

### SUGGESTIONS FROM WORKMEN

#### Compensation-for-Injury Act Hearing—Sir Wm. Meredith Thinks Men Should Look After Themselves.

Representatives of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress and labor unions of Toronto made 13 suggestions to Sir William Meredith yesterday, which they thought should be embodied in the new act for compensating injured workmen. His lordship listened attentively to all the suggestions made and asked questions at frequent intervals. The chief justice by no means agreed with everything that was said, and his remarks to the effect that workmen should be educated to take care of themselves and of the lives of their fellow-workers led to some warm passages.

Sir William expressed a wonder if the farmers were going to appear before him with a request to share in the compensation act.

Fred Bancroft was the chief spokesman on behalf of the labor interest. The proposal of compulsory state insurance was not received very enthusiastically by Sir William.

"We find," said he, "that some of the most advanced democratic communities are borne down by an army of officials and parasites." The amount of machinery such legislation would require was the principal objection advanced.

The suggestions made by the labor representatives were as follows:

1. All employments, the employees of the province, municipality, county or other administrative bodies in the province, to be covered, the same as employees in industries.
2. Compensation for all injuries arising out of and in the course of employment.
3. Compensation for being disabled, or other injuries arising out of, or as the result of, a specified occupation, or said disability and injuries being in the nature of occupational diseases.
4. Entire cost of compensation to rest upon employer.
5. In the case of injuries resulting in death, the dependents, as outlined in the British act, and State of Washington act, shall be the beneficiaries, with the expenses of the funeral as outlined also.
6. The doctrine of negligence on the part of employe or employer, fellow-servant or otherwise, shall have no place in the new legislation.
7. State insurance in connection with compensation act.
8. The creation of a provincial department of insurance with three commissioners, for the purpose of administration of the act.
9. Compulsory insurance of employes in the state department, by a yearly tax levied upon the occupation, occupation, covering the risk of the particular industry or occupation.
10. The tax shall be upon the yearly wage roll.
11. No employer shall attempt to pay the tax by deduction of wages of employe, by agreement or otherwise, such action to be regarded as a gross misdemeanor, as provided for in the State of Washington legislation.
12. The schedules of payment under the act, to be based upon the payments under the British act, with the proportional increase due to the difference in the wages in Ontario, reflecting the difference in the cost of living.
13. The provincial government shall provide revenue for the creation of the department of insurance.

Modeled Like British Act.  
"We believe that an act modeled upon the British act in principle, with the compulsory state insurance of the Washington act, with its police administration and tax upon industry as a preventative for accidents, would be the best for the workers as well as for the employer."

Statistics were given showing that 32,000,000 workers throughout the world were covered by compensation legislation, in which the whole burden is on the employer or industry.

"Anything less than either of these two acts will be inadequate to meet the needs of the workers of Ontario, and as this province is the manufacturing centre of our Dominion, we claim that the legislation that should be adopted and which we desire, is that pointed out by the fundamental principles we have laid down for your consideration."

Reference being made to the Christmas Eve tragedy at the King-street car barn, two representatives of the union declared that the motorman was not to blame.

An insurance expert will be given a hearing on this subject of workmen's compensation when the commission sits again on Friday.

### BAD YEAR FOR COAL BARONS

#### Over-Production and Lower Prices Blamed for Reduced Profits.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—There has been an over-production of coal this year and a consequent struggle for trade, which depressed prices, is the opinion expressed to-day by Edward W. Parker, coal statistician for the United States Geological Survey. Mr. Parker added that there had been few more unsatisfactory years in the history of the coal mining industry and that prices were depressed to such an extent that when the total returns for the year are footed up, the balance probably would be on the wrong side of the ledger, altho the production of coal in the United States for the year is probably second only to the record year of 1910.

The total production of coal for the year is estimated at 490,000,000 tons, only 11,000,000 less than in 1910. Of this year's production, 460,000,000 tons was bituminous coal.

Wanted For Murder.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—At the instance of the British Consul, United States Commissioner Shields in this city to-day issued an extradition warrant for James Lewis, said to be known also as "Jimmy Johnson," who is wanted in Leeds, England, on a charge of killing Peter McBride Harvey last August.

Lewis is said to be a race track man. He was arrested Tuesday at the home of a brother in Yonkers. He will be arraigned to-morrow.



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### PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS

#### BLANCHE BATES AT PRINCESS TO-NIGHT.

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#### HOLIDAY AMUSEMENT.

