

brought with me a series of papers regarding juvenile emigration generally, consisting, first of all, of a circular which we sent out to the children's homes asking for information. I suppose it would be hardly worth while reading to the Committee a list of the people to whom we sent it, but they consist of all in Canada who are maintaining homes for emigrant children when they arrive here, such for instance as Miss Rye, Dr. Barnardo's Home, the Quarrier Home at Brockville, and so on. The circular asked them to answer the following questions:—

“On what terms are children from your home placed out and are those terms set forth in any duly signed documents?” “What measures do you take to ascertain that the applicants for children are able to sustain the responsibility?” “Do you keep in communication with the children until they attain some particular age?” “Do you make inspection of the children after they have been placed?” “Do you keep records of the children?” “Are you placed in possession of any of the past history of a child before it has reached Canada?” “If you learn that a child is ill-treated, what action do you take?” “If the employer makes complaint against a child what action do you take?”

I might read as a specimen the answers sent by one gentleman, the Rev. Lord Archibald Douglas, who is acting for the Salford Protection Society, an English Roman Catholic Association. I take his case because it happens to be the one immediately before me. To the first question he says: “That young children are placed out for board, lodging, schooling and clothing. With regard to older children, they are placed out for some agreed wage.” In regard to the second question; that is to say, as to the measures they take to ascertain that the applicants for children are able to sustain the responsibility, they do not actually demand any signed documents, but he says: “We are going to draw for the guidance of those to whom we give the children a memorandum of the conditions on which they must receive them and upon which they will be left to them.” The next question asked is, “Do you keep in communication with the children?” The answer is, “Yes, we make a special effort until they are 16, but we are always glad to correspond with them as long as they themselves may desire. We are only dealing with boys. If we brought out any girls, we would do so for several more years. We keep records of the children and know all about their history. We have them trained in our orphanages and, before they are received there, their cases are thoroughly gone into. The next question is, “If you learn that a child is ill-treated, what action do you take?” The answer is, “We remove the child and replace it.” Then the next question is, “If an employer makes a complaint against a child, what action do you take?” The answer is, “We should take back the child and replace it elsewhere.”

We have answers to the same series of questions from all the different bodies and organizations sending juvenile immigrants to Canada. They are of much the same tenor, but, if anything, more satisfactory than those I have just read.

By the Chairman:

Q. What assistance does the Government give to these associations?—A. They pay a bonus of \$2 per head of the children, which is about equivalent to the cost on the other side of the Atlantic of the certificate of medical examination, which they are required to produce.

Q. Have you any record of the numbers that were brought to Canada during the last year or in recent years?—A. Yes, that is all contained in the Annual Report. I will add the figures to the statement I have submitted, as already arranged.

AN IMPERIAL STATE PAPER.

I might explain to the Committee that at the request of the Imperial Government the Minister, Mr. Daly, prepared, during the last year, a memorandum of the advantages which Canada offers to agricultural immigrants. This memorandum was made an Imperial state paper, and printed for the information of the British Parliament. The Imperial Government has also asked us to forward reports regarding the crops of the