

125202

Page 9. Section A.

Par. 24. In the evidence of W.A. Fry (page 9274 1.25 to 9279 1.26) there is a good illustration of what the two textile mills in Dunnville, Ontario, a town of 3,405 population, mean to the municipality and to what an extent the municipality has been built up and maintained by reason of the commencement and development of these two industries. According to Mr. Fry, the progress of the town is due to the Monarch Knitting Company and the Dominion Fabrics Limited. The purchasing power of the inhabitants of the town and surrounding country have been increased by the expansion and operations of these two mills. Twenty-three and a half per cent of the total taxes collected in the town in the calendar year 1934 were paid by the two companies and their employees including an amount of \$6,135 taxes on properties leased by employees of one or the other of the two industries. Of the 682 houses in the town 174 are owned by employees of the two mills. The Dominion Fabrics Limited has been in continuous operation for 36 years. (Evidence 9277 1.25-28). The Monarch Knitting Company Limited and its predecessors have been in continuous operation since 1903. (Evidence 9060 1.10 to 9061 1.19).

Par. 25. In the case of Louiseville where Associated Textiles Limited located in 1930 the population of the town at that time was 1,200 and in less than six years increased to 4,800, due to the ever increasing employment provided by this silk mill. The only evidence on factory wages prevalent in Louiseville at the time this company located there concerns those of a shirt factory which paid \$6.00 to \$8.00 a week. The evidence also is that there was at that time unemployment in the town. The company before locating in Louiseville promised to employ 200 people and there are now 1200 people on their pay roll. Establishment of this mill in Louiseville meant not only that the contract made with the town at that time was more than fully carried out, but employment was provided for labour of the whole district as indicated by the remarkable influx into the town during the period 1930-5. (Evidence p.4190 1.23 to 4194 1.9, 4400 1.17 to 4401 1.10, 4414 1.8 to 4415 1.8).

MEIGHEN PAPERS, Series 5 (M.G. 26, I, Volume 197)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA