

# BUNGO EMPLOYMENT AGENTS ROUND UP BY LOCAL OFFICERS

**Pleaded Guilty to False Representations Re Canada's Labor Market.**

**MAGISTRATE MACKAY  
IMPOSED THE FINES**

**Men Were Guaranteed \$10  
Month if They Bought  
Real Estate.**

On Friday last two important arrests were made by the immigration authorities.

Two men from across the line who have been in Canada for the past few months and operating from Vancouver to Sudbury along the line of the C. P. R. as real estate agents, struck the Sault a couple of weeks ago, and proceeded to lay plans whereby they might induce from one hundred to one hundred and fifty of the hard working inhabitants of Iron Mountain, Mo., to come to Canada and accept positions at from \$3 to \$7 per day with a guarantee that no monthly pay would net less than \$100. These men, mostly foreigners, Italians and Poles, were told that it was easy to get over the Canadian boundary by going to a notary before leaving the United States and taking out first-class citizenship papers which would admit them to the Canadian Soo, where these real estate men would meet them and personally conduct them to the spot on some railway where money could be earned easy and rapidly. An incidental part of the agreement was that each man who came over must purchase a lot in some unknown part of the great west, the price to be \$200, with only \$25 to be paid down in cash, on arriving at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., the balance of \$10 a month to be deducted from the men's monthly pay check that was due, they said, to be at least \$100.

No doubt this looked attractive to many of the men at Iron Mountain who found it difficult to earn more than from \$2 to \$2.50 per day, and a large number were ready to come over, especially as this real estate investment was guaranteed to be worth \$1,000 in two years.

The first batch of this contingent arrived on Friday last and proved to be really American citizens and were permitted to enter, but owing to the keen scrutiny of the inspector in charge, suspicion was aroused and upon full investigation by Mr. Hollingsworth, inspector in charge, the real estate operators were rounded up, and a charge finally laid against them for circulating false representations regarding the labor market of Canada in order to induce immigration to Canada.

Magistrate Mackay heard the evidence of the men, and afterwards the statements of the prisoners who finally pleaded guilty. L. A. Gonnica was given a fine of \$50 and costs or 30 days, and Sylvia Pierpoan \$100 or two months at hard labor.