

APPENDIX No. I.

I. WAGES.

The following tables of wages paid in Mexico are taken from Mr. Ransom's report on *Money and Prices in Mexico*, dated at the City of Mexico on September 26, 1896:

WAGES PAID IN THE CITY OF MEXICO IN 1896.

[Per day, except when otherwise stated.]

	MEXICAN CURRENCY.	UNITED STATES CURRENCY.
Day laborers ¹	\$0.25, \$0.37 to \$0.67	\$0.08, \$0.12½ to \$0.34
Blacksmiths ¹.....	.75, 1.25 to 1.50	.63 to .76
Carpenters (ordinary).....	1.25 to 1.50	.62 to .76
Carpenters (foremen).....	2.50 to 5.00	1.27 to 2.25
Printers:		
Pressmen.....	1.50	.76
Job printers.....	1.25	.62
Compositors.....	1.43	.72
Engravers.....	5.00 to 10.00	2.25 to 5.50
Masons.....	.75, 1.00 to 1.50	.57 to .76
Bricklayers.....	1.00 to 1.50	.51 to .76
Iron workers.....	2.00 to 2.50	1.02 to 1.28
Private coachmen..... per month..	15.00 to 25.00	7.65 to 12.25
Public coachmen..... do.....	10.00	5.50
Policemen..... do.....	30.00 to 50.00	15.30 to 25.50
Wagon drivers.....	1.25	.62
Butchers.....	1.50	.76
Shoemakers.....	1.00 to 1.25	.62
Laborers in factories.....	.40, .63 to 1.00	.31 to .51
Skilled mechanics.....	5.00	2.25
Plumbers.....	2.00 to 2.50	1.02 to 1.27
Miners.....	.40, .60 to 1.00	.31 to .56
Skilled miners.....	1.00 to 1.50	.51 to .71
Furnace men, smelters.....	1.00 to 1.50	.51 to .76
Section men on railroads.....	.50 to .62	.26 to .31
Section foremen.....	1.00 to 1.50	.51 to .76
Train masters..... per month..	150.00 to 175.00	.....
Tailors:		
Repairers.....	1.00 to 1.25	.51 to .63
Coat makers..... per coat..	5.00 to 12.00	2.55 to 6.10
Vest makers..... per vest..	1.35 to 1.60	.65 to .82
Pants makers..... per pair..	1.75 to 2.50	.90 to 1.28
Harness and saddle makers.....	.50 to 2.00	.26 to 1.02

¹ Wages of laborers range from 25 to 67 cents per day; wages of blacksmiths range from 75 cents to \$1.50 per day.

WAGES PER DAY PAID IN THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO IN 1896.

	MEXICAN CURRENCY.	UNITED STATES CURRENCY.
Carpenters.....	\$0.75 to \$1.25	\$0.38 to \$0.63
Carpenters, foremen.....	1.75 to 3.00	.89 to 1.53
Masons.....	.75 to 1.25	.38 to .63
Masons, foremen.....	1.25 to 3.00	.89 to 1.53
Painters.....	.75 to 1.00	.38 to .51
Painters, foremen.....	1.00 to 2.00	.51 to 1.02
Miners:		
Ordinary.....	.62 to 1.50	.31 to .76
Skilled.....	1.25 to 1.80	.89 to .91
Hatters.....	.75 to 1.00	.38 to .51
Hatters, skilled.....	1.50 to 2.50	.76 to 1.27
Shoemakers.....	1.25 to 2.50	.89 to 1.27
Shoemakers, ordinary.....	.75 to 1.25	.38 to .89
Blacksmiths (mines).....	1.50 to 3.00	.76 to 1.53
Carpenters (mines).....	1.50 to 3.00	.76 to 1.53
Machinists.....	3.00 to 4.00	1.53 to 2.04
Head miners.....	2.00 to 2.50	1.02 to 1.27
Watchmen.....	.75 to 1.00	.38 to .51
Factories:		
Girls and boys.....	\$0.18, .25 to .37	\$0.09, .13 to .18½
Men.....	.40 to 1.00	.20½ to .51
Women.....	.18 to .50	.09 to .25½

WAGES PER DAY PAID IN TEN MEXICAN COTTON FACTORIES—ORDINARY FACTORY HANDS—IN 1896, MEXICAN CURRENCY.¹

NAME OF FACTORY.	TOTAL OPERATIVES.	MEN.	WOMEN.	CHILDREN.
Rio Blanco.....	1,220	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.20
Hercules.....	1,880	\$0.50 to .75	\$0.37 to .50	\$0.12½ to .25
La Priussima.....				
San Antonio.....	500	.37	.37	.25
Baron y La Colimena.....	451	.37 to 1.00	.37 to .50	.18 to .25
San Ildefonso.....	500	.65	.50	.25
La Reforma.....	600	.50 to .60	.25 to .50	.20 to .25
La Estrella.....	600	.50 to .60	.25 to .50	.20 to .25
Bella Vista.....	500	.65	.50	.25
San Fernando.....	150	.50 to 2.50	.50 to .75	.25
La Amistad.....	.....	.37 to 1.50	.37 to .50	.20 to .25
Industrie Nacional.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Lowest paid men, 25 cents; highest paid men, \$2.50; lowest paid women, 12½ cents; highest paid women, 75 cents; lowest paid children, 12½ cents; highest paid children, 37 cents.

