

APPENDIX No. 2

Q. In what particular case is that?

A. In cases where the immigrants are assisted in any way.

By Mr. McIntyre (Strathcona):

Q. Assisted by a society?

A. By a society. I do not appear to have brought one of these forms with me, but it involves a very lengthy medical examination.

Q. Who makes out this form?

A. A physician.

Q. Selected by the society interested?

A. By the society, I suppose.

Q. He must be a regular practising physician?—A. Yes.

Q. Now, you propose a new set of regulations that are to be put into force by the ship's surgeon?

A. Yes.

Q. Were not these regulations practically adopted before by steamship companies, owing to responsibility of deportation being imposed upon them?

A. The bill of health to be signed now is more severe.

Q. Would not the responsibility of the steamship company for the deportation or return of the passenger to the country from which he came have the effect of making the ship's surgeon really an examining officer to the department? The surgeon knows that the steamship company is going to be held responsible?

A. Surely.

Q. For the return of all the sick people that come to this country? If they develop epilepsy or become insane, troubles that cannot be determined by a simple examination, the responsibility that rests on a steamship company for the return of the immigrant physically or mentally unfitted to land in this country would make the ship's surgeon careful as to the people who were allowed on board?

A. I would think so.

By Mr. Monk:

Q. I understand you to say that there would have to be a certificate?

A. From the regular ship's surgeon. We propose that the ship's doctor shall make a daily inspection of the passengers and at least once during the voyage make a detailed inspection of each immigrant and report any that he thinks are defective. If he does not, we propose to punish him. If the ship's surgeons do not report we prosecute them. We have had several prosecutions for not reporting.

Q. I am glad to hear you say that from your experience you find no material objection to the immigrant being obliged to furnish a certificate of moral character and a certificate as to his physical condition and being obliged to bring it with him when he comes to this country?

A. I said I would have no objection to his furnishing a certificate from either the parish priest or his clergyman, or the mayor of his town, as to his character. I did not say anything about the immigrant furnishing a medical certificate, as to his being examined individually in the old country by a medical officer.

Q. What difference is there between the one and the other?

A. The difficult immigrant to deal with is the criminal.

Q. Supposing an immigrant, as we have had a great many instances, comes from an insane asylum on the other side?

A. Yes.

Q. It is very difficult for an examining officer to discover that fact when the man lands here under certain conditions?

A. Certainly.