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Thread Company Starts to Evict Former Operatives

Deputy Sheriffs Tillinghast and Fitts Have Work in Charge and Are Aided by Six Assistants-- Five Warrants Handed Officers to be Served Today.--Family of Nelson Chamberland First to be Moved.--State Policemen Mingle With Crowd That is Watching Proceedings.--Members of Strikers' Committee Help Load Furniture.

The first of the evictions of former operatives of local mills of the American Thread Company occupying tenements owned by the concern and against whom judgement was rendered in summary process proceedings since June 15, were put into effect today, by Deputy Sheriffs John H. Fitts of Hampton and Frank H. Tillinghast of Central Village and six assistants. In all there are forty families still occupying company's tenements who either have refused to vacate or were unable to secure tenements after being ordered out.

Five eviction warrants were handed to the officers this morning to be served on the following: Joseph Aubin, 225 Main St.; Moise Morrisette, 248 Main St; Nelson Chamberland, 241 Main St.; Marie Theroux, 230 Main St.; and William Chalifoux, 264 Main St. According to the officers only one family will be moved at a time. The first family to be moved was that of Nelson Chamberland. The two deputy sheriffs and assistants started out at 9 o'clock and in an hour had most of the furniture out on the sidewalk of the company property. The work was witnessed by a large number of people, for

the most part former operatives of the company. Two local truckmen backed trucks up against the curbing and members of the strikers committee helped load the furniture. It was stated that the Chamberland family had secured a tenement in the "over the river" section of the city.

Members of the state police mingled in the crowd. There was no outbreak.

There are still thirty-five families occupying Company tenements who will be evicted if they refuse to move. In addition there are four or five families who have been granted extensions until August 17 to vacate.

The strikers as usual continue to stage morning parades from Thread Mill Square to the Gem Theatre where mass meetings are held. Speakers that address the meeting continue to criticize certain people for their alleged attitude toward the strikers. This week the police court, certain police officers and others have been heavily scored.