For the remainder of this week the Strand Theatre has provided a specially attractive bill of fare consisting of holiday interest. Among the more prominent features are the series of moving pictures illustrative of the "Flower Girl of Las Palmas," "A Romance of the Rio Grande," the Brockton Fair and Flower Show, and "Buckskin Joe, Earl of Glenmore." The stories are full of thrilling interest and appealing episodes that are sure to enthrall the attention of the public. On the musical side also the Strand Orchestra will present a fine musical program and its interpretation is now recognized as fitly placed in the higher class. Joseph Carr's "Song Review" has been a great hit and will be retained, and another specialist is Frank Oldfield who sang with the King's Own Band in England. The Strand is a perfectly appointed and commodious theatre and its matinees are now the favorite resort for Toronto ladies and families. As there is a continuous performance from 12 o'clock noon patrons can suit their own convenience, and the popular prices offer an added inducement.

#### IMPRESSIVE PICTURE AT THE GARDEN THEATRE.

The feature of a very interesting exhibition of motion pictures presented yesterday was undoubtedly "The Awakening of John Bond." The story was made by the famous Edison Company of America, with the co-operation of the National Association, for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. The story teaches a powerful lesson in hygiene and the photograph is clear, with the absence of any flicker whatever.

John Bond, a wealthy politician, ignores the tenement inspector's warning to make the necessary repairs to conform with the city's laws, and refuses his support to the tuberculosis committee when asked to assist in legislation that will provide funds for sufferers of consumption.

Living in one of his tenements is the O'Brien family, consisting of four children. The oldest of these is George, aged twenty-one, who is a bread-winner. Descended from consumptive parents, the entire family is more or less affected with the disease, their wretched surroundings hurrying them to an early grave.

John Bond marries and takes his bride on a honeymoon cruise on his yacht "Sylvia." It so happens that George O'Brien obtains employment in the "Sylvia" and, during the cruise, is taken ill. The surgeon pronounces him in the last stages of tuberculosis. His condition arouses the sympathy of the bride, who nurses the patient daily. He steadily grows worse, despite her attentions, and just before he dies, entrusts his watch and what little money he has to her for delivery to his sister, Nellie.

Through her nursing, Mrs. Bond has become infected with tuberculosis. Arriving home, she sends for Nellie and gives her the brother's trunk, in which she has hidden the watch and money, and recognizing him as the owner of their wretched home, bitterly denounces him, telling him that, indirectly, through his neglect, his wife has contracted the disease. Bond tries unsuccessfully to place his wife in a sanitarium and is at last obliged to apply to the tuberculosis hospital for aid. By trying to bribe the official he is brought to realize the great good that is being done by the association; when confronted by his own tenement now in the hands of one of the committee's nurses, his awakening is complete and he writes out a substantial check. Later on we see Mrs. Bond and the O'Briens recovered, and Bond, the accepted candidate, supporting the crusade against tuberculosis.

#### THE NEW YEAR'S CONCERT.

The big New Year's concert, to be given in Massey Hall on Monday night, is the only entertainment of its kind that will be given in the city on the holiday night, and it should attract a "record" audience. Among the artists who will appear may be mentioned Miss Mary Henry, the great Scottish violinist; Miss Barbara Poster, the well-known leading contralto of the Glasgow Select Choir; Mrs. Flora McIvor, organist; Mr. Harold Jarvis, who will be piping and dancing solo. The plan is now open at Massey Hall, and also at Nordheimer's music store.

#### The Only Roller Rink.

The Riverside Roller Rink, corner of Broadview and Queen-street, is the only roller rink that is open for business in Toronto at the present time. This is a fine large rink up-to-date in every way and the patronage this season has been better than at any time in its existence. Manager Smith is offering many attractions to his customers.

#### LIGHTS WILL SHINE LONGER.

Hereafter the hydro-electric lights of the streets will be kept burning till a later hour in the morning, according to Managing Engineer K. L. Aitken, who stated that this was being done to accommodate the numerous early risers in the outlying parts of the city. Mr. Aitken stated that the lights were out Tuesday night for a few moments, because of trouble on the transmission line somewhere between Dundas and Niagara Falls. It was no fault of the city system, he said.

Gaina's Majority 1075.  
PARRY SOUND, Dec. 27.—The official returns of the Parry Sound district provincial elections have been given out to-day by the returning officer, showing the following result: Gaina (Conservative) 213; Bradwin (Liberal) 1143. Gaina's majority, 1075.

To Dine Hon. Mr. Hughes.  
QUEBEC, Dec. 27.—Col. Sam Hughes has been offered and has accepted a dinner by the members of the Garrison Club of this city. The date for the function is fixed for January 2.

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### EXPLAINS TRADE SCHOOLS

What is a trade school?  
R. J. Stevenson, representative of the Trades Council, enlightened a quorum of the advising industrial committee of the board of education yesterday afternoon at the city hall.  
Mr. Stevenson said the trade school had been private owned corporations turning out half-baked mechanics on a three-year course in place of a five-year apprenticeship. Property regulated continuation trade schools are different.  
Mr. Stevenson called for an explanation of the use of the seceding pressmen's stamp on technical school bills. The explanation was that the stamp was ordered on by mistake for the regular union stamp.  
Chairman Fairbairn was given a vote of thanks.

