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## HOUSEHOLD NOTES

### COOKIES

One cup granulated sugar, 1 cup butter, 2 eggs, vanilla or spice to taste, 2 teaspoons milk, 2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon cream of tartar, one half teaspoon soda.

### OATMEAL COOKIES

One cup flour, two thirds cup brown sugar, one-half teaspoon soda, one half teaspoon salt, 3 cups oatmeal, one half cup butter or lard. Mix with a little sour milk or cold water.

### BOSTON COOKIES

Two eggs, 1 cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 2 cups dates, one-half cup chopped walnuts, vanilla, one half teaspoon soda dissolved in one half cup of milk, flour to stiffen. Drop a spoonful at a time on the pan and cook quickly.

### SMALL CAKES

One pint of flour, one-quarter pound butter, one-quarter pound sugar, one-half nutmeg grated, one-half cup currants, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon baking powder. This quantity should make 30 cakes.

### HERMITS

One and one half cups brown sugar, 1 cup of butter, 1 cup seeded raisins, 3 eggs, one half teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, flour to thicken, about 2 one half cups. Drop on buttered tins and bake in a quick oven.

### DOUGHNUTS

Cream 1 cup of sugar and 3 spoons of butter, add 2 well-beaten eggs, 1 cup sour milk or cream, one-half teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon soda mixed in some milk. Flour enough to roll out. Fry in hot lard.

### MUFFINS

Two eggs (whites beaten separately), one-half cup sugar, piece of butter the size of an egg, 1 cup milk, 2 cups of flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder. Beat the batter to a cream, adding the beaten whites of the eggs last. Bake in a quick oven in small tins about 15 minutes.

### FITTERS

To be palatable and digestible they should be cooked quickly; the lard in which they are boiled should be very hot; the proper heat is indicated by a blue smoke arising from the surface. Batter for fritters is best made several hours before using.

### KISSES

Beat the whites of 3 eggs to a stiff froth, then add 5 spoons of powdered sugar, and flavor with lemon. Drop the mixture in teaspoonfuls 1 inch apart upon a buttered pan, on the bottom of which is a white paper; sift sugar over it and bake half an hour in a slow oven.

### APPLE FRITTERS

One egg, 1 teaspoon sugar, one-quarter cup cold water, one-half cup flour, one-quarter teaspoon salt, one-half teaspoon melted butter; beat until smooth. Whip the white of an egg to a stiff froth, stir into the batter and set it in a cool place for at least two hours before using. Peel and core the apples, and cut into one-half inch slices; dip in the batter and fry in hot fat. When cooked dust them with confectioner's sugar. Bananas, peaches and pears may also be used, and when serving a little of the syrup which is left from a jar of fruit may be poured over the fritters for a sauce.

## John Unsworth Labor Leader, Interred

### I.O.O.F. and Union Members Honor Brother at Funeral Service

Coleson, Alta.—The funeral of Mr. John Unsworth took place from his residence, July 4th. A short service was held in the home, conducted by Rev. D. K. Allan. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of the Oddfellows. The procession to the cemetery was preceded by the band. The members of the I.O.O.F. walked in front of the hearse and the members of the union followed after it. Both organizations were well represented. Then a large number of citizens followed in cars. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The late Mr. Unsworth was a man held in high respect by all sections of the community. At the conclusion of the church service at the graveside, the beautiful rituals of the I.O.O.F. and U.M.W.A. were read and the sprigs of evergreen thrown into the open grave. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Unsworth and her son Percy in their hour of sad bereavement.

## Court Upholds Labor Dept. on M. Wage

### Hudson's Bay Company Questioned Interpretation on Nearly All Points

Calgary, Alta.—Mr. Justice Simmons recently handed down a very important decision in connection with the Minimum Wage Act, arising out of a difference in interpretation between the Labor Department and the Hudson Bay Company in Calgary. The two parties submitted a test case with a series of questions to the court, and the finding is a very interesting one. The first question was whether the orders of the board were valid and effective. The act provided that the schedule of wages would come into effect when announced in the Alberta Gazette. The announcement in the Gazette provided that the new schedule would come into operation on April 1st. The contention of the Hudson's Bay was that the notice in the Gazette did not comply with the act, and for that reason the act was invalid. The court found in favor of the department. "The fact that the board attempted to override the statute as to the date at which the order should become effective does not, in my view, vitiate the effect of that order and may be neglected." He finds that the order should have become effective on the date of publication and not at the postponed date. Question of Commissions. The second question was concerned with bonuses and their effect upon

the minimum wage. The finding of the court is that "commissions and bonuses must be treated as a part of the salary and remuneration, but the company cannot take into consideration commissions paid as late as December, 1923, and make the same applicable in raising the average of the preceding months, in other words, since the act has to deal with the Minimum Wage, such commissions or bonuses should apply only on the week on which they are earned and should be confined to such period." This was the contention of the department of labor.

Pay for Holidays. The third question referred to holidays. The finding is as follows: "The stated case says it is the custom of the Hudson's Bay Company to give employees who have been in the employ more than one year, a week's holiday with pay. In my view, if the company follows its custom then the presumption is that they are paid on the same basis as during the period of employment, and that they cannot employ or use the amount so paid for the holiday week in raising the average of the other week's employment." This was the contention of the department of labor.

Classification. A fourth question respected the classification of employees. The minimum wage of cashiers is higher than that of clerks. The company has what is known as a pneumatic tube system for transmitting cash, and a part of it is a tube room in the basement. The contention of the department was that girls employed in this work were cashiers. The company contended that they were clerks. "It is quite obvious," says the court decision, "that an important part of the duty is the handling of the cash and the making of change, and I am of the opinion under the meagre evidence submitted to me that they should be employed as cashiers under Order No. 5, and not as sales clerks under Order No. 8." The department won all its contentions. S. H. Adams appeared for the department, and M. M. Porter for the Hudson's Bay Company.

## Officers and Men Get a Reduction

Winnipeg, Man.—Owing to a wage cut by the authorities at Ottawa, the forces at Tuxedo Barracks are to be depleted by wholesale resignations. Local military men express the conviction that there will be no trouble recruiting, owing to unemployment. "To the large number of men in Winnipeg who have been idle several months," says the press, "the opportunity to obtain a permanent position will come as a 'god-send'." It isn't what a woman says that is shocking but the fact that a woman could say it.

## Must Limit Claim to \$3,000

Authorization to institute a claim both under the Workmen's Compensation Act and Common Law was given Alme Cournoyer in Superior Court, Practice Division, by Mr. Justice Coderre in Montreal recently. The man asserted that he had both legs broken in an accident while at work on the new Morgan factory, Aylmer Street in June, 1923, and claiming \$7,329.50. As the Compensation Act limits the amount to \$3,000 (he was obliged to seek recourse to common law for the balance. He adds that he suffered permanent 75 per cent. incapacity.

## Refers 8-Hour Day to Supreme Court

### Will Decide Canada's Jurisdiction on It

Reference of the eight-hour day convention to the Supreme Court of Canada for opinion on jurisdiction will be recommended to the House of Commons by the Committee on Industrial and International Relations. The convention was adopted at the Washington conference of the International Labor organization of the League of Nations. Canada was a party to the convention, but doubt has arisen whether the implementing of the convention comes within federal or provincial jurisdiction. It is this doubt which, if the committee's recommendation is adopted, will be referred to the Supreme Court for opinion. An amendment to a report as originally presented, recommending that the Government should bring down legislation to provide for the eight-hour day on all Government contracts entered into in future, was also adopted.

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