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UNIFICATION OF CANADIAN LABOR LAWS IMPORTANT

Provinces Slow in Making Appointment to Board Provided By Industrial Conference.

The unification of Labor laws in Canada was the most important question discussed at the National Industrial Conference which met at Ottawa last September, says the Canadian Railroad Employees' Monthly. At that time the absolute necessity of such a move was acknowledged by all and the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

At this conference a resolution was adopted which suggested the appointment of a Board, whose duties would be to bring to the attention of the Governments of the Dominion and of the several provinces, the advantage of uniformity in the laws relating to the welfare of those engaged in industrial work. The Board is to be composed of a representative of the Government, a representative of the employers and a representative of the employees, both as respects the Dominion and each of the provinces. It was also asked that the Dominion Government be requested to ask the Government of each of the provinces to select or have selected representatives in respect of the provinces as set forth in the resolution.

This was in September. As yet no conference of the various representatives has been held. Some of the provinces have not yet made the necessary appointments. The Dominion Parliament has assembled and if we are to have the draft conventions adopted at the International Labor Conference, and embodied in the Treaty of Peace it is absolutely necessary that the various governments make the appointments at once and the conference immediately assembled.

Canadian workers have been tolerant for a long time. Government officials have stated that Canada, having ratified the Peace Treaty, the Government intends to carry out the Peace Treaty obligations in spirit as well as in letter. Organized Labor, through its recognized mouthpiece, the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, has stated that it will co-operate with any government in having the Labor legislation contained in the Peace Treaty carried into full force and effect.

Do the various provinces intend that our peace treaty obligations be carried out or is it merely a "scrap of paper"? Industrial unrest is just as prevalent in Canada today as it was at any time but the Canadian workers are anxiously awaiting for the oft-heralded new day when Labor will no longer be considered a mere commodity and that social justice will be more than an idle dream. Undue delay on the part of the various governments is little encouragement for the men and women employed in industry who have given, and will continue to give, the best that is in them. When amendments were being made to the Immigration Act there was no talk of delays or "due consideration." Let there be none in the drafting of uniform Labor laws for Canada.

PRINTERS' HOME AT COLORADO SPRINGS FINE INSTITUTION

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is the only way to keep a bunch of printers in line. I mean, of course, the kind of printers one would expect to find around a place of this kind—most of them sick and disgruntled. The discipline is really wonderful. In the dining-room, for instance, one never hears a loud word. There is no horse-play of any kind allowed anywhere on the grounds, no loud singing or whistling. There are lots of cards and other kinds of games played, but gambling is absolutely barred. Smoking is also against the rules, but occasionally a few will take a chance with Lady Nicotine. The food is very good. The milk especially, as might be expected from that prize herd of Holsteins, can always be depended on.

Description of Sanatorium.
Although the main building is all one, so far as the residents are concerned, it is divided into two sections or classes—sanatorium, and aged and infirm printers. So far my remarks have referred only to the sanatorium side. Being barred from the old men's side owing to lack both qualifications—age and infirmity—I have so far been domiciled on the sanatorium side, so will give you a few more particulars on this section. I am stretching this out more than I had intended when I started. However, Bob, it has occurred to me that, if you think it worth while, it might interest your members at a union meeting.

At the present time there are about two hundred and thirty residents, about fifty-fifty, old men and sanatorium. There is very little communication of any kind between the two classes. There are two dining-rooms, and separate assembly rooms, the library being the only place where there is any mixing. A newcomer on arriving is taken in charge by a nurse, assigned a room, given a book of rules, etc. It makes no difference how well one feels, he must stay in bed until the examining doctor has had a chance to examine and diagnose the case. If the patient is in bad shape he is kept indoors altogether. If it is a tubercular patient it depends on the condition he is in as to where he is assigned. Some are given rooms that open out onto large porches, so that if they desire to sleep outdoors they can run their bed out on the porch. Others go to the tents, of which there are twenty, all steam-heated and electric-lighted, and electric bells connected with the main building, so if anyone takes a bad turn during the night (or day) they can ring for a nurse. Then there is the pavilion, which will accommodate thirty patients. The lower part of this building is devoted to an assembly room for reading, writing, games, also baths, lockers, etc. On the east and west sides are what are called wings—just lean-tos, the part facing the south being open save for a wire railing. There are ten beds in each wing, and you can quite understand that patients assigned these berths get plenty of medicine, especially when the mercury hits around the twenty-seven below mark, as it did one night early in December. Some mornings they wake up with snow on their beds. The upstairs will accommodate ten. One large room with ten beds in it. Lots of light and air, as a part of the windows cannot be closed. There is also a comfortable sitting-room, bath room, etc.

