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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 Congress.
2. 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.

Put Canada's Wealth to Work

We would like to believe otherwise, but there is no getting away from the fact that Canada at the present time is in the throes of a terrible trade depression and why this should be is more than we can understand, for there should be no such thing as hard times and trade depressions in such a wonderful country, and a place that is known the world over as "the land of opportunity."

We attribute it to a weak link in our credit system and a holding back of capital which should be working overtime in the development of the country. There is no doubt about it that the real wealth of Canada is controlled by the minority rather than the majority, and if they hold up the cash so that it is not available for industry, the rank and file is pushed to the wall in a very short time. We can understand why capital should not want to take unnecessary risks and we will concede that the danger signals still predominate to a certain extent; it is our belief, however, that we are too conservative, and Canadian capital is just a little too bashful for its own good. If more confidence was displayed at the present time in the future of Canada, there would be better times all round, and we would soon be reflecting that air of prosperity which is so urgently needed.

We have come to the conclusion that the lack of confidence, which is killing Canada, is largely caused by the irresponsible Government now in power at Ottawa. Their attitude toward Canada's economic position is that of children given authority beyond their mental capacity and which has gone to their heads. They do not even apply the Golden Rule to their activities, for if they did, they would not allow foreign countries to manipulate our markets the way they do and flood Canada with cheap goods while Canadian workmen and Canadian industry are forced to stand idle watching other countries grab what little we have.

GIVE US A GOVERNMENT THAT WILL INSPIRE CONFIDENCE AND CANADA WILL COME BACK TO ITS OLD FORM AND THE LIGHT OF PROSPERITY WILL SHINE FORTH WITH AN ENDURANCE AND STABILITY, FOR IT IS A LIGHT THAT SHOULD NEVER GO OUT IN CANADA.

Hints for a Labor Library

I have often been asked by listeners to my indoor propaganda for a list of books to study, in order that people who have been attracted to the Party by its program should be able to understand the basic ideas of which that program is but an application. Here is the skeleton of a list—it covers a wide field, but so also does the civilization which the books explain or criticize.

A start should be made with Darwin's "Origin of Species" and "Descent of Man," with modern books of comment on the Theory of Evolution (these abound in all free libraries). This will teach the grand idea of the growth of present life-forms from small beginnings, and, above all, that "what is, was always, and always will be," but that human existence implies constant change.

Lewis Morgan's "Ancient Society" will apply all these conditions and lessons of human development to the development of society and social institutions. It will clinch Darwin's lesson that a good race will ultimately evolve only out of a good social and economic environment.

The next standard works that should be read are Engels' "Condition of the Working Class in England," followed by Marx's "Capital." These will give definite shape to the reader's thoughts.

Lecky's "History of European Morals" will help him to apply toleration in another sphere, and, together with most of Edward Carpenter's books, will inspire the necessary rich love of humanity.

The reader should now be able to follow his own bent and select books wisely for himself, always remembering that philosophy, anthropology, mythology and most classic literature should come within his radius. The right way to study is read and digest a little each day.

A. Feinson.

Children At Sea

Minister Gives Notice of Legislation Relating to Employment of Children

Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, has given notice of legislation to give effect to the convention relating to the employment of children at sea, passed at the Genoa conference of the International Labor Conference of the League of Nations.

The bill will provide "That no child under the age of fourteen years shall be employed on any ship except as permitted under such convention." Also the bill will stipulate "that a list of persons under sixteen years of age so employed, or a register thereof, shall be kept; that penalties be imposed for violation of the proposed legislation, and that the act shall not apply where all the crew are members of the same family, or the child was lawfully employed at the commencement of the act."

Bricklayers on Strike

Hamilton, Ont.—Bricklayers went on strike here when the contractors refused to accede to their demands for \$1.25 an hour, an increase of 25 cents an hour over last year's rate. About 100 are out, it is reported, but the strike is not seriously interfering with the building program. The largest jobs are the Canadian Westinghouse extension and the \$75,000 addition to the Joseph Church. Many men of the union declared that it is necessary for them to get such a rate, when lost time during the winter months is considered. In other centres, they claim, over \$1.25 an hour is paid. Contractors refuse to discuss the situation, but announced that they would meet shortly.

