER. As I understand my hon. friend his charge against my rendition of the third contract was that when I stated that the work of the company was that

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I should have gone further. I did go further as my hon. friend will see at the top of the next page:

It shall carry on an active educative work by advertising by pamphlet, and by personal canvass of the representatives of the company.

Then a little further down I spoke of the classes, namely, the agricultural class and the servant girl class of over eighteen years of age. So I think that I did fairly well state what was the duty of the company under that last contract.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN. It is quite possible that my hon. friend is correctly quoting himself in that one portion of his speech, but I think that if he will look through the whole of his remarks he will find the statements to which I refer. However, I accept my hon. friend's explanation. In other respects the remaining provisions of the contracts are about the same as those of the two preceding contracts except that the period is extended and it requires four years notice to terminate the contract. My hon. friends who are supporting this amendment