¹ These rates expressed in United States currency will be about one-half. (The Mexican dollar equals 51 cents in United States currency.)

WAGES PER DAY PAID TO MEXICAN COTTON FACTORY OPERATIVES ACCORDING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE OCCUPATIONS, IN 1896, IN MEXICAN CURRENCY.¹

STATE.	FOREMEN.	SPINNERS.	CARDERS.	WASHERS.
Aguascalientes		\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Mexico	\$1.50	\$0.50 to .75	\$0.37 to .50	\$0.37 to .50
Oaxaca	\$1.00 to 5.00	.50 to 2.00	.50 to 1.00	.50 to .75
Puebla	1.00 to 3.00	.50 to 1.12	.50 to 1.12	.50 to 1.12
San Luis Potosi		.25	.25	.25
Sinaloa	2.00 to 3.00	.62 to 1.50	.62 to 1.00	.62
Nuevo Leon	1.00	.75	.37 to 1.00	.37 to .75
Coahuila	1.00 to 2.00	.50 to 1.00	.50 to 1.00	.75
Chihuahua	1.00	.50 to .75	.50 to .75	.50 to .75
Durango	1.00 to 3.00	.37 to 1.00	.37 to 1.00	.37 to 1.00
Guanajuato	.62 to 3.00	.37 to 1.00	.37 to 1.00	.37 to .75
Guerrero	1.00	.75	.50	.75
Hidalgo	1.12	.18 to .75	.18 to .75	.18 to .75
Jalisco	1.00	.31 to 1.00	.25 to .75	.37 to .50
Michoacan	1.00	.50	.50	.37
Federal district	2.00 to 3.00	.50 to 1.00	.50 to 1.00	.50 to 1.00

STATE.	WEAVERS.	DYERS.	MACHINISTS.	FIREMEN.	HANDS.
Aguascalientes	\$0.50	\$0.50			
Mexico	\$0.37 to .50	\$0.50 to .75	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.25 to \$0.37
Oaxaca	.50 to .75	1.00 to 2.00			.50 to .75
Puebla	.37 to 1.00	.37 to 1.00			.50
San Luis Potosi	.25				.25
Sinaloa	.62 to 1.00	1.00 to 2.00	\$2.00 to 3.00	\$0.75 to 1.00	.62
Nuevo Leon					.37 to .50
Coahuila	.50 to 1.00	.50 to 2.00	1.50	.50	.37 to .50
Chihuahua	.50 to .75	.50 to .75		.50 to .75	.37 to .50
Durango	.37 to 1.00	.37 to 1.00		.37 to 1.00	.37 to .75
Guanajuato		.37 to 2.00		.37	.37
Guerrero	.75	.75			.50 to .75
Hidalgo	.18 to .50	.50 to .75			.18 to .50
Jalisco	.37 to 1.00				.25 to .31
Michoacan	.50	.75		.50	.25
Federal district	.50 to 1.00	1.00 to 1.50	2.00 to 3.00	.75 to 1.00	.50 to .75

¹ At present rate of exchange these rates, expressed in American currency, are about one-half (51 cents to the dollar).

WAGES OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES IN 1896. MEXICAN INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY.

	MEXICAN CURRENCY.	UNITED STATES CURRENCY.
Passenger conductors ¹.....per month..	\$165.00	\$83.00
Passenger brakemen ¹.....do.....	60.00	31.00
Freight conductors ².....do.....	\$185.00 to 220.00	\$94.00 to 113.00
Freight brakemen ².....do.....	60.00 to 120.00	31.00 to 62.00
All engineers ².....do.....	190.00 to 210.00	96.00 to 108.00
All firemen ².....do.....	120.00 to 160.00	31.00 to 81.00
Telegraphers.....do.....	60.00 to 125.00	31.00 to 65.00
Section men.....per day..	.50 to .62½	.26 to .31½

¹ Three thousand miles is a month's run.

² Mileage.

WAGES OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES IN 1896. MEXICAN CENTRAL.

	MEXICAN CURRENCY.	UNITED STATES CURRENCY.
Passenger conductors.....per month..	\$225.00	\$114.00
Passenger engineers.....do.....	225.00	114.00
Freight conductors.....do.....	150.00	76.00
Freight engineers.....do.....	150.00	76.00
Brakemen.....do.....	60.00	31.00
Firemen.....do.....	90.00	45.00
Bill clerks.....do.....	75.00	37.00
Clerks.....do.....	50.00	26.00
Telegraphers:		
American.....do.....	100.00	51.00
Mexican.....do.....	\$60.00 to 75.00	\$31.00 to 37.00
Railroad laborers.....per day..	.62 to 1.00	.31 to .51

