

Developing Films and Plates

Printing Pictures, Enlarging,
Etc.

This work is all done by our
own people on our premises.

Mail Orders, Prompt Service

STORE CLOSSES SATURDAY
AT ONE P.M.

**A. H. ESCH
& Co. Ltd.**

Dresses

Special Values on sale Sat-
urday morning.

In Groups at \$21.50
— \$32.50
— \$39.50

Featured in Serges, Taffetas,
Wool Jerseys, Satins, Geor-
gettes, etc.

Forbes-Taylor Co.
10614-18 Jasper Ave.

Lines Pharmacy

John H. Lines, Pharm. B.
Jasper Ave. at 102nd St.
Our new location

PROMPTNESS
ACCURACY
QUALITY
Our Watchwords
Phone 1633

NOTICE

To Builders and Contractors
Our plant is now in full operation.
We are ready to supply the public not
only with brick but are also dealers
in crushed rock, barrel lime, cement,
etc.

Alsip Brick and Supply Co.
Limited
Phone 4524 J. A. Bullman, Manager

FOR PORTRAIT PHOTO MCDERMID'S
PHOTO STUDIO
EAST SIDE OF 5TH ST. HALF BLOCK NORTH OF JASPER
PHONE 5444 AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

MILLWORK

YOU WILL ALWAYS GET
GOOD MATERIAL AND
WORKMANSHIP AT

W. H. CLARK & Co. Ltd.
PHONE 4566 109TH STREET

HOWE
AUCTIONEER
THE AUCTION MART
Opp. Macdonald Hotel

ALLAN KILLAM MCKAY
ALBERTA LIMITED
INSURANCE, FARMS, CITY PROPERTY
McLeod Building

HOUSES FOR SALE
COSTLY SOUTH SIDE BUNGALOW
SITUATED ON CALGARY TRAIL, TWO
blocks from car line. Four rooms, new,
neat and attractive; maple floors and stairs,
cush throughout; warmly built, on double
corner; paved street. If you want a map,
see this. Substantial payment required. Apply
evenings, 7403 106th Street. Phone 3135.

EDMONTON FREE PRESS

Edited, Controlled and Published by
THE EDMONTON TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

Issued at Edmonton, Alberta, Every Saturday
ELMER E. ROPER, Editor Adams Building

Phone 5095 VOL. 2, No. 5 MAY 8, 1920

WHAT IS "BONE-DRY"?

Under the Liquor Act of this province, the importation of alcoholic liquors is not prohibited. The right to impose such prohibition lies with the federal government, and under its auspices a referendum will be taken during the coming summer to determine the will of Alberta people on the question of importation. The only question that will be asked the electors is whether or not they want importation stopped.

Something else hinges on the vote, however, because of a statement made by Premier Stewart in the local legislature. The Premier stated to the house that if there was an overwhelming vote in favor of prohibiting importation, he would accept it as a desire on the part of the people for "bone-dry" legislation and his Government would act accordingly.

The question agitating many minds is: What is "bone-dry"? The Premier himself has intimated that he will give out a formal statement as to his interpretation of the term, and in the meantime we have the privilege of having our own opinions as to what "bone-dry" means. Very many ardent prohibitionists would be dismayed if the Premier made a statement to the effect that he would prohibit the use of liquor for medicinal purposes, and it is safe to say that many who would otherwise vote against the privilege of private importation would not do so if their vote was to be interpreted as in favor of prohibiting the doctors to prescribe liquor as a medicine in the same manner as they would give any other poisonous drug. Moreover, it is doubtful if the province would have the legal power to take such action. The Free Press is going to make the prediction that when the Premier makes his statement it will interpret "bone-dry" as the absolute prohibition of alcoholic liquors as a beverage but will put the booze in the drug class where it belongs.

THE WOMEN'S PLATFORM

On the Woman's Page of this issue will be found the proposed Women's Platform which is being submitted to the Local Council by the National Council of Women. The proposals are worthy of consideration and, taken as a whole, are so progressive in their character that they might have emanated from the Labor Movement, the birthplace of forward looking policies.

