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- (b) Flat rate benefits are the basis of the British Act. They are, therefore, supported by much greater experience than the graduated benefits which have met with approval in the United States.
- (c) Standards of living vary greatly in the different Provinces of Canada. A scale of benefits which might be generous in Nova Scotia might be less than subsistence in Alberta and British Columbia.
- (d) Wages and relief scales are certainly higher in the West than in the East and a flat benefit rate does not represent true equality as between East and West.
- (e) If circumstances compel an insured man to subsist on benefits for several months, the man of high income (within the scope of the Act) will suffer greater hardship than the man of low income because he will have higher obligations in the way of rent and other fixed expenses. If you add the geographical difference to the differences which will exist in any one area, the spread between the small wage earner in the United States and the skilled workman in British Columbia may be very great.