### MISSIONARIES BEAT BRAHMAN'S

Rev. D. Brown, Baptist foreign missionary, has received an encouraging letter from Rev. R. C. Bensen describing a recent tour among the villages in India in the Bezada district. In some villages, however, the missionary writes, "the people were in an argumentative mood. In one village, Kolenavenu, the whole populace gathered. Their Brahman stood on an elevated platform and sent out speaker after speaker to orate in defence of idolatry. Their arguments were easily answered, and altho we were but two against a hundred, we felt that conviction has reached some hearts concerning that demoralizing custom."

### Orpheus' Quartet to Give New Year Concert—Piano Solo by Dr. Harvey Robb.

Broadway Methodist Tabernacle will be the Mecca for music-lovers on Monday evening, Jan. 1, when the Orpheus Quartet, the finest organization of its kind in Canada, and Dr. Harvey Robb, the celebrated pianist, will render a delightful program.

The quartet selections will include "Teardrop Light," as arranged by Dudley Buck; Verdi's "Rigoletto"; and "The Miller's Wedding." The choice of the former two will meet with general approval; the latter, while not quite so generally known, is charming and will undoubtedly be well received.

Each of the artists will also be heard in solo and duet. Mme. Ida McLean Dilworth, soprano, will give Tschalkovsky's "Whether By Day," and with Mr. Arthur Blight, "I Feel Thy Angel Sp'ing."

Mme. Des-Isle Bonsall, contralto, has two solos, "The Pipes of Gordon's Men" and "The Hills of Skye." Her duet with Mr. R. d'Erme Hollinshead, tenor, is Verdi's "Home to Our Mountains." Mr. Hollinshead and Mr. Blight are on the program for solos.

Dr. Harvey Robb, a brilliant pianist, and a favorite in Toronto, will render a number of choice selections in addition to accompanying the singers. The concert commences at 8 o'clock on Monday evening. Tickets 25 cents.

### OFFER THEIR HALL

Playgrounds Association Make Proposal to City.  
The Play Ground Association is quite willing that Social Centre Hall, which is under their supervision, should be used instead of Brockton Hall. It was claimed that it would be useless to expend money to repair the latter building, because Social Centre Hall will be larger and better for all purposes, and is only a block and a half distant. The mayor will be notified.  
The association, which met yesterday afternoon in the city hall, asked C. J. Atkinson to prepare a statement of the physical requirements of Toronto boys. Mr. Atkinson will do this after he has obtained some ideas from a trip which he will make thru several American cities in January.  
It was decided to ask the board of control to furnish lumber for the construction of temporary shelter houses on the McCormick and Canadian Northern play grounds.

### WOULDN'T TAKE TRANSFERS

Because a conductor of the Toronto Street Railway refused to accept two transfers tendered him by Frank Gowdy, the 10th of June last, and threatened to have a policeman eject him from the car, Gowdy is bringing suit against the company in Judge Brough's court, and a decision will be given later.  
Gowdy was with Mrs. Gowdy at the time of his disagreement with the conductor. They were intending to go to Dovercourt, and took a King car, but at the corner of King and Bathurst-st. the conductor directed them to alight and take the next car, and gave Gowdy two transfers. The next conductor refused to accept the transfers, and Gowdy only agreed to pay when a constable was summoned.

### WORRIED OVER CROWN PRINCE.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—The possibility that Crown Prince Frederick William, who was prevented by a cold from coming to Berlin from Danzig to be present when the Crown Princess Cecile gave birth to her fourth son on Dec. 19, and also at Christmas, will abandon Danzig as a residence during the winter, is being discussed in court circles.  
The climate of Danzig, where the crown prince is serving in the army as colonel in command of the Death's Head Hussars, is, owing to its proximity to the Baltic Sea, rather raw and trying, and is said by his physicians to be unsuitable in winter for the heir to the throne.

### Shortland Reporters' Meeting.

A special meeting of the Chartered (Shortland) Reporters' Association will be held at the St. Charles Restaurant on Friday, Dec. 29, at 7 p.m. Thus, Brough, C.S.R., will deliver an illustrated address on "Recent Progress Among Shortland Reporters in Britain and the United States."

### AMUSEMENTS.

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Miss Edmonds in New York.  
BOSTON, Dec. 27.—It became known to-day that Miss Violet Edmonds, the Brooklyn heiress who was engaged to marry the Rev. V. T. Richeson, has left her home to become a settlement worker in New York. Miss Edmonds was formerly active in charitable work in Brookline. The an-

### AMUSEMENTS.

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announcement that she is now doing settlement work in New York came from a close friend of the family.