MEXICAN NATIONAL.		
Passenger conductors.....per month..	\$150.00	\$76.00
Freight conductors.....do.....	\$140.00 to 180.00	\$71.00 to 91.00
Engineers, full time.....do.....	240.00	142.00
Section foremen.....do.....	90.00	45.00
Firemen.....do.....	75.00 to 100.00	37.00 to 57.00
Telegraph operators:		
On line of road.....do.....	60.00	31.00
Main offices.....do.....	90.00 to 150.00	45.00 to 76.00
Bridge carpenters:		
Native.....per day..	1.00 to 1.50	.51 to .76
American.....do.....	2.75 to 4.15	1.38 to 2.08
Section men.....do.....	.50 to .75	.26 to .38
Laborers.....do.....	.62½	.31

WAGES PER DAY PAID TO MINERS IN THE DIFFERENT STATES.¹

[In Mexican currency, equal in United States currency to about one-half.]

STATE.	ORE BREAKER.	TIMBER MAN.	WATCHMAN.	PEON.
Coahuila	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.75 to \$1.00	\$0.50 to \$0.75
Chihuahua	1.50	\$1.00 to 1.50	1.00 to 1.50	1.00 to 1.50
Durango	\$0.50 to 1.50	.40 to 1.00	.37 to 1.00	.37 to 1.00
Guanajuato	.18 to .50	.50		.18 to .37
Guerrero	.37	.37	.37 to .50	.37
Hidalgo	.31 to .75	.31 to .75	.50 to 1.00	.25 to .50
Michoacan	.50 to 1.00	.37 to .75	.25 to .75	.37 to .75
Mexico	.50 to .75	.50	.50	.25 to .50
Nuevo Leon	.50 to 1.00	.75 to 1.00	.75 to 1.00	.50 to .75
Oaxaca	.25 to .75	.25 to .50	.25 to .31	.25 to .50
Queretaro	.50			.25 to .37
San Luis Potosi	.25 to .66		.66	.25 to .50
Sonora	1.00 to 2.00	1.20	1.00 to 2.00	.45 to 2.00
Zacatecas	.50 to 1.75	.50 to 1.75	.37 to .72	.37 to .50

¹ From Government reports.

WAGES PER DAY PAID TO MINERS IN THE DIFFERENT STATES.

STATE.	QUICKSILVER MIXERS.	DRILLERS AND PICKMEN.	FURNACEMEN (HORNERO).	TROWEL WORKERS (PLANILLERS).
Coahuila		\$0.75 to \$1.00	\$0.75	\$0.75 to \$1.00
Chihuahua	\$2.00 to \$3.00	.51 to 2.50	1.50	1.50 to 2.00
Durango	1.00 to 2.00	.40 to 1.50	\$0.75 to 1.00	1.00 to 2.50
Guanajuato		.50		.50
Guerrero		.50 to .75	.37	.50
Hidalgo		.31 to 1.00		.31 to 1.00
Michoacan	.50 to 1.00	.50 to 1.00	.37 to 1.00	.50 to 1.18
Mexico	2.00 to 3.00	.50 to .75	1.00	1.00
Nuevo Leon	1.00 to 2.00	.66 to 1.00	.75 to 1.00	.75 to 1.00
Oaxaca	1.75	.25 to 1.00	.50	.75 to 1.00
Queretaro		.50 to 1.00		.50
San Luis Potosi		1.00 to 1.60	.50	1.00
Sonora	1.00 to 3.00	.45 to 1.00	1.00 to 2.00	.75 to 2.00
Zacatecas	1.00 to 3.00	.70 to 1.00	.70 to 1.50	.66 to 1.20

DAILY WAGES OF STREET-CAR EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF MEXICO IN 1896.¹

[Obtained from the Compañía de Ferrocarriles del Distrito Federal de Mexico, S. A.]

CHARACTER OF EMPLOYEE.	MEXICAN CURRENCY.	AVERAGE HOURS OF WORK.
Conductors of trains	\$1.50	13
Ticket sellers	1.00	13
Ticket collectors on urban lines	\$1.25 to 1.75	13
Drivers	.75	13
Foremen at stations	1.00 to 1.75	.....
Stablemen	.63	.....
Foremen of repair gangs	1.00 to 1.50	9
Peons	.44	9
Pavers	.69	9
Switchmen, guards, watchmen, etc.	.50 to .94	12
Carpenters	.75 to 2.00	10
Blacksmiths	.75 to 2.25	10
Mechanics	.75 to 1.75	10
Painters	.75 to 2.25	10
Harness makers	.83 to 2.00	10
Engine drivers ¹	100.00 to 150.00	13
Firemen	1.25	13
Brakemen	1.00	13

¹ Per month.

¹ All these are paid by the day, except engine drivers. Wages are paid in Mexican silver, without rations. At present rate of exchange, these wages in American money amount to one-half.

II. COST OF LIVING.

The following statement of prices and cost of living in Mexico is also taken from Mr. Ransom's report, above quoted, on *Money and Prices in Mexico*:

PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL PRODUCTS EXPORTED IN 1896.

