

According to the mean ratios obtained from the foregoing tables, the wages of the average workman in New York are 65 per cent. greater than the same wages in Ontario, while the cost of his living is but 58 per cent. greater; leaving a clear excess of 7 per cent. in his favor.

The wages of the average workman in Maine are 78 per cent. greater than the same wages in New Brunswick, and the cost of his living is but 42 per cent. greater; leaving a clear excess of 36 per cent. in his favor.

Between New York and the city of Quebec the difference is almost incredible: wages 138 per cent. higher in the former, and the cost of living but 43 per cent. higher, leaving 95 per cent. clear excess of earnings to labor in New York.

It may be doubted, however, whether a just ratio of prices is obtained by calculating the mean rate between prices in so miscellaneous a list. A more accurate calculation may be made by another method. Taking on each side equal quantities of the various articles quoted, in an estimate of the probable consumption of an ordinary family, I arrive at the following results: That which cost \$100 in gold in Ontario cost \$162 in currency in New York, or \$122 72 in gold; while for every \$100 of wages that the average workman received in Ontario, he was paid \$165 in currency in New York, or \$125 in gold. Excess of purchasing value in New York wages over Ontario wages, 2.28 per cent., gold measurement.

That which cost \$100 in gold in New Brunswick cost \$141 in currency in Maine, or \$106 82 in gold; while for every \$100 of wages that the average workman received in New Brunswick, he received \$178 currency, or \$134 84 gold in Maine. Excess of purchasing value in Maine wages over New Brunswick wages, 28 per cent., gold measurement.

That which cost \$100 in the city of Quebec, cost \$152 currency in the State of New York, or \$115 15 in gold; while for every \$100 of wages that the average workman received in Quebec, he was paid \$238 currency, or \$180 gold, in New York. Excess of purchasing value in New York wages over wages in the city of Quebec, 64.85 per cent., gold measurement.

In other words, by the same labor and with the same living, the average workman can make and save \$2 28 (gold), out of every \$100 of earnings, more in New York than in Ontario; \$28 more in Maine than in New Brunswick, and \$64 85 more in New York than in the city of Quebec.

It is certainly plain enough that labor gains nothing, but loses very seriously, from the state of cheapness prevailing in the Dominion.

THE SAVINGS OF INDUSTRY.

The state of a country with reference to the accumulating energy of its productive industries, and the general prosperity of its people, is indicated with tolerable certainty now-a-days by its savings institutions. The savings on deposit throughout the Dominion at the close of 1869, in the post office savings banks, in trustees' savings banks, in chartered banks, and in the hands of building societies, was estimated by the compiler of the "Canadian Year Book" at \$9,168,150. At the beginning of the same year the deposits in the savings banks of the State of New York, drawn from the earnings of but a little larger population, were returned at \$169,808,678, equivalent to about \$127,000,000 in gold, or fourteen times the total sum of savings in the Dominion. The savings deposited in Massachusetts at the same period, by a people numbering about one-third the population of the Dominion, were \$95,000,000, equiva-

Four-room tenements.....	per month.....	2 50	5 00	4 00	5 00	4 12 1/2	3 00	4 50	3 75	8 40	4 45	1 to 2 04	1 to 1 19	1 to 1 50
Six-room tenements.....	do.....	4 00	8 00	6 00	8 00	6 50	3 00	5 50	4 25	11 20	6 45	1 to 1 72	1 to 1 52	1 to 1 50
For men.....	per week.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	3 25	3 62 1/2	3 00	3 72	1 to 1 50	1 to 1 03	1 to 1 50
For women.....	do.....	3 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	3 25	4 00	3 25	3 62 1/2	3 00	3 70	1 to 1 50	1 to 1 53	1 to 1 50

Mean ratio of prices in Ontario to prices in New York, from the list of articles named above 1 to 1.54.
Mean ratio of prices in New Brunswick to prices in New York, from the list of articles named above 1 to 1.43.