

in the port of Montreal during the seasons of 1886 and 1887." But the numbers of laborers under contract with us during those seasons were, in

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| 1886..... | 100 |
| 1887..... | 120 |

2. Our contracts with ship laborers for the seasons of 1886 and 1887 did not stipulate for the payment of any premiums.

3. The "numbers of ship laborers engaged by contract who in 1886 and 1887 did not receive the ten per cent. kept off their salary" from us were, in

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| 1886..... | 2 |
| 1887..... | 7 |

The amounts of such ten per cents so forfeited were, in

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| 1886.....\$ | 16.17 |
| 1887.....   | 58.14 |

And the reason "why such salary was kept off" was because the laborers deserted their employment in violation of their contracts.

4. The amounts retained by us from laborers' wages to cover the premium of one per cent. for insurance against accident and death, under policies with the Citizens' Insurance Company, were, in

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| 1886.....\$ | 914.83   |
| 1887.....   | 1,044.78 |

5. The amounts paid by us to the Citizens' Insurance Company to assure said employees were the actual sums of one per cent. retained from their wages, and these aggregated, in

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| 1886.....\$ | 914.83   |
| 1887.....   | 1,044.78 |

6. We have no personal knowledge of "the amounts paid to the assured or their families, either on account of death or for being incapacitated from work;" but we are informed by the Citizens' Insurance Company, as per certificate herewith, that these payments were, in

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| 1886.....\$ | 702.40 |
| 1887.....   | 686.22 |

7. Our ship laborers are not at any time "obliged to work without any rest" for any number of hours beyond the regular day of ten out of each twenty-four hours. Any additional time worked by the men was voluntary on their part, and not under compulsion from us.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

H. & A. ALLAN.

CITIZENS' INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA,

MONTREAL, 2nd April, 1888.

*Messrs H. and A. Allan, Montreal.*

DEAR SIRS,—The communication from Mr. Blackeby, Secretary of the Royal Labour Commission, under date of 28th February last, which you forwarded to this Company for replies to queries Nos. 5 and 6 we have received and return herewith.