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- 1. The "Canadian Labor Press" strongly condemns and continually opposes all forms of Communism and Radicalism in Canada.
2. "The Canadian Labor Press" endeavors to present all labor and industrial problems, from a commonsense point of view with the idea of closer co-operation and a better understanding between employer and employees.
3. In the interests of the Canadian Worker, The Canadian Labor Press believes that Canadian industry needs adequate tariff protection.
4. The Canadian Labor Press advocates fair play to employer and employee.
5. The Canadian Labor Press stands for the betterment of Trade Union conditions in Canada and the welfare of our country at large.
6. The Canadian Labor Press is independent in politics and free from any political influences.

Free trade and Cheaper Living Costs

It is cheaper under a system of low tariffs than under a system of high protection. Apart from the example shown by Germany...

According to the Canadian Railroad Employees' monthly, the retail price of bread in Canada on March 1, 1925, with wheat selling around \$1.50 per bushel, was higher than it was on March 1, 1919...

There is a lesson in this for Canadian workmen and that is to study carefully what the effect of a stable tariff policy will mean for the Dominion, and to strain every effort so that such a policy will come to pass.

The Coal Crisis

ACCORDING to reports in the daily press, it is probable that a nation wide strike in the American coal fields will take place at an early date.

Whilst it is primarily a matter of American concern, yet due to the dependence of Ontario and Quebec upon American coal supplies, such a strike is of great moment to the citizens of these provinces and indirectly to the citizens of the other provinces through dislocation of production.

There is a lesson for Canadians in the almost annual strikes that take place and that is that the Dominion should go rapidly ahead with the development of our own coal fields, so that Canadian citizens will not be so utterly dependent upon the quarrels of American miners and operators.

Calgary Raises Funds for Miners

Approximately \$1,400 was realized from the tag day in aid of the Nova Scotia miners held in Calgary recently under the auspices of the various labor organizations of the city.

Ford Influence Is Extended

Henry Ford extends his influence in this country by entering the field of finance capital. His son, Edsel Ford, is a director of the Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit, and Ernest Kaizer, Vice-President of the Ford Motor Co. is made director of the Guardian Detroit Co. of New York...

Must Pay Union Wages

The London, Ontario City Council decided that the contractor making concrete pipes for the city on the Wellington street sewer should not only pay the prevailing rates of wages for all work done, but that this decision should be retroactive on the work already done.

To Prevent Local Strikes

To prevent local strikes from being proclaimed, the Mexican Federation of Trades Unions has ordered that locals shall no longer call strikes on their own initiative, but must first consult the executive of the national body.

For Unity

The Amalgamated Engineers and the Union Transport Workers' Federation, having a combined strength of 600,000 have made a formal agreement to assist each other in labor disputes.

Protest Wage Rate

Toronto, Ont.—A deputation from the Building Trades Council waited on Hon. G. S. Henry, Acting Premier of Ontario, protesting that the rate of wages being paid common laborers and carpenters engaged in the construction of the new Administration Building in Queen's Park was too low.

Miners Form New Union

Lethbridge miners voted three to one on June 2nd to go back to work. The vote of the local camp was 264 to 99 to accept the wage cut, which is about 5 per cent for contract men and about 30 per cent for day wage men.

Steel Plant on Short Time

Sydney, N. S.—Eight hundred men are being added to Cape Breton's unemployed by the closing down of the blooming and billet mills of the Sydney steel plant of the British Empire Steel Corporation, and the closing of the blast furnace, and open hearth.

"Slack orders" was the reason given with the announcement from the general offices of the corporation, E. E. McClurg, vice-president is in Montreal and no other comment or particulars were given.

The colliery district remains quiet and there is no apparent change in the situation affecting the corporation and their miners who now approach four months of idleness. The two parties seem still widely separated on the corporations proposals, based they say, on economic demands, for a ten per cent wage reduction from the 1924 wage rates, and some other features to which the miners do not agree.

Fire which broke out at eleven o'clock but which was under control at Mine Eight, destroyed the buildings and other structures, except the company's offices, at the bank head of number eleven colliery at Caledonia, near Glace Bay.

PLASTERERS TO ARBITRATE

New York.—By agreements signed recently by Edward J. McGivern, president of the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Finishers' Union, and individual contractors, plasterers who have been on strike involving \$25,000,000 construction work in New York, Chicago, Washington and Detroit are to return to work immediately.

The agreements were signed, Mr. Norman said, "pending settlement by arbitration of the differences between the Plasterers' Union and the Bricklayers, Masons' and Plasterers' International Union."

WOODSWORTH IS NOMINATED FOR NORTH WINNIPEG

J. S. Woodsworth, M.P. was unanimously selected at a convention of the Centre Winnipeg, Brooklands and St. James members of the Independent Labor Party to contest the North Centre seat in the next federal election.

Take Over Silk Plant

The silk knitting plant of Hall Acme, Canada, Limited, in London, which has been closed since November last, has been taken over by an American concern, Hudson Knitting Mills, Inc., of West Hoboken, N.J.

Favor Canadian Miners' Union

Lethbridge.—Voting on June 10th on the question of an organization of a Canadian Federation of Mine Workers, Coleman and Hillcrest miners cast a strong favorable ballot.

Labor Union Exchange Students

New York.—The first Labor Union Rhodes scholarships ever exchanged officially between the United States and Europe will begin October 1.

Spencer Miller, Jr., executive secretary of the Workers' Education Bureau, official organization of the American Federation of Labor announced recently, approval of plans whereby William Ross, machinist, of Baltimore, Md., will go to Ruskin College Oxford, England, and Horst Berenz, wood turner, will come from the Free City of Danzig to attend Brookwood Labor College at Katonah, N. Y.

The guest scholars arrange for their own traveling expenses under the terms of the exchange. Their tuition and living costs, however are borne by the institution acting as host. Ross' trip will be financed by the Machinists' Union at Baltimore. Berenz will be sent by his Wood Turners' Craft in Danzig, the Deutsche Holzarbeiter Verband.

Attempt to Reach an Agreement

The executive of both wings of the French Railwaymen's Unions of Orleans District have for some time past been endeavoring to achieve unity. At a recent joint meeting they adopted a resolution unanimously proposing that, as all previous efforts have failed, joint meetings of adherents of both wings should be held in every locality where these exist, in the honest endeavor to reach agreement.

Reds Help Chinese

Moscow, Russia.—The central council of trade unions of Soviet Russia has telegraphed 50,000 rubles to Peking to assist the striking Chinese and the families of those killed in the rioting.



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The outstanding metallic products of Ontario are silver, nickel and gold. The gross value of these to the end of 1924 follows:—silver, \$24,332,000; nickel, \$197,500,000; and gold \$154,419,000.

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 in the end of 1924, along with outlying areas such as Gowganda and South Lorrain, have yielded over 350 million ounces, worth approximately \$200,000,000. 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 metals.

Of gold, Ontario's production in 1924 was over eighty per cent of the entire output of Canada, and had a value of \$25,669,262. The increase in output over 1923 exceeded 5 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 seventy 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 22 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 32.5 miles and South Lorrain Branch of 17 miles, were completed. Mine products represented last year 22 per cent of the railway's tonnage.

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

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