

paid upon a higher level than other comparable groups. The primary purpose of a tariff is to permit the establishment within a country of an industry otherwise unable to exist. The object is not to favour one group of employees any more than one group of employers, by permitting such group to enjoy a favoured and uneconomic position within the country. The purpose is to provide additional employment at a scale of wages in accordance with the level of economic development in the country, as well as to round out its industrial activity.

If the imposition of a tariff was for the purpose of raising the wage level above the average in similar or other industries, then such tariff would not be necessary. The tariff is imposed merely to make possible the establishment of an efficient and well managed industry on an equitable basis as compared with domestic industry and foreign competition. This means that it is intended to enable the domestic industry, which is being granted protection, to employ labour at what approximates the normal wage, having regard to economic conditions in the country.

SECTION 2.

The evidence submitted with regard to labour conditions, work loads and wages of the Dominion Textile Company, Limited.

The evidence with respect to wages, work loads, and labour conditions which was submitted to the Commission consisted of the following in so far as the Dominion Textile Company Limited was concerned:—

With regard to the Sherbrooke Plant, Sherbrooke, Que.

This plant, both the rayon and cotton divisions, was personally inspected by the Commissioner and counsel. Thereafter evidence was heard from the General Superintendent of the Company, from the Office Manager of the Sherbrooke Plant, from the Assistant Foreman, from thirty-nine employees of the cotton division, from six employees of the rayon division, from the cotton mill superintendent and from the card room superintendent.

With regard to the Montmorency Branch, Montmorency, Que.

This plant was also personally inspected by the Commissioner and by counsel. Evidence was heard from twenty-