

To A. C. Buchanan, Esq, Chief Agent, &c. &c.

Royal Engineer District Office, Quebec,  
11 December 1832.

STATEMENT showing the PRICES paid to ARTIFICERS and LABOURERS employed in the Royal Engineer Department at this Station, during the Summers of 1831 and 1832.

Trade or Employment.	Class.	Pay p' Day, 1831, Currency.	Pay p' Day, 1832, Currency.	REMARKS.
		s. d.	s. d.	
Masons - - -	1	6 -	6 -	-- So many masons left us in the breaking out of cholera, that in August we were much delayed for want of them.
	2	5 6	5 6	
	3	5 -	5 -	
	4	4 6	4 6	
	5	4 -	4 -	
	6	3 6	3 6	
Carpenters - -	1	4 6	5 -	-- There was a great demand for carpenters last spring, and we were obliged to raise their wages in consequence.
	2	4 -	4 6	
	3	3 6	4 -	
Smiths - - -	1	4 6	4 6	
	2	4 -	4 -	
	3	3 6	3 6	
Miners and Labourers -	1	2 6	2 6	-- The mining in the Cape is merely surface rock; the miners therefore have only first class labourers' pay. Labourers were scarce in August, owing to the Asiatic cholera, which carried off some, and induced many others to go up the country on their arrival, as well as those employed, to leave the works.
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	3	2 -	2 -	

(signed) R. A. Alderson, Captain,  
Senior Royal Engineer, Quebec District.

Copy of a NOTE from William Patton, Esq. to A. C. Buchanan, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Burnet's Wharf, Quebec, 12 December 1832.

I CAN state the following Rates of Wages for the past Season :--

	s.	d.	
Labourers at the Cove - - -	3	6	per day, and not found.
Better informed Class - - -	5	-	per day.
Boom Men - - -	5	-	per day.
Broad-Axe Men - - -	5s. to 7	6	per day.
Narrow-Axe Men - - -	4s. 6d. to 5	-	per day.

Our sawyers, of which the greater part we employed were old countrymen, earned about 6s. 6d. per day. Out of 40 we employed, about one-third arrived this year; one-third were old countrymen, who have farms at Frampton and Leeds; and the remaining one-third were Canadians.

Labourers on board of Ships always get from 3s. 6d. to 5s. per day, and are found on board with the best of every thing. Certainly workmen of all kinds this year have got something more than the above rates. The rate of wages here will, I think, be proof sufficient that they are too high, and in consequence, that there is plenty of room for more of our countrymen.

Believe me, &c.

(signed) W. Patton.