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Professor W. H. Alexander of the University of Alberta, whose photograph we reproduce above, hardly needs an introduction to Labor circles in Edmonton. Even those who have not met him personally are aware that he has never hesitated to stand up for what he thought was right, even at the expense of all kinds of cheap criticism and abuse. He believes that Universities should of all places be leaders towards



Prof. W. H. Alexander, Chairman National War Savings Committee

freedom and not simply props of the standing order. Those who heard him Sunday night at the Pastorage theatre, discussing the Peace Conference will understand.

His name and reputation back of the Thrift and War Savings Stamps campaign as vice-chairman for North Alberta, should be a guarantee of the soundness of the scheme. The professor believes in the small investor being afforded by the government an opportunity to place his money as advantageously as the big investor, and the "Baby Bonds," as the five dollar War Savings Stamps are called, offer with their 4 1/2 per cent interest that sort of chance. Thrift Stamps are to help save the two-bit pieces till a W.S.S. can be secured. Let the workers achieve economic independence by establishing a reserve.

One thing more. This scheme pays no big salaries. Dr. Alexander gets nothing for his work on the propaganda, and the paid help is strictly limited. There is no need to fear that your savings are simply being squandered in supplying more government jobs.

**SMITH AND BOWMAN  
SELL YALE CAFE**

The Yale Cafe has changed hands. Harry Smith and Thomas Bowman, proprietors, have sold this Jasper avenue business to George Vallas, restaurant man of Winnipeg and Brandon. The Yale Cafe opened last fall and has enjoyed what has been recognized as a leading patronage of the city. Mr. Smith will engage in some other line of business in Edmonton. Mr. Bowman is now at San Diego, Cal. It is not known what he intends to do in the future.

**Supports Amalgamation Plan  
as Means to Desired End**

Robert Levett, International Board Member—District No. 18-United Mine Workers of America, Explains Position and Reasons for Opposing So-Called 'One Big Union'

In taking the stand of opposing the so-called "One Big Union" movement, as launched at the Western Conference of Labor, held in Calgary recently, let me distinctly state that I am not opposed to industrial unionism, or the ideals and aims of labor as set forth at the conference. I have been a member of the greatest industrial labor organization on this continent for many years, therefore could not logically oppose any real or sincere movement that had for its object the consolidation of all labor forces.

I am setting forth some of my reasons for opposing this so-called "One Big Union" movement, which, while it may accomplish a certain amount of good in arousing the membership and impressing upon our international officials the necessity of broadening their views, will certainly never succeed in uniting labor in Western Canada under "One Big Union."

1. I regard it as the acme of absurdity to talk of "One Big Union" with a succession of our international affiliations.

2. I cannot regard the present movement as anything more than a most deliberate attempt at disunion, and at a time when every nerve and effort should be extended to consolidate our forces. You will notice that practically no machinery has been created to carry out the so-called "One Big Union" beyond the "Central Committee" of five, the collection of a 2% per capita from the various Unions, and the taking of what is termed a "referendum ballot."

3. The method of taking this ballot and the absolute powers given the "Central Committee" in counting and tabulating same are something that finds no parallel in the annals of history or industrial unionism.

4. So far as I am able to gather this "Central Committee" can manipulate the vote so as to create a majority or minority; whichever it regards as expedient.

5. That we have not exhausted the possibilities of international industrial unionism, and that all future organizations, whether conceived in Canada or the States, must be international in character and scope—not national.

6. That absolutely no solid or logical argument has ever been adduced to prove the ineffectiveness of the international union. All arguments have been directed at the officialdom of same. And it is neither strange nor wonderful that the officials (or "Central Committee") of the so-called "One Big Union" are already receiving their share of criticism.

7. That Industrial Trades Unionism must first start with the organization of the various crafts and trades in each industry.

8. The "One Big Union" movement is not new; it has been tried on this continent before, and failed. It is at present in force in Australia, and I have yet to discover (and the Australian workers, too) that it has secured for him "the full product of his toil," or even a greater share than his Canadian brother enjoys. Further, it would be well to remember that Australia has no United States adjoining.

9. That the autocratic dictatorship relegated to that body known as the "Central Committee" is such that they may never be called to account for their actions—funds spent or ballots submitted.

I do not wish to make any personal attack upon the individuals comprising the "Central Committee" or those who displayed so much zeal in promoting this movement; but most of these men (until quite recently) regarded the trade union movement and industrial union movement as something so antiquated and obsolete that they reserved their most scathing sarcasm to condemn it. They never neglected an opportunity to abuse and discredit the officials of any trade organization, while honesty of purpose and sincerity they regarded as so much sentiment and nonsense—except, of course, when they found themselves involved. After years of these tactics we find them out to save the worker through the medium of "One Big Union," ready to take the funds of these unions to propagate their ideas.

I am of the opinion that the last thing they wish to do is to form any union, but that they do most sincerely hope to disrupt our present organization in the foolish belief that "they must disrupt and destroy before they can build." The old moss-grown philosophy of the disunited, "That conditions must be made worse before they can be made better."

Personally I have sufficient confidence in the commonsense of the worker, who will not be stampeded into pulling down the shack—leaving himself at the mercy of the capitalist elements—until he has built his house.

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Committee Declares Defects In  
Street Railway System Due  
To Inefficiency

One of the probable effects of the recent advance in the street car fares will be that more people will walk or ride bicycles. It seems to be the policy of the city to make the utilities a luxury for the rich and an aggravation to the poor. Witness the attempts to show the citizens the number of cities having as high or higher fares, but no mention is made of the ones having lower fares. Mention might also be made of the fact that Edmonton is one of the easy cities of North America to run a street railway system on account of not having a snow storm or sleet storm since the system has been installed. Neither has it any draw bridges to tie up traffic.

The trouble with the system is inefficient management. A committee of citizens took the trouble to do a little investigating and found that the management of the system was deplorable in as much as the equipment not being kept in shape, gear casing not kept in place, and gears allowed to run dry. A gear running in grease will run a year, whereas one running dry will only last a week. Passengers are allowed to ride on a two cent fare. A passenger comes along with two cents, drops them in the fare box and it would take an X-ray for the carman to tell whether the passenger put in seven cents or two as the nickel may be lying under the two cents. Also the back doors are used as a free entrance during busy hours. Someone inside opens the door for their friends to get in without paying.

The other defects are too numerous to mention but it leads to the point of inefficiency. To raise the fares is to add insult to injury. We would suggest that an investigation be held to show the citizens where we are at with this utility so they could vote intelligently next election.



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