ARTICLES.	MEXICAN CURRENCY.	UNITED STATES CURRENCY.
Indigo.....per pound..	75 cents to \$1.25.....	38 to 62 cents.
Sugar, fine.....do....	10 to 14 cents.....	5 to 8 cents.
Sugar, brown.....do....	7 cents.....	3½ cents.
Cocoa.....do....	40 cents.....	21 cents.
Tobacco.....do....	12, 20, 24, to 28 cents	6, 11, 13, to 14½ cents.
Coffee.....do....	25 to 35 cents.....	13 to 18 cents.
Flour.....do....	4 to 6 cents.....	2 to 3 cents.
Beans.....do....	5 cents.....	2½ cents.
Wax.....every 25 pounds..	16 to 20 cents a pound	8 to 13 cents.
Honey.....every 100 pounds..	20 cents a pound.....	10½ cents.
Hennequen.....per ton..	\$80, gold.....	.....
Fiber and cordage.....per pound..	6 cents.....	3¼ cents.
Oil.....for 25 pounds..	\$3.....	\$1.53.
Rubber.....per pound..	25 cents.....	13 cents.
Dyewoods.....	\$35 a ton, gold.....	.....
Ixtle.....per 100 pounds..	\$5.....	\$2.55.
Vanilla.....do....	\$12 to \$16.....	\$6.10 to \$8.16.
Lemons.....per 100..	20 cents.....	11 cents.
Oranges.....do....	\$1 to \$1.50.....	51 to 77 cents.
Bananas.....do....	60 cents.....	31 cents.

PRICES OF PRODUCTS CONSUMED IN THE COUNTRY (MEXICO).

PRODUCTS.	MEXICAN CURRENCY.	UNITED STATES CURRENCY.
Wheat.....per pound..	\$0.02 to \$0.04	\$0.01 to \$0.02½
Cotton.....do....	.13 to .18	.06½ to .09
Wool (choice).....do....	.60	.31
Butter:		
Ordinary.....do....	.50	.26
Choice.....do....	.75	.38
Beans.....do....	.06	.03
Eggs.....per dozen..	.25	.13
Lard.....per pound..	.16 to .24	.08 to .12
Rice.....do....	.06 to .08	.03 to .04
Cheese.....do....	.50	.26
Chick pease.....do....	.03	.01½
Soap, common.....do....	.08	.04½
Barley.....do....	.01½	.01
Pepper.....do....	.16	.08½
Sulphur.....do....	.07 to .10	.03½ to .03
Grapes.....do....	.10 to .15	.05 to .08
Beef:		
On ranch.....do....	.06	.03
Good, in cities.....do....	.12	.06
Best, in cities.....do....	.25	.13
In City of Mexico, good.....do....	.16	.08

COMPARATIVE TABLE SETTING FORTH THE CURRENT PRICES OF MANUFACTURES AND MERCHANDISE FOR THE YEARS ENUMERATED, AS PUBLISHED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSION AGENTS (MEXICAN CURRENCY).

ARTICLES.	MILLS.	DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	PRICE MAY 20, 1886.	PRICE JUNE 28, 1895.
Carpet	San Ildefonso	Cash price	Per vara ¹	\$1.12	\$0.88
Flannel	do	do	do	\$0.94 to 1.00	1.00
Do	Aguila	Mexican	Per dozen	1.00 to 1.25	\$1.00 to 1.25
Socks	do	Knitted Mexican	do	9.00	7.00
Drawers	do	Knitted, various classes	do	4.50 to 10.00	4.00 to 10.00

¹ Vara equals 33 inches.

PRICES OF GOODS MANUFACTURED IN MEXICO, WHOLESALE, MEXICAN CURRENCY.

Carpeting	per 33 inches	\$0.88
Flannel	do	1.00
Socks	per dozen	\$1.00 to 1.25
Drawers	do	7.00
Undershirts, woven (cotton)	do	4.00 to 10.00
Cassimere	per garment	2.00
White blankets (cotton)	each	2.50
Bedspreads	per dozen	26.00 to 45.00
Prints, 33 inches wide	per vara ¹	.15 to .16
Blankets	per dozen	16.00
Colored wool yarn thread	per pound	1.00
Cotton thread	do	0.34 to .50
Colored prints, 33 inches wide	per vara	.15 to .18
Mexican stockings	per dozen	1.37
Gray and blue cloth (wool)	per vara	1.75 to 2.25
Plaids of Tulancingo	do	.15 to .18
Ginghams, 26 inches wide	do	.18 to .20

¹ Vara equals 33 inches.

