

the operatives live on the island a short way across, and they were having a like trouble there. What the result is going to be it is hard to tell. We have not commenced operations this year in placing our men, but we have been holding back in hope that some arrangement could be made. My instructions were to employ all the American men I could get and not be in a hurry to fill up the places with Canadians. I employ from 50 to 75 men every summer in the mill.

308. Your instructions are on account of this difficulty and fearing that the law will be enforced, to employ Americans to do your work in place of Canadians?—Yes; and not to fill the balance of the crew up until we can see what arrangements are to be made; to get all the Americans we can and then to take chances.

309. So that if the law is going to be enforced it will work very injuriously against Canadian laboring men?—No doubt about it.

By Mr. Gillmor.

310. You have no doubt that it will be enforced?—No doubt. I was conversing with a man coming up on the train and he said he was talking with a man named Hill—an old discharged Custom officer over there—and he boasts that he will make it hot for the Canadians this summer. This man told me that Hill told him that a few days ago in Calais. Our business men have been trying to make an arrangement with the business men of Calais to have some compromise made; but up to the time of my leaving they had failed. I think the citizens of Calais are doing their best. Probably they could do a little more if they were in the same position as we are. I do not represent any society or body of men. I only represent the towns of St. Stephen and Milltown.

EDMUND BOUÉ, called and examined.

By the Chairman:

311. What is your occupation?—Glass blower.

312. Where do you reside?—Montreal.

313. Make your statement to your friend here, and he will interpret it for us.

The WITNESS then made the following statement through Mr. A. J. Jobin, interpreter:—

Mr. Herdt, manager of the Glass Company at Montreal, went to Paris, and caused an advertisement to be inserted in the newspaper asking for glass blowers in Canada. Mr. Herdt was the agent in France of the glass company, and is yet. Reading the advantages offered, I went to see him, and he made the same statement contained in the advertisement. In speaking of prices he said they would make from 1,800 to 2,000 chimneys a day. They make, however, but 600 and this caused a large diminution in the amount of wages. Notwithstanding the prices offered there, he could not, when he came here, make more than \$1 per day. They feel that they have been misled by the agent. It was they, themselves, who voided the contract. That is, the employers voided it.

314. He was engaged to work in Canada?—Yes.

By Mr. Lépine:

315. Was he brought out to replace Canadian workmen?—They were told not: that the establishment had been shut down for 5 years. When they arrived here, the Americans stopped them getting off the train at Bonaventure station. These are the old blowers that were previously employed there, who stopped them. There were some fifty or sixty came out from France. As to proceeding against any of them in court, the answer is that action was taken against some of them, because they did not fulfil an engagement given by notice on the factory wall.

By the Chairman:

316. His evidence is, that he was one of a party of 50 who was contracted with in a foreign country, and brought here to displace Canadian labor?—Yes. I will translate the contract: