

## APPENDIX No. 2

A We ask them certain questions as to whether they were in Canada before and intend to remain in this country. Of course, if a man wants to leave you cannot prevent that.

Q. I understood you to say that your agents give a certificate which entitles a man to a special reduction of railway fare?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you any reason to believe that reduction is taken advantage of by men who have returned to the United States?

A. They issue return tickets as well, and an honest man may be living in the States to-day and come up and make a location and then move in within a year.

Q. I am speaking of the man who has settled in Canada and returned to his former home in the United States. Do you find there are instances in which that man comes back again, once, twice or three times, and each time is counted as an immigrant?

A. No.

Q. You have never heard of any such case as that?

A. They are all asked the question have they ever been in Canada before.

Q. And they always say no.

A. Well, I do not know; I think the bulk of the people are truthful.

Q. Can you tell me where the bulk of the agricultural immigrants are going in the Northwest?

A. I think the number is evenly divided between Saskatchewan and Alberta. I think, of course, a certain number will settle in Manitoba, but the great movement is to Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Q. What parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan?

A. Scattered pretty much over the whole province in each case, southern Alberta has certainly got a very large number of people.

Q. But Saskatchewan in your opinion is getting this year just as many?

A. Just about the same number.

Q. Scattered generally over the whole province?

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Q. Do your agents advise the immigrant as to what part he should go to?

A. Which agents do you mean?

Q. The location agent or some person of that sort?

A. The land guides?

Q. The locating agents, did you not speak of locating agents?

A. We have land guides scattered all through.

Q. I am speaking more of the first agent with whom the immigrants come in contact after getting into the country?

A. I think they generally advise them as to the different districts and let them hunt for themselves.

Q. They simply advise the immigrants as to the different districts? What would be the guiding principle with the agent in regard to that matter?

A. All our agents know the country. I suppose the man living in Saskatchewan would naturally advise settling in that province as the best part of the world. A man living in Alberta would no doubt do the same as far as that province is concerned.

Q. In regard to Saskatchewan you have no reason to believe that your agents are in the habit of directing immigrants to certain particular districts in which they are interested?

A. No, I have never heard of that.

Q. You never heard of that?

A. No.