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Q# \_\_\_\_ . Do you compel your employees to occupy your operatives houses?

A # \_\_\_\_ . There is no compulsion in this regard. The employees prefer the houses belonging to the company for obvious reasons:

~~Figures.~~ The company charges 25 to 35¢ a room per week, dependent upon the type of house. Inferior houses in the mill neighborhood rent on a basis 70 per cent higher. With the exception of a few cottages all the rooms are plastered. Attached to all houses is running water and water closets. There are no surface closets in the entire mill village. Over 60 per cent of the employees do not reside in company owned houses. This is due to the fact that we have not sufficient facilities to care for any greater number ~~than the number mentioned.~~

The net result to the company on account of its renting property to the operatives, is a loss, figuring improvements on a 5% basis, and depreciation to improvements 3%, insurance and taxes at 1%; no depreciation on account of land.

Q. # \_\_\_\_ . Does the company operate a commissary?

A. # \_\_\_\_ . The company has never operated a commissary or anything approximating the same. It sells nothing to its operatives, and has always paid its wages in currency. It neither owns nor is it interested in any store, shop or other enterprise catering to the wants of its employees.