Once a week the doctor examines temperature and pulse charts. From these he decides the amount of exercise for each patient. Owing to the high altitude (6,100 ft.) newcomers must be careful not to walk far nor fast until they become seasoned or climatized. After three weeks I was started off with fifteen minutes, and at the end of two months have one hour and a half.

Now for a few rules and regulations, and penalties. Breakfast 7:30-8; dinner, 12-1; supper, 5:45-6:30. Beefsteak, mutton chops or eggs may be had at any meal in lieu of the regular bill.

All patients are required to rest in bed from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m., also a half hour after supper. During these rest hours patients are not allowed to read, write or engage in conversation. Of course the latter restriction is violated pretty regularly, and occasionally someone is caught reading. All sanatorium patients must carry sputum cups. Great emphasis is laid on the importance of avoiding promiscuous spitting. In this connection I am going to dare suggest to your local that if you have not a law against the filthy habit of spitting here, there and everywhere around the shop, adopt one with a stiff penalty, and for God's sake enforce it. There are many tubercular people in the world today as a result of that abominable habit. The sputum is the greatest source of infection. It is harmless in the moist state, but dried sputum will float in the air and may be inhaled.

Sanatorium patients, by securing the permission of the doctor and superintendent are allowed to go to the city for four hours one afternoon in seven days. They must remain in the grounds between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. In addition to the four hours, anyone desiring to attend church may get a pass good for

DAILY HERALD EDITOR IS IN RUSSIAN CITY

George Lansbury in Wireless Message Tells of Conditions in Russia

(By Federated Press)

London.—The first private wireless message that has come from soviet Russia has been received here. It was a description of Moscow by George Lansbury, editor of The London Daily Herald, now in Russia.

"The churches are all open, and people going in and out," he said. "The magnificent shrine in the Kremlin was being visited as of old. All classes are in the streets. All suffer hunger, cold and sickness, due entirely to civil war, aided by foreign gold and arms."

"As to peace with our neighbors, there is no obstacle on this side. All Russia demands from her neighbors is friendship. Poles, Ukrainians—in fact, all peoples—can have peace if they will treat Russia as a free nation."

"I am struck with the calm confidence with which all officials face the future. It is their faith which keeps the masses with them. . . . People are badly dressed, but are looking remarkably well considering their privations; but the outstanding fact is that the blockade and civil war have let loose disease and want of every description. Yet these millions of human beings desire only to be allowed to live."

"Atrocious mauling is played out here and in Petrograd. I am as free and safe alone in the streets as in London; indeed, more so. True religion is untouched; true marriage is as sacred as ever. The churches are being restored at the public expense. There is nothing here worse than in other capitals; there is much, very much that is better."

Two hours. Lights out every night at 9:30 o'clock. The penalties for violations of any of these rules are as follows: First offense, remain within the limits of the residence grounds for a period of two weeks; second offense, four weeks; and a third violation means immediate expulsion. No sanatorium patient is allowed off the grounds during his first thirty days' residence, no matter how well he feels.

Old Men's Department.
The old men have a few more privileges. They are allowed to go and come during the day about as they please, except that they must be in at 10:15 p.m. They have a large assembly room, and can smoke and chew tobacco, and chew the rag, and play games to their heart's content. There are some great characters among them, and a complete line of dispositions, most of them it is alleged, not of the sweetest variety. Some of them are so cranky they won't even keep Old Sol because they can't beat the game every time, but will sit in a corner and shuffle cards for eight hours a day. Owing to lack of accommodation it is necessary to put two and three in a room. They are required to keep their own rooms in order, and it is funny to hear the stories about how they chalk off the amount of space they will keep swept up. Some of them are assigned certain little duties by the



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