

APPENDIX No. 3

reason why when such well known firms as that give their address when they receive a small amount why the address should not be given of such a large concern as the North Atlantic Trading Company, receiving twenty times as much?

A. I think the C.P.R. and the other companies' addresses were not given. The distinction was made in that case to specify the two companies of Allans.

Q. You know of no special reason why the address of the North Atlantic Trading Company should be suppressed?

A. Not at all, except—

Q. You don't know where their business address is?

A. I do.

Q. Will you kindly tell us what their business address is?

A. Their business address, according to their cheques, is Amsterdam.

By Mr. Hughes (Victoria):

Q. Have you any means of knowing whether immigrants for whom you pay are actually shipped by this North Atlantic Trading Company?

A. No, and under the contract I do not think it is necessary for us to know that they are shipped. It is shown on arrival.

Q. Is there not a clause in the agreement which requires that these will be immigrants of certain classes, and placed at certain work in Canada?

A. Yes, and in certain sections.

Q. Do you see that this is carried out?

A. No.

Q. Why not?

A. Because it is not our duty. It is the duty of the officers of the Interior Department.

Q. Suppose a case, that an officer of the Interior Department might be in collusion with the steamship company to pay a bonus on a larger number of these immigrants that came here. Is there any way of checking this?

A. I do not see how we possibly could do the checking, unless we had numerous officials to meet the steamships and check the manifests; practically do the work of the department.

Q. Have you any record of the number of immigrants that came under this bonus, whether brought out by friends, and with whom the North Atlantic Trading Company have no connection but upon whom they draw a bonus?

A. We have not, it is not necessary. They are not paid the bonus upon persons whom they send out, but upon persons who arrive from those countries at certain ports of entry, and they must be of certain classes, such as agriculturists and domestics.

Q. But then have you no means of tracing whether they send them or whether the immigrants come of their own accord?

A. We have not. It is not necessary.

By Mr. Hughes (Victoria):

Q. Before Mr. Stockton goes, I wish to ask whether he is in a position to answer anything about the payments of bonuses on immigrants from England?

A. Well, as far as my knowledge will carry me—

Q. Have you any record? What is your rule in checking immigration from Great Britain and Ireland, in checking payment of bonuses there?

A. Much the same, as I understand in connection with the Leopold bonuses. Lists are sent out and these are checked with the manifest lists of the various boats and the lists of immigrants to which the steamship's sub-agents are entitled are duplicated and the steamship company is paid the amount due them.

Q. Who pays the sub-agents?

A. The steamship company in the case of previous years.

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