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LLOYD GEORGE'S SOLUTION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

Emigration Within the Empire Meets With Little Favor in Canada.

"We may have to face the problem of emigration within the Empire," declared Premier Lloyd George in his speech on unemployment in the British House of Commons last week.

In the course of his speech the Prime Minister said the matter would be discussed with Dominion Premiers at the Imperial Conference next year.

"When you meet Canadians," continued the Premier, "they are very angry if you refer to Canada's hard winter. They say their winter is the most cheerful time of relaxation and leisure. There will be winters and summers in trade and employment whatever we do, but it would be a great thing if we were able to have our winters as the Canadians do, and to see, at any rate, it was not a winter in which honest men who had done their best to serve their country were thrown with their families into the cold to starve."

The Canadian Government's attitude is Premier Lloyd George's proposal of emigration from the British Isles to the overseas Dominions as a remedy for the grave conditions of unemployment in the Old Country, will be considered officially only when the matter is broached in that way. In the discussion here, however, the prospect of such wholesale immigration is not regarded as all with favor.

As far as farmers, farm laborers and female domestics are concerned the door is open, assuming that those coming under such heads apply themselves strictly to those lines when they get here. With regard to labor generally, skilled and unskilled, it is very apparent that the situation already is acute. Canada's unemployment problem as it is rather extensive and any policy likely to intensify it would naturally enlist no support.

If a conference of Premiers is held in London in the spring, and successive announcements are whether it will be held are conflicting, the whole question will come up, and, meanwhile, or whenever the question is broached, the Government's official attitude will be determined.

At present, however, the whole disposition is to invite the coming only of people for the land or for domestic service and to discourage others.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA BROUGHT TO DEAD STOP IN BRITAIN

Recent Judgment Delivered in London Courts Clarifies Legal Position of Russia From British Point of View.

Sir Robert Horne in his statement in the British House of Commons, last week, on trading relations with Russia, referred to a judgment delivered in the London courts recently by Justice Roche, which is important as clarifying the legal position from the English viewpoint as regards the Russian Soviet Government. The facts of the case heard by Justice Roche were that timber belonging to a Russian firm was confiscated in 1918 by the Soviet. In August this year, Krassin, the Soviet's commercial agent, in Great Britain, disposed of this timber by contract to a firm in England.

When part of the goods arrived in England, the original owners claimed it and by Justice Roche's judgment were declared to be the owners. This contract was made under seal of "the agents of the Soviet," and the judgment invalidates all such contracts made by

Krassin or on his behalf, if it can be proved that the goods in question had been seized by the Soviet from their rightful owners or even if produced on the soil from which the real owners have been expropriated and exported as Soviet property.

The point to be decided by Justice Roche was if the Soviet declared that the goods were theirs, was that decree valid in Britain? The British Government had never recognized the Soviet Government, which in England, therefore, had no legal status. Its power to seize property was not, therefore, allowed.

The legal correspondent of "The Morning Post" discussing this says: "Assuming that Krassin can only dispose of confiscated goods, his efforts and those of the people in this country who are arguing for resumption of commercial relations with Russia are brought to a dead stop. The only practical way in which the judgment can be neutralized is by the British Government formally recognizing the Russian Soviet as a de jure Government."

CANADIAN GOVT ANSWERS MIGRATION COMMISSION'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Reference was made in these columns recently to the appointment by the International Labor Organization of a commission to study the question of regulating emigration and immigration and protecting the interests of wage earners not residing in their own country. The Migration Commission has been organized under the chairmanship of Viscount Owe, British Government delegate. No meetings of the commission have been held, but a questionnaire, addressed by the director of the International Labor Office to the Governments of the different countries who are members of the International Labor Organization, has been received by the Dominion Government.

The replies of the Canadian Government to this questionnaire were forwarded during October through Mr. J. Obed Smith, the Superintendent of Immigration in London, and the Canadian Government representative on the commission, says the Labor Gazette.

The questionnaire referred to deals with three different points:

(1) The actual position of immigration and emigration in the respective countries, including statistical returns showing movements of populations.

(2) The existing legislation and regulations in the respective countries.

(3) Questions intended to bring out an expression of the views of the respective countries on the question of the legislation of the different countries, equality of treatment of foreign workers, and international co-ordination of effort for the protection of immigrants through the International Labor Office.

CANADIAN PANEL FOR LABOR CONFERENCE

Appointed in Conformance With Terms of Peace Treaty.

In conformance with the terms of the Peace Treaty, the Government has appointed Right Hon. Mr. Justice Duff, of the Supreme Court, Ottawa; Mr. S. R. Parsons, of the British American Oil Company, Toronto, and Mr. Joseph Gibbons, business manager of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, of Toronto division, to be Canadian representatives on the panel from which a commission of enquiry would be chosen. Articles 411 and 413 of the Peace Treaty relating to action which may be taken in the event of a member of the International Labor Conference failing to observe the terms of a convention ratified by such member, provides that the governing body may apply for the appointment of a commission of enquiry to deal with the situation. Each member of the conference is empowered to appoint three persons of industrial experience, one representative of employees, one of employers, and one of independent standing, to the panel from which the three persons to constitute the commission would be chosen.

It is pointed out that there is no dispute at the present time necessitating the appointment of such a commission, and even if such should exist, none of the Canadian appointees would necessarily be called to sit on the commission, the large number of nations in the conference making unlikely that Canada would have, at most, more than one member on the commission. It is considered desirable, however, that the Canadian members of the panel should be chosen.

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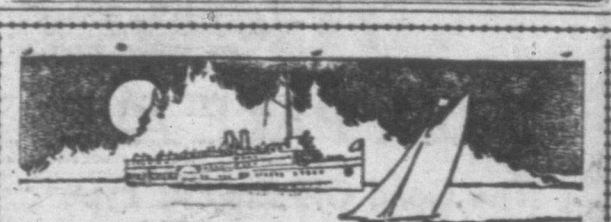
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