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### CONTROLLED BY TRADES' COUNCIL.

These columns are now controlled entirely by the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council. By appointment of the Council the writer will, for the present at least, be responsible for what appears herein. My task will be, not to express my thoughts as an individual, but to interpret as nearly as possible the aims and aspirations of the trade union movement in this city, and to put in editorial form the pronouncements of the Trades and Labor Council on matters of interest to the movement in Edmonton and elsewhere.

### A PROTEST.

At its meeting on Monday last, the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council passed a resolution which will be forwarded to the Department of Justice, protesting against the refusal of bail to the Winnipeg strike leaders who have been committed for trial on the charge of seditious conspiracy.

The matter of whether or not the majority of trades unionists in this city are in sympathy with the views of the accused, has no bearing on the question of the refusal of bail. To allow such a procedure to go by without a protest would be, to our silence, sanction a very dangerous precedent, which might seriously affect the future of Organized Labor. If such a precedent is established, what guarantee have we that any labor leader may not be thrown in prison on a trumped-up charge at a time when his active presence might be disquieting to the powers that be? By the refusal of bail any active worker might easily be removed at a time when his presence might be of inestimable value to his organization or the movement in general. The unanimous adoption of the resolution referred to, is proof of the feelings of Edmonton trade unionists in this matter.

### MINERS ASSURED OF SQUARE DEAL.

Trade unionists or others who may be laboring under the delusion that the U.M.W.A. is compromising with Alberta mine owners in a manner derogatory to the welfare of the miners, can rest assured that their fears are not well founded.

Miners who are returning to work are doing so as members of the union, under the agreement that exists between the Western Coal Operators and District 18 of the U.M.W.A., plus the order of Commissioner Armstrong respecting the eight-hour-day. Miners may re-affiliate with the union and return to work without discrimination. The only obligation upon the men is a guarantee to renounce their connection with the O.B.U., and observe the terms of the agreement.

The men who are conducting the negotiations for the U.M.W.A. are men experienced in dealing with difficult situations, and are more than a match for any unscrupulous employer, who might attempt to take advantage of the present situation in order to discriminate against the workers. The U.M.W.A. has the reputation of giving its members a square deal, of business-like methods in its dealings with employers, and miners who are now pinning their faith in the international are assured of receiving just treatment.

An investigation into the methods being adopted by the U.M.W.A. in the present instance, will very quickly prove the lack of justification for the propaganda which is being circulated against the international officials in District 18. Any accusation to the effect that the U.M.W.A. is betraying any one principle of trade-unionism in its dealings with Alberta mine operators, can be put down as absolutely false.

### EQUAL REPRESENTATION?

On the face of it, the statement of Hon. Senator Robertson before the Industrial Congress to the effect that Labor should have equal representation, with other interests, in government and industry, looks good. The value of the statement, however, can best be judged when taken in conjunction with the Hon. gentleman's further observation to the effect that Labor should be represented in Parliament by fifteen members. We agree with the Senator that even fifteen members would be for the good of the country, but we must confess our inability to understand by what process of calculation or reasoning he arrives at the conclusion that fifteen members would give Labor equal representation with "other interests." We presume the Hon. Minister's desire for equal representation in industry would be on the same basis as he would have Labor represented in Government.

If the activity of the workers, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, along the lines of political organization, is any indication of what may take place, it is quite within the realm of possibility that the Minister's alleged desire for Labor representation in Parliament, may be gratified.

### TREAT ALL ENEMIES ALIKE.

It is obvious that to defeat Labor, you have only to break up the machinery whereby the workers express their will. That machinery is the corporate organization of Labor, and that organization is Labor's conquest and hard-won triumph of a century's effort and struggle. Without it Labor must once more slip into bondage. Without our unions our control of our own power vanishes. We become atoms again and disappear from the body politic. It is therefore upon our corporate solidarity that the enemies of trade unionism have always hoped to strike. The workers are always on the safe side in opposing to the utmost degree any force that would disintegrate Labor's organization. The fact that the monkey wrench might be thrown into the machinery from among the ranks of Labor is no reason why those who have the interests of the organized workers at heart should not take a definite stand in opposition to disruption and disintegration. The dynamiters of trade-unionism should all receive the same treatment, be they governments, capitalists or O.B.U. propagandists.

### DOLLARS FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS.

American big business was well represented at the recent industrial congress. Probably the most outstanding man at the Congress from that point of view was Captain Robert Dollar, whose name is not unfamiliar to the Labor world. It is natural then that the Captain's viewpoint should be taken as representative of "big business." In his speech on the possibilities of trade in the Orient Captain Dollar gave his hearers an excellent opportunity to judge of the attitude of the interests he represents.

