

Q. These are travelling all the time and get an allowance ?

A. Yes.

*By Mr. Davin :*

Q. You get the vouchers ?

A. Yes ; these come through the High Commissioner's office and we examine them.

Q. I think in 1875 a great fraud was practised on the Government in that way. Bills were sent in for travelling that had never taken place at all.

*By Mr. McLennan (Inverness) :*

Q. Don't you reasonably expect that the work of these immigration commissioners, particularly in Great Britain and Ireland, will be facilitated during the present year owing to the fact of the more satisfactory condition of affairs in regard to education in the province of Manitoba than in past years ? Don't you think that it will be a great incentive to people to go to that province ?

A. It has been asserted that the condition there prevented Roman Catholic immigration. That, of course, is a matter of opinion.

Mr. McLENNAN (Inverness):—As a Roman Catholic I say at once that it was a deterrent and a strong deterrent. For my part, if I had a family and I intended to emigrate I am sure Manitoba would be the last place on this continent I would go to, and I consider owing to the better conditions there in regard to educational matters that there is a much better prospect. I am watching with keen interest the result.

Mr. DAVIN:—I think this attack on the Minister of the Interior is out of order.

*By Mr. McLennan (Inverness) :*

Q. It is no attack upon the Minister of the Interior, but it is bearing out the policy of the Deputy Minister of the Interior and the Government that employ him. There is a more satisfactory condition of affairs in regard to immigration. Is that not the way you understand it?

Mr. SMART:—I think so.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:—These are discussions which properly belong to the House of Commons and not to the Committee.

Mr. McLENNAN (Inverness):—I think they are proper to the Committee, because the matter is one that bears directly on immigration.

Mr. CHAIRMAN:—I think we should have a summary of the system in a general way which has been followed in inducing immigration upon the American side.

Mr. SMART:—We have paid agents with headquarters at Detroit, Chicago, Omaha, St. Paul, Stephen's Point, Reed City, and Bad Axe. Reed City and Bad Axe are in Michigan.