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### THE STRIKE AT GLACE BAY.

That a foreign labour organization should be permitted to proselytize Canadian workmen by means of specious promises and baseless agitation is creditable neither to the good sense of the workmen themselves nor to the Canadian nation generally. But when foreign demagogues, in their desire to crush a Canadian labour party, incite some thousands of Canadian workmen to strike, then conditions have indeed become intolerable.

The Canadian Mining Journal has placed itself on record before now as being radically opposed to the encroachments of United States labour federations. The history of these bodies shows nothing that recommends either their aims or their methods. Their aims are inordinately selfish; their methods obnoxious to right-minded men. There is need for neither in this country.

From all that we can learn before going to press, it is probable that the United Mine Workers will be defeated in their attempts to cripple the Dominion Coal Company and to destroy the Provincial Workmen's Association. Their defeat will be due to the sane conduct of the P. W. A. members who refused to strike without honest cause. While we believe that this will quicken the P. W. A. into stronger life, it must be understood that the U. M. W. is a relentless and persistent enemy. Its resources are large, far larger than are those of the P. W. A. It never scruples to engender strife between capital and labour, and its policy is to precipitate strikes whenever possible. Its present action entails loss upon Canada as a whole, upon the Dominion Coal Company, and, most grievous of all, upon many hundreds of misguided workmen.

It is high time that Canadians recognized the absolute necessity of controlling their own affairs. The Lemieux Conciliation Act, an admirably designed piece of legislation, is intended to do away with the barbarous strike. It is a Canadian Act, drawn up for the benefit of Canada. If agitators from the United States, or from any other country, are allowed to foment trouble, the Conciliation Act becomes a superfluity. We heartily approve of the refusal of the Dominion Coal Company to treat with the U. M. W. In this it has established a precedent that will, we sincerely hope, be followed by all Canadian companies. But we would go further than this. To give to foreigners the right to invoke the interposition of a Conciliation Board is to invite constant trouble. This privilege must be confined to Canadian citizens. For their protection the Act was formulated.

Canada looks after the interests of the foreigner within her gates as well as, if not better than, most