

matter, except that when the train stopped at Fernie a person, who I suppose was the same man, came in and suggested that he would be a good immigrant agent if I could find a place for him. I terminated the conversation as soon as I could, and that is all I know about it. His statement respecting the Doukhobors is absurd on the face of it. He cannot even know what class of people the Doukhobors are, or he would not have made that statement. He is probably referring to the Galicians. The inaccuracy of his knowledge is evidenced by the fact that he talks of the Doukhobors as being dirty. Why, the one thing that everybody who had anything to do with them practically, noticed is, that they were the cleanest class of people that ever travelled as immigrants into Canada. The report of the people who had charge of them on the steamer, those in charge of the immigration sheds, the railway conductors and trainmen, and every visitor who went to see them, was, that they had never seen as clean a lot of immigrants. It is evident that this man does not know what he is talking about, when he says that they are a dirty people. But, no doubt, he is one of a large number who do not profess any great admiration for my policy.

The hon. gentleman asks for the names of the immigration agents in England. Mr. W. T. R. Preston is one—

Mr. CLARKE. What position has he ?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Inspector of Agencies. Upon three occasions the High Commissioner, when in this country, impressed very strongly upon me the fact that the work was seriously injured in the old country because we did not have a travelling inspector of the immigration agencies. We had a considerable number of officers, but not one who could take the position of inspector, and I was for some time anxious that the department should get a good man for the position. I gave the position to Mr. Preston, because I considered him qualified for the work better than any other available man.

Mr. CLARKE. What salary does he get ?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Three thousand dollars. Mr. C. R. Devlin, the agent at Dublin, gets \$2,000. Mr. O'Kelly is the agent at Londonderry, and his salary is \$1,800. Mr. Webster is the sub-agent at Dublin, with a salary of \$900. Mr. Griffith is the agent in Wales, and he has been fairly successful, although he had great difficulty at first. He has succeeded in accomplishing a considerable amount of work, and his salary is \$1,200. Mr. Jury is agent at Liverpool, with a salary of \$1,800. He travels and lectures, largely through the northern portion of England. Mr. Mitchell is clerk and book-keeper in charge of the Liverpool office, at \$1,200. Mr. Thomas

Duncan, Scotland, salary, \$1,500 ; Mr. Murray, agent at Glasgow. I secured him from the steamship service ; he was steamship agent at Glasgow, travelling agent and booking agent. He took charge of our work at \$2,000. Mr. Grant, at Dumfries, gets a salary of \$1,200.

Mr. CLARKE. What is the total number of Great Britain and Ireland ?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Fifteen, besides the office boy.

Mr. CLARKE. Does that include typewriters, assistants and interpreters ?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Yes.

Mr. CLARKE. There are two agencies in Ireland, Dublin and Londonderry ?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Yes.

Mr. CLARKE. What are Mr. Devlin's duties ? Does he go out lecturing upon the conditions of Canada ?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Yes.

Mr. CLARKE. Does the agent at Londonderry ?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Yes.

Mr. CLARKE. Has he a record of the number of meetings that he addressed and the number of people that he came in contact with ?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. I presume his report shows the number of meetings he addressed.

Mr. DAVIN. Mr. Devlin's report is very general.

Mr. MONTAGUE. How many agencies in Great Britain and Ireland ?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. Nine.

Mr. MONTAGUE. For the inspection of nine agencies you employ an official at \$3,000. What are his duties ?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. To inspect the agencies and report generally on the work. He has to report on the whole European work, and perform any duty assigned to him by the High Commissioner.

Mr. MONTAGUE. What are his special qualifications ?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. He is a man of good ability, and I thought that the occupation he has been following for many years fitted him particularly for organization work, canvassing, and work of that kind. So far as I am able to judge, he is thoroughly well qualified.