

had already taken drastic steps in the reduction of salaries and dividend.

To complete the history of the trend of wages of the Company over this period, it must be borne in mind that there has been a further increase in the rate of wages since the cessation of hearings by the Commission. This increase became effective on the 7th December, 1936, and its effect was to restore the level of wages to those existing prior to 10th April, 1933.

SECTION 6.

EVIDENCE OF MILL EMPLOYEES

Four different groups of mill employees of Dominion Textile Company Limited gave evidence.

(1) Thirty-nine employees of the cotton division of the Sherbrooke Branch of the Company were heard at Sherbrooke, P.Q.

(2) Six employees of the rayon division of the Sherbrooke Branch of the Company were heard at Montreal.

(3) Twenty-two mill employees of the Montmorency Branch were heard at Quebec, P.Q.

(4) Five employees of the cotton division of the Sherbrooke Branch and six employees of the Hochelaga Branch, Montreal, were heard at Ottawa.

In reviewing this evidence no attempt will be made to deal with particular and individual complaints which were made by some of the employees, as it is submitted that in every case these particular complaints were answered by direct and clear evidence.

For the purposes of this enquiry, attention should be given only to those complaints which had a general bearing on the work done and working conditions.

It is worth pointing out to begin with that the two groups of employees who were examined away from the town in which they worked and without an audience of fellow workers, either had no complaints or made obviously unfounded and unimportant complaints which did not bear up under cross-examination; for example, the six witnesses from the rayon department at Sherbrooke who were examined at Montreal had no complaints to make, with one exception. Madam Rose Provencher stated that she had received only \$5.00 for forty hours'

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