In deploring the fact that Japan had been given control of the Shantung Province, despite China's protests, the Captain frankly made it clear to his hearers that the injustice done to China had no place in his thoughts. Big business did not want Japan in control of Shantung because Japan has some fixed ideas of her own as to how business should be conducted in her colonies.

The representative of big business paid a glowing tribute to the missionaries in China. Because of their efforts in saving the souls of the poor heathen! Oh no, nothing so frivolous as that. Big business loves the missionaries because they have created a confidence in the white man, which confidence Captain Dollar and his kind take advantage of in the reaping of their harvest of Chinese dollars.

When big business lays bare its mercenary soul in all its sordid selfishness, is it any wonder that Mr. Average Man is rapidly becoming disgusted with the whole outfit?

### THE POLICEMEN'S FEDERATION.

A matter of very considerable interest to Trade Unionists in all parts of Canada, is that of the proposed National Federation of

Police Unions. To the Edmonton Policemen's organization belongs the honor of having first proposed such a scheme. The Edmonton local addressed a letter to the officers of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and also to all other police unions in the Dominion. The communication met with an enthusiastic response and President Moore of the Congress informs the Edmonton union that the federation of Canadian police organizations will be a live issue at the coming Congress Convention.

As President Moore states in his communication to the Edmonton men, there is some opposition to the organization of policemen into trade unions, and it is necessary that the bluecoats should do everything in their power to consolidate their position. There is no good reason why the police should not have the same privilege as other workers, in organizing for the betterment of the conditions of their employment, and organized labor is a unit in wishing the policemen every success in the formation of their national federation.

### LABOR'S OWN PAPER.

With this issue of the EDMONTON FREE PRESS the editorial columns pass under the direct control of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council. The news columns have always been so. At a recent meeting, Elmer E. Roper was appointed official editor by the Trades' Council. The Free Press is Organized Labor's own paper in every sense of the word and the Trades' Council is the official body responsible for the policy of the paper, and all matter appearing in its editorial and news columns. Again let it be stated that there never was a newspaper published that entirely pleased anybody all the time or everybody any time. The so-called capitalist press makes the capitalist swear many times. The greatest source of weakness of Labor the world over is lack of newspaper support. Edmonton Labor has a newspaper which has earned the respect and esteem of the general public, flattering recognition from the Labor press all over this continent, and the general approval of the rank and file of wage earners of the community.

### EDITOR'S NOTES.

Good morning! Have you registered yet?

In his book, "Humanity in Industry," the new Liberal leader maintains that Labor should have equal representation with Capital in the management of industry. We wonder how far Mr. King will go in the direction of putting his theory into practice, if his party is again returned to power. We shall see. We shall see.

It may appear that the delegates at the Trades and Labor Council were afraid to tackle the question of the tariff which was brought to their attention by an eastern union. But as that question has now been under discussion in Canada alone for some fifty odd years, the delegates may be excused from trying to settle the matter in one evening.

In the reorganization of the standing committees of the Trades' Council, President McCreath in choosing the personnel made some good selections. The organization committee with Delegate Cairns as chairman is especially strong and should have little difficulty in attending to the many important tasks that fall to its lot.

One of the new books at the library is John Spargo's "Bolshevism." Though a socialist himself Mr. Spargo is, after making a deep study of its application in Russia, opposed to the Bolshevik idea.

By the manner in which the British Laborites are criticizing the government's coal mining proposal as outlined in Premier Lloyd George's speech, and its turning down of the majority report of the Sankey commission for nationalization of miners, it is safe to predict that the miners' difficulties are not yet solved in the old land, and further unrest may be expected.

Trade unionists who have not yet registered their votes should take advantage of the fact that Delegate Cairns of the Trades' Council may be found in the Labor Hall any evening until registration closes, with power to register voters.

## SYNOPSIS WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT

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doctor, hospital, drugs, medicines, nursing, etc., required by the injured workman.

Such workmen who may be parties to a medical plan, which has been approved by the Board, are not required to contribute to the assessment mentioned above.

Each workman in the province in the industries enumerated in the Act, was liable to receive compensation from the Board in respect to an injury received during the course of his employment, from the time the Act became effective. He is required, however, to satisfy himself that his employer has paid his assessment and that the same is paid thereafter when due, so that he may receive compensation in case of injury. The fact that the employer has not forwarded a pay-roll statement or paid assessments to the Board, does not in any way affect the liability of the workman to receive the compensation provided in the Act.

