

Q. Authorized by the government?

A. None.

*By Mr. Hughes (Victoria):*

Q. How was it done before the company existed?

A. I think all the correspondence is on these files in reference to continental immigration. I know we have been paying bonuses as far back as 1882.

*By Mr. Barker:*

Q. In this correspondence it says for sixteen years?

A. I think it goes back as far as 1882.

*By Mr. Maclean (Lunenburg):*

Q. These are all the vouchers in reference to advertisements which come to your office from the High Commissioners' office?

A. I cannot tell you that. I can find out whether they come through the High Commissioner. They come by express. They are very bulky things.

*By Mr. Alcorn:*

Q. Does Mr. Smart carry on any other business?

A. I think he is in the ticket business, steamship ticket business and real estate and so on in Montreal.

Witness retired.

Mr. W. W. CORY, Deputy Minister of the Interior Department, recalled.

*By Mr. Barker:*

Q. The last day that you were examined you were asked if you knew who composed this North Atlantic Trading Co.?

A. Yes.

Q. You said you did not?

A. I did not.

Q. You were asked if you would look among your papers?

A. Yes.

Q. Or otherwise ascertain who they are.

A. Yes.

Q. Have you done so?

A. No, because while I was here, without my knowledge Mr. Scott, who had been examined in another committee had been requested to produce the papers, and when I left the committee here, I then found that the papers were in the custody of the other committee; I knew nothing about it until after I left this committee and so I was unable to get access to them.

Q. Have you made any inquiry to enable you to answer the question that was put to you?

A. No, none whatever.

Q. As to who were the component parts of this trading company?

A. No, sir, none whatever.

Q. That was the question you were going to try and look up?

A. I was going to look over the papers and get what was on file for you; you did not ask me to search anywhere else. I said that all the information would be there,

Mr. W. W. CORY.