

## APPENDIX No. 2

*By Mr. Sproule:*

Q. You say that a booking agent who booked a passenger belonging to one of these classes, or one who expressed his intention of going upon the land no matter what his previous occupation had been, would be entitled to a bonus on that man?

A. The immigrant must first sign a statement that he has been of the farming class for at least one year in Great Britain or on the continent.

Q. When was that provision introduced?

A. We have had it in force for some time, I think since 1906.

Q. Here is the mystery to me. I have had some experience with these immigrants and I have been told by them that they were given to understand they would have some special advantage by saying they intended to go on the land in Canada when they reached here. When you question these men, as I did some three or four of them that I had working for me at different times, they admitted they had never been a month or a day on the land. Yet they came out here representing that they were farmers and were going on a farm?

A. Have you got the names of those men and the ships they came out in? If so I can tell you whether bonuses were paid on them or not.

Q. I can easily get their names as soon as I return home because I employed them.

A. If you have the names of the men and the ships they came out in I can tell you what they said at the ocean ports?

Mr. SPROULE.—They represented themselves as farmers.

*By Mr. McIntyre (Strathcona):*

Q. Has the immigrant any means of knowing that a bonus is paid on him?

A. No, none whatever.

Q. He certainly does not know whether that man will be accepted?

A. No.

Q. The booking agent cannot tell that?

A. No.

## PAYMENT OF BONUSES TO BOOKING AGENTS.

*By Mr. Blain:*

Q. That is a very important question and I want to understand it. How does the booking agent put his bill into the government?

A. I was just going to show you. I have got a ship's manifest here and will show you how the whole thing is done from start to finish. I have here a manifest of the SS. *Victorian* of the Allan Line which arrived at Halifax on March 20 of this year. Now, this manifest is prepared according to law by the purser of the steamer. It gives the number of the passenger's ticket, his name, his age, states whether the passenger is a male or a female, gives a list of the children under 14 years of age, whether they can read or write, whether the passenger is married or single, states their profession or calling, the country of birth and the place of ultimate destination of passengers, excepting the tourists and returned Canadians who are so described. When the steamship arrives in Canada, according to law, the master of the ship must deliver to the immigration agent this manifest of the people on board, which has been filled out at sea, and in regard to it declares as follows: 'I certify that the above is a correct description of the SS. *Victorian* and a correct list of the passengers on board the same at the time of her departure from Liverpool, and that all the particulars therein mentioned are true.'

Q. May I ask are there any particulars about the passenger as to whether he has been a resident on the land for 12 months prior to this?

A. On the face of them?

Q. Yes?