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By Mr. Ross:

Q. You say that a woman receiving forty dollars cannot live reasonably, but can only maintain herself if she has no children? Does she as a matter of fact supplement that forty dollars by working?—A. Well, in many cases they do, but in other cases they do not, chiefly on account of pride.

Q. And you really think that if she does not supplement that with outside work she cannot live on forty dollars a month?—A. Not reasonably.

By Mr. Lapointe:

Q. You heard Mrs. Morrow's statement a few minutes ago?—A. Yes.

Q. About the custom of the wife leaving her baby or children at home, and going to work, and earning something. Do you know anything about that in Montreal, whether it is done generally?—A. It is not customary in Montreal.

Q. So that soldiers have to count on the \$1,056 to live on?—A. Yes.

Q. And you calculate that some houses may be rented as low as \$7 a month?—A. Yes.

Q. Will you point out where you can find those places?—A. Point St. Charles.

Q. In the backyard or somewhere or other?—A. You can get a little house for that.

Q. Would it be more barn than house?—A. No, a comfortable house. Of course, they are not A1 houses. You can also get houses at \$10 a month on the streets. Do you know Montreal?

Q. Yes, I do.—A. On the streets around the Hochelaga district you can get them.

Q. I do not want to contradict you, but there is no such thing as you describe in that district. The rents are up to \$15. You get quite a small tenement for \$15, I think. As to Point St. Charles you are probably right. You may have a building in a backyard, and so on, but in the other districts you cannot get them?—(No answer.)

By Mr. Brien:

Q. Regarding the tuberculosis case which you referred to, where a totally disabled tubercular case might carry on in the rural mail delivery in the mountains, that man, I presume, would live in a small house with a family—two, three, four, five or six children?—A. Yes.

Q. A total disability pension is not granted in tuberculosis cases, unless they are totally disabled and the case would be considered far enough advanced for a sanatorium?—A. We have a visitor on our staff who is a totally disability pensioner, a tuberculosis case, and he is one of our out-of-town visitors.

Q. Are no precautions taken for the protection of the family in that case?—A. This man does not happen to have a family.

Q. I was asking with reference to a case where there is a family?—A. Yes, the man sleeps out of doors, and when the visitor calls we always impress upon them the necessity of sanitation and of taking precautions to prevent the spread of disease. The man is also summoned to the district office for medical examination every six months, and there again he is cautioned by the medical examiner.

Q. This man has a total disability pension, and I am afraid his disease is in an active state.

By Mr. Lapointe:

Q. When you say Montreal, do you include Verdun? There has been quite a lot of soldiers from there, and I have had no complaints at all.—A. We have had no complaints; in fact, we find the class of people who live in Verdun give us the least trouble.

Q. Do you visit the French part of the city, too?—A. Yes, sir.

[Miss E. M. Kearney.]