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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

MORE ABOUT RECRUITING IMMIGRANTS.

LAST week we presented some immigration recruiting facts which call for explanation on the part of the Canadian Government. Since then more facts have been presented which make it imperative that an explanation be made at once.

Certainly the immigration authorities of Canada should cease recruiting in Europe until work is found for all of those who are now residing in Canada.

LABOR AND THE TARIFF.

THE Saskatoon Star recently published a highly humorous editorial concerning "Labor and the Tariff." This paper evidently believes that Mr. Tom Moore and Mr. P. M. Draper, jointly, are attempting to dictate a political policy for the workers of Canada.

THE C. B. OF R. E.

DECISIVE action has been taken in many of the industrial centres on the communication sent out by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, wherein it was stated that the charter held by the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, held since 1917, has been revoked.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish an official communication of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks on this subject. All of the standard, recognized railroad organizations uphold the decision of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and pledge themselves to give all assistance possible to the international organization, the only one covering this class of workers now recognized by the American Federation of Labor and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

FALSE ECONOMY.

CONTROLLER Ellis, one of the new members of the Ottawa Board of Control, is content to allow the unemployed to starve. He does not say so, but his actions imply just that.

This same Controller is opposed to day work on public undertakings. Controller Cameron recommended that work on the G.W.V.A. clubhouse, recently demised by fire, should be made by day labor under the direction of Mr. George Crain on the basis of cost plus ten per cent. for Mr. Crain.

Across the Atlantic.

What Our Brothers in the Motherland Are Doing.

LABOR REFUSES TO CO-OPERATE WITH GOVERNMENT.

LONDON (Tuesday) — Reports from the Labor exchange show an addition of 55,990 to the ranks of the unemployed in the past week. But there are no signs, despite the Many Cabinet deliberations, that the Government is any nearer a solution of the problem.

The Government's principal suggestions, giving an insurance benefit of 15 shillings per week to the unemployed, and placing Government-owned establishments on short time with a reduction of the weekly wage, are declared by the Labor party to be totally inadequate, and the party refuses to co-operate with the Government on any such basis.

BRITISH PREMIER APPEALS FOR THRIFT.

LONDON, England. — Mr. Lloyd George has adopted the example of President-elect Harding of the United States and issued an appeal to the public to practise thrift.

Another claim put forward by the British Representation League is, that proportional representation will cause group-government, but such a government is the best for all classes.

ASK INJUNCTION PREVENT MOVE OF LABOR BODY

Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees Institute Action Against Congress. In an effort to prevent the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada from cancelling its charter of affiliation to the Congress the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees has entered an action in the Supreme Court of Ontario.

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THAT BRITISH REPRESENTATION LEAGUE.

BY J. A. P. HAYDON.

The Ontario Government propose making a recommendation at the next session that a trial of proportional representation be made in two parts of the Province—one in the east to include Ottawa and adjacent constituencies, Lanark, Grenville, Carleton and Leeds, and another in the southwest to include the City of Hamilton and the Counties of Brant, Oxford and Waterloo.

This proposal was the signal for much rejoicing amongst that section of the electors of Ontario who believe in majority rule, who know that by proportional representation is meant a proper proportion of representatives in the Government, thereby producing a Government by the majority of the people.

But the Ontario Government is not to be allowed full freedom in this matter, because a society, with headquarters in Toronto, has been formed to combat it. That society is known as the British Representation League, and they are fighting the proposal on the grounds that it is a departure from the old, traditional, time-honored British representation system.

This same league claims that under the system now in vogue there is general stability of Government because the party in power usually has a sufficient majority to conduct an administration. Right. But that party in power is not always a proper representation of the people.

Again, the British Representation League claim that under proportional representation it is necessary to count ballots several times and the public is kept waiting too long. Perhaps the public will be kept waiting very often for a considerable time, but at least it will know when the election returns are published that the majority of the people will find a proper representation of its choice amongst the successful candidates.

Proportional representation will cause group-government, but such a government is the best for all classes. If a government cannot be very sure of the passing of a bill only such laws that are best suited to the needs of the country will be introduced.

