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2. The Canadian Labor Press supports the policy of the present Dominion Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.
3. In the interests of the Canadian Worker, The Canadian Labor Press believes that Canadian industry needs adequate tariff protection.
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eries Company, with four mines in West Virginia, but since April 1 the employees have been on strike because the company refused to renew its agreement with the United Mine Workers of America. "We want to run a union mine, and expect to run one if we run it at all," says Mr. Warren S. Stone, head of the Brotherhood, "but it is impossible to do so when the non-union fields around us can produce so much coal more cheaply." Mr. John L. Lewis, head of the Mine Workers, retorts that efficient management would enable the Brotherhood's company to remain on the market with competing coal companies. Mr. Stone must find it embarrassing to be on both sides at the same time, but the controversy will do good if it softens some of the asperities of each.

Soviet Russia Holds Annual Fair

Moscow.—The world famous annual Russian fair in Nijni Novgorod came to an end Sept. 15. Sixty-five million rubles worth of goods were sold and 4000 contracts signed (1 ruble, 50c.) More than 400 small cooperative shops were represented.

The Minority Rules

Moscow.—The number of members in the Russian Communist Party July 1, 1924 was 340,000. In addition there are over 300,000 applications. The cleansing of the party removed 18,500 during 1923, and 4,800 in the first half of 1924.

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Fisheries Prospering

It is gratifying to note that the Canadian fishing industry is experiencing brighter days following the period of depression which came in the wake of increased investment and stimulated activity in the war years with a subsequent slump in demand. Regarded from every angle a degree of progress is evident which continued, should bring the fishing industry of the Dominion to occupy the relatively more important place the vast resources back of it justify. In many respects the year 1924 promises to be the most prosperous year the industry has experienced and may herald the dawning of a new era for Canadian fisheries.

The value of the catch in the first three months of the year, which showed an increase of 56 per cent. in comparison with the same in the previous year, has been continued in subsequent months, and this would indicate a revenue from the year's operations amounting to over \$60,000,000, or equal to the banner year of 1918, when prices were substantially higher than at the present time. Reviewing the catches of the present year, increases are noted in practically every species of fish caught.

Increase in Investment Capital

In the government returns covering the 1925 industries in its branches for 1922 the increasing importance of these activities is noted, and there is little doubt that this feature characterized the year 1923 and the present year. Between 1921 and 1922, whilst the capital invested in sea fisheries remained virtually the same, there was a substantial increase in that of the inland fisheries, this increasing from \$4,177,682 to \$4,513,188. The increase in capital invested in fish canning and curing establishments was \$2,704,248 or from \$19,411,990 to \$22,116,238. Employees in sea fisheries increased from 47,445 to 48,286, in inland fisheries from 7,785 to 9,594, and in canning and curing factories from 14,104 to 16,577.

For the first time the amount of cold storage space in Canada devoted to fish has been compiled by the Canadian Fisherman. Of a total of 35,577,842 cubic feet of cold storage space it was found that more than fifteen per cent was devoted to fish exclusively or chiefly fish. Of the balance of a general storage nature fish is no inconsiderable item, so that it is estimated that twenty and twenty-five per cent. of the total cold storage warehouse capacity in Canada is used by the products of fresh and salt water.

Eighty per cent. Export

The greater portion of the Canadian catch, amounting in fact to eighty per cent, finds its way to the export markets. In the last fiscal year the value of Canada's fisheries exports was \$30,547,275 as compared with \$27,557,717 in the previous year. This mark was only exceeded during the war years and immediately following the war when there was an extraordinary demand for Canadian fish and prices maintained a high level. In the year under review the value of fresh and frozen fish exported increased from \$8,691,605 to \$9,447,729 and that of preserved and canned fish from \$9,806,881 to \$12,758,517. The outstanding feature of this trade was the increase in the exports of canned salmon, which grew from \$4,483,509 to 7,721,075.

The Canadian fishing industry is one could scarcely put limits of expansion. It is estimated that the fishing grounds of the Dominion on both coasts and the great inland lakes, could easily furnish the entire world with its needs without suffering any depletion, and come very near filling all demands for variety. With eighty per cent. of the catch leaving the country at the present time, further development of the industry hinges on a greater domestic consuming population, together with the penetration of such further markets as can be found.

Labor in Finance

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has been growing rapidly as a capitalist since it opened its first bank in Cleveland about two years ago. It owns also a second bank in New York City, a third in Boston, and is planning to open a fourth in Philadelphia and more in New York State. These investments are in addition to the interest which the Brotherhood acquired in the Empire Trust Company of New York and the newly formed Empire Company, an investment house. It is now organizing the Brotherhood Securities Corporation of New York, which is similar to the Brotherhood Investment Company on the coast, already organized to finance and control their banks in other sections of the country. Apparently the Brotherhood is entering on a new development of labor banking by forming holding companies to control these banks. In addition the holding companies according to a recent announcement will deal in "high-grade securities for investment purposes."

