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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

EQUAL TO RESPONSIBILITY

At no period of the Trades Congress history in Canada, has the wisdom in the choice of its central executive officers been so forcibly realized as the selection made at the Hamilton convention last year.

It is a matter of common knowledge to both those inside the ranks as well as onlookers, that the Congress executive represent a large section of the community at once the most critical as well as exacting employers, and the general support that is meeting the efforts of these officers proves plainly that the big and little-work undertakings are being accomplished to the taste which close scrutiny endorses as accomplishments of sound logic and reason.

The recent bulletin issued in the review of the Winnipeg situation and sequel in the conviction of some of the men involved, is but one of the many instances of showing the mastery grasp that is applied to the undertakings of the Congress executive.

The Winnipeg review bears full evidence of master minds in practicability, worth repeating in full, but suffice in the extract which states: The Congress executive is convinced that their past policies of placing the facts for calm consideration before the authorities have been the most productive of results.

RIDING TANDEM

WHILST it has for some time past been generally accepted that those who would parade as Big Chiefs in the work on behalf of the Winnipeg men in prison, they were acting in dual capacity.

The Budget

On Tuesday of this week the budget for the fiscal year was introduced by the Minister of Finance, Sir Henry L. Dwyer.

MANUFACTURERS' SALES. Tax of one per cent. on sales of all manufacturers, wholesale dealers, jobbers and exporters.

CLOTHING AND FABRICS. Ten per cent. of the total purchase price on boots and shoes costing over \$9 a pair, men's and boys' suits costing over \$15, overcoats costing over \$30; fur coats and robes over \$100; women's dresses over \$45; women's suits over \$60, and on hats, hosiery, neckwear, shirts, purses and gloves costing above certain specified figures, as well as on all furs, open, cloaks, ivory handled cutlery, cut glass ware, velvet and silk fabrics, lace, ribbons, silk embroideries, and sporting goods.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. There is a 20 per cent. tax on mechanical player-pianos, graphophones and mechanical musical instruments and records of all descriptions.

BEER, WINE AND SPIRITS TAX. There is an increase in excise duties on wines, beers and spirits, as follows: Beer, 20 cents a gallon; non-sparking wines, 20 cents a gallon; spirits, \$2 a gallon; sparkling wines, \$3 a gallon.

MOTOR CAR TAXES. The excise tax on Canadian manufactured and imported motor cars, trucks and trailers is 10 per cent. of the value.

STAMP DUTIES. The existing tax on checks is continued, but the rates on bills of exchange and promissory notes is increased.

INCOME TAXES. By last year's legislation income taxes payable this year on 1919 income were very substantially reduced.

DEALING WITH LABOR DISPUTES IN BRITAIN

Conciliation and Arbitration in Old Land During War. The British Ministry of Labor has just published a report of proceedings under the Conciliation Act, 1896, and of arbitration under the Munitions of War Acts, together with particulars of (1) proceedings under the Wages (Temporary Regulation) Act, 1918, and (2) settlements arrived at under the Coal Mines (Minimum Wage) Act, 1912.

The requirements of the war necessitated new powers for dealing with labor disputes and these have been traced in some detail in the report with special reference to the following points: 1. The Conciliation Act, 1896. This was the only act under which, prior to the war, steps could be taken by the appropriate Government department at that time.

The "Treasury Agreement" on the subject of the acceleration of output on Government work negotiated by the chancellor of the chequer and the president of the Board of Trade in March, 1915, with the principal trade-unions. The Government's main proposals embodied in the agreement were on the one hand to limit profits and on the other to prevent stoppages of work.

The Munitions of War Act, 1915, introduced compulsory arbitration at the option of the Board of Trade, together with the legal prohibition of strikes and lockouts on certain classes of workers.

The Commission of Inquiry into Labor Unrest, appointed in June, 1917, following a dispute involving 100,000 work-people in the engineering trades in various parts of the country.

The Wages (Temporary Regulation) Act, 1918, passed shortly after the armistice. This act modified the sections of the Munitions of War Acts relative to the legal prohibition of strikes and lockouts and compulsory arbitration, and also established wages during the period of transition from war to peace conditions.

Included in the report is a note on some of the results which were observed for the working of the measures adopted during the war for the prevention of strikes and lockouts, with particular reference to (a) the question of the legal prohibition of strikes and lockouts and the accompanying provisions for compulsory arbitration and for the enforcement of awards, and (b) the steps taken to secure co-ordination of the labor activities of Government departments. A note has been included on the various commissions of inquiry which were set up during the war to examine the question of Labor unrest.

The design on the obverse impression will be similar to the present coin, while on the reverse impression the words one cent are supported by a maple leaf on either side and bear the word Canada above and the date of issue below.

Across the Atlantic.

What Our Brothers in the Motherland Are Doing.

TRANSPORT MEN, THUMBS UP! (Daily Herald, London, April 24). The Transport Workers' minimum of 16s a day is to operate from May 10.

On the understanding that an agreement on the points now under consideration is arrived at as is anticipated, the 16s minimum daily wage will come into force for all men now on day rates as and from May 10 next, and permanent men, covered by the report, on weekly pay, will receive a full week's pay calculated on the new rates as affected by this increase on the pay-day next following May 10.

Here's To Woman. Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal.—Calm.

TO AID WOMEN WAR WORKERS. "I have never felt that the country fully appreciated the work of the women munitioners," declared Miss Lillian Barker, who, during the war, supervised the welfare of about 27,000 women workers at Woolwich Arsenal in England.

WOMEN WHO'LL GET THINGS DONE. The national conference of Labor women, held in London recently, (writes a correspondent) was remarkable for its clear grasp of facts and the sensible, business-like way in which the delegates handled every subject.

WOMEN EMPLOYEES STRIKE. Girls and women employed on the first floor of Almy's department store in Montreal, went on strike last week, declaring that their salaries were inadequate to meet the cost of living.

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HE SAYS IT'S A DOVE!



RENEWED REMARKS WHO COINED THEM? How far that little candle throws his beams? So shines a good deed in a naughty world.—William Shakespeare.

SMOKING AMONG WOMEN. The British Chancellor of the Exchequer's declaration that smoking among women is responsible for the great increase in the consumption of tobacco and the revenue from that source was investigated by a Daily Express representative.

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OBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE'S MISSION TO RUSSIA.

The object of the International Labor Office's mission to Russia, Mr. Hughes, deputy director of the International Labor Bureau, said recently, "is first of all not political, but simply to find out the effects of the present regime on the workers' position."

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Advertisement for Kitchen's Railroad Signal Work Shirts. Includes text: 'Ease In Don't Squeeze In', 'KITCHEN'S Railroad Signal WORK SHIRTS', and 'The Kitchen Overall and Shirt Co. Limited'.

Advertisement for Nukol fuel. Includes text: 'Your Furnace Recommends Nukol To Your Purse', 'Nukol has been tested in the Furnace of Public Opinion. It burns well. It sells well. It will save and make money for you.', and 'NUKOL is excellent fuel for Furnace, Grate or Stove'.

Advertisement for Canadian Pacific Ottawa-Montreal Train Service. Includes a table with train schedules and the text: 'All Canadian Pacific trains operate on Eastern Standard Time—Daylight Saving one hour faster.'