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Need For Co-operation Exemplified By Rev. Dr. Frere.

OTTAWA—Co-operation of all classes and all interests was the only solution of industrial problems, said Rev. Dr. Frere, speaking at Lauder Hall recently on the "Church and Industrial Problems." Father Frere referred to resolutions from the Lambeth Conference of Bishops, held last summer, in explaining the relation of the church to industrial problems.

There was a change of spirit and working, he said, of the economic life, and this was obtained by co-operation, instead of private competition, and it was only by this that class distinction and industrial disputes could be removed. Instead of private advantage there could be co-operation for the common good, and instead of unrestricted competition there could be co-operation of service. Self-advantage was what most men work for, and also what made some men work harder than others. Self-interest should be placed second to that of the community, and this was taught by religion.

Labor was refusing to be bought and sold as a commodity, and insisted on being treated as a partner. It was inhuman to buy man, who should be treated as one who has some responsibility, and not as a machine. Labor was showing the sign of the change that was coming by uniting, and capital showed it by saying that men don't do as much work as they used to do. Other people said that trades unions were responsible. Neither was right, because the system was wrong. Labor was trying to find over for the change that was sure to come.

The square table where labor and capital sat opposite would gradually change into a round one where they sat together. This change would come when self interest was done away with, but, if self interest was maintained by the two combined forces, then the table would not be stable. The general public would then become disinterested, and unless they were satisfied that they were being treated squarely, things

would not be much better. There could be no harmonious work except with the good interest for everyone, and, if the round table worked for the good of everyone, then everyone would be satisfied.

The church to help in this industrial change should work for the education of children, for the relief of unemployment and for the betterment of the home. With regard to unemployment, Father Frere said to supply work for the unemployed was not hard, but the hard thing was to supply work for the unemployable.

The whole situation was forming into a great international movement, and tended to increase the difficulties of the economic situation.

Bishop Roper was chairman of the meeting.

Where is the essential difference between the thought of Trotsky, who says:

"I realize the possibility of a severe winter, but though thousands of the population die of hunger and cold, the remainder will survive to carry through to victory the world revolution" . . . and the late car, who said:

"I will give my last moujik for victory?"

Each, in his time, is willing to sacrifice everyone else for his own particular autocracy.

Economy consists in wise expenditure, not in unintelligent parsimony.

The clergy of Philadelphia have designed a "moral gown" for ladies.

THE LITTLE HOME OF LAUGHTER

By Edgar A. Guest.

The little homes of laughter can be found on many a street. And it's there that men and women in the bonds of friendship meet. Oh, the manhood on the highway may be handsome to see. And the rich man's lawn be lovely with the bloom of plant and tree. But the glory of the nation and its strength from day to day. Are the little homes of laughter where the children romp and play. There are billions of them smiling underneath the flag above. The homes that know the bedroom where the little ones were born. The homes without pretension. Very neat and clean inside. That know the soars of sorrow, and the room where one has died. It's beneath these roofs of kindness and within these walls of love. Where abides the strength and courage that shall keep the flag above. The little homes of laughter, homes the thousands know and keep. Where the mothers crouch at evening as they rock their babes to sleep. And the fathers in their shirt-sleeves find some little task to do— Oh, it's there you'll see the glory of the old Red, White and Blue; In the little homes of laughter, standing North, South, East or West. It is there you'll see the nation at its finest and its best.

HAMILTON PLUMBERS AND PLASTERERS WILL SEEK NO INCREASES.

HAMILTON—Officials of the master plumbers' and master plasterers' associations state that no increases have come from the union organizations asking that the existing wage rates remain in force for another year. At present the plumbers receive 30 cents per hour, and the plasterers 21 per hour. There'll be no agreement made this year between the employers and journeymen, stated a master plumber today. "It isn't a question of wages, it's the work we are after, and the sooner the journeymen make up their minds to work a little harder the better it will be for everybody concerned," he added.

Hamilton building industry employers are proposing to put the "Optional Plan of Employment" into operation this year, and the above statement is in keeping with that plan.

It is true of some of our anti-educationalists, as Byron said of others, they "would be wits and can't be gentlemen."

A Communist paper, writing on the unemployed, shouts, "Away with compromises negotiated by craft!" This would be a commendable revolution if uttered in Russia; but, of course, Lenin's compromises are merely camouflage—for example, Krasni.

HYDRO NOT COSTING PROVINCE ONE CENT

Sir Adam Beck Addresses Members of the Legislature.

TORONTO—Sir Adam Beck addressed a meeting of Members of the Legislature recently, called by Premier Duff, to give the chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission an opportunity to explain the present situation in regard to Hydro-Electric development.

Sir Adam Beck's last was that the Hydro enterprise was essentially a municipal undertaking. Among the questions put to the Hydro Minister during his address was one by the Premier, who asked if the function of the commission was not originally limited to buying and distributing power. "We have the most extraordinary powers ever given to any commission," was the reply of Sir Adam, who after giving an account of the work of the commission, continued:

"The province is not contributing one dollar. You are not giving a bonus. You are not making a grant. Up to date the province has not contributed one cent to this scheme other than for preliminary investigation."

The municipalities had paid \$17,000,000 in redemption of money loaned by the province and had met the interest from the date the bonds were issued. There had not been a default of one nickel by any one of the 264 municipalities. In 1922 the Hydro would have an investment of \$110,000,000.

Sir Adam said he did not think it would pay the farmers to have Hydro for lighting purposes only.

Referring to the report of the committee on uniform rates for Hydro power, Premier Duff said this was not a Government report. "Can the cost of transmission lines be met?" asked Sir Adam.

"The farmers object to a service charge."

Sir Adam suggested that the farmers might reduce the cost of power to themselves by helping in the construction of the power lines, digging the post holes, for example. As it was they would not even board the Hydro engineers on the farm.

If the proposed tax were imposed, said Sir Adam, it would ruin the Hydro.

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