In its new capacity as capitalist the Brotherhood could not avoid some of the labor troubles which afflicted the old-time capitalist. The Brotherhood owns and operates the Coal River Col-

J. A. P. Haydon Seeks Election In Ottawa

Pledges Himself as Favoring Fair Wage Bylaw

"Announcement has been made in Ottawa of the candidature of J. A. P. Haydon for the Board of Control in that city. Mr. Haydon was a candidate at the last election and was defeated, but reports indicate that his chances of election this time are much brighter. He has many friends supporting him, and such men as Hon. Gideon Robertson, Tom Moore and P. M. Draper are to take the platform on his behalf.

One of the chief planks in Mr. Haydon's platform is his pledge to bring forward a fair wage bylaw for the city of Ottawa. The candidate is at the present time president of the Ottawa Trades Council and Canadian correspondent for Labor, the official newspaper of the railway workers. He was formerly editor of the Congress Journal, the official publication of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Labor of brain and brawn is the force that has raised man from the animal and made him master of the earth.

The Gas Issue

ONCE again the hardy politicians Annual, the pre-election attack on the Consumers Gas Company comes to the fore. It is obvious to every clear thinking citizen that the object in bringing this matter before the public eye is in the belief that it will mean votes to certain ambitious civic politicians.

The Canadian Labor Press is convinced that the majority of Toronto electors realize this and are not likely to give much heed to the cries raised against the Consumers Gas Company. Lest there be any workers who do not realize this amongst our readers, we ask them to calmly analyze the situation for themselves and it will be found that there is not the slightest justification for the unfair attacks that have been made. Great outreries have been made that the Gas Company will not allow an audit to be made, and the impression is deliberately created that the company have something to conceal.

To anyone who knows the men in direction of the Gas Company's affairs this is nonsense, for the whole record of the Gas Company shows that every effort has been made to give the fullest service to the citizens, reinforced with the highest public spirit. Capital is being made out of the fact that the Gas Company will not allow an audit to be made, but the Canadian Labor Press believes that the company has adopted an absolutely correct attitude, for it would neither be a service to the citizens, or to themselves as a public service corporation to allow their financial affairs to be hawked in the arena of civic politics as those who are asking for an audit would undoubtedly do if the opportunity was given them. The Canadian Labor Press believes that the legislature will not aid our opportunist politicians in this matter and undoubtedly a great many of our citizens feel that the money spent in taking a vote on this question could have been put to a much better use.

As we have pointed out before, all these attacks on corporations who are rendering great service to the public, retard the general expansion of industry that will require to take place if our employment situation is to get better, and civic politicians would be doing a real public service if they would turn their attention towards reducing the heavy burden of taxation at present on industry, a burden that is almost staggering. If they would do this then they would earn the thanks of all classes of citizens, and acquire a higher respect and dignity for civic government in Toronto.

Toronto's Street Railway Service

TORONTO is acknowledged by representatives of American, British and European cities to have in her present street railway, a transit system that stands second to none.

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The Canadian Labor Press feels compelled to utter a protest against the unfair treatment at present being meted out to Toronto's civic railway system by the competition of privately owned motor buses at present allowed to bring passengers from outside points into city points thus depriving the Toronto Transportation Commission of the revenue from each passenger they carried. It must be obvious that private interest is not running motorbuses in a spirit of idealism, but for the very definite object of making profit, profit which otherwise would go to the support of the civic owned railway. Toronto would not dream for one moment of allowing a competitive railway franchise to operate on Toronto streets and that is just as logical as allowing privately owned motorbus systems to develop in competition with the Toronto Transportation Commission.

The Toronto City Council must take some steps to remove this menace to the Toronto Civic Railway System, and if the city has not the power to interfere then its representatives should seek power from the legislature that will determine once for all that the control of Toronto streets so far as transportation is concerned shall be in the hands of the very able business men who comprise the Toronto Transportation Commission.

Canada, Agriculture and Immigration

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about encouraging the farming industry and then proceed to depress and attack allied industries such as agricultural implements and machinery manufacture. Yet this is a common sight in our political world.

Just as the prosperity of Canada is bound up with that of Europe, so is the prosperity of agriculture interwoven with manufactures.

It is foolish philosophy to encourage agricultural immigrants to come to Canada and then ask them to purchase their machinery and implements in the United States. That way we reduce the U. S. overhead, but we add to our own; yet frankly speaking, that is the effect if we do not take adequate measures to foster our own industries. The lesson for Canada is that the road to prosperity is by a sane restoration of Europe, increase of population by immigration and the encouragement and development of agriculture and manufacture.



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