

## APPENDIX No 1

*By the Chairman:*

Q. For the Overseas Mechanics' Service?—A. No, I enlisted in the Army Service Corps. I was more than anxious to go to the front. After some time I was placed on the supernumerary list. I made application again to get on the active list, to get to France, and they transferred me to the artillery. When I went to the artillery I was told it would be a month before I could get away; so I came away with the munition workers. That was about three days after I was supposed to be going with the artillery. The reason I did not go with the artillery is because I would have had to wait a month without pay, so I decided to go with the munition workers.

*By Mr. Cooper:*

Q. You are a married man?—A. Yes.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. What were you employed at prior to joining the Overseas Mechanics?—A. I was an iron worker.

Q. What did you get in the way of wages from the British Government?—A. When I landed I received £2 5s a week. I would not say exactly; it could not be more than £2 7s 6d.

Q. Were you paid by the Government or by your employer?—A. By the employer.

Q. You say that when you first landed you got?—A. £2 5s.

Q. Was that the current wage?—A. That was the minimum rate paid in the country in the part I was living.

Q. To what extent did your wages increase while you were there?—A. By 1919 they had risen to £3 19s. 6d. I would not be exact; it was round about that figure.

*By Mr. Cooper:*

Q. Was there any separation allowance for the family?—A. Those who left their wives in this country received 17s. 6d. per week over and above the actual wages.

Q. What about those who took their wives with them?—A. They did not receive anything, so far as I know. I took my wife, and she did not get anything.

Q. Did the other munition workers get anything?—A. If they were five miles away from their home town they received 17s. 6d. for their wives.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. If the Canadian munition worker was more than that distance away did he receive anything for his wife?—A. Nothing at all unless he left his wife in this country. Of course, you understand I took my wife with me. I was in Renfrew, and my wife was living with my people. After living there a short time I had to move where she was, and I had to re-establish myself. I asked them to consider me in this 17s. 6d. subsistence, but I was refused.

Witness retired.

Mr. CHRISTOPHER CROPLEY, called, sworn and examined.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. You have heard the representations made by Mr. Kirkwood?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. You are here on the same mission?—A. I heard everything he said.

[Mr. David Kirkwood.]