

A. Yes; they receive the same. All the difference is that they work shorter time in the winter, but they receive the same pay per hour.

Q. Are these boys you take on apprentices or are they helpers? A. Some are apprentices and some are helpers.

Q. Do you have them indentured? A. No; I have not had any indentured for years.

Q. Have you any trouble keeping the boys with you without being indentured? A. No; they generally stay; for they know that their wages will increase if they stay, and that we find the best way of indenturing.

JAMES T. LOGAN, Soap Manufacturer, St. John, N.B., called and sworn.

By Mr. ARMSTRONG:—

Q. How long have you been in the soap manufacturing business? A. My father has been in the business for the last forty years.

Q. What special classes of soaps do you manufacture? A. Laundry soaps.

Q. What would be the earnings of a good soap-boiler? A. \$15 to \$25 a week.

Q. And what do you pay the men who help about the factory? A. \$6 \$7 and \$8.

Q. Do you employ any box-makers? A. We make our boxes, but the men make them up between times.

Q. Do you employ any boys about your factory? A. Yes; two.

Q. What are those boys engaged in doing? A. In wrapping soaps and labeling and stenciling boxes.

Q. Have you any machinery for moulding soap? A. We have a press for pressing the soap into boxes.

Q. Are these presses worked by boys or men? A. By men.

Q. Do you make any fancy soaps? A. No; nothing but laundry soaps.

By Mr. WALSH:—

Q. How many hands do you employ altogether? A. Nine.

Q. How many of those are boys? A. Two.

Q. What do you pay these men, on an average? A. Six dollars to \$8 week.

Q. What do you pay your foreman? A. We pay our foreman \$20 a week. He is a soap-maker.

Q. Where do you find a market, generally, for your soap? A. The Maritime Provinces, Newfoundland and the Province of Quebec.

Q. Has your output increased from what it was five years or more ago? A. It has.

Q. Do you find it increasing every year? A. We do.

Q. Do you find any difficulty in getting rid of your goods? A. None at all.

Q. Are the markets more profitable for you now than they have been? A. They are just about the same; I do not see much difference.

By Mr. ARMSTRONG:—

Q. Do you carry on any other business besides that of soap-making? A. No.

JOHN D. HOWE, Furniture Manufacturer, St. John, N. B., called and sworn.

By Mr. WALSH:—

Q. How long have you been in the furniture business? A. I have been in my present business since 1878—the year after the fire. My brother and I were associated with Mr. Lordly ever since 1869. We did business, previous to 1877, on a small scale.

Q. Do you consider that your business, at present, is in advance of what it was then? A. We did a larger business then than we do at present. From 1875 to 1878