One more thought. Under the old system of so-called stable government, Labor has been obliged to rely on the promises of a certain party candidate who, if he were elected, might remember his promises and he might not. Under proportional representation Labor can elect its own members and will not need to rely on anyone's promises.

We sincerely hope that the Government of the Province of Ontario allows the campaign of the British Representation League to have absolutely no effect on its decisions.

From Many Sources.

Two cases of sleeping sickness have been reported from Paraguay. There is no record at Ottawa.

No method has been found for the final solution of all industrial problems.—Tom Moore.

Aquish declares there is no difference between him and Lord Grey. This is reassuring, but the wee wee is not happy.

"A citizen is one who shares both in governing and being governed."—Aristotle.

"Every institution whether political or religious, represents its actual working the form and pressure of the age."—Backus.

"I was well. I wished to be better; here I am."—Eloph of a healthy man who took aquish.

"America has talked greatly about democracy, but has done very little to realize it."—Bishop Gore.

Trade unions are useful for other purposes besides settling strikes.—Tom Moore.

Homes for heroes, the health of the people and an AI population seem a long way off today. Yet heroes died for these things.

In the mysticism of Lenin's admirers I have found the same traits which twenty years ago, were shown in the French working classes for Boulanger.—Merriam.

The Profiteer's Wife: "Heaven! Margaret had eloped with the chauffeur in the car." The Profiteer: "What! not the new Rolls-Royce?"—Punch.

Parent (after tour of inspection of Art School): "Feh, I think this will do. I will send my daughter here. Your ventilation seems good."—Punch.

"I say, Betty, what gender is necessary?" "Feminine, of course; it's the mother of invention."—Pan.

Contentment is better than riches.—If you have them both.—Sunday Express.

Mr. Bonar Law is a Presbyterian. Mr. Lloyd George is a Baptist. Mr. Arthur Henderson is a Wesleyan. Where do Anglicans come in?

We are told that amongst other things one Vanderlip will supply Russia with 200,000 tons of metal (lead, tin, etc.). If ocean-going steamers (over 10,000 tons), 1,000 excavators for gold-mining, etc., etc., as one capitalist to another. But we wonder when.

The old world is just now suffering from the wanton rejection of the principle of democracy.—President Wilson.

The Italian way was to send as many people as possible to Russia, to see the existing situation for themselves, and to send Socialist leaders to talk with Lenin. They then came back to Italy completely cured.—Count Sforza.

Many phenomena will be mistaken for revolution.—Frank Hodges.

Get hold of some one truth. Let it blaze in your sky like a Greenhead sun, never setting day or night. Give your soul up to it; see it in everything, and everything in it, and the world will call you a bigot and fanatic and then a wonder a century hence.—Charles Kingsley.

If the union the workman can drive the best possible bargain in the sale of his labor power.

Science, invention, progress and humanity have decreed the universal eight-hour day.

Clearmakers won the eight-hour day in 1886.

In old time, the employers fixed the price of labor. In the new time the union has a voice in the price.

We want all that life has in store for us.

Impatience to get all sometimes loses all.

We don't want to strike, but we will not give up the right to strike.

Strong unions prevent strikes.

If you are wiser than we, yet hold aloof and refuse to support, you wrong us and yourselves. We have a right to your superior knowledge and effectiveness.

PRIVATE FIRST. A few months ago a traveller stopped to converse with a farmer, who had a large number of men at work in his hay fields, says Spare Moments.

"Most of these men are ex-soldiers," said the farmer. "Indeed! Are any of them officers?"

"Two of 'em. One was a private, and that fellow beyond was a corporal, but the man beyond him was a major, and that man away over in the corner was a colonel!"

"Indeed! Are they all good men?" "Well," said the farmer, "the private is a first-class man, and the corporal's pretty good, too."

"But what about the major and colonel?" "The major's only so so," replied the farmer, with some hesitation. "But the colonel?"

"Well, sir, I ain't a-going to say a word against no man who has been a colonel in the army, but I've made up my mind, to see things—ain't a-going to hire any brigadier-generals."

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