The minimum wage, eight hour day, collective bargaining, equal pay for equal work, mothers' pensions, are some of the women's proposals that are in line with Labor's requests. The adoption of such a program by a national women's organization should give a decided impetus to the political organization of Labor. It is to be hoped that the local body takes favorable action on the proposed platform, and in the event of such action the women of this city would be most consistent in throwing in their political lot with the Labor Party, the political organization whose program is based on humanitarian issues such as contained in the proposed women's platform.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PEOPLE

Commencing in this issue the Free Press is running a series of articles on University Extension Work, by Prof. A. E. Ottewill, head of the department of extension, University of Alberta. We wish to commend these articles to the very special attention of our readers, as they will contain valuable information as to the history of university extension work and its value to the workers. Mr. Ottewill will before the series is completed tell Free Press readers what is being done in this line at the local university and what is contemplated in the way of extending the usefulness of the institution in the direction of making it "the University of the people."

The subject of Education, and especially adult education, is occupying the foremost place in the agitation by the workers for a larger life. In Britain especially, as Prof. Ottewill will no doubt show, the Labor movement is making the extension of educational opportunities one of its greatest objectives. And the influence of Labor's educational policy in the old land has had a wonderful effect on the progress of the movement. Labor in Edmonton and Alberta is keenly interested in the educational problems of the country, and adult education, and continuation classes for those who have been compelled to leave school at an early age, have been repeatedly appealed for by the trade unionists of this province. Prof. Ottewill's articles, therefore, will be followed with interest by Labor men throughout Alberta.

WORKING CLASS PATRIOTISM

The quotation, "Patriotism is the last resort of scoundrels" has been made use of with some frequency during the last few years, but it has probably not been overworked or used without justification in many cases. It is surprising too the number of otherwise level-headed people who mistake fanaticism and violent prejudice for patriotism.

And while the proof of patriotism does not lie in the ease and fluency with which the claiming patriot proclaims his love of country, neither do the violent mouthings of a person engaged in the activities of any movement, prove such a one to be the most loyal to the movement. In the working class movement, the workers must not be misled by the ease with which individuals can deliver themselves of unlimited numbers of empty platitudes. The great need of the working masses is solidarity. And any man, or set of men, whose machinations divide the workers and dissipate their strength, are disloyal to the working class however forceful and violent may be their claim to understand and sympathize with the workers' needs.

There is a safe standard by which the workers can judge the faithfulness or otherwise of those who may be active in working class organizations. That is by what is being accomplished. The man who is obtaining something for the workers, or who is intensifying the solidarity of their organizations, is justifying the confidence placed in him. But the individual whose activities consist of airing his irrelevant, however plausible, theories, and the one who would sacrifice the workers' organizations in order to satisfy personal ambitions, are betraying the confidence placed in them, and are, unconsciously or otherwise, aiding the workers' enemies. Solidarity is the workers' immediate and vital need and the true working class patriot is the one whose efforts are directed unreservedly in that direction.

Delegates to the Trades and Labor Council should keep the first and third Monday of each month free from other engagements. Attendance at the regular meetings has dropped off some in the last two or three months, and this should not be.

Winnipeg Labor men are not wise in taking seriously the slanderous mouthings of a former Edmontonian. They should by this time be aware that the particular individual referred to lives and moves and has his being in the slander and vilification of those who are accomplishing something other than the delivery of wild harangues against everything and everybody. (By the way, collections must have fallen off in the east.)

The progress of the workers depends entirely upon solidarity, economically and politically. Progress in the organization of those now not organized is the biggest job the Labor movement has on its hands.

Shorter hours and higher pay are not all that the workers demand, but time for leisure and a larger share of what they produce is necessary for the enjoyment of other benefits.

We invite you to witness, with our compliments,
The Magnificent HUDSON'S BAY MOVING PICTURE Production

THE ROMANCE OF THE FAR FUR COUNTRY

Publicly Exhibited for the first time in Edmonton at the

ALLEN THEATRE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 6th, 7th and 8th

SCENES

Never Shown Anywhere Before

In His Itinerary From Ungava
to the Yukon and the Extreme
North the Motion-picture
Photographer Visited Many
Districts Where None of his
Profession Had Ever Before
Been.

