

Paquette

THE COMMISSIONER: That is one of the points I shall enquire into as to whether the salaries of the managers, superintendents and overseers were cut at the same time.

MR SIMPSON: You might also enquire as to whether these men got an advance when the other employees were advanced. As a matter of fact they did not

THE COMMISSIONER: I will also enquire into that

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Q I suppose you cannot say anything as to what reduction there was in the profits of the company?

A No.

At the time the workers went out on strike they said "Here we are obliged to stand a reduction of ten per cent, and the company is paying a dividend of eight per cent. If they had said "Well we are not making any money, so we will cut our dividend to five per cent, or four per cent. " it would have been fair. Instead of that they left the dividends as they were and cut ten per cent off the workers.

Q But, you have not answered this other question as to what you think of the accuracy of the statement that the cotton industry in this country does not receive sufficient protection?

A On coarse goods they have sufficient protection. On fine goods, that is, the goods in which they are obliged to compete with English goods I think a little more protection would not hurt

Q What do you mean by that?