

REPORT

UPON

THE SWEATING SYSTEM IN CANADA

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COMMISSION

Appointing ALEXANDER WHYTE WRIGHT, Esquire, a Commissioner to inquire whether, and if so, to what extent the sweating system is practised in the various industrial centres of the Dominion, and for other purposes. Dated 29th October, 1895. Recorded 6th November, 1895. L. A. CATELLIER, Deputy Registrar General of Canada.

CANADA.

HENRY STRONG, *Deputy Governor.*

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To ALEXANDER WHYTE WRIGHT, of the Town of Niagara, in the Province of Ontario, in Our Dominion of Canada, and to all to whom the same may come,—GREETING :

Whereas a resolution was adopted by the Dominion Trades and Labour Congress at its recent meeting in the City of London in the Province of Ontario, held in the month of September last past, in the following terms :

‘ In consideration of the petition of the Toronto Garment Workers, in reference to the sweating system in Toronto and Montreal, we deem it of urgent necessity that a Commission be appointed to investigate to what extent the system is practised in Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal, as a test of the whole Dominion.’

And whereas it is deemed expedient to investigate into the matter referred to in the said resolution, and to inquire whether, and if so, to what extent the sweating system is practised in the various industrial centres of the Dominion of Canada, and at the same time to procure information respecting the kindred question of wages and any other matters affecting the employment and conditions of life and labour among the industrial classes—

Now Know Ye that, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, We, reposing trust and confidence in your loyalty, integrity and ability, have nominated, constituted and appointed, and do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint you, the said Alexander Whyte Wright, to be Our Commissioner for the purpose of investigating into the matter referred to in the said resolution before mentioned, and to inquire whether, and if so, to what extent the sweating system is practised in the various industrial centres of the Dominion, and at the same time to procure information respecting the kindred question of wages and any other matters affecting the employment and conditions of life and labour among the industrial classes, and We do, under and by virtue of the powers vested in Us by Chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes of Canada,