

City labourers are paid in Montreal at the present time, i.e. April, 1926:

	Per Hour	Day	Annual Income
Labourers.....	0 35	10 hrs.	\$1,050
Helpers to blacksmiths and electricians...	0 40	9 hrs.	1,080
Builders' labourers.....	0 40	10 hrs.	1,200
Blacksmiths and machinists.....	0 60	9 hrs.	1,620
Cement finishers, electricians and carpenters	0 65	9 hrs.	1,755
Steam fitters, plumbers, stone cutters...	0 75	8 hrs.	1,800
Bricklayers.....	1 00	44 hr. week	2,288

The estimated annual incomes are based on the bold assumption that all these people work 300 days per year.

Above we have dealt with workers who are in large per cent of their total number seasonally engaged, hence their incomes are actually very much less than the figures given.

If we turn to another group of workers altogether, people who are more likely to be employed on a weekly or monthly basis, and employed throughout the year, such as warehouse men, janitors, watchmen, etc., we find that the wages vary from \$15 to \$22 per week, i.e. \$780 to \$1,144 per annum, on the basis of a 52 week year; it will be noted that 1 and 2 of the above list and these weekly wage employees even on this basis will receive less than our minimum budget.

Respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

Secretary.

COST OF LIVING SCHEDULE A

Budget for Man, Wife, and Three Children, Girl of 13, Boys, 11 and 9 years

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR

	Month	Year
Housing (4 rooms).....	\$18 00	\$ 216 00
Fuel.....	44 00	528 00
Fuel, light and gas.....	7 55	90 60
Clothing.....	15 20	182 40
Water tax.....	1 08	12 96
Car fares.....	3 65	43 80
Newspaper.....	0 50	6 00
School books.....	1 00	12 00
Soap.....	0 83½	10 00
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	\$91 81½	\$1,101 76

Weekly Allotment	Corner Store Prices	
	cts.	\$ cts.
Milk and Cheese—		
14 qts. milk.....	14	1 96
½ lb. cheese.....	25	12½
Eggs and Meat—		
3 lbs. round steak.....	20	60
3 lbs. corn beef.....	22	66
2 lbs. haddock.....	12½	25
1 lb. liver.....	30	30
1 doz. eggs.....	45	45
Vegetables—		
4 lbs. carrots.....	3	12
2 lbs. turnips.....	3	6
2 lbs. onions.....	5	10
12 lbs. potatoes.....	2½	30
2 tins tomatoes.....	10	20
Fruit—		
6 oranges.....	30	15
18 apples.....	30	30
1 lb. prunes.....	12½	12½
1 lb. figs.....	12½	12½
¼ lb. raisins or currants.....	16	4

[Mr. Howard T. Falk.]