



FOREWORD

WAR and rumors of war had for months been coming out of the West. First it was the Asiatic question and then it was the Industrial Workers of the World, more familiarly known as the I.W.W. The Hindu had sent emissaries Eastward; turbaned, good-looking, smooth-talking gentlemen, who endeavored to convince the Easterner that they were being very badly used. These turbaned "sons of the East" haunted the newspaper offices throughout the Eastern Provinces; they addressed women's clubs, men's clubs, social teas, prayer meetings; indeed they were met in all manner of places where audiences were to be found and converts made. How well they succeeded will be remembered by the many expressions of opinion as to the unseemly manner in which these "British citizens" were being treated here in Canada.

Of the I.W.W. and their work in the unsettling of labor and their total disregard of law and order, the Easterner had a glimmer in the long drawn out battle between the mill owners and this same desperate, disorderly element in Lawrence, Mass., while upon occasions meagre reports leaked Eastward from British Columbia pertaining to the merry time the contractors in charge of new work on railway extension in that Province were having with the I.W.W. How serious the conditions were and are is borne out by the fact that time and again these contractors have been obliged to seek protection for both themselves and their men, and in many cases have been unable, owing to the attitude