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DOMINION GOVERNMENT PASSES THE BU

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Eight-Hour Day to Be Pressed in Ontario,

order to see to what extent to on the control of the land of the l Labor elements in the Government will make itself. Apart from the prediction of Mayor McBride, of Brantford, that there would be at least four labor men on the cross benches next session, it is understood that the labor members of the Cabinei, Honorable Walter Rollo and Honorable Henry Mills, have been instructed by the executive of the Independent Labor Party of Ontario that they must press for more labor policies from the Government than they did last session, or they cannot continue to enjoy the confidence of the party they have in the past.

BROCKVILLE I. L. P. DE-MANDS THE RESIGNA-TION OF WHITE.

NOVA SCOTIA HAS COMMIS- QUEBEC CIVIL PENSIONS

The Mothers' Pensions Commis sion recently appointed by the Nova Scotla Provincial Government, con-sisting of John Mackeen, chairman; Trades Congress Issues Charter Alex. Mackay, secretary; Ernest H. Blois and Miss Jane B. Wisdom, will Written Especially for the Canadian hold a number of public meetings Labor Press.

Political observers are awaiting throughout Nova Scotia in the near future to gather information on the future to gather information on the with interest the next session of the Ontario Provincial Legislature in commission was appointed to report commission was appointed to report on the following: "Schemes providing mothers' pensions or allowances, gress of Canada besides the As-

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New York Central Federated

or they cannot continue to enjoy the confidence of the party they have in the past.

It is understood that one measure on which the Labor executive insists is the enactment of an eight hour day for the province. "This measure is likely to clash with the views of a large number of Farmer members who fear that such a measure might have to be extended to farm laborers, which, of course, would raise a hornet's nest in their rural constituencies. The question is therefore one that will require delicate handling.

The Labor members will also in its that the next assist of the Drury Government to open up a large amount of public work in ordate to provide work for the large army of unemployed, which it is expected the coming winter will release. This too, will be no easy task at the present cost of construction materials and the current rate of wages.

Give And Take System.

It has also been stated by Labor leaders that the Legislature is to pass an Old Age Pension Law. It is understood that this has been promised by the Farmers in return for the labor support of certain legislation in which the farmers are primarily interested. Indeed it appears that the only way the Government can carry on its by a systems.

A remendous crowd of men and sont being in the public interest, but if the Premier can only keep the support of the labor wing of his administration he can afford to undergot the firing of the old line parties. But in the meantime the restive.

ada, he said, had surfered less from the fiesh of Premier Drury and ether this will assume threaten-proportions at the next session the Legislature is a matter of he gravity to him and to the mere' party generally.

DEPOCKVILLE I.I.P. DE-

RAILWAY CARMEN'S CON-VENTION FOR TORONTO.

SERVANTS UNITE

to Provincial Employes.

A charter has been issued by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to the Provincial Civil Service fifth provincial association to affilisciated Federal Employees of Ottawa, Federal Union No. 56. The Quebec union will be known as the Provincial Civil Servants' Association of Quebec, Federal Union No. 36. Officers have been elected as follows: President, O. E. Palbott vice-president, A. Brunette; 2nd vice-president, J. E. Regan; secretary-treasurer, J. E. Beauchamp.
The Quebec civil servants have a combined membership of 975 with branches in Montreal and Quebec.
During an address at the Russell Theatre on Sunday night, President Tom Moore, of the Trades and Labor Congress, intimated that the time was not far distant when a civil servants' federation would be an established fact. The affiliation of the Quebec civil servants to the Labor movement brings this event sociated Federal Employes of Ot-

SCOTTISH TEMPERANCE ACT CLASS LEGISLATION, SAYS BEN TILLETT.

WANT SOLDIERS' INSURANCE INCREASED TO \$10,000.

On Saturday the Prime Minister mee the executive committee of the G. W. V. A. Saskatchewan provincial command, and assured the members that with the exception of the cash gratuly question the whole subject of soldiers' ald was open. The executive of the Regina G. W. V. A. presented requests for an extension of soldiers' insurance to \$10,000, an enharged housing scheme, operated by the Soldiers' Settlement Board, and provision for relief in the vent of unemployment. Consideration was promised.

