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Coal Commission Had Right to Instruct Operators to Enof force Check-off.

In a final effort to compel the ployers to recognize it, the One Big Union recently charged Manager Morrow of the Canmore Coal Company, in the Calgary police court, with breaking the Industrial Disputes Act. Magistrate W. S. David-son in his decision gave judgment against the One Big Union.

The O, B. U's contention was that the employers had no right to force miners to sign the check-off of the DOLLARS FOR CO-OPERA-United Mine Workers of America as instructed by Coal Commissioner J. Armstrong, acting for the Dominion Government, Manager Morrow, of the Canmore Coal Company, enforcthis order and when a number sign the check-off, he declined to

Industrial Disputes' Act for having prohibited them from working.

Magistrate Davidston took ten days to prepare his decision, which was to the effect that Manager Morrow, would have been enswerable to the Federal authorities if he had not obeyed Armstrong's ruling and secondly that Armstrong had power under Order-in-Council No. 1725, dated June 25, 1917, and Order-in-Council No. 2465, dated December 29, 1919, to instruct mine managers to enforce the check-off. Hence he dismissed the O.B.U.'s action.

The gist of the situation is that the Federal Government only recognizes the United Mine Workers of America in District 18. It holds a series of the situation of America in District 18.

### C. N. R. CLERKS REVISE SCHEDULE.

Revision of wage schedules and working conditions for 3,500 employes in the clerical, freight, station departments of the C. N. R. was undertaken by the general grievance committee of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employes, in session last week at Winning.

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M. M. McLean, of Ottawa, grand retary-treasurer of the C. B. of E., presided over the gathering the place of A. R. Mosher, grand esident, who was unavoidably dened in Ottawa. The committee is composed of the following: H. Lawrence, Winnipeg. chalman neral grievance committee; R. kes, Saskatoon, vice-chalman; M. McLellan, Regina, secretary; Luck, Port Arthur; R. J. Cough-

## How Bolshevism Deals With Rights Of the Individual

The Moscow Exvestiya prints the last instalment of the report of the extraordinary commission appointed for combatting the counter-revolution during 1918 and 1919. In this period the commission arrested 128,000 perons, of whom 21,032 were accused of counter-revolutionary crimes; 19,673 of offences committed as officials; 8,367 of speculation, and 9,514 of expressing anti-Governmental opinions. The persons shot aggregated 9,641.

The figures refer only to the work of the Moscow and Petrograd commissions. No account is given of the arrests and executions by subordinate district commissions which existed in every province under Soviet control.

## DOLLARS FOR CO-OPERA-TIVE PURPOSES.

Mr. Isaac Naylor, of Feneion Falls, is organizing the various Farmers' Clubs in the counties of Victoria, Haliburton, Peterboro, Durham, and Northumberland for a big financial campaign which will begin about the middle of June. The objective aimed at by the farmers of the province is \$1,000,000, which amount is to be used by the Farmers' Co-operative Company, Toronto, for the purpose of establishing wholesale houses, etc. The objective set for Victoria and Haliburton is \$25,000.

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# 2ND INTERNATIONAL SEAMEN'S CONFERENCE

## G. J. Gauthier Will Represent Canadian Seamen.

Canada will be represented at the second International Labor Conference called under the auspices of the League of Nations. The conference is due to open in Genoa. legates will be: Government, Sir

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The conference has been specially called to deal with labor questions affecting seamen. It will deal, among other subjects, with the question of the application to seamen of the eight-hour day convention passed at the first conference held in Washington last November. In this regard, one phase of the discussion will-be of special interest to Canada. When the original draft was

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amportant announcement was made by Hon. William Soan, Minister of Mines, on the day before the British Columbia Legislature prorogued in regard to the establishment of an iron and steel plant in that province. He said that the in that province. He said that the Government and practically decided to go into the business on I's own account rather than render the great amount of financial assistance which, private interests would demand from the Government I' no more favorable terms were submitted by private, parties than up to date, he said, the Government would probably go ahead on its own.

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# 48-HR. WEEK RECOMMENDED FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN BY **COMMITTEE ON LABOR LAWS**

Committee on Co-ordination of Labor Laws Concluded Its Sessions at Ottawa on Saturday-Many Important Recommendations Made.

# MAY DAY PASSES OFF **QUIETLY IN CANADA**

International Unions Prefer to Celebrate on Labor Day.

Apart from the miners of District (the Maritime Provinces) no body of men or women connected with the International Trade Union move-

men or women connected with the International Trade Union movement trade processing the cast coke a holiday in face of existing agraements. They state that in doing so they were protesting against the refusal of the authorities to release the Winnipeg strike lead-ciers on ball pending the decision of higher courts.

As was pointed out in the last issue of the Canadian Labor Press, organized Labor in Canada celebrates on Labor Day, which was established for Labor by Labor. However, some of the radicals discretit anything and everything achieved by Labor of all the people of our country. Many of the Socialists and "Reds" would have Labor Day about hished and make it, in line with the Labor Day of Continental Europe, which is May 1. The A. F. of L., in 1539. addressed a letter to the French workingmen suggesting to lum to celebrate the first of May and from the content of the content of the A. F. of L., is much a suggestion. The suggestion men throughout the city and province, and is but a pressage of the content is highly encouraging to Labor pers, they have made the first of May of-each year their holiday.

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### MANITOBA FAIR WAGE SCHEDULE PROVIDES INCREASES.

Increases of 20 to 25 per cent. over last year are provided in the provincial fair wage schedule for this season, just announced by the Government. The schedule, which applies to all Government work, and is adopted by the City of Winnipeg, the Winnipeg School Board, and many large private firms, specifies the following wages per hour. Bricklayers and stonemasons, \$1.25; plumbers, \$1; stonecutters, \$1; marble workers, \$1.29; stonecutters, \$1; teamsters, \$6 cents; painters, \$71.2c. blacksmiths, \$5 cents, and laborers engaged on building constructions, \$0 cents. Trades still to be dealt with are plasterers, operating, engineers, electrical workers, structural steel workers and car-

## **NEWFOUNDLAND WORKERS** SEEK INCREASES.

## **Board of Commerce** May Again Control Price of Sugar

A hint that sugar prices might again come under control in Canada was contained in a message from James Murdock, a member of the Board of Commerce, to H. Higginbotham, secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta, in which Mr. Murdock said: "It is quite possible that the board will undertake again to determine the profits on sugar that should be made by the refiners, the wholesalers and the retailers."

Organized labor does not want revolution, but rather wishes to revolutionize certain social and economic conditions, according to M. M. McLean, grand secretary treasurer of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employes, in an interview while at Winnipeg last week. "The working man has discovered that great profits accrue from business, and claims that he is entitled to a greater share in

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the field.

GARMENT WORKERS' CONVENTION OPENS AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, May 3.—Three hundred delegates from Canada and the United States have assembled in this city to attend the 15th annual convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

It was decided to proposal to come before the convention will be closer alliance between the garment workers of the sontinent and the organizable had been seen to grant the grant of the convention will be closer alliance between the garment workers of this continent and the organizable had been seen to grant the grant of the grant of the convention will be closer alliance between the garment workers of this continent and the organizable had been seen to grant the grant of the grant of the grant of the grant of the convention an international federation of needle trades' workers of the world. This proposal was a result of a vight to European conference is planned to be held in Copenhagen in August, and it is expected that at this gathering the world-wide federation of needle trades workers will be formally agreed upon.

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