

(1) Five witnesses stated that the sanitary arrangements were bad. Four witnesses stated that the sanitary arrangements were satisfactory or good.

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and 4687.

Alfred Poliquin, yard foreman, and in charge of cleaning, deals with this particular complaint. There is a gang of eight men who do nothing else except the cleaning of the plant. One man works only at the cleaning of the toilets, which is also done once a week by the whole gang. In the larger departments the toilets are cleaned once a day. This witness points out, and is confirmed by Samuel Desrochers, chief factory inspector, that some of the operatives are deliberately responsible for any actual bad condition or destruction of the toilets. The factory inspector also says that the sanitary arrangements are good at Montmorency, in so far as inspection and cleaning are concerned.

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(2) Seven witnesses made complaints as to the quality of the drinking water.

Harry Johnson, master mechanic of the mill is in charge of the water supply there. His evidence brought out:

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to 4681.

(a) That the source of the water for the mill was the same as that for the village, where a large number of the employees lived.

(b) That high pressure was put in to ensure at all times a sufficient supply of water in the upper floors. This was done in 1933.

(c) That at the same time strainers were installed.

(d) That the work in connection with the installation of a filtration plant was seventy per cent completed at the time of his giving evidence. This work started with the construction of the new mill in the Spring of 1935. This witness also stated that before these improvements were made, foreign matter was found in the water in the springtime during freshets, and also during heavy stormy Summer weather. The same conditions still exist in the Village of St. Gregoire, where nothing has been done to improve the quality of the water.

(3) Fourteen witnesses complained that they were ignorant of the basis of their pay.

It is difficult to believe this complaint to have been made in good faith by those employed upon an hourly basis. With regard to piece-workers, the evidence shows clearly that there are production reports in each department from which they can ascertain and check the amount produced by them. As to

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