

like Canada, where there are few extremes of wealth and poverty,* the results thus established may be accepted as tolerably accurate for the whole Dominion. Local variations there must, of course, always be. Rent is higher and fuel dearer in the towns than in the country; while in the country food probably, and clothing certainly, on the whole, are dearer than in the cities. The figures cover a period of four years, and their accuracy has been tested by the statistician and verified by comparisons. The statistics of five of the more important towns in Ontario have been selected by the writer for further analysis and calculation, and the results are set forth in the tables on the next page.

When these tables, which are extracted from the Bureau Reports, are reduced to percentages and expressed in terms of the number of day's labor necessary to command the various goods enumerated, we get the results in a form which permits comparison with other countries. The results in this form are contained in the tables on p. 7.

*Compare the sections of this paper dealing with house accommodation later for an enquiry into the existence of extremes of wealth in Canada.