Would Check Influx Unskilled Laborers

Lodge Protests With Federal and Provincial Governments

Hamilton, Ont.—Support for Mayor Hiltz and his colleagues in the Toronto City Council in seeking to have immigration policies changed so that the

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Influx of unskilled laborers will be checked, was vouchsafed by the Board of Control in this city. The board adopted a resolution in which the city assures Toronto of the fullest co-operation in an effort to have the larger centres of Canada lodge protests with the Federal and their Provincial Governments against the present policy of immigration. It was agreed by the board that in Hamilton during the winter, unemployment had been greatly aggravated by the influx of unskilled workers from the old land who could not be absorbed by industry or agriculture, with the result that they became charges of the city.

Labor in Central and South America

The I.S.T.U. has received from a competent source an account of the position of Labor in the Dominican Republic (Haiti). The report gives a good idea of conditions in Central and South America, and shows how important it is that there should be international co-operation and solidarity. The workers are apt to forget that the sufferings and strivings of their comrades in other countries always react upon themselves, however small and remote may be the country in which Labor is oppressed.

The Dominican Republic is recognized by the world as an independent State, and yet it has had an American Governor since 1915, and it is occupied by an American army. Military rule is nearly always a despotism, and Haiti is no exception of this rule. The workers may only conduct negotiations in the presence of the police, and then only on certain specified points. They have no freedom to develop trade union activities, and they may not issue their own publications in defence of their rights. In the Ministry of Health, especially, corruption is rife. The Ministry takes bribes to allow unqualified persons to practise as doctors and dentists; it squanders large sums of public money, and does not even provide hospitals and ambulance stations for the people. In general, little is done for education, and to make matters worse, the workers are suffering from severe unemployment.

The policy of the United States Government is to protect the Panama Canal, and to establish her supremacy over the whole of Central and South America. For these same reasons, she is endeavoring to force Haiti into the same subjection to which she has already reduced two of the neighboring states, namely, the island of Porto Rico, and the little Central American State of Nicaragua. At the present moment she is trying to compel Haiti to accept an agreement which is very unpopular among the large majority of the population. The agreement itself is part of an American scheme to monopolize the raw materials and agricultural produce of Central and South America; and we need hardly point out that if the United States Government is successful in carrying out this policy, the European nations will be guilty of a crime against the rights of nations. If they look on in silence at this attack upon the independence of a small nation.

The workers of the Republic have issued a manifesto protesting strongly against this aggression by American troops, and pointing out that the American military authorities are treating Haiti as though it were a conquered country. They are levying taxes, raising loans, filling the civil service posts, spending state revenues as they please, etc., etc.

The only ray of hope in this disgraceful state of things is that the Pan-American Federation of Labor is fully aware of it. The Pan-American Federation of Labor, which represents Labor in a large number of the Central and South American States, is under the presidency of Samuel Gompers, the well-known president of the American Federation of Labor. It is not likely, therefore, that the workers of America will stand idly by without

Chauffeurs Have Uniform Demands

Protective Association is Notifying All Employers

Appreciating the significance of the old adage that "In union, there is strength" the taxi drivers, chauffeurs and drivers of motor vehicles of the city have formed the Montreal Chauffeurs' Protective Association and with officials duly elected and the presentation of their purpose, views, objects and claims now in concrete form before the various employing firms and corporations of the city, the long drawn-out disputes and disagreements are expected to be on the eve of settlement.

The members of the newly formed association demand a minimum wage of \$25 per week for those who have been accredited license holders for not less than one year.

A "working week" according to the notification sent to employers must not exceed 60 hours, any extra time beyond that to be paid for on a basis of time and one-quarter.

When the amount earned as shown by the waybills during any one week exceeds the sum of \$100, Association members assert that they will demand a bonus of 15 per cent. over and above their salary.

Uniforms and caps must be supplied by the respective employers

without cost to the chauffeurs' is a clause agreement that has been sent to the owners of vehicles.

In the matter of suspension or dismissal of any member of the Association, the employer shall be required to notify the organization, advising it of the reason for such an act.

Pension Scheme Civic Employees

Toronto, Ont.—Adoption of a definite scheme to govern the pension of all Toronto civic employees resulted from a recent meeting of the special committee of the City Council.

The plan fixes pensions to be paid upon retirement at the age of 60 years, or following 20 years' service, at a minimum of \$624 and a maximum of \$2,000 per annum. Pensions are to be graded according to length of service and rate of salary.

In order to establish the fund, all employees will contribute five per cent. of their salaries, with the exception of heads of departments, who will contribute five per cent. on \$4,500. For all moneys contributed by employees the city will put up dollar for dollar.

SPEECH CLINIC IN MINNEAPOLIS

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