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## **OLD AGE PENSIONS.**

RESENTATION of the Departmental Committee's majority report on old age pensions in the British House of Commons, has not raised the same storm of protest or denunciation as the initial adoption of the first scheme by the Mother of Parliaments. And yet the tremendous changes suggested without limitations are of such a nature as to make those favorable to the scheme give thought as the opponents see the blue ruin streak much larger.

With the five shillings allowance to those qualified. the cost to the British Government in the fiscal year 1916-17 was around the £12,000,000 mark and with the suggested changes the estimate calls for an expenditure of £41,000,000,000. This latter sum is startling but

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drawn was successful. It is just questionable whether the consent of the men involved could be secured to such a procedure, as with vehemence they have from the time of their arrest protested their innocence. <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text> It is not only in a personal sense that withdrawal of the charges would not be to the best interests, as

dian workers docedate at the in-ternational Labor Conference, and has taken a very prominent part in the discussions. As a maîter of fact he was instrumental in bring-ing to the notice of the Conference the difference in an eight-hour workday and a forty-eight-hour workers' Delegation. "Paddy" has as his chief advisor at Wash-ington Treiddent Tom Moore, of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress. Other advisors are Vice-President Arthur Martell, of the Tradee Congress. and Dave Rees and Robert Baxter, of the United Mine Workers, and Mrs. Kathleen Derry, of the Boot and Shoe Workers, Toronto. aunched. Already tentative plans have been prepared and many pro-ossals have been made. The idea is to erect an imposing building to nelude a public hall, with a seat-ing capacity for 2,500 people, a muail hall, a residential hotel, club and club-rooms and co-operative itores and offices. The trade union movement has lecided to raise 1300,000 as its con-ribution, and the co-operative inversent is willing to subscribe a imilar sum or more.

imilar sum or more. The hotel would provide accom-addation for Labor leaders attend-ng conferences in London. OLD AGE PENSIONS RECOM-MENDED BY COMMITTEE.

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Day Workers. 1. Eight-hour day: 2. Three dollars a day and time and a half for any time over the eight-hour schedule. 3. A hot meal in the middle of the day. Mrs. Rose Hodgins. secretary, ad-dressed the members and assured them that they need have no fear of a rush of domestic workers into Canada from the Old Country. "Do-mestics there received more unem-ployment pay per week than the Government of Canada offers for workers," she said. "The time is not far distant when you giels will get by legislation all the things which make it necessary logy to organize industrially. It is up to you to become members of the Independent Labor party and help

up to you to become members of the Independent Labor party and help to get representatives who will leg-islate in your favor."

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE.

'And those of us who have

organizations realize that we must build them too, make them stronger, more inclusive, better tools before we can accomplish through them the things we are aiming for-in-dustrial justice. For these reasons you can count on my doing any-thing I can to further the work of the Women's Trade Union League. Fraternally yours, "A TRADE UNION, GIRL."

**PRESENT-DAY TENDENCIES** IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT.

The nationalization of natural re-sources, public ownership of public utilities, a more equitable distribu-tien of wealth, and a purer democ-racy are the tendencies of the Labor movement today, as outlined by Mr. John Cameron, of the Independent Labor pariz, the speaker at the People's Forum on Sunday evening. Mr. Cameron, always prominent in the Labor movement of the Cap-ital, and who was brought into prom-inence in the recent Frovincial elec-Ital, and who was brought into prom-lial, and who was brought into prom-linence in the recent Frovincial elec-tions by the substantial support he received from the electors of Ottawa West, gave a most concise and ex-tremely interesting address upon the "Freemt Day Tendencies in the La-bor Movement." He stated in his opening remarks that one of the biggest questions of the present day was, where is Labor going and what does it want, and said that even the fellow elgae in touch with the Labor movement found difficulty in answer-ing the question. He outlined the early days of the trades union move-ment and illustrated its growth and strength, which had been smpha-sized recently in several fights with Capital. From the local unions had sprung

From the local unions had spr ational unions, with their stren From the local unions had sprung ational unions, with their strength ad financial backing, and finally rades councils, from which had risen the demand for collective bar-alning, which, in the opinion of the peaker, was a perfectly legitimate im, which would sooner or later revail. He was not referring to the one Big Union, which was a rebel Big Union, which was a n the International Trades ovement. The demand for the closed sho

The demand for the closed shop he explaimed was the outcome of the solidarity of the working classes, who, knowing that they had to have strong unions to create for them fair working conditions, believed that all workers should be a part affd parcel of these unions, from whose efforts they reap the benefits they enjoy. He pointed out that industrial courts were being formed in Great Britain and Australia and believed that while they would undoubtedly prove beneficial in settling industrial dis-putes, the workers would not agree ites, the workers would not agree accept their findings as final. That

to accept their findings as final. That the worker would never give up his right to strike, if dissatisfied with his conditions, for this right was the only thing which placed him in a different position to the chaitel slave of the past. Captain, Grant, presided, and the audience, which was not so large as could be desired, enjoyed two finely rendered vocal selections by Mr. Keith Garvock and the organ reci-tal by Professor Amedee Tremblay. ST. JOHN BOILERMAKERS RE-ORGANIZE.

ORGANIZE. J. Alfred Bourget, general organ-izer of the International Brother-hood of Bollermakers, addressed a large number of the St. John boller-makers and helpers at the specia



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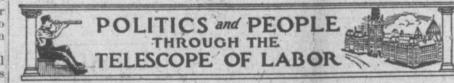
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