

it may be within the power of the Legislature to extend—have made some progress in the investigation of the matters referred to them, and agreed to the following as a first report:—

The case submitted to your Committee by the petitions of the proprietors of the soil, is one of severe distress, affecting those interests of this country which are of a fixed and permanent nature, as compared with the usual objects of commercial enterprise, and which would require the early and careful consideration of the House, and the efficient co-operation of the Government to lessen and alleviate.

With a view of ascertaining the extent of the depression under which wheat and flour, the chief staple commodities, raised for exportation, have fallen in the Montreal market, your Committee put the following question to fifteen of the Members of the House, practical farmers, residing in various parts of the Province.

“What is the average cost of production of twenty bushels of merchantable wheat in your county, (without taking into consideration, or making a charge for interest on capital invested in the land) ?”

The result of these calculations was as follows:

	Halifax Currency.		
Mr. Gibson, <i>York County</i> ,.....	£ 2	12	6
Mr. Wilson, <i>Prince Edward</i> ,...	3	0	0
Mr. Alway, <i>Oxford</i> ,.....	2	0	0
Mr. Gilchrist, <i>Northumberland</i> ,..	3	0	0
Mr. Cook, <i>Dundas</i> ,.....	2	15	0
Mr. Shibley, <i>Frontenac</i> ,.....	2	17	6
Mr. Woolverton, <i>Lincoln</i> ,.....	2	10	0
Mr. Hopkins, <i>Halton</i> ,.....	3	10	0
Mr. Smith, <i>Wentworth</i> ,.....	2	0	0
Mr. Chisholm, <i>Glengarry</i> ,.....	3	0	0
Mr. Roblin, <i>Prince Edward</i> ,....	3	0	0
Mr. Waters, <i>Prescott</i> , .....	3	15	0