

house, Merchants Mill, Mount Royal Mill, Colonial Bleachery.

At Magog, P.Q.—Magog Cotton Mill, Magog Print Works.

At Montmorency, P.Q.—Montmorency Mill.

At Sherbrooke, P.Q.—Sherbrooke Mill, both cotton and rayon divisions.

At Drummondville, P.Q.—The Drummondville Cotton Company Limited.

The answers show a total employment of mill workers for the years 1930 to 1935 as follows:—

1930	—	7,914
1931	—	7,031
1932	—	6,727
1933	—	6,378
1934	—	6,944
1935	—	7,569

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The contention that employment was well maintained throughout the depression is confirmed by Mr. C. V. Fessenden's report. This report includes a graph showing the number of employees actually on the payroll, and the number of employees required if each worked upon a full time basis, from the year 1912 to the year 1936. This graph is based upon data obtained from the grey mills of the Company only and does not include the employees in the converting branches of the Company. Nevertheless, it is indicative of the extent of the employment given. The highest number of employees actually on the payrolls is shown in the year 1928 at 6,500; the lowest number is shown in 1933 at 4,900.

In 1930	the figure is	5,800
" 1931	" " "	5,300
" 1932	" " "	5,200
" 1933	" " "	4,900
" 1934	" " "	5,200
" 1935	" " "	5,700
" 1936	" " "	5,900

It is interesting to note the importance of the number employed in comparison with the total population of the towns, outside of Montreal, in which the mills are situate. The figures here given are upon a fifty-five hour basis, and cover the years 1930 to 1935, based upon Census of Industry returns. The actual number of employees would of course be greater than that shown upon this basis.

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