

In accounting for <sup>e</sup> this increase in the cost of living many causes have been assigned, and if the truth is to be stated, it is to a variety of causes rather than to any single cause that it is due. Nor is it to be supposed that in some respects it is not a good thing. In so far as the rise is due to the discovery of new sources of wealth, to the opening of new areas to cultivation, to larger and wider markets, to increased transportation, storing and refrigerating facilities, to the prevention of waste, to improved methods of production and distribution, to the better equalizing of supply and demand, the rise is to be welcomed as an actual increase in the wealth of the world, and as reflecting the increased prosperity of our times, a prosperity in which farmer, mechanic, and business and professional men have all shared in a greater or less degree. That it is due in large measure to such causes cannot be denied.

(Example:- Flavella's letter)

This I believe to be in this country a primary cause, Within the past decade the energies of the nation have been <sup>and</sup> strained towards developing, furthering our transportation facilities, with the result that thousands of acres of virgin soil have been opened to cultivation, mineral deposits hitherto unknown have been discovered and worked, settlers by the hundreds of thousands, the real wealth producers of a nation, have found their homes within the boundaries of the Dominion, wealth has been extracted from the soil, from the forest, the mine and the sea, and this coinciding with increased facilities