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Housing and Feeding Laborers.

Mr. Shonts expressed the opinion that the Canal Commission should feed its laborers, but said that several older men in the Isthmian service believed in the contract system. At the afternoon session Mr. Shonts testified that of the 2100 houses left by the French about 1000 were now in good condition. The hotels have been enlarged and new houses and hotels built.

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Mr. Gorman said that the general impression was gained at the time Mr. Shonts testified that he had never criticized Chief Engineer Wallace for dilatoriness and that he proposed to make a showing at once. Mr. Shonts denied that he had made such a statement at any time. Gorman conducted an extended examination of the witness concerning conditions at the time Mr. Stevens took control. He showed that Mr. Stevens had imported the payroll from \$800 to \$3,000 in three months without doing anything toward digging the canal.

Importation of Women.

Gorman asked concerning the demand for the importation of women, and the witness replied that this had been brought about by the assurance that better laborers could be obtained if their families were taken to the Isthmus. Mr. Shonts said that Mr. Stevens was to have been responsible for the importation of families, but Mr. Shonts said he had later approved his action. It appeared that the Canal Commission paid \$1 a head for the importation of these women, and Gorman asked in what manner it was recovered.

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