—Adventures on the Athabasca.
—Camping out at Forty Below.
—The Fotlach in British Columbia.
—Evening Prayers, Baffin Island.
—Icebergs in Hudson Straits.
—H. B. Ship Nascopee Icebound.
—Trapping Fur-bearing Animals.
—Buffeted by Wind, Wave and
Ice of Labrador.
—Squaws Doing Stevedore Work
on the Docks.
—And many, many other scenes
woven into a picture of ines-
timable interest with a high
educational value as well.

Ever since you were knee-high you've revelled in Rex Beach's stirring tales of the fierce Northland. You've battled with the Arctic elements, you've plowed through untravelled wastes and exulted in the wild lure of it all with Robert Service.

—James Oliver Curwood's and G. D. Roberts' Animal Stories have thrilled you to the marrow. You've visualized the exploits of Hudson's Bay men and their native friends, as told by Agnes C. Laut, Dr. Bryce and Cowie. But now this fascinating "Far Fur Country," unvarnished, in all its engrossing romance, is coming to Edmonton—to pass before you upon a living silver page instead of a printed one—to entertain you as you have seldom been entertained before. It took seven eventful months for the photographer, H. M. Wyckoff, to cover the thousands of miles of territory and secure the photos. This wonderful film condenses the whole great adventure into a couple of hours' unique enjoyment, which you can have with the compliments of the Hudson's Bay Company during its 250th Anniversary Celebration.

FREE TICKETS

For the convenience of the public; we have made arrangements with the "Song Shop," opposite Pantages, for the disposition of tickets.

Tickets are good only for the time and day specified. There will be two performances in the Afternoon and two in the Evening. The first three performances each day have been reserved for school children. The Theatre will be cleared at the conclusion of each show.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 6th, 7th, and 8th. Distribution of Tickets, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Song Shop

EDMONTON SCHOOL CHILDREN

In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Hudson's Bay Co., the Educational and Instructive Film
The Romance of the Far Fur Country Will be Shown to all Edmonton School Scholars.

Free at the Allen Theatre, May 6th and 7th, Thursday and Friday

Three performances each day for school children at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Edmonton School Board has approved of the educational entertainment and holiday periods will be allowed in the city schools so that all the children may take advantage of the opportunity of seeing this wonderful film of the Northland.

The Hudson's Bay Company

MRS. W. F. SINGER REPORTS ON TOUR WEST. PROVINCES

Was Working in Interests of
Ladies' Auxiliary of the
I. A. of M.

The following account of the tour of the Western Provinces by Mrs. W. F. Singer, President of the Toronto Federated Branches of the I.L.P., in the interests of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the I. A. M. and which appears in the Toronto Industrial Banner, may be of interest to some of our readers.

Mrs. W. F. Singer, President of the Toronto Federated Branches of the I. L. P., has returned from her trip in Western Canada, where she has been on an organization tour in the interests of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the International Association of Machinists, of which she is the International Vice-President. Mrs. Singer reports that following the first advent of the O.B.U., it caused a division in the ranks of the International Association in the west, from which the women's auxiliaries also suffered severely, and in a response to a request from Winnipeg she was asked to undertake the trip, which was a very successful one. The Winnipeg branch has been greatly encouraged, and enrolled 36 new members. Mrs. Singer also visited other western cities, including Calgary and Edmonton, and everywhere met with success, but was unable to stay long enough in Edmonton to secure results. Many of the machinists who deserted the I.A.M. have returned to the fold, while the O.B.U. is rapidly going down hill, its force apparently having been spent, while the I.A.M. has a band of splendid workers, who are infusing new life into the organization.

She reports that everywhere the greatest interest is being taken in the new Ontario Government, and people were anxious to learn all they could about it. The newspapers have sought to create the impression that the I.L.P.-U.F.O. could not pull together, and were greatly pleased, when she informed them of the true state of affairs.

You'll Pay Enough for Shoes Be Sure They're as Good as the Price

You can't get a poor shoe in this store, we haven't got any. We'll promise you the best values ever shown at whatever price you choose to pay—

\$12.00, \$13.00, \$14.00, \$15.00

Whatever your preference in style, in leather; whatever your foot is shaped like; we'll fit your feet, your taste, and your pocketbook ability.

All the new styles; all the good leathers and colors; they're here in great variety. (The best stock of men's shoes in the country, we believe).

Stanley & Jackson

10117 JASPER AVENUE