

Paquette

A It would be a benefit

Q A benefit to whom?

A To the manufacturers, and if they wanted to be fair to the employees, well, it might be a benefit to the employees

Q Are you sure it would be a benefit to the employees?

A Well, I remember a couple of men who have been working in the cotton mills for 25 years. When they were paying 22 per cent dividends the men were getting 75 cents a day.

Q Do you think that increased protection necessarily means increased wages for the employees?

A No, I do not.

Q The circular goes on to state "A year ago the demand for cotton goods was so great that the manufacturers were in a position to ask and to get almost any price for their productions." Is that right?

A No.

Q Why not?

A They clamoured the same way over the tariff two years ago. They told us exactly the same thing as they are telling us at the present time, that they were not making any money.

We went to Ottawa as a delegation to get an increase in the tariff just for that purpose. Some of the manufacturers might be able to prove that, but I do not think Mr Gignac or I could prove it

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