WHOLESALE PRICES PER POUND IN MEXICO (FOURTEEN STATES).¹

STATES.	White sugar.	Brown sugar.	Coffee.	Beans.	Flour.	Butter.	Corn.	Irish potatoes.	Wheat.	Rice.
Michoacan	8	7	25	8	4	22	2½	4	2½	9½
Zacatecas	9	8	28	7	4	21	4	2½	2½	9½
Mexico	7	6½	28	2½	4½	13	1	3	2½	3½
Jalisco	14	12	40	3	4½	24	2½	2	2½	12
Chihuahua	11	10	24	4	9	45	2	8	2½	8
Oaxaca	12	9	50	12	10	15	4½	4	2½	8
Guerrero	12	10	5	7	28	2½	4	4½	2½	6
Hidalgo	10	9	36	3½	4½	20	2	4	2½	8
Coahuila	11	10	38	4	4½	20	2½	3½	2½	7
Aguascalientes	11	10	38	4	4½	20	2½	3½	2½	7
Durango	8	7	28	5	6	23	3	3	2½	3½
Puebla	8	6	24	2½	5	2	3	3	2½	3½
Colima	8	7	30	6	7	22	3½	3	2½	3½
Veracruz	10	7	30	6	7	22	3½	3	2½	10

¹ Taken from Government Report, May and September, 1896, and expressed in Mexican currency; \$1 equals 51 cents United States currency.

TABLE OF PRICES OF COMMODITIES IN CERTAIN CITIES.

ARTICLES.	VERACRUZ.		TAMPICO.		DURANGO.		CHIHUAHUA.		
	Mexican currency.	United States currency.	Mexican currency.	United States currency.	Mexican currency.	United States currency.	Mexican currency.	United States currency.	
Jerked beef	per pound	\$0.25	\$0.13	\$0.12	\$0.06			\$0.12	\$0.06
Salt fish	do	.30	.16	.30	.16	\$0.40	\$0.21	1.25	.13
Salt pork	do	.25	.13	.25	.13	.25	.13	.25	.13
Hams	do	.50	.26	.50	.26	.45	.23	.25	.13
Eggs	per dozen	.35	.18	.48	.25	\$0.18 to .60	\$0.10 to .31	.25	.13
Flour	per pound	.10	.05½	.08	.04	.05	.02½	.03	.01½
Corn	do	.04	.02	.02½	.01½	.02½	.01½	.01½	.00½
Beans	do	.06	.03½	.06	.03½	.04	.02	.03	.01½
Butter	do	.55	.28	.75	.38	1	1	.40	.21
Sugar	do	.10	.05½	.10	.05½	.10	.05½	.10	.05
Salt	do	.05	.02½	.05	.02½	.02½	.01½	.01	.00½
Tea:									
Ordinary	do	.30	.16	.50	.26	1.00	.51	.25	.13
Choice	do	2.50	1.28	2.00	1.02	2.50	1.27	1.20	.61
Coffee	do	.35	.18	.37	.18½	.38 to .45	.19 to .23	.38	.19
Wood	per cord	7.50	3.83	4.00	2.04	5.50	2.52	2.25	1.13
Kerosene oil	per gall.	.60	.31	.60	.31	.80	.40	.80	.40
Soap, common	per pound	.10	.05½			.12½	.07		
Lard	do	.25	.13			.22	.12		
Fresh beef	do		.10	.05½		.15 to .25	.08 to .13		
Irish potatoes	do		.10	.05½					
Candles	do					.25	.12		
Cheese	do					.31	.16		

¹ Imported.

² Hundredweight.

III. PRICES AND WAGES.

The following statement of prices and wages in several cities of Mexico appears in Appendix G to Mr. Ransom's report on *Money and Prices in Mexico*:

PRICES AND WAGES AT VARIOUS POINTS IN MEXICO (IN MEXICAN CURRENCY).

[Summary of reports from United States consuls to the legation in Mexico.]

DURANGO.		
PRICES.	PRICES.	WAGES PER DAY.
Fresh beef, 15 to 25c. per lb.	Brown sugar, 7c. per lb.	Painters, 75c. to \$1.
Salt fish (imported), 40c. per lb.	Salt (table), 2 to 3c. per lb.	Miscellaneous laborers, 50c.
Fresh fish, 12½c. per lb.	Tea, \$1 to \$2.50 per lb.	Miners, 75c. to \$1.
Salt pork, 25c. per lb.	Coffee, 38 to 45c. per lb.	Mine blacksmiths, \$1 to \$1.50.
Ham, 40 to 50c. per lb.	Lard, 20 to 25c. per lb.	Hoisters, \$1.25 to \$2.
Eggs, 1¼ to 4c. each.	Olive oil, 30 to 40c. per pint.	Pumpers, \$1.25 to \$2.
Flour, 5 to 6c. per lb.	Soap (laundry), 10 to 15c. per lb.	Engineers, 75c. to \$1.
Corn, 1¼ to 2¼c. per lb.	Candles, 25 to 30c. per lb.	Firemen, 75c. to \$1.
Wheat, 4 to 6c. per lb.		Dynamo tenders, \$1 to \$1.50.
Beans, 3 to 4c. per lb.		American machinists, \$5 to \$10.
American cheese, 50 to 55c. per lb.		Mexican machinists, \$1 to \$3.
Domestic cheese, 25 to 75c. per lb.	WAGES PER DAY.	Molders, 75c. to \$2.50.
White sugar, 10c. per lb.	Carpenters, \$1 to \$1.50.	
	Masons, \$1.25 to \$2.	

MATAMOROS.

