

# ARE HERDED LIKE CATTLE

## DESTITUTE BULGARIANS THAT CAME TO TORONTO.

### Government Officer in City Looking Into Their Condition—Railroad Work Offered to Fifty—Property Commissioner Reports.

The Minister of the Interior acted promptly in the matter of the large influx of Bulgarians, and yesterday he sent Mr. E. Blake Robertson, Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa, to Toronto to look into the situation. Mr. Robertson had the foreigners at the House of Industry yesterday afternoon, when he inquired into their cases individually, with a view to presenting a complete report to the Hon. Frank Oliver. He informed Property Commissioner Harris that the Department had notified all the Government agents and steamship companies in Great Britain and the Continent not to encourage emigration to Canada until spring. Fifty of the new arrivals could get work on the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway north of Englehardt if they could pay their fares there.

The case of the Bulgarians came before the Board of Control yesterday, when Property Commissioner Harris presented a report on the matter. The men told the Commissioner that they were led to emigrate through the advertisements of the steamship companies in the newspapers of their native country, and these advertisements made it appear that there was abundance of work with high remuneration in Toronto. Eleven more Bulgarians in ill circumstances arrived in Toronto on Wednesday, and twenty-five more were expected yesterday.

Commissioner Harris stated that he was informed that one of the Bulgarians purposed to visit his native country after Christmas to induce about 500 men to come to this country, as he expected to receive a commission of from \$8 to \$10 from the steamship companies. The men are herded like cattle in houses on Eastern avenue and Front street.

The board decided to await the action of the Dominion Government before taking active measures toward housing the Bulgarians in more commodious quarters.