

Mr. ADSHEAD: I do not see why Edmonton and Calgary are put in together; why are they not separated?

Mr. SCAMMELL: I have the figures listed under the different provinces, and the list for Alberta is 12. There are only two offices in Alberta, Calgary and Edmonton; I cannot say how many of the 12 are in the one city. May I give you the figures asked for just now? According to the Annual Report for 1927, the loss sustained by the Department on the operations of Vetract Shops was \$133,517.52.

Mr. CLARK: I would like to ask one question. The figures of the unemployed you have given do not include those taken care of by the City Relief Offices in the various centres mentioned?

Mr. SCAMMELL: They only include pensioners registered with the Employment Offices.

Mr. CLARK: They do not include problem cases that are not pensioned at all?

Mr. SCAMMELL: Not at all; they are entirely outside of that.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Adshead has certain questions to ask with regard to payment of employees of the Vetract Shops in Toronto.

Mr. ADSHEAD: There is that letter which was read, Mr. Chairman.

WITNESS: The Vetract men in Toronto are granted one day's holiday with pay per year.

By Mr. Adshead:

Q. Are they paid by the hour?—A. Yes.

Q. And if they lose an hour, they lose the pay?—A. The same as ordinary industry.

Q. They have one day's holiday per year with pay?—A. Yes.

Q. What is the pay per hour?—A. Thirty-three cents per hour.

Q. And they work eight hours a day?—A. Depending upon their condition.

If a man can only work four hours a day, he works four hours a day.

Q. They work forty-four hours a week?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Hepburn:

Q. In employing 260 men, you lost \$133,000?—A. Yes.

Q. That is \$500 per man per year? It would pretty nearly keep the man?—A. In the actual returns tabled we show the actual result of operations in the shops. A good deal of that may be extended into the last fiscal year. The actual loss per man per month varied from \$15 and a few cents in Hamilton to \$33 per man per month in the British Columbia workshop.

By Mr. Ross (Kingston):

Q. Is not the principle at the bottom of it that it is better to give men work?—A. Yes.

Mr. THORSON: That is the real basis of it.

Mr. MCGIBBON: Can we get a list the next day we meet of the classes of work they are doing, the number of days' work, and the loss in connection with them?

The CHAIRMAN: You mean in each division, or in each shop?

Mr. MCGIBBON: The number of employees.

WITNESS: The number of employees is given.

The CHAIRMAN: If any member of the committee wishes to consult them, we have here several pamphlets on the Vetract Workshops.