

stated for the latter attitude is that the cost of living has risen without a corresponding rise in wages. There is no reaction as yet to the end of the coal strike.

Lay-offs - Bitterness is reported from some Ontario plants where men were laid off in spite of the fact that they were "frozen" to their jobs. The meaning of the W.S.S. regulations is apparently not clearly understood.

Victory Loan - Reports from all parts of the country agree that people have now been thoroughly "educated" to subscribing to these loans, and a certain number conclude that there is no longer need to spend so much money on publicity and commissions.

Post-war - The majority of correspondents continue to report pessimism among workers as to their chances of employment after victory. Some more hopeful attitudes are reported from Quebec, based on an expected demand for civilian goods, and on the belief that no government will dare permit another depression."

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