

of them, both in reference to farm help and female domestic servants, and 95 per cent are satisfactory.

*By Mr. Best:*

Q. Was the case you mentioned that of a man or a boy?

A. He was 19 years of age.

*By Mr. Chisholm (Antigonish):*

Q. What about the employee? Have you any information as to whether the employees are satisfied with their lot, speaking generally?

A. We have endeavoured several times to communicate with these immigrants. After we get this notice from Mr. Nichols saying that this man is there we might write to Mr. Stokes probably. We have not done so in this particular case perhaps, but sometimes we do endeavour to find out how the immigrant feels about the country, for it is necessary to know what the immigrant thinks. We have in some cases written to immigrants to find out how they like the country, and some of the answers are not very satisfactory as far as the employer is concerned, especially in the matter of food and living accommodation, sleeping quarters, and so on.

*By Mr. Paul:*

Q. Have you at the present time a Mr. Aylesworth in your employ?

A. Yes.

Q. What are his duties?

A. He inspects these distributing agents.

Q. And he goes to England?

A. Yes, as a lecturer.

Q. Has he been doing that for a number of years?

A. Three or four years.

Q. For how long at a time?

A. Three or four months.

Q. And he is employed by the Department permanently?

A. Permanently, yes.

Q. And what is his salary?

A. I suppose about \$1,200 a year.

*By Mr. Sutherland:*

Q. He reports to you on the condition in each county, does he?

A. On the employment agencies, these distributing agents.

Q. Has he reported to you for instance that in the county of Middlesex there were only six men placed in 1910 and only fifteen in 1911, and yet that county has gone back nearly 4,500 people, and there is an enormous demand there for men?

A. He would not have that knowledge.

Q. Did he report that the agents were satisfactory?

A. I cannot tell that. I can get you a report on any county or on any agent.

Q. You have a number of agents there I believe who have not placed any men since they were appointed in 1907?

A. Very likely.

Q. And yet you continue to employ these agents?

A. I have nothing to do with the dismissals. I must take my instructions from the Minister.

Q. As a matter of fact these men, notwithstanding the inspection and notwithstanding the fact that they have been doing nothing, have been continued from year to year?

A. Some of them for a number of years, yes.