PRICES.	PRICES.	WAGES.
Corn, \$1 per bushel. Coffee, 30 to 40c. per lb. Beans, \$2.18 per bushel. Sugar, 10 to 15c. per lb. Beef, 8 to 12c. per lb. Lard, 14c. per lb. Flour, 4 to 7c. per lb. Potatoes, 4 to 7c. per lb. Bacon, 25c. per lb. Candles, 24c. per lb. Cheese, 35c. per lb. Eggs, 30 to 36c. per dozen. Chickens, 25c. per lb.	Mutton, 12c. per lb. Molasses, \$2 per gallon. Rice, 7c. per lb. Salt, 2½c. per lb. All these products are American except coffee, beans, beef, corn, eggs, and chickens; sugar is from Germany.	Engineers, \$80 per month. Carpenters, 75c. per day. Bricklayers, 75c. per day. Painters, \$1 per day. Saddlers, \$1 to \$1.50 per day. Blacksmiths, 75c. per day. Farm hands, 37c. per day. Cooks, \$5 to \$7 per month. Bakers, 75c. to \$1 per day. Waiters, \$5 to \$7 per month. Common labor, 50c. per day. Wharf hands, \$1 per day. Car drivers, 50c. per day.

PIEDRAS NEGRAS.

PRICES.	PRICES.	PRICES.
Lard, 15c. per lb. Corn, 2c. per lb. Coffee, 35 to 40c. per lb. Rice, 8c. per lb. Potatoes, 5c. per lb.	Pork (salt), 25c. per lb. Ham, 30c. per lb. Eggs, 36c. per dozen. Flour, 4 to 6c. per lb. Meal, 3½ to 4c. per lb.	Beans, 5c. per lb. Butter, 60c. per lb. Sugar, 15c. per lb. Salt, 2c. per lb.

PIEDRAS NEGRAS (FREE ZONE).

PRICES.	PRICES.	PRICES.
Lard, 15c. per lb. Corn, 2c. per lb. Coffee, 35 to 40c. per lb. Rice, 8c. per lb. Potatoes, 5c. per lb. Salt pork, 25c. per lb. Ham, 38c. per lb. Eggs, 3c. each. Flour, 4 to 6c. per lb. Meal, 3½ to 4c. per lb.	Beans, 5c. per lb. Butter, 60c. per lb. Sugar, 15c. per lb. Salt, 2c. per lb. Tea, \$1 per lb. Douglas shoes, \$4.50 to \$11.25 per pair. Ready-made clothing, \$10.50 to \$30 per suit.	Underwear (imported), \$3.50 per suit. Underwear, woollen (imported), \$5.50 per suit. American overshirts, \$1.50 to \$3.50 each. Overshoes, \$1.75 per pair. American hats, \$2 to \$10 each. Handkerchiefs, \$1 to \$3 per doz. Half hose, \$2.50 to \$10 per doz.

ZACATECAS.

PRICES.	PRICES.	WAGES PER DAY.
Corn, \$1.25 per bushel. Wheat, \$4 per 100 lbs. Oats, 90c. per bushel. Beans, \$1.66 to \$2 per bushel. Potatoes (Irish), 3 to 4c. per lb. Chilis, 90c. per bushel. Pork, 10c. per lb. Beef, 12c. per lb. Mutton, 10c. per lb. Flour: First-class, 6c. per lb. Second-class, 4c. per lb. Hats, straw (common), \$1 to \$3 per dozen. Hats, felt (Mexican), \$12 to \$18 per dozen. Hats, felt (imported), \$48 to \$60 per dozen. Shoes (women's common), \$6 to \$12 per dozen. Shoes (women's medium), \$18 to \$24 per dozen. Shoes (women's fine), \$30 to \$36 per dozen. Sandals (men's), \$2 to \$3 per doz. Common shoes (men's), \$24 to \$30 per dozen. Fine shoes (men's), \$36 per dozen. Common cotton pants, 50c. to \$1.50 per pair.	Common wool pants, \$4 to \$8 per pair. Blouses, common cotton, \$1 to \$1.50 each. Coats, common cotton, \$3 to \$4 each. WAGES PER DAY. Peons, 37½ to 50c. Skilled: Miners, 75c. Head miners, \$2 to \$2.50. Carpenters, under ground, \$2 to \$2.50. Carpenters, above ground, \$1.25 to \$1.50. Blacksmiths, \$1.25 to \$1.50. Machinists, \$3 to \$4. Firemen, \$1 to \$1.50. Ore sorters, 75c. Overseers, \$1.50 to \$1.75. Unskilled: Carpenters, above ground, 75c. Blacksmiths, 75c. Watchmen, 75c. Labor on haciendas: Machinists: Skilled, \$3 to \$5.	Firemen: Skilled, \$1.50 to \$2. Unskilled, \$1 to \$1.25. Blacksmiths: Skilled, \$1.50 to \$2. Unskilled, 75c. Carpenters: Skilled, \$1.25 to \$1.50. Unskilled, 75c. Tinsmiths: Skilled, \$1 to \$1.25. Unskilled, 75c. to \$1. Shoemakers: Skilled, \$1.50 to \$2. Unskilled, 75c. to \$1. Hatters: Skilled, \$2 to \$2.50. Unskilled, 75c. to \$1. Bakers: Skilled, \$1.25 to \$1.50. Unskilled, 75c. Masons: Skilled, \$1.50 to \$2. Unskilled, 75c. House painters: Skilled, \$1.50 to \$2. Unskilled, 75c.

