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LABOR CHURCH?

INSTITUTION of Labor Churches or gatherings under that name in Canada is, comparatively speaking, of recent origin, and the number of same may be counted on the fingers of the two hands, despite strenuous efforts in various sections for their extension and single growth.

It can be acknowledged readily that in one or two instances "services have been, and continue to be, held under the title of Labor Church, but the isolated success of such, if such it may be termed, more clearly proves the failure of this movement in Canada, when one or two may prosper and others merely exist.

Facing another outstanding case we find that although the name is Labor Church, the meaning of church has almost been forgotten in the programme presented and the audience is given all the "isms" imaginable, entirely divorced from its name.

The generous introduction of the Forum movement would seem to cover well the ground that the Labor Church was expected to undertake, and it has the decided advantage of being in name what it is exactly in makeup, with no attempts at gain save in its extension of public knowledge in the public meetings held.

WRECKERS IN PROSE.

NOW that municipal elections are close at hand, the many sections of the Dominion give signs of increasing activity for representation. The Old Land has just gone through civic contests and labor is again a pronounced winner.

When the workmen own the workshops and the railroad men the rails, The grocery clerks the groceries, and the mail clerks own the mails— When the preachers own the pulpits and the pressmen own the shops,

CHANGING POSITIONS.

COMING on the heels of the settlement of the miners' strike overseas is the appointment of President Bruce, of the South Wales miners, to an advisory position in the Government. This should be a popular move, seeing that the reactionary wing, casting majority against his advice, claim to advance that all should be government employees.

MORE ABOUT BOOTS AND SHOES

Across the Atlantic. To the Editor of Canadian Labor Press: In the issue of Canadian Labor Press of November 13, you publish an article under the heading: "Labor's Position in the Boot and Shoe Industry in Canada."

I know nothing of the violation of agreement to which you refer, but the following statement certainly is misleading: "Statistics show that profits charged by manufacturers on the boot and shoe industry for 1918 an average profit of only 5.29 per cent. on turnover and 7.37 per cent. on capital. The present situation in the boot and shoe industry is the worst in many years and there can be no question but that profits for the current year have in most cases disappeared."

It is true that in the House of Lords this week there has been a full dress and first-rate debate on the Government's Irish policy, and that it is striking contrast to "another place," the peers have approached the problem in a detached mood, unvisited by party obsessions.

The Speaker suspended the House, after vainly calling the members to order. Last time the House was suspended was on July 1, 1918, when Pemberton Billing refused to obey the ruling of the chair and accept his own suspension for insubordination.

OUR REPLY. In the above letter Sir John S. Willison, of the Canadian Industrial Reconstruction Association, takes issue with the statement made by the Canadian Labor Press on November 13, viz: "Profits charged by manufacturers and retailers on the boot and shoe industry for 1918 an average profit of only 5.29 per cent. on turnover and 7.37 per cent. on capital."

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Here's To Woman.

Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal—Calm. THINKS WOMEN WOULD REVOLUTIONIZE SCHOOLS

Declaring that in no other public utility was there such great financial waste as there is in public school education, Inspector J. A. Taylor, in submitting his report on the West High School to the County Council last week, suggested the appointment of women to the School Board.

Mr. Kathleen Kerry has written the International Congress of Working Women as follows: "I am forwarding to you a copy of a Memorandum on the Migration of Women," which is of particular interest as it is a consolidated school idea as a means of remedying many inadequacies.

One Strike. In spite of that, however, there is a strike in the factory of Doust, Lalonde & Co.—a strike against a reduction in wages. That strike was brought about in this way. On November 1 the above firm called a meeting of its employees for the purpose of casting a vote for or against a reduction in wages.

Five Per Cent. Reduction. The five per cent. reduction in wages which has been made by Doust, Lalonde & Co. means a great deal to the wives and children of the men whom the firm of Doust, Lalonde & Co. employ.

A. F. OF L. SPENT \$50,000 IN FIGHT Amount Expended in American Elections Small. It costs the American Federation of Labor \$50,000 to carry on its campaign for the election of officials favorable to Labor.

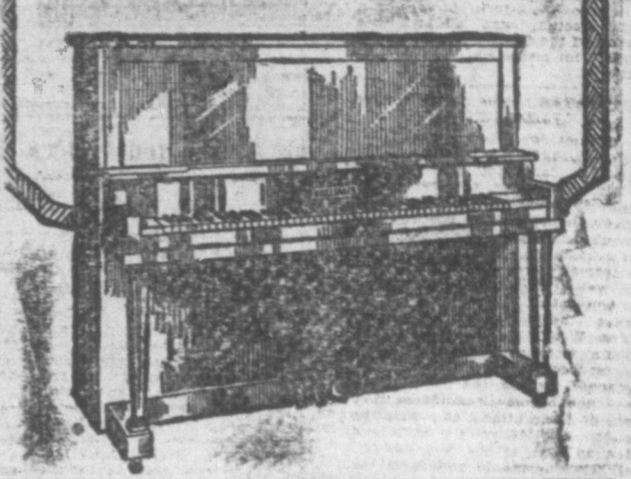
WHAT CAUSES ACCIDENTS? Accidents may be due to mechanical, physiological or psychological causes. Peter C. Spencer, mechanical and civil engineer of the Department of Labor, in a recent speech:

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