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URGES COAL CONSUMERS TO PLACE

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HOLD NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 11

Federal and Provincial Ministers, Representative Employees and Workmen to Confer on Industrial Re-

SUGGESTED AGENDA

The recommendations of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations for a national conference in Ottawa of Federal and Provincial Ministers with representative employers and workmen on the subject of industrial relations has been accepted by an Order in Council, which outlines also the basis of representation, the proposed form of procedure, and the objects in view.

The conference sessions will be held in the House of Commons Chamber, beginning on September 11, and will probably continue for about one week. They will be open to the press and public. Invitations will be extended to the averaged Pressure II. will be extended to the several Provincial Governments to be represented by their respective Prime Ministers and any other ministers who may be designated for the purpose. Employers and employees will each be invited by the Minister of Labour to select approximately sixty representatives to appear for them at the conference, the selection to be arranged through the representative associations of employers on the one hand and through the representative bodies of organized labour on the other hand in such a way as to make the gathering as representative as possible of all branches of trade and industry throughout Canada. It is expected that the members of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations and representatives of engineering and technical organizations will also be invited. The total number of persons attending the conference will rot exceed 150 in all.

AGENDA SUGGESTED.

The arrangements for the conference will be made by the Hon. G. D. Robertson, Minister of Labour. A suggested agenda has been prepared by the Labour Sub-Committee of the Reconstruction Committee of the Cabinet, based on the report of the Royal Commission on Industrial Re-

MARKED INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION FIGURES SHOWN.

Immigration during April and May of this year shows a marked increase over that for the same months of 1918. The following figures are supplied by the Department of Colonization and Immigration:-

-Persons Total immigration. 11,268 7,123 From U.S. 7,524 6,310 Via ocean ports . . 3,744 813

Estimated wealth of settlers from United States: April, 1919, \$2,159,890.75; April, 1918, \$1,499,345.95.

1918 Total immigration. 10,197 5,261
From U.S. 5,198 4,554
Via ocean ports . . 4,999 707 Estimated wealth of settlers from United States: May, 1919, \$1,355,747.50; May, 1918, no figures available.

lations. This agenda includes among other subjects the desirability of unifying and co-ordinating the existing labour laws of the Dominion Parliament and of the Provincial Legislatures, and consideration of any new labour laws which are deemed necessary; also considera-tion of the proposals of the Royal Commission relating to hours of labour, the enactment of minimum wage laws, the right of employees to organize, recognition of labour unions, the right of employees to collective bargaining, and the establishment of industrial councils.

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Following is the proposed agenda:

1. Consideration of the question of the desirability of unifying and co-ordinating the existing labour laws of the Dominion Parliament and of the Provincial Legislatures; and the consideration of any new labour laws which are deemed necessary.

2. Consideration of: (a) employees right to organize; (b) recognition of labour unions; (c) the right of employees to collective bargaining.

3. Consideration of: (a) the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations in favour of the establishment of a bureau to promote the establishment and development of joint industrial councils; (b) the further recommendations of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations regarding the establishment of joint plant and industrial councils.

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Coal not Coming into Canada in Same Quantities as did Last Year and home Production is Below Average also

GOVERNMENT CIRCULAR ISSUES WARNING TO COAL USERS

Sir George Foster, Minister of it possible to forecasts Trade and Commerce, has issued the following statement on the coal situation:

THEIR ORDERS FOR WINTER IMMEDIATELY

With the signing of the peace treaty, the United States Fuel Administration has automatically ceased to exist, and the production and distribution of coal in that country is now governed solely by the law of supply and demand. All war-time regulations, restrictions, and embargos have been cancelled.

As has been previously intimated the Canadian Fuel Control was dis-banded on March 31 last. The coal supply of the nation, therefore, now depends on the individual efforts of the coal trade, and the co-operation it receives from the consumers in placing their orders for coal at once.

The information at hand indicates that coal is not coming into the country in the same quantities as last year, or even as it did in normal pre-war years. This is especially true in the Maritime Provinces.

For the first six months of this year the Pennsylvania anthracite mines, on which Central Canada depends for a large part of her domestic coal, had produced only 38,800,-000 net tons of coal, as compared with 49,100,000 net tons during the same period last year, making a shortage to date of over 10,000,000 net tons. Nor is there much hope that this shortage will be made up, for there is a serious scarcity of mine labour in the anthracite field, due to the fact that many thousands of miners are leaving the United States for Europe. Up to the middle of June 42,000 miners had already left the United States, and it is estimated that 1,300,000 people will eventually leave America before this movement subsides.

With the strong demand for coal, and the lessened production, there is little room to hope that the price of anthracite at the mines will fall for many months. In fact, the indications are that the price will continue to advance as the fall and winter approach.

It is not safe to assume that next winter will be a mild one. Nor is labour situation at the mines will be or what success the railroads (just emerging from the strain of the war period) will have contending against possible adverse climatic conditions this coming winter.

The Government therefore urges all consumers to protect their fuel requirements by placing their orders at once. If it is impossible to secure full requirements of anthracite at this time, it is suggested that bituminous coal or other substitutes be acquired for use in the late fall and

CONTRACTS AWARDED BY ORDERS IN COUNCIL

Repairs to Wharves and Extensions to Sanatoriums Given Out

The Department of Public Works of Canada has awarded the following contracts under Order in Council:-

Ottawa, Hunter Building.—Electric fixtures and lamps. Contractors: A. A. Giddings & Co., of Montreal, at \$9,981.45. Order in Council dated July 11, 1919.

Kincardine, Ont.—Dredging. Contractors: The C. S. Boone Dredging and Construction Company, Limited, of Toronto. Approximate amount, \$9,576. Order in Council dated July 9, 1919.

Hamilton, Ont.—Postal Station "B." Contractor: K. Connor, of Hamilton, at \$36,650. Order in Council dated July 9, 1919.

St. Michel de Bellechasse, Que.— Wharf repairs. Contractor: J. B. Gallibois, of St. Pierre, Montmagny county, Que., at \$32,422.56 (unit prices). Order in Council dated July 9, 1919.

Kingston, Ont.—Nurses' home at Mowat Sanatorium. Contractors: Mc-Kelvey & Birch, Limited, of Kingston, at \$29,367. Order in Council dated July 9 1919

North Wiltshire, P.E.I. (Dalton Sanatorium). — Medical officer's residence, pump house, and vocational building. Contractor: Henry J. Phillips, of Charlottetown, at \$47,606. Order in Council dated July 9, 1919.

Port Hope, Ont.—Repairs to pier. Contractor: R. Brewder, of Cobourg, Ont., at \$11,565.46 (unit prices). Order in Council dated July 9, 1919.