

Q As a matter of fact, did not the Mule spinners get more than two increases?

A They might have had three or four. The idea I want to express is that in the Dominion Textile Company in two years they got two increases, whereas in the Montreal Cotton Company, they got fifteen or sixteen per cent of an increase, five in February, and ten last year. The Mule Spinners were raised two or three times, but there are only fifty Mule Spinners out of two thousand three hundred employees.

Q Coming down to nineteen hundred and eight, and the posting of this reduction, you do not seriously contend that there was no business depression?

A I have nothing to judge by. The only way I can judge of a business concern is when they are making money. When I read in the papers that a Company is paying its dividends I know that they are making money.

Q You think that as long as they continue to pay their dividends, there is no business depression, and their business must be as good as it was before?

A As long as they are paying dividends I believe they are making money.

Q Is your view also that they have no right to declare any cut in the wages of the employees, without declaring a corresponding reduction in dividends?

A Well, I am not a philanthropist, but it is just like this - I believe the laborers should not be the only ones obliged to stand the hard times.