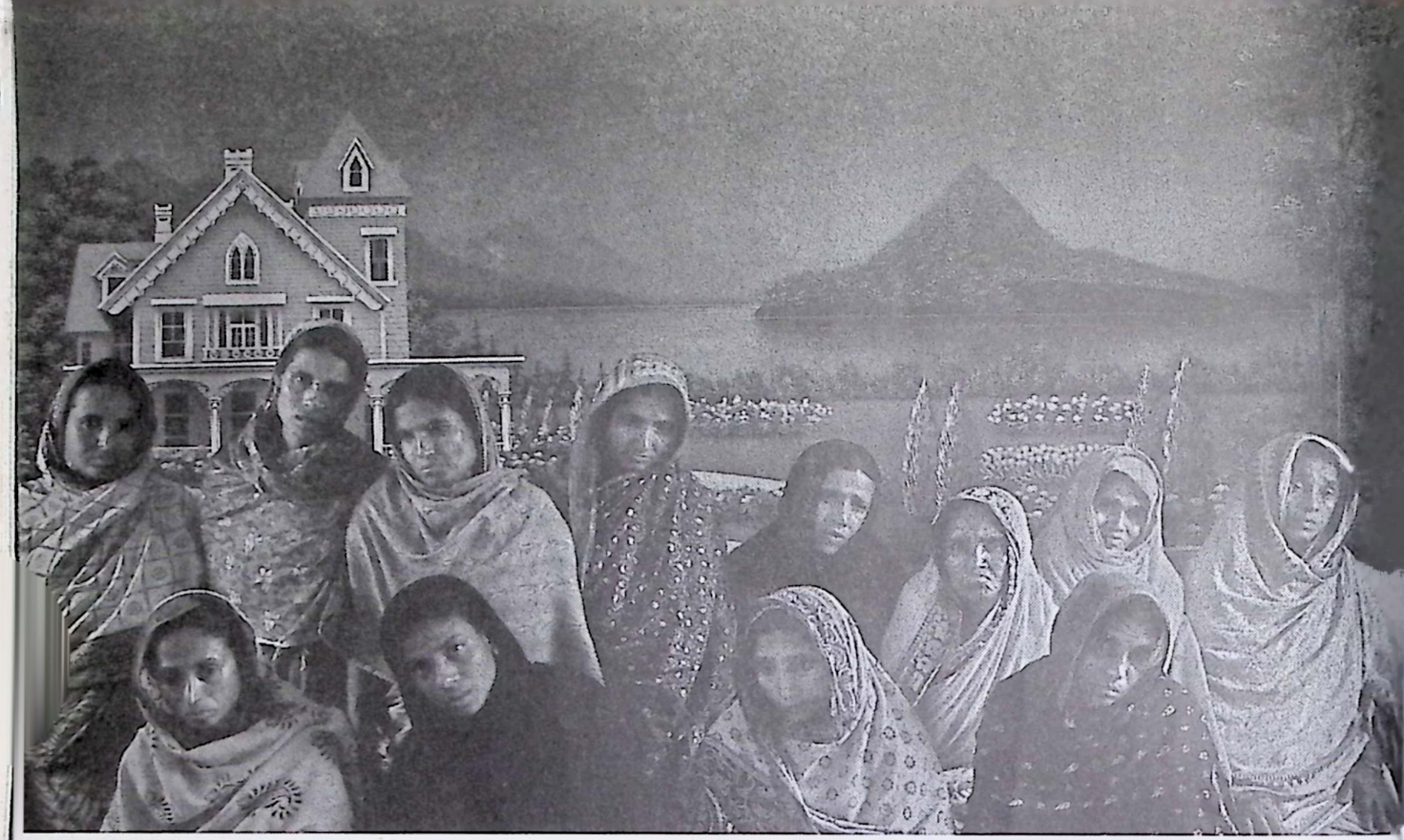


For these social outcasts, every single day is an ordeal for survival. These widows, landless and living below the poverty line, have to buy sustenance or depend on their neighbours' generosity.

Most of these "unlucky" women and their children work as household help or day labourers in paddy and salt fields. A few venture into the creeks to catch fish or collect prawn fries, earning up to a dollar a day. Their work is strenuous and back-breaking but at least it pays for their sustenance.



