

The WITNESS: I don't suppose they have any luxuries, but they seem to be quite happy and contented.

The CHAIRMAN: That would not even bring them up to the minimum subsistence standard which we had.

Mr. HAMILTON: No, but that was merely a matter of pencil and paper.

By Mr. Hamilton:

Q. How many young married men in the town you live in, that you know, are running motor boats, worth anywhere from \$300 to \$600, but also running automobiles—men working in your mill?—A. I cannot say how many. I know there are two in my department.

By Mr. Woodsworth:

Q. Do you mean to say that a motor boat has been purchased out of the earnings of a man who is getting only \$15 a week?

Mr. HAMILTON: Where else would they get it?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I am asking the witness. How can a man, his wife, and three children live and run a motor boat on \$15 a week?

The WITNESS: I cannot see how they can, really. I am often amazed at what they do, and just how they do it. I know they do it, but just how they do it, I cannot understand.

By Mr. White (Mount Royal):

Q. Have you any idea of the monthly rental for the houses these families live in?—A. There was a man working for me with whom I was talking who said he was paying \$15, and they raised his rent to \$17, and he said it would be pretty hard, earning \$15 a week and paying \$17 a month rent.

Q. But that is not for a very large house, I suppose?—A. No, it is not a large house, by any means.

Q. It is a typical working man's house?—A. It is a typical working man's house, with all modern conveniences in it.

By Mr. Woodsworth:

Q. What do the young unmarried men have to pay for room and board?—A. Eight dollars a week.

Q. For board and room?—A. Yes.

Mr. BLACK (Halifax): I know of a case at home of a prominent firm who had two employees getting \$17.50 a week, and who had motor cars. The firm feared pilfering and stealing, and they investigated. They found there was no opportunity for stealing, so the manager sent for these men and questioned them. Their explanation was this: that they managed to buy the car, and the gas they used did not require as large an expenditure as going to the movies, and floating around the city; on holidays and Sundays and evenings they went out in the country, and probably took their kettle with them, and some bread and jam, and it kept them from going to the movies, and they spent their extra money in the car rather than on the town sights.

The CHAIRMAN: Still, to buy that car, and pay for it would require a certain amount of saving.

Mr. BLACK (Halifax): They saved a little to buy it. They could buy a good second-hand car for \$500 or \$600, or perhaps a new Ford. The management suspected pilfering, but there was no possible way for them to steal, and they asked for an explanation from these men, and that was the explanation given.

[Mr. Albert Hewitson.]