

the numerous phases entering into this problem, which he said was one of the oldest under the sun. He had no specific cause to which he attributed this phenomena, but generally showed that it arose out of the difference between consumption and production in the different ages. The reason why Canada showed the highest cost of living in the world was because so much work was at present being carried on here which was unproductive now, and not until this had ceased and the country was fully equipped with transportation facilities, etc., which were showing a return on the investment, would there be any alteration in the general situation.

From the *Halifax Chronicle*, April 4th, 1913:

PROFESSOR SHORTT ON THE HIGH COST OF LIVING—MR. JUSTICE RUSSELL DISCUSSES SOME OF THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF THE ALARMING ADVANCE IN THE PRICES OF ALL KINDS OF ARTICLES.

To the Editor of *The Chronicle*:

Sir,—I have been a little surprised that almost no notice was taken by the newspapers of the very suggestive and in every way excellent address by Mr. Shortt the other evening. His subject was one that appealed to every man and woman in the community, and it was one that his life-long studies in political science peculiarly qualified him to discuss.

Professor Shortt said he was unable to accept any of the theories put forward to account for the remarkable, and to many of us very distressing, advances in the prices of all kinds of articles,* and he declined to put forward any theory of his own. But he did favor the audience with a great deal of information on which they were at liberty to construct their own theories. One of these pieces of information was the fact that the advance in prices was much less noticeable in the articles we import from abroad than in the articles we manufacture for ourselves. The

* The italics are mine.—Author.