

# Editorial Page of The Canadian Labor Press

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### GREETINGS

"THE CANADIAN LABOR PRESS" EXTENDS TO ALL ITS READERS, BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

"The Canadian Labor Press" is optimistic of Labor's position in the industrial world and feels that it has been strengthened during the past year. Whilst the financial prosperity of Labor has not been as good during 1925 as it might have been, we feel confident that better times are close at hand and this, coupled with the fortification of our walls against the many disadvantages from which Labor suffers, is bound to bring about a state of solid prosperity such as Canadian Labor has never experienced. Let us therefore, look ahead to the year 1926 with a spirit of optimism and good will which is half the battle toward bringing about that happy condition for which we all strive and hope.

### Negro Labor Conference in Chicago

In spite of the fact that the South side of Chicago has a negro population of approximately 160,000, and although it had been advertised in every part of this country, the Negro Labour Congress did not manage to fill the small hall in which it was held. The instructions adopted by the Congress for the guidance of the negroes show that the "new policy," i. e. the postponement of destructive work in the "reformist" unions, is to be pursued in America also. The negro workers were advised to enroll in the American Federation of Labor unions wherever the colour line is not drawn. If the colour line exists, they are to agitate to have it removed, in the same manner as the colored freight handlers agitated at the recent Atlantic City convention of the A. F. of L. In the meantime, they are to form their own unions, with a view to joining the A. F. of L. in a body as soon as permitted. For the rest the speakers restricted themselves to their usual high-falootin' talk, which is not likely to be of much use to either the coloured or the white workers of America, a fact, which, as the above decision shows, is probably being gradually realized by the communists themselves.

### Union Official Is Expelled

"Expelled from the union because of conduct unbecoming officers of the organization," was the decision made public by the General Executive Board of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union in the cases of H. Lynch, Toronto, and R. I. Bradley, Winnipeg, both officers of Canadian National Telegraphs Division No. 43.

The investigation, which had been in progress at the Prince George Hotel since Monday, is the outgrowth of efforts on the part of Lynch and Bradley to set up a dual organization of telegraph workers in Canada. Charges were laid by Roscoe H. Johnson and heard by Executive Board Members William J. McMahon, Milwaukee, chairman; J. G. A. Decelles, Montreal, and "Calvin" McMahon, Saskatoon, Sask.

#### Capt. Johnston's Statement

Upon announcement of the decision, Capt. Roscoe H. Johnston, international president of the union, issued a statement in part as follows: "In expelling Lynch and Bradley the Commercial Telegraphers' Union has taken the first step in clearing its trade union structure of officials who are at fistuffs with everything that the Canadian Trades and Labor

### To Grow Silk in State of Oregon

Portland, Ore.—Silk production has been found to be practicable in Portland, according to tests which show all conditions favorable. The climate here is similar to that of Japan and tender mulberry tree foliage can be grown. This is stated by Harry A. Crawford and Fred Gifford, who conducted an experimental farm on seven acres near the city.

The two men fed more than 30,000 silkworms last summer and produced about 100 pounds of silk material from which garments of high grade can be manufactured. Next summer they will feed more than 400,000 worms on the same farm and will have the production of silk in Portland on a paying basis, they declare.

Congress and American Federation of Labor stand for.

"The union has been compelled in self-defence to take a determined stand in dealing with the red element. Other craft unions affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress will find themselves forced to do the same thing very shortly, or else be rendered impotent as true representatives of constructive trades unionists.

"Lynch and Bradley have been convicted of using their offices within the Commercial Telegraphers' Union to propagate revolutionary socialism, destruction of the American Federation of Labor, overthrow of democratic institutions and finally establishment of a so-called 'workers' industrial republic.' For the time being the secession leaders are cloaking their real aims with a mantle of respectability by appealing to Canadian national patriotism. That, of course, is an old trick of the red borers from within."

President Johnston's statement is characterized as "the bunk" by Henry Lynch. "All I know," he says, "is that I'm a member of the Socialist Labor Party of the United States, which believes in the abolition of the capitalist system and brought about by the ballot and the education of the working classes."

Mr. Lynch added that self autonomy was desired in Canada with no ties to the international union.

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### Ontario's Minerals

The outstanding metallic products of Ontario are silver, nickel and gold. The gross value of these to the end of 1924 follows:—silver, \$224,392,000; nickel, \$197,600,000; and gold \$184,419,000.

Of silver, the production in 1924 was 9,961,315 ounces, or over fifty per cent of that from all Canada. The Cobalt silver mines have been in operation for over twenty years, and to the end of 1924, along with outlying areas such as Gowganda and South Lorrain, have yielded over 350 million ounces, worth approximately \$290,000,000. The yield is now at the rate of about 10,000,000 ounces per year.

Ontario is the only producer of nickel in the Dominion, and supplies ninety per cent of the world's requirements of this metal. Post-war depression has passed away, and in 1924 the nickel mining industry functioned on better than a pre-war scale. The nickel deposits of Sudbury yield large quantities of copper as a by-product, also important quantities of platinum metal.