SAN LUIS POTOSI.

PRICES.	WAGES.	WAGES.
Corn, 2½c. per lb. Beans, 15c. per lb. Beef, 12c. per lb. Pork, 14c. per lb. Lard, 26c. per lb. Coffee, 37½ to 40c. per lb. White sugar, 9 to 10c. per lb. Brown sugar, 3 to 8c. per lb. Shoes for laborers, \$1 per pair. American shoes (good), \$5 per pair. Native shoes (good), \$2.50 per pair. Unbleached domestic, 6 to 12c. per 33 inches. Native cassimeres, \$1.75 to \$2.25 per 33 inches.	Farm hands, table-lands (no board), 18 to 25c. per day. Farm hands, low-lands (no board), 37 to 50c. per day. Foremen carpenters, \$1.50 to \$2 per day. Ordinary carpenters, 75c. to \$1 per day. Foremen masons, \$1.50 to \$2 per day. Ordinary masons, 75c. to \$1 per day. Foremen blacksmiths, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day. Ordinary blacksmiths, 50c. to \$1.50 per day.	Foremen painters, \$1 to \$1.50 per day. Ordinary painters, 37 to 75c. per day. Coachmen, \$10 to \$15 per month. Clerks in dry-goods stores, \$20 to \$50 per month. Clerks in groceries, \$15 to \$50 per month. Miners, 50 to 75c. per day. Railroad laborers, 37 to 75c. per day.

MONTEREY.

PRICES.	PRICES.	WAGES.
Men's shoes, 75c. to \$6 per pair. Hats, 50c. to \$10 each. Men's suits, \$10 to \$50 each. Domestic, 24 inches, 12 to 18c. per yard. Calicoes, 22 inches, 12 to 18c. per yard. Ginghams, 12 to 15c. per yard. Shirtings, 22 to 24 inches, 10 to 15c. per yard. Blankets, \$2 to \$8 per pair.	Men's half hose, 25c. to \$1 pair. Ladies' stockings, 50c. to \$1.50 per pair. Flannels, 75c. to \$1.25 per yard. WAGES. Machinists, \$6 per day. Superintendent mines, \$150 per month. Civil engineers, \$150 per month.	Laborers, 63c. per day. Skilled carpenters, \$5 per day. Unskilled carpenters, \$1 to \$2 per day. Skilled masons, \$6 per day. Unskilled masons, \$1 to \$3 per day. Painters, skilled, \$3.50 per day. Painters, unskilled, 50c. to \$2 per day. Farm hands, \$12 per month.

TAMPICO.

PRICES.	WAGES.	WAGES.
Sun-dried beef, 12c. per lb. Ham (imported), 50c. per lb. Bacon, 45c. per lb. Lard, 25c. per lb. Eggs, two-thirds of a cent each; now 4c. each. Flour (domestic), 6½c. per lb. Corn, 2½c. per lb. Beans, 6c. per lb. Butter, 75c. per lb. Sugar, 8½ to 10c. per lb. Coffee, 37c. per lb. Irish potatoes, 10c. per lb. Onions, 7c. per lb. Rice, 8c. per lb. Beef (wholesale), 10c. per lb. Mutton, 15c. per lb. Pork, 20c. per lb.	Railroads: Conductors, \$135 per month. Engineers, \$165 per month. Firemen, \$45 per month. Brakemen, \$55 per month. Foremen section, \$35 per month. Hands, 63c. per day. Mechanics: Machinists, \$2.75 per day. Metal workers, \$1.37 per day. Carpenters, \$1.50 per day. Masons, \$1.88 per day. Painters, \$1.37 per day. Stevedores, \$1.13 per day. Farm hands, 37 to 50c. per day.	Farm labor: ¹ Laborers, 50c. per day. Laborers (skilled), 75c. per day. Foremen, \$1 per day. Farm hands (no rations), 18 to 25c. per day. Carpenters, masons, etc., 38c. per day. Foremen, 50c. per day. Field hands in suburbs, 21c. per day.

¹ In the coffee districts hands will take 7 pounds of corn for a day's labor.

PASO DEL NORTE (IN THE FREE ZONE).