As the provisions of this act are in lieu of all statutory rights of workmen, employers are protected from the payment of compensation to those workmen coming within the scope of the Act and injured during the course of their employment, all compensation being payable by the Board. The liability of employers being the forwarding of monthly pay-roll statements and other reports required by the Board and paying such assessments as are levied on them by the Board. The minimum assessment required from each employer under the Act is \$2.50 per month.

The Board is given, under the Act, the necessary authority to enforce payments of assessments and to penalize any persons for violating provisions of the Act. The Board is also given exclusive jurisdiction to examine into, hear and determine all questions arising under the Act, their decision being final.

An employer and members of his family may receive the same compensation as his workmen, providing he has included his wages and the wages of the members of his family engaged in the industry and paid assessments on same to the Board. The Board may, at its discretion, require an employer or member of his family to include his wages on his pay roll statement and pay assessments on same when the benefits of the Act will be extended to him.

Contractors are liable for assessments

payable by sub-contractor and owners are further liable to the Board in respect to the payment of assessments due by contractors or sub-contractors. The employer is required to keep posted up in a conspicuous place on his premises, the copies of his last assessment receipt and the workman is required to satisfy himself that his employer has paid his assessments.

Certain industrial diseases are treated as accidents.

On the happening of an accident, the employer or his representative is to be notified by the workman, or someone in his behalf, before leaving the works. The employer is required to notify the Workmen's Compensation Board at once when an accident happens to one of his workmen and again notify the Board when the injured workman has returned to work. The attending doctor is also required to forward a report to the Board, on a form prescribed for that purpose within seven days after his first attendance on the injured workman and on the first and fifteenth of each month during the time the injured workman is disabled and a final report within three days after the said workman is, in his opinion, able to resume work.

Fees for making application for compensation and all other forms necessary under the Act may be secured from the Board.

Compensation is payable by the Board twice each month.

### R.R. MEN WILLING TO TRADE PRAISE FOR PORK CHOPS

Editor Cense of the Railroad Trainmen, official magazine of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, declares that railroad employes are willing to trade words of praise received during the war for pork chops. He says:

"We have had our fill of generalities and kind words of what a mighty factor we were in winning the war. They pay for no pork chops. And, besides, we have a suspicion that they are all true. What we want now is time and one-half for overtime and a wage that will let us earn enough in six eight-hour days to live well and comfortably for seven 24-hour days."

"We stand ready to swap all the nice things that may be said of us for the things we need."

A bill was recently introduced into the United States Congress to prohibit the immigration of aliens for a period of three years, exceptions being made in the cases of certain relatives of aliens previously admitted and of persons engaged in the learned professions.

## The New Fall Suits for Men Have Arrived!

For the particular men—the men who are super-critical about style as well as quality—these suits will meet with their full approval. You are specially invited to look them over tomorrow. You'll find styles that are suitable for the business man with conservative tastes. In every case you'll find styles to fit your personality, as well as your shoulders, and they have the added distinction of being priced very moderately for such times as these. The materials are superior quality wool tweeds, worsteds and serges. All sizes for all types of men. We can fit you. **\$25.00 to \$50.00**  
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## Just Arrived from England, Shipment of Pure Wool Flannels

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The official declared that although the government recently released 37,000,000 pounds of sugar for public purchase in an effort to relieve the sugar shortage, it is impossible to buy sugar in large quantities at almost any price. He said it was intimated that some of the government's sugar has fallen into the hands of the profiteers.

Are you on the Voters' List?  
Register at the Civic Block.

## C. A. JONES AND CHAS. DUNCAN TO OPEN NEW STORE

Evidence of the business prosperity in the city is shown by the number of new businesses being started on Jasper avenue. The latest addition to the Edmonton businesses is a gent's furnishing store being opened at 9945 Jasper, by C. A. Jones and Chas. Duncan. These gentlemen are well-known in the city. Mr. Jones having been the manager of the Jasper Clothing store for the past eleven years, and Mr. Duncan has been with that firm for seven years. They purpose carrying a full line of high-grade men's clothing furnishing, boots and shoes, and as both the parties are thoroughly experienced in these lines, they intend giving the purchasing public the benefit of their business knowledge. The announcement of the opening of their store will appear in the advertising columns in the next issue.

Some union men are strong in the factory and at the meetings, but weak in the home. If there is a non-union atmosphere in the home, the influence of the wife and children is on the wrong side. Perhaps it is the fault of the bread-winner.

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