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SINFIELD, AARON, *Master-mason, Halifax.*

- 61** Has about twenty men employed in the season, wages being 30 cents an hour for masons. Masons' work in Halifax lasts about eight months, averaging about nine hours a day. By a mason in Halifax is meant a man who lays bricks and stones, stone cutting being a distinct branch. Plasterers earn 25 cents an hour; builders and plasterers' laborers half that amount; lathers get \$1.25 per thousand. The heaters used by plasterers in winter are provided by employers. There have been no labor troubles, and when an increase of wages is wished by the men a few weeks' notice is given. Until this year, there has been no increase for six years.

SLADE, WILLIAM, *Employé, Mayflower Tobacco Factory, Halifax.*

- 68** Agrees with all the evidence already given by his fellow-workmen. Supports his mother and two brothers, and occupies two rooms, at \$1.25 a week, in a tenement house of three stories and an attic. The house has but one sink, closet and water-tap for the joint use of all the occupants. Does not know how often the closet is cleaned, or if there is any offensive smell, not having been there in summer, but thinks that apart from its crowded state the sanitary condition of the house is very good. Does not know the number of occupants. (See Carroll and Shears).

SMALLWOOD, ALFRED, *Star Manufacturing Co., Dartmouth.*

- 155** The Star company manufactures skates, cut-nails, spikes, bolts, washers, and employs from 125 to 130 hands. Skilled mechanics earn from \$1.50 to \$2 a day. At piece-work a man can earn from \$1.75 to \$2.25 a day, but many of these piece-workers have to hire and pay a boy out of their earnings. The company employs no boys under fourteen. Boys' earnings, as beginners, \$2 a week. The company ships the "Acme" skates to every country where it is cold enough to skate—France, Russia, Japan, northern Europe, all parts of Canada and the States. The patent is now nearly expired, and the retail price has consequently dropped to \$1.75 per pair.

SPELMAN, THOS., *City Fire Department, Halifax.*

- 167** Looks after apparatus and buys horses for fire department. Five men handle the horses, and are paid \$8 a week each. The city firemen serve without pay. Raising draught and carriage horses from English cobs or Cleveland bays would pay in Nova Scotia quite as well as cattle.

STAIRS, JOHN F., *Rope Works, Dartmouth.*

- 159** Is one of the owners of the rope works, which employ 160 men by day and sixty-two by night. Men who are not machinists get \$7 a week; unskilled men, \$6, and departmental hands \$1.50 a day for ten hours day-work. The night hands get the the same wages for fifty-five hours as the day men do for sixty hours. The women get from \$3 to \$3.75 a week. The first week or two they begin at \$2.50. Very few girls are under twenty. The output of cordage is sold in the winter in the Maritime Provinces and the trade is increasing. Binders' twine goes to the United States, Ontario, Manitoba and the North-West, and the demand for it in western Provinces is rapidly increasing. Only a few tons of binder twine are used in the Maritime Provinces, but 150 tons are sent to the United States. The sexes have separate conveniences—the men and boys outside; the women in their two workrooms. The women can sit down part of the time. There are no fines.
- 161** About twelve women work from 6 p.m. to 5.30 a.m., five nights a week, with 30 minutes intermission. No small boys were discharged on account