

APPENDIX No. 2

By Mr. Monk:

Q. He was found guilty.

A. He was.

By Mr. Sexsmith:

Q. Do I understand that the government immigration agents in the old country are allowed to pass immigrants to this country other than those on whom they have received a bonus from the government?

A. No, our paid agents in the old country only recommend those to come to this country who are farmers, farm labourers or domestics.

Q. I understood you to say that they might send others in order to get steamship commission.

A. No, I did not say so. We have 2,000 booking agents with whom we do business.

Q. Then you have no way of restricting those people. They can send any immigrants they like.

A. No, we would not allow them to land. They are all medically and civilly inspected at the ports.

By Mr. Sproule:

Q. What information have you which justifies you in sending men to fill an order and in assuming that you are sending farm labourers?

A. They are divided up into four classes.

Q. Take the divisions relative to farming—experienced, inexperienced, married or single. Are we not correct in assuming that they have had some connection with the land or farming before they come here, otherwise they could not be put in that category.

A. We distinctly say inexperienced.

Q. Take the experienced class. Suppose I sent to you for an experienced farm hand and you send me a man. How do you reach the conclusion that you are sending an experienced man?

A. From conversation with the man.

Q. He makes a statement on which a bonus is paid.

A. Not necessarily.

Q. If he is a farm hand?

A. Yes.

Q. You have nothing except his own statement.

A. No.

By Mr. Sexsmith:

Q. I understand that none but those physically and mentally sound are allowed to land in Canada.

A. That is correct.

Q. I have a report here of the inspector of prisons for Ontario dated 1907, which says:—'Although the year closes with the largest number that have been in confinement in the jails of Ontario within the past twenty years this increase is not due to any increase in crime in the province, but is largely due to Canada, and especially Ontario being made the dumping ground during the past year of some most undesirable immigrants. Every jail I have visited within the past six months has had among its prisoners persons who have been only a few months in this country. Some of them have spent most of their lives in English prisons. Several have admitted that they have been discharged by English magistrates on condition that they would emigrate to Canada. There must be something radically wrong with immigration