Of gold, Ontario's production in 1924 was over eighty per cent of the entire output of Canada, and had a value of \$25,569,262. The increase in output over 1923 exceeded 3 1/2 million dollars. At the present time the yield is approximately 2 1/2 million dollars per month, principally from Porcupine and Kirkland Lake or more than one-half that of the entire United States.

The metal mines of Ontario occur in the pre-Cambrian formations which cover twenty per cent of the entire northland. Only the southern fringe of these formations has been penetrated. The development of new mining areas means the expenditure of money for supplies and labour, and the new wealth created is gradually distributed to all classes of the community.

The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway represents an asset of 23 million dollars, and the Ontario Government shows its faith in the north country by providing branch lines where business warrants. In 1924 the Larder Lake Branch 22 miles and South Lorrain Branch 17 miles, were completed. Mine products represented last year 22 per cent of the railway's tonnage.

For lists of publications, maps, mining areas, geological reports and other information, apply to:

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TORONTO, CANADA.

### Merry Christmas

WE sincerely wish to all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Whilst this seems a formal and stereotyped formula, yet we all realize that this Christmas promises to be the happiest one for a great many families since 1921. Trade is improving, unemployment is decreasing and its effects are slowly being ameliorated.

These considerations should give us all a feeling of optimism and enable us to face the coming year with confidence that Canada has turned the corner and is faced with an industrial expansion that will turn the eyes of the world to the Dominion as a land of opportunity for investing capital and man power.

We reiterate, may this Christmas be a merry one for all our readers.

### Labor and 1926

ONCE again the beginning of a new year approaches and it is worth while to take a look backward over the mistakes and successes that are now past.

Labor especially should spend some time in retrospection and the lessons of the past year are bound to prevent mistakes and excesses in the future.

One lesson that has been deeply impressed on the working class mind is the futility of industrial violence.

The Nova Scotia coal strike alone is an enduring example of the fact that finally employers and employees must co-operate for the benefit of industry. In the field of politics Labor has earned that the country intends to return to the two party system and the end of group parties is in sight. These facts are bound to make for sanity and clearness in the year to come and there is no doubt that if Labor adopts an attitude of co-operation with those who control industry it is sure to win greater success during 1926.

### Municipal Elections

AROUND this time elections for civic office are taking place all over the country and it is to be hoped that the citizens generally are taking more interest than has been displayed in the past. Municipal government touches the life of the ordinary citizen at every point and for that reason alone should be carefully considered by the electors. In Toronto, the principal issues before the citizens are the control of the city-owned radials and the recent audit of the Gas Company.

Anyone who has studied these questions will agree with the view that the Toronto Transportation Commission should operate and control the radials and that is the only way to reduce the deficits at present existent, due to Provincial Hydro operation.

Everyone who reads the report of the recent Gas Audit fully realizes that the money expended on that report was a foolish waste. No new information being obtained, and, in fact, was all available at the City Hall. These facts should urge every elector to see that men are elected to office who will look after the citizens' interests and see that the affairs of the community are wisely governed.

### Moscow Government Due for a Change

Moscow.—Highly important state matters will come before the congress of the Russian Communist party which began its sessions here recently. The congress promises to be the most interesting political event of the year. The Communist party rules Russia, and its illusions therefore have a much more vital significance than those of an ordinary party convention.

The failure of the government's grain export plans for this year and the crisis in the supply of textile and manufactured goods for the internal markets will form the chief economic topic before the congress. Plans will be discussed for relieving these acute conditions, which have profoundly affected the prosperity of the country, ways and means will be devised for rehabilitating the economic productivity of the country and efforts will be made to bring it up to the pre-war volume. The executive committee will propose that the party name be changed to "Pan-union Communist party."

There is much talk in Communist circles of the expected rise to commanding power of Leon Trotsky, the former war commissar, who since his dismissal from the war department

### Immigration From Great Britain

London, Eng.—Emigrants of British nationality from the United Kingdom to places outside Europe during the first nine months of 1925 exceeded immigrants into the United Kingdom from those places by 58,583. The outward totals for the corresponding period of 1924 and 1923 were 33,159 and 148,292 respectively.

Grouped according to country of destination, the movement showed a balance outward of 26,317 passengers to British North America, 77,796 passengers to Australia, and 7,743 passengers to New Zealand. The movement between the United Kingdom and the United States showed an outward balance of 14,665 British passengers, as compared with an inward balance of 2,955 in the corresponding period of 1924.

As regards the movement of aliens between the country and non-European countries, an outward balance of 16,138 is recorded, as compared with an outward balance of 26,114 during the corresponding period of 1924.

### France Decides to Regulate Immigrat'n.

The French Minister of Labor has brought in a Bill for the regulation

of immigration. The provisions of this Bill have been drawn up by a commission consisting of representatives of the Ministers concerned, and of the employers and the workers, special consideration being given to agricultural interests.

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