

- Q. What class of work is he engaged on? A. Chair work.
- Q. Does he employ boys to help him? A. He generally employs one boy.
- Q. What does he pay the boy? A. Last year the boy he had he paid \$3 a week.
- Q. You have no control, I suppose, over what he pays them? A. We have some control over him, but not in connection with the work. We have power to dismiss them, though.
- Q. Is the firm responsible for this boy's wages? A. Yes.

WILLIAM GREIG, Manager of Maritime Lead and Saw Works, called and sworn.

By Mr. ARMSTRONG:—

- Q. Do you manufacture all classes of saws? A. All, except hand saws.
- Q. Do you employ many men in this business? A. In the saw works we employ ten men and in the lead works we employ five men. We have also two apprentices in the saw works. None of these are shop clerks, or anything of that kind.
- Q. What are the wages skilled workmen earn in the saw works? A. The lowest wages we pay are \$11 a week, and our foreman gets about \$25 a week.
- Q. Do your men work by the day or on piece-work? A. Day work. We work from 7:30 in the morning to 12:30, and from 1:30 to 6:30, and Saturday from 7 to 7, all the year around. From December to March we work five days a week, from 7:30 to 5:30. Of course, the men get paid, sometimes the foreman gets paid in full.
- Q. What wages do the boys get? A. Two dollars to commence with, and a raise of 50 cents each year while he is an apprentice.
- Q. For how many years do they serve an apprenticeship? A. Five years.
- Q. At the end of that time, do they become skilled mechanics in the business? A. They ought to.
- Q. What class of lead do you principally manufacture? A. Principally pure lead, because pure lead is much cheaper than it used to be. When it was 8 to 10 cents a pound we used an adulterated article, but now we use pure lead.
- Q. Do you manufacture paints? A. Yes; all kinds of paints and oils.
- Q. What are the wages you pay in the oil factory? A. From \$7 to \$15 a week.
- Q. What do you pay the man engaged in mixing the paints? A. \$7 to \$8 a week.
- Q. Do you employ any tinsmiths? A. Well, no; we do not; we make up our own tins in the winter, because the man is handy.
- Q. Do you ship your oils in tins or in bulk? A. In tins, principally.

By Mr. FREED:—

- Q. Do any of your men own the houses in which they live? A. Yes; the foreman does; there is another man owns a farm, I think.
- Q. Are not almost any of these men able to save money to build houses if they choose to? A. I think they ought to be able to do something of that kind.
- Q. Do you know whether those who do not save money are in comfortable circumstances? A. I am afraid some of them do not save much.
- Q. Where do you get your saw plates? A. From England, principally.
- Q. Are they cheaper there than they can be got here? A. Yes; we do not want to buy from competitors.
- Q. Do you put up ready-mixed paints? A. We do.
- Q. Do you find these leads settle at the bottom so that they have to be ground up again? A. I have never heard of such a thing occurring in our case. I would like to make a complaint against Diston; he is allowed to bring in his saws at a rate of duty that makes it almost an unfair competition. If we had not to contend against him we would be able to double our capacity and employ double the amount of labor we do.