# INCREASE 90.3

Labor Department Compiles Statistics on Increase in Living Costs and Wages.

OTTAWA .- The tremendous adpartment as a supplement to the March issue of the Labor Gazette. The statement, covering increased various trades and occupations un-der review. The rates of wages are compiled from statistics obtained in 13 Canadian cities scattered across the Dominion.

over the 1813 scale is shown by the statement. As far as the weekly scale of wages is concerned, the increase is only 79.3 per cent. over 1913, but it is pointed out that there was a decrease in the number of working hours per week, which is rasponable for the discrepancy in the two rates. In regard to the cost of living, the department points out that the average affects in all items, for a family, when the peak was reached in July, 1920, was 101 per cent. over 1913. Food had risen 130 per cent. over 1913. Food had risen 130 per cent. over 1913. Food had risen 130 per cent. and sundries. 30 per cent. By December food had dropped to a level of 102 per cent. above 1913. The occupations under review in the bulletin with reference to wages are as follows: Seven building trades, five metal trades, two printing, street railway motormen and conductors, and six classes of steam railway employee.

The department took as its index number for 1013, the figure 100, and on this basis it was discovered that the average increase in hourly wage rates for building trades, was 50 per cent. in hourly rates, and 89 per cent., in weekly rates, and 89 per cent., in hourly rates. statement. As far as the weekly

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# Trades and Labor Councils

OTTAWA—"If the spotlight of public gaze had been sought by an embryd alderman, no better means could have been found than that adopted by Aid. L. P. Whyte with a notice of motion that laborers in the elvic employ be paid the sum of 40 cents per hour, commencing on May 1, the present raic being 58 cents per hour."

"From what angle this budding civic representative has looked to make such a move is beyond fathom by your executive. We do not wish to attach him to any ward, but our information is that smallwares is his business, and small wages is apparently his objective."

"It is no reduction to the patronage system. The several speakers who took the floor commended the action of the vergans. A resolution gasking Secretary "Sester to communicate with Premi-

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Hailord were named a committee to address the pext meeting of the bricklayers and masons, building laborers and local No. 294, structural iron workers, to urge that the organizations affiliate with the T. and L. Council. Delegate Fester reported that as a result of representatives from the council visiting the last



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# Labor Espionage in the U.S.

Practice of Employing Spies in Industry is Now National in

Essionage in industry is not an ports or create, through his own in institution which is agreeable to contemplate. It is become quite general in the United States and is rapidly being instituted in Canada. It has been developing inconspicuously these many years, says Sidney Howard in the New Republic. Representation of the contemplate Howard in the New Republic. Recent labor disputes show that it can no longer be considered in terms of locality; it seems to have become a factor in industry as a whole. He stimulate the prejudice of the one against the right of the other, whose

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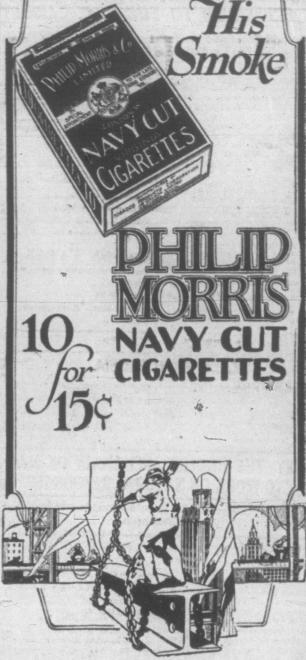
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# Imported "Booze"

Shall the importation and the bringing of intoxicating liquor into the province be prohibited?

WHILE importation of intoxicating liquors into "dry" provinces was forbidden by war-time Order-in-Council, Ontario's jails were half empty.

Since that order was rescinded, imported "Booze" has been filling them up again.

## Jail Commitments

-Before and after the Federal war-time Orderin-Council prohibiting importation of liquor into Ontario was rescinded:

Commitments for Drunkenness. 1919 ...... 3,415 1920 ...... 4,511

Commitments for All Crimes. 1919 ...... 13,096 1920 ..... 14,756 Net increase, 1,096. Net increase, 1,660.

Imported "Booze" is demoralizing social conditions, breeding a disregard of law, endangering the home and menacing the youth of this province. Imported "Booze" is defeating the expressed will of the people.

Vote-and Vote, "Yes" Let us shut the door to Imported "Booze

Ontario Referendum Committee