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Exhibit No. 1209. Throughout the hearing it has been admitted that the Company has been and is prudently and economically managed and developed.

Mr. R. E. Loper, who was called by the Company as an expert witness, stated that considering the conditions under which the mills are obliged to operate; that is, the type of demand that the market makes on them, etc., they are efficiently run.

Mr. C. V. Fessenden at pages 33 and 34 of his report to the Commission quotes a favourable opinion as to the progressiveness of Canadian Manufacturers producing at lower cost by means of up-to-date equipment, adequately maintained and economically tended. He instances the record of this Company in increasing productivity of its grey mills by 53 per cent from 1912 to 1936, and by the record of the steps taken by the Company over a thirteen year period in bringing machinery development and maintenance up to a high standard.

In this connection, it has been thought to be sufficient to make the above references, and not necessary to quote from the evidence of the various Superintendents, Foremen and officers who were examined with regard to the installation of new machinery and the re-arrangement of work to obtain the highest efficiency.

(3) That the average real wage per employee hour rose in proportion as the productivity of the worker increased, labour thereby sharing in the increased production of wealth.

The evidence in this connection is again to be found in the report of Mr. C. V. Fessenden, and it is submitted that such evidence is conclusive as to the truth of the above statement.

Mr. Fessenden's report reads in part as follows: (This again is based upon data from the grey mills, excluding converting operations, but may be accepted as indicative in view of the large proportion of the manufacturing operations carried on in the grey mills.)

"of wages over a period and particularly a study to see if the worker shares in the increased production of wealth resulting from the labour he applies to the tending of continually improving and more efficient machines.

"To examine this question the combined production in lbs. of all the Grey Mills of the Dominion Textile

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