GREATEST CENTRAL LABOR

GETTING FROM UNDER PROVINCES TO FIX (By J. A. P. Haydon.)

It is one year since the International Labor Conference, called under the provisions of the Peace Treaty, met at Washington.

It has taken the Canadian Government exactly one year to decide what action will be taken on the draft conventions adopted

at that conference. When certain amendments were deemed advisable to th Immigration Act it took the Government less than one hour to

enact the necessary, legislation.

Apparently it makes a difference whose ox is being gored. By an order-in-council passed on November 6 the Canadian Government points out that it has found loopholes to get out from under and that it will put the draft conventions up to various Provincial Governments.

The Government has ruled that "the provisions of the Labor part of the Treaty of Versailles do not impose any obligation on the Dominion of Canada to enact into law the different draft conventions and recommendations which may from time to time be adopted by the conference." However, it is pointed out that "the obligation is in the nature of an undertaking to bring the draft conventions before the authorities or authorities within whose competence the matter lies for the enaction of legislation or other action."

From this we take it the declarations of ex-Premier Sir Robert Borden and Rt. Hon. Newton W. Rowell were simply declarations of so much air. Ex-Premier Sir Robert Borden heralded the Labor chapter of the Treaty of Peace as Labor's Magna Charta. Rt. Hon. Newton W. Rowell stated that as the Dominion Government had ratified the Peace Treaty, Canada intended to earry out the provisions of the Labor chapter in letter as well as in spirit.

At the Washington conference it will be remembered that of all the delegates present the employers' representative of Canada was the only one of that great assembly to vote against the draft convention for a forty-eight hour week,

A year has passed since the events above briefly described. The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada met at Windsor, and The other day the Drys had Mr. the whole question was discussed. Policies were formulated, The other day the Drys had be. Pussyfoot" Johnson speaking on reference to which was made in these columns recently. Induction, their behalf in Dundee, and the it seems passing strange that after all this delay the Dominion or reply.

Government has found a way out.

Organized Labor in Canada will tolerate none of this When Labor entered into the International Labor Organiza tion it did so in the firm belief that real protection would be given

the workers by legislation. The Canadian constitution, according to the Dominion Government, does not allow for the Dominion Government to enact the most important of the draft conventions of the International Labor Conferences. The writer is of the opinion that the British North America Act should be amended to allow the enaction of advanced Labor and social legislation. Canadian workers will not be content with the juggling Labor has had to fight every inch of the way in the struggle for industrial freedom.

Labor will not fall down now.

Certainly the work of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has not been lightened by the clever evasion on the part of the Dominion Government.

HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

REATEST CENTRAL LABOR UNION IN THE WORLD.

Greater New York's new consolidation of labor unions, with a embership of nearly 800,000 men and women, came officially into be
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Returned Soldiers Must Have Employment.

In an Armistice Day speech at St. John, E. A. Schoffeld, mayor of the city, made reference to unemployment which exists among returned soldiers in St. John at the present time. He declared that he could tell of cases of actual want in the city today and that if this unemployment was continued while

New Order Gives Power to Pro vincial Administrators.

Provincial fuel administrators under the terms of an order of the Railway Board issued on Monday, are given power, subject to the apare given power, subject to the approval of the Government, of the province, to fix and determine in case of need the maximum prices at which any or all grades of fuel may be distributed and sold within a municipality. This action has been deemed necessary owing to the coal situation in some communities from which complaints as to prices have been received.

A survey is being made this week of outlying points with a view to determining just where there may be serious shortage. The survey is being made with particular reference to Ontario, but the Maritime Provinces are also being covered. Generally speaking, the coal situation is still regarded as quite satisfactory.

THREE-SHIFT SYSTEM "OBVIOUSLY COMING"

Mechanical and Electrical Engineers Issue Warning.