PRICES.	PRICES.	PRICES.
Flour, \$3.75 per 100 lbs. Sugar, 10c. per lb. Coffee, 40c. per lb. Rice, 12½c. per lb. Butter, 60c. per lb. Eggs, 37½c. per dozen. Meal, 2½c. per lb. Beans, 4c. per lb. Slippers, \$1 to \$3 per pair. Heavy brogans, \$1.50 to \$2 per pair.	Men's calf shoes, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per pair. Men's boots, \$3 to \$5 per pair. Men's overalls, \$1.20 to \$2.25 per pair. Jean coats, \$2.25 to \$3.50 each. Cassimere pants, \$3.50 to \$5 per pair. Cassimere suits, \$10.50 to \$16 each. Cassimere suits, fine, \$21 to \$35 each.	Straw hats, 40c. to \$3 each. Wool hats, \$1 to \$5. Wool blankets, 3 lb. weight, 50 by 82 inches, \$3.75 each. Unbleached muslin, 33 inches wide, 13½c. per 33 inches. Calico, 28 inches wide, 15c. per 33 inches. Flannel, 48 inches, common, \$1.10 per 33 inches. Flannel, 54 inches, fine, \$2 per 33 inches.

CHIHUAHUA.

Prices.

WHOLESALE.	RETAIL.	WHOLESALE.	RETAIL.
Jerked beef, 8c. per lb.....	12c. per lb.	Corn, 55c. per bushel.....	60c. per bu.
Salt fish, 20c. per lb.....	25c. per lb.	Beans, 2c. per lb.....	3c. per lb.
Ham (imported), 35c. per lb.....	40c. per lb.	Butter, 35c. per lb.....	40c. per lb.
Ham (domestic), 18c. per lb.....	25c. per lb.	Salt, 75c. per cwt.....	\$1 per cwt.
Eggs, 18c. per dozen.....	25c. per doz.	Tea (domestic), 18c. per lb.....	25c. per lb.
Flour, \$5 per barrel.....	\$6 per barrel.	Tea (imported), \$1.20 per lb.....	\$1.20 per lb.
Wheat, \$1 per bushel.....	\$1.15 per bu.	Coffee, 30c. per lb.....	38c. per lb.

Sheeting, unbleached, 33 inches wide, 12½c. per 33 inches.
 Sheeting, bleached, 26 inches wide, 12½c. per 33 inches.
 Gingham, 28 inches wide, 15c. per 33 inches.
 Cassimere, 55 inches wide, \$1.27 per 33 inches.
 Calicoes, 24 inches wide, 12½c. per 33 inches.

CHIHUAHUA (Continued).

Wages (City).

CLASS.	AMERICAN.	MEXICAN.
Heater in rolling mills.....	\$5 per day.	\$3 per day.
Rollers in rolling mills.....	\$20 per day.	
Nail makers.....	\$15 per day.	
Blacksmiths.....	\$6 per day.	\$3 per day.
Molders.....	\$5 per day.	\$3 per day.
Pattern makers.....		\$4 per day.
Carpenters.....		\$2.50 to \$3 per day.
Masons.....		\$2 to \$2.50 per day.
Painters.....		\$2 to \$2.50 per day.
Railroad laborers.....		\$1 to \$1.50 per day.
Factory employees (boys and girls).....		25 to 50 cents per day.
House servants (with food).....		\$8 to \$10 per month.
Miners.....		\$1.50 to \$2 per day.

APPENDIX NO. 2.

I now append the views of American statesmen on the subject of the rate of wages that I referred to in this paper (page 505), namely, that the main factor of the rate of wages is the amount of commodities they produce, and not the rate of import duties on foreign merchandise.

I could cite the views of many other public men of the United States bearing on the same subject, but as that would take a great deal more space than I have at my command, I will only append two which I consider fully sustain my views.

The Hon. John G. Carlisle expressed the views just referred to with his usual lucidity in the following extract from his Annual Report, as Secretary of the Treasury, of December 15, 1896, to the House of Representatives, on the state of the finances in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896 :

"The danger of a large foreign competition in our home market, and the alleged injurious effects of such competition upon the interests of domestic labor, have not only been greatly exaggerated in the past, but are less now than at any time heretofore, and must continue to grow less hereafter.

"In 1886, three statisticians and economists of high standing, at the request of one of my predecessors, Mr. Secretary Manning, made and submitted to him a careful estimate of the number of persons engaged in gainful occupations in the United States, who could be subjected to foreign competition, and, although they worked by different methods and conducted their investigations independently of one another, their several estimates agreed within a fraction of 1 per cent. In their opinions, about 5 per cent. of our population so engaged were subject to competition from other countries, and one of the gentlemen said : 'The general conclusion that if trade were entirely free, the fraction of our present industrial population injuriously subject to foreign competition would not exceed 6 or 7 per cent., seems to me unquestionable.' Those estimates were based upon the census of 1880 and the trade of 1886. Since that time, great changes have taken place in our international trade and in the cost of production and subsistence in this country, and it cannot be doubted that the principal industries in the United States are relatively and actually stronger now than they were then, and, therefore, better able now than they were then to compete with foreign products, not only in the home market, but in the markets abroad, where no special privileges or advantages are conferred upon their rivals by treaties or differential tariffs.

"The number of our people engaged in gainful occupations increased from 17,392,099 in 1880 to 22,735,661 in 1890, a gain of 5,343,562 ; and, while the increase in all such occupations during the ten years was 30.72 per cent., the increase in manufacturing and mechanical industries, which are supposed to be most subject to foreign competition, was 49.13 per cent. A further and most gratifying evidence of our grow-