

By Mr. Ross:

Q. Do you mean in the city?—A. Either in the city or country.

By the Vice-Chairman:

Q. Then in your judgment, the allowances are sufficiently high to permit of a reasonable living?—A. They are, so far as I have ever seen. I have had no cases in my experience extending over sixteen months which would go to show that a woman cannot live reasonably well on the allowance.

By Mr. Ross:

Q. Give us a idea of what your experience has been. Have you any record of the number of people you have visited?—A. I cannot tell you that. I have investigated several cases in Kingston, Belleville, and other towns in our district, and in the country.

By Mr. Pardee:

Q. How many visits have you paid all together?—A. I can only give you a very vague idea. In some weeks, 30, or 40.

By the Vice-Chairman:

Q. Have you made five hundred visits altogether?—A. Yes, I think I have.

By Mr. Redman:

Q. Is there any margin for the accidents of life, illness and emergencies, and that sort of thing?—A. A very small margin.

By Mr. Brien:

Q. Take the case of a widow without children; can she get board and lodgings in the city of Kingston at much less than a dollar a day?—A. No, I do not think so.

Q. That is \$365 a year out of \$480, which leaves little more than \$100?—A. A dollar a day would be \$7 a week, and I think perhaps that a woman there can get a very comfortable board for about \$5 a week.

Q. Does that include food and lodging?—A. Food and lodging.

Q. Board and lodging?—A. Yes.

Q. Comfortable?—A. Yes, very comfortable.

By Mr. McCurdy:

Q. Do you ever have any difficulty in investigating cases where wives of pensioners are drifting into trouble?—A. Yes, and where there are two wives, I have only had one case of that sort.

Q. Have you had any trouble in locating cases of pensioners drifting into immorality, where you have had to take some action?—A. We have had some cases of that kind come to our notice, mostly among widows.

By Mr. Pardee:

Q. Taking your evidence altogether as near as I can get at it it is that in your opinion the pensions that at present are paid are sufficient?—A. In my opinion the pensions that are being received at the present time are sufficient to keep a woman fairly comfortable.

Q. And your opinion in that respect applies to the whole of the graduated scale including the lower?—A. I base my opinion on the cases I have seen.

Q. And outside the disability pensions your opinion is the same generally, all through?—A. Yes, for the disability, all through.

[Mr. W. R. Elliott.]