The eight-hour day, or three-shifts

"Mr. Drury's paper will be a general review of his findings and will constitute the first comprehensive contribution on this important subject to American engineering literature."

NATION

R. C. M. P. SAYS ALL PEACE-FUL IN LABOR WORLD.

cently inspecting the local division.

He said the industrial situation in Canada was fairly peaceful, and he 65,556 DAYS LOST BY INDUS-

Alberta's Coal **Output Increases** Thirty Per Cent.

Alberta's coal production for 1920 will be 30 per cent. In excess of last years, it is now estimated by the Government Mines Branch. A total output of wellower 8,300,600 tons is expected by the end of the year, as compared with 5,032,412 tons in 1919. There has already been mined for the nine months of this year to the end of September, a total of 4,750,964 tons, the output for September alone being 618,093 tons.

LIVING COSTS ARE **GOING DOWNWARD**

Labor Department Reports Decline in Some Prices.

Further downward movements in

November Labor Gazette by the Cost of Living Branch of the Labor Department. This report shows that the retail prices of foods averaged lower during October than in the previous month, the decreases being marked in sugar and potatoes. Smaller decreases were reported in the prices of beef, bread, flour, and

The eight-hour day, or three-shifts in steel plants, is "obviously coming" and it is the part of wisdom for employers to prepare for it, say mechanical and electrical engineers in announcing their annual meeting in this city on December 3.

The technicians include members of the American society of mechanical engineers and the American institute of electrical engineers. It is stated that Horace B. Drury, formerly of the economics department, Ohio State University, will discuss "The three-shift system in the steel industry."

"During recent months," the announcement states, "Mr. Drury has visited practically all the steel plants in the United States working under the three-shift system in an effort to collect technical data covering the details of their operation and figures showing the results obtained "Mr. Drury's paper will be a gen-eral review of his findings and will review of his findings and will reverse the other collect recentless of the collect recentless of the products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden in products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden in prices of hos products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden is prices of hos products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden is products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden is prices of hos products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden is prices of hos products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden is prices of hos products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden is prices of hos products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden is prices of hos products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden is prices of hos products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden is prices of hos products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden is prices of hos products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden is prices of hos products eager, milk, and in coal. The weekly food budden is prices of hos products eager, milk, and in coal. The

NATIONALIZATION OF COAL MINES IN U. S.

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and Production unless coal prices are reduced before the convening of the new Congress.

The tour of several large cities which the committee began flust week will assist them in deciding whether to recommend that the Government take control of an industry which seems to be unable to charge anything but the highest of prices when production is increasing.

MANY DISPUTES SETTLED BY BOA

Work of Canadian Railway Board of Adjustment No. 1.

An indication of the great amount of successful work done by the Canadian Railway Board of Adjustnent No. 1 is indicated in a report of that body between August, 1918, and August, 1920—the first two years of its existence. The board consists of 12 members, six of which were selected by the Casadian Rallway War Board, and compensated by the railways, and six by the executive officers of the organizations of railway employes, and compensated by these organizations. During the period covered by the report, the board dealt with all disputes affecting the various brother-hoods for railway employes and the orders of railway employes and the orders of railway conductors and integraphers. No less than 87 disputes, complaints and claims, were disposed of by the Board of Adjustment in the two-year period, and a synopsis of the claims and the decision in each case is set out in the of that body between August, 1918,

TRIAL DISPUTES IN OCTOBER. Canada Will Be Represented at Governing Body Meeting.

AND THE PRINCE CARRY TO A STATE AND A STAT TRIAL DISPUTES IN OUTOBER.

There were still some agitators in the ranks of labor, but the general situation appeared to be more peaceful.

And they say the R.C.M.P. are not conferened about Labor. We wonder.

BELGIUM MINERS RETURN.

Miners in the Charlerol district. Belgium, who have been on strike for more than a welk, returned to work on Monday, the stilks ballot failing to show this. For each of the men favor the strike, which is necessary for the continuance, as required by the Miners' Federation rules.

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