

Paquette

themselves the company took advantage of the division to reduce the wages of the men ?

A Yes, that is the main point all the time

We never had an increase in wages before we organized. I mean by that that we never had a general increase

Q And, so, the increases you got from the company you obtained because the workmen were organized ?

A Yes

Q And, the companies were afraid of a strike ?

A Yes

Q You said a few moments ago that the directors of the companies had the same plans this year regarding the market as they had for the last four or five years ?

A The very same thing. I have heard the same story from Mr Simpson every time I met him-- that he cannot sell his goods. Two years ago it was the same thing. It is always the same story. The same story comes from Mr Mole. We always get the same story, that there is not enough protection. More than that there were requisition papers passed through the mills to get a delegation to go to Ottawa to ask for an increase in the tariff.

Q Can you tell me if a few months ago, or last year, the Company did not offer to pay your expenses or to send a man before the Government?

A What was offered by Mr. Reid, the private detective

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