

Q. Would that be working inside or outside? A. Inside. I think all the questions Mr. Walsh asked referred to inside work.

Q. How many have you outside? A. About 300 women are on the book, but they do not all of them work for us altogether. Some work for other firms as well, and those who do work for us do not give all their time.

Q. Do you pay them directly or is it done by sub-contract? A. We pay them directly. I think some of them employ others. Sometimes there are several in one family.

Q. Do you pay all the hands who work on your work outside? A. I don't understand.

By Mr. WALSH:—

Q. If any person outside has work from you and employs others, do you pay them? A. No.

By Mr. ARMSTRONG:—

Q. Have you sub-contractors outside? A. I believe some of our people employ others, but we send the work only to one man or woman, and don't know anything about that. We only pay those whose names are on our books.

Q. Do your men and women work in the same room? A. Yes.

Q. Is it a comfortable room in winter? A. It is heated by the usual furnace for heating irons, and also by a hot air furnace in winter.

Q. Are the furnaces in the room where they work? A. Yes.

Q. Are they there in summer? A. Yes.

Q. Do the workpeople complain of the heat? A. Yes; but in summer we have a partition up around the furnaces.

Q. How high? Does the partition go to the ceiling? A. No.

Q. Are there separate conveniences for men and women? A. Yes.

Q. Are there separate entrances? A. Yes; they are entirely distinct.

Q. On piece work, what would a woman receive for making a tweed vest? That is, inside? A. From 15 to 30 cents for ready-made work.

Q. How many would she make in a day? A. About three a day. That is what they usually do.

Q. Do the prices for piece work vary? Is there a difference between work done inside and outside? A. Yes; we pay more for work outside. Inside we pay only for sewing. Those who work outside have to do their own machine work and pressing, so that they have really more to do.

By Mr. HEAKES:—

Q. How much do you pay for coats? A. From 40 cents to \$1. For overcoats we pay \$1.50.

Q. Do you make shirts? A. Yes.

By Mr. BORVIN:—

Q. How much do you pay for flannel shirts? A. \$1.20 a dozen. We pay 90 cents a dozen for cotton.

Q. Is that inside or out? A. Inside.

Q. What do you pay for vests outside? A. 16 to 18 cents is the lowest and 35 cents is the highest.

By Mr. FREED:—

Q. Give an idea of the average earnings of women in Halifax engaged in making ready-made clothing. A. I think about \$4 a week. That would be about a fair average.

Q. How many hours a day would they work? A. Ten hours.

Q. Not more? A. I think not.

Q. Do you supply thread and all materials? A. Yes; we supply thread.