

*By Mr. Sproule :*

Q. They are Russians?

A. No, Galicians.

We have in France two agents, Mr. Bodard and Mr. Fourcin who have for the past two years been doing work. While they have sent out a few the work has not been so satisfactory as we would like. I do not know the reason. I suppose it is very difficult to get French settlers from France. They do not move. The same remark might apply to Belgium, although we intend making a greater effort there in the future. What we know of the Belgians is so favourable that we would like to encourage them also to come. We sent two agents to Norway, and Sweden, Finland and Denmark, last summer, to report on the prospects of work in those countries.

*By Mr. Hughes :*

Q. Who were those agents?

A. One was C. O. Swanson, a Swede himself, and Dr. H. Walton Jones, a man educated in the University of Sweden, and a linguist speaking all the languages necessary for these different countries. Their reports were really not satisfactory. The conditions in Sweden and Norway were such that it was thought that no immigration to any great extent would take place during the present year. Times are better there than they were formerly, and there is a desire among the authorities to discourage emigration in those countries. In fact, we cannot do open work in either Norway or Sweden.

*By the Chairman :*

Q. Can you in Austria?

A. Yes. The Austrian Government is not averse to allowing this work to be done.

*By Mr. Hughes :*

Q. But they do not allow you in Norway and Sweden?

A. They do not allow us to do work openly, but we can do work quietly, the same as in Germany. Last year a Bill passed the German Parliament which would permit certain work to be done in the way of emigration, but Canada was not one of those countries that the German Government favoured in this respect. They preferred their people moving to South America, where German settlers have preceded them. Then we have an agent in Switzerland. He only left late in the fall last year and we have not had an opportunity of hearing much about that part of the work. I think that completes the continent.

*By Mr. Sproule :*

Q. Have you any knowledge of the total number from Europe, from the different countries who have settled in Canada?

A. We had a statement prepared, but I cannot remember at the present moment. (See Tables A and B.)

*By Mr. Wilson :*

Q. Will it be in your report?

A. There are figures there, but they are not complete, although they are complete so far as we can get them. I can have a return prepared and forward it to the