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Following in brief is an outline of our Policy:

1. The Canadian Labor Press supports the International Trade Union Movement, of which there are approximately three hundred thousand members in Canada.
2. The Canadian Labor Press supports the policy of the present Dominion Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.
3. In the interests of the Canadian Worker, The Canadian Labor Press believes that Canadian industry needs adequate tariff protection.
4. The Canadian Labor Press advocates fair play to employer and employee.
5. The Canadian Labor Press stands for the betterment of Trade Union conditions in Canada and the welfare of our country at large.
6. The Canadian Labor Press is independent in politics and free from any political influences.

### Nova Scotia Miners in Sad Plight

"The Canadian Labor Press" was hoping that long ere this paper went to press, the miners' strike in the coal areas of Nova Scotia would be amicably settled, but the trouble is so deep seated that ordinary methods of procedure do not apply in this case.

The families of the miners are in the most deplorable state of want and privation as the result of a long siege of very poor working conditions and a scale of wages insufficient to keep body and soul together.

A full, fair and impartial inquiry should be made into the facts underlying the recurrent labor troubles in Great Britain and if possible, the matter sifted to the bottom so that the miners will be assured of a decent living wage under better working conditions.

Organized labor in Canada and elsewhere is behind the men's determination to accept no cut in the 1924 wage scale and it is regrettable that the King Government has not to date rendered assistance which is most urgently needed. When even the workers of Russia sent a cablegram that five thousand dollars is on the way to help relieve the sufferings of the miners, it is high time that our Government did their share.

### What Every Canadian Should Know about the Woollen Industry

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manufactured abroad, are not directly affected by the importations.

It is claimed that instead of the duties being lowered in 1922 and 1923, they should have been raised in 1921, as was done in the United States and that adequate safeguards should have been established to deal with the effect of depreciated currency; for the reductions have resulted in placing the entire woollen industry in Canada in jeopardy, in making many mills work on part time, and acutely closing down some mills and throwing others into bankruptcy.

On the other hand if the bulk of the imported woollen and knit goods had been made in Canada employment would have been given to about twice as many operatives in the mills.

### Canadian Immigration Analyzed

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THIS DESPITE THE FACT THAT APPROXIMATELY 75% OF THOSE MIGRATING TO CANADA ARE NOT IN COMPETITION WITH ORGANIZED LABOR OR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS, BUT ARE MOSTLY FARMERS WITH A FEW MINING MEN AND A FEW DOMESTICS, ALL OF WHICH ARE NEEDED IN CANADA AND WHO HAVE NO TROUBLE FINDING POSITIONS.

We regret the very evident unfairness of this policy for it is not conducive to the general welfare of the country, which includes the workers just as well as any other class. We have millions of acres of untilled soil and we need and can absorb thousands of farmers and agricultural workers on this land. The production from this unworked land is incapable of being estimated but the additional wealth thus created would be utilized in buying the products of our Canadian factories and in this way all labor would benefit not only but also from a reduction in taxes from steady work and good wages, help bear the burden.

#### NOT HERE—BUT COMING!

Spring is in the air. Snow is melting, the ice is breaking and best of all, prosperity is slowly but surely on its way. Business is picking up. Manufacturing firms are making extensive preparations for capacity production. Building is on the increase throughout the Dominion, and the predictions we made in the dull, dreary days of December and January bid fair to be fully realized within the next two months.

Unfortunately, many people will be compelled to start at the bottom and rebuild their depleted resources. The period of depression has destroyed many things—homes, health and happiness, but to those who have suffered the ray of light breaking through the clouds of despair will be doubly welcome. Let us all then work unitedly to speed on this new era and stand shoulder to shoulder in an effort to hasten the days of prosperity and retain them when at last they have arrived.

### The Need for Larger Markets

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The Old Country's main exports to Canada are woollen and cotton goods, and iron and steel products, mainly rolling mill products, machinery and wire. The United States for many years has supplied the great bulk of Canada's importations of iron and steel products, and Great Britain is not in a noticeably less favorable position in the Canadian market than she was before the war, so far as these commodities are concerned. Inroads of U.S. manufacturers are most noticeable in the textile market. During the last twelve months, however, there has been an evident tendency for British manufacturers to recover part of the ground lost during the war.

So far as the Canadian Market in general is concerned, the United States, by reason of its proximity to the Dominion, has certain distinct advantages over Great Britain. United States firms have less difficulty in establishing branch houses, their salesman can cover Canadian territory without the expense of a long ocean journey, and their shipments reach the Canadian destination with less delay than those from Overseas. On the other hand, Great Britain enjoys a substantial Tariff Preference. Some of the disadvantages under which Great Britain labor is partially offset if greater attention is given to the Canadian market. Manufacturers on the other side of the water are in general keen to extend their sales, and we have seen evidences of a new attitude on their part, a greater show of interest in business prospects in Canada, and a willingness to adopt new methods of handling the business, where new methods seem necessary. The establishment of branch houses or of some form of improved representation in Canada, may very well prove to be a development of the next few years in Great Britain's selling tactics in this country. Canada is not anxious for the kind of outside competition which would have as a result the restriction of sales of Canadian made goods, but if, as seems possible, Great Britain can increase her sales at the expense of other countries, we could not but regard it as a favorable development, since the Mother Country needs today all the business she can get. Moreover, as indicated above, we have a very direct interest in her prosperity, since sales of many classes of Canadian products are affected by the business conditions prevailing in Great Britain.

