

The WITNESS: The same condition exists right in Cornwall. You can go up town and see the same faces from the industries; they cannot miss that moving picture. Just as this gentleman (Mr. Black) says, those who don't go to the movies spend their money for gasoline for running down the river to fish, and they would probably catch enough fish to feed them for half a week.

By Hon. Mr. Tolmie:

Q. Do any of them cultivate their own gardens?—A. Oh yes, a great many of them.

Q. Is there good fishing there?—A. Yes; there is good fishing around Lancaster, a few miles down the river.

Q. Do they fish on Sunday there?—A. No, not in Ontario. Well, they do, but they don't let them; it is against the law.

By the Chairman:

Q. Those men who are getting \$15 a week, Mr. Hewitson, are working on machines? They are machine men?—A. Yes, tending machines; looking after the goods on the machines; the machines practically look after themselves.

By Mr. Hamilton:

Q. You are only speaking for the department you yourself run?—A. Yes.

Q. To your own personal knowledge, do you know what price other people get in different sections of that mill—men who have families? They are not getting \$15 a week; some of them get five dollars a day?—A. Yes, working for the company.

Q. The ones you speak of are simply people who stand in front of the loom, and the loom does the work. All the man has to do is to knit up the threads and let the loom do the work; they do not even have to shift the shuttle.—A. There are a lot of farmers came down from Embrun, and I can place these men right to work. They are inexperienced, but it is only a matter of looking after the cloth.

By Mr. Woodsworth:

Q. What proportion of the men in your department receive wages like that?—A. A very large proportion of the men in my department do not receive any more than \$17 a week.

By the Chairman:

Q. What percentage of the men in your department would you say get no more than \$15 a week?—A. Fifty per cent.

By Mr. Woodsworth:

Q. What is the average wage for a skilled mechanic?—A. We have heads of departments, and assistants, and section hands, and then we have machine tenders; the machine tenders get \$15 a week, the section hands get \$15.50, the second hands get \$30 a week, and the overseers go higher.

By the Chairman:

Q. What would the overseers get?—A. \$50 a week.

Q. That means you have about four classes of wage earners?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Woodsworth:

Q. You have only one overseer for each department?—A. Yes; there is an overseer of weaving, and an overseer of spinning, and an overseer of carding, a master mechanic, an overseer of dyeing, and an overseer of every branch of the industry.