**ROYCE AVENUE SUBWAY TO BE BUILT IN SPRING**

Toronto, Ont.—Another construction work will commence at the end of April of the first of May, according to announcement recently.

Plans are now being prepared for the proposed subway at Royce avenue in connection with the north-west grade separation, and according to Col. Ripley the work will commence about the time mentioned.

As to the other subways along the north end the time is not yet known the orders as to the time of commencement not having been made.

Construction cost of the subway is estimated at \$160,000. One of the first things to be done in connection with the work will be the deviation of Dundas street to the west, the length of this being about 600 feet, and necessitating the destruction of the ancient Hotel, the Peacock Inn. This is necessary in order to secure a proper approach to the subway from the west.

**TEN GREAT INVENTIONS**

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**More Accidents Than in January**

The Workmen's Compensation Board awarded during the month of February \$251,977.58 in benefits, \$223,511.04 of this being for compensation and \$28,466.54 for medical aid.

During the month 10,471 compensation cheques were issued to injured workmen and widows and other dependents throughout the Province, and 4,145 cheques were issued in payment of medical aid.

The accidents during the month numbered 4,096, of which 12 were fatal, as compared with 4,042 during January, of which 19 were fatal.

**Cement Plant Resume Operations**

Hanover, Ont.—Hanover cement plant, which has been idle for a considerable period, resumed operations recently and it is expected that the mill will be operating at full capacity by April 1. This provides employment for a considerable number of men.

### Statute Labor Abolished by Council

Port Hope, Ont.—At the monthly meeting of the Hope Township Council, held recently, a by-law was carried abolishing statute labor. This is in accordance with the arrangements with the Government whereby they pay part of the salary of a man as foreman.

While the by-law was passed the council decided that they will bring to the attention of the Government through the Minister of Highways just what the abolition of statute labor will mean when the cost of the roads is put on the general tax. They will petition the Government to have a more equitable basis arrived at.

**BAD CITIZENS**

(In a Coroner's Court—Jurymen: I suggest that unemployed should be summoned on the jury. Coroner: I don't want unemployed people—I want good citizens.)

During those long dark years accursed, When the country cried for men And the guns in France were doing their worst, Were you Bad Citizens then? When the public raised an admiring shout, And the pressman praised with his pen, And everyone asked you to stick it out, Were you Mad Citizens then? When we gazed with horror in that black void Where you worked till you dropped dead, when No one would call you the Unemployed, Were you Bad Citizens then? And, if ever you're called to man those pits, And to face that Death again On which no mortal Coroner sits—Will you be Bad Citizens then? TOMFOOL

**Honor Gompers**

San Juan, P. R.—The Central Labor Union of San Juan, Porto Rico affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, has adopted a resolution calling on the Porto Rican Home-Steeds Commission to name the new park which it is proposed to establish in one of the labor wards of the city, the "Samuel Gompers Park." This ward has a population of about 6,000, practically all workers.

Naturally the Porto Rican workers are following developments in the United States with intense interest. The official organ of the Porto Rican labor movement, the Justicia, in a recent issue reprinted in Spanish the articles concerning fraud and coercion practiced in the Porto Rican elections.

The attitude of the American labor movement has brought new hope to the common people of Porto Rico. They are confident the American workers will insist on the Porto Rican workers receiving a square deal.

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### Is Not Discouraged by Strike Situation

Premier Still Hopes for Settlement of Nova Scotia Dispute

Halifax, N. S.—While disappointed that negotiations looking to a settlement of the wage dispute that has tied up the coal mining industry of Nova Scotia for the past two weeks are not actually proceeding, I am not discouraged, and am doing everything I can to bring about an early reopening of the mines.

So declared Premier E. H. Armstrong, recently when asked to express his views, in the light of yesterday's developments, including the conference with J. E. McLurg, vice-president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, who returned to Sydney last night, and the announcement by the district executive of the United Mine Workers of America, that in view of alleged leakage through Government channels of the proceedings of the "secret conferences" they felt bound to take the position that the press should be admitted to all future negotiations.

Regarding the mine workers' reply to the memorandum considered Thursday as a possible basis for discussion, the Premier stated that while he had read it in the newspapers he would have no comment to make, pending receipt of the official document. On the score of Government relief, the Premier also said he would make no comment, but stated in reply to a question that he did not consider it necessary that the Government should obtain the consent of the Legislature before taking action.

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### 84.79% of Population Speak English

For Canada as a whole, 84.79 per cent. of the total population, ten years of age and over, can speak English. The proportion, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, based on the sixth census of Canada, 1921, was distributed as follows: 58.69 per cent. spoke English only; 16.03 per cent. spoke English and French; 9.49 per cent. spoke English and a foreign tongue, and or 43,970 persons comprising largely foreign born Austrians, Belgians and Jews, were reported as being able to speak English and French, in addition to the language of their racial group.

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