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PRESIDENT MOORE VOICES HIS OPINION

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CANADIAN AS CHAIRMAN

Two of the most important committees at the conference, he said, were, first, the one dealing with the use of white lead in paint and the one dealing with the allowance of one day's rest in seven. Col. Smith was selected chairman of the former and Sir Manly Barlow, parliamentary secretary of the British labor department, chairman of the second, with Mr. Moore as vice-chairman. The reports of these committees, he said, were adopted practically as presented, after many strenuous debates.

Mr. Parsons, the employers' representative, and Mr. Blake Robertson, found it impossible to attend all of the meetings of these committees which dealt with matters in which Canadian employers were very much interested.

Among the employers' representatives, he said, there seemed to be a fair understanding regarding their opposition of all matters brought before the conference and with few exceptions, the records showed the majority of the employers' representatives voting against the adoption of the committee's reports.

Reaction was very pronouncedly shown in this way," he said, "and anyone who has visited the European conference and is at all conversant with conditions of unemployment in Canada and the United States and the consequent discontent, cannot help but deplore the lack of co-operation shown by so many employers' representatives throughout the world, in opposing measures so widely proclaimed as necessary at the time of the signing of the treaty of peace, which were aimed at the ameliorating of conditions which have brought deep unrest among the workers of various countries."

A prominent figure around the corridors of the buildings in which the conference was held was the secretary of the International Federation of Manufacturers and Employers, an organization which Mr. Moore states, is being rapidly perfected. None the less active, however, he said, was the secretary and officers of the International Trade Unions, and that it was largely due to their activity in offsetting activities of the employers that a number of important measures were adopted.

"If these measures are turned into legislation, it will mean one more step forward in removing some of the many social and industrial problems," said Mr. Moore.

He instanced the significance attached to the conference by the Japanese government, which country, he said, had a well organized bureau at Geneva and kept in close contact with the League of Nations and the office of the International Labor organization. The Japanese delegates, he affirmed, were very numerous and represented the employers, employees and the government itself. A noticeable fact was that all the Japanese delegates appeared to be well supplied with money.

The Japanese delegates, Mr. Moore understood, received an allowance of fifteen pounds each per day, which was about four times what Canada's delegates were allowed. This extra supply of money, Mr. Moore stated, enabled the Japanese delegates to carry on active propaganda by literature and otherwise for every measure in which they might be interested.

Speaking of the conference itself, he said it was very strenuous. The meetings of the conference proper and the committee meetings occupied the attention of the delegates from early in the morning until some times late at night, and those who assumed the delegates had been attending a pleasure trip, would quickly change their opinion if they had attended a similar conference.

The work was at all times interesting to himself and to other Canadian delegates and he hoped that the results achieved would be followed by active legislation in Canada.

The workers' representatives of all countries, Mr. Moore said, had after the conference expressed themselves and the millions of men and women they represented, while fully in accord with the Independent Labor organizations, belief that if their international form of co-operation with employers and governments was to continue successfully, that far more serious notice would have to be taken by the parliaments of the different countries, and more of decisions arrived at at the conference enacted into the laws of

would undoubtedly quickly arise when allegiance to the men who are at

present in form of co-operation and agreement. In the interesting to know that the Federation of Trade Unions knowledge of over 300 paid agents of the International of Moscow.

In referring to the action of the Dominion government in connection with the sending of a deputation, he felt encouraged by the provincial support given by the provinces of Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba in sending provincial advisers. They were Hon. H. G. Galipeau, minister of public works, for Quebec; Hon. T. Johnson, K.C., for Manitoba, and Hon. Walter Rollo, for Ontario.

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Akron, Ohio.—In defending the anti-union policy of the Pennsylvania railroad in a speech before the local chamber of commerce, Vice-President Attebury of that railroad overlooked certain admissions made by his railroad to the railroad labor board.

He said "there is no effort to prosecute union labor on the Pennsylvania system."
 In his decision in the case of this railroad, the organized shop crafts, in which it set aside the vote to establish a company "union," the railroad board said:
 "The carrier had no more right to undertake to assume control of the selection of the representatives of the employees than the employees would have had to supervise the naming of the representatives of the carrier for the (Cummins-Esch) single plant provides that the employees shall designate and authorize their representatives."

In defending his company, Mr. Attebury said "Out of approximately 112,000 employees interested and affected by rules covering working conditions, 117,900, of 95.3 per cent of them, have by vote or otherwise, as a result of conference between them, expressed a desire to negotiate rules and working conditions through employee representatives."

Here is what the railroad labor board said:
 "As evidence of the fact that no real test of the choice of the employees has been had, the carrier in its own presentation to this board admits that, exclusive of the Altoona shops, only 2,480 employees out of 33,104 (shop men) entitled to vote for the alleged representatives who are now negotiating rules, and 92.5 per cent are virtually disfranchised. This is the big outstanding uncorrected fact presented in this case, and undoubtedly the law presents a remedy for such wrong."

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. TEACHERS SETTLE

The dispute between the school teachers of New Westminster and the School Board was settled at a conference last week. The teachers accepted under pressure one-half the wage increase awarded them by a recent Board of Arbitration, stating they did so to prove they were anxious to prevent a tie-up in the schools. The School Board claims it is unable to pay the increases awarded by the Conciliation Board, which involved an extra expenditure of \$12,000. The teachers recently resigned in a body.

LONDON, ONT. HAS FARM LABORERS TO CARE FOR

Inspector McCallum, of the city relief department, claims a high percentage of the persons who are seeking relief in London are from the farms in no real time, but who flock citywards when wages are high and work plentiful. Consequently he criticizes the provincial government which saddles the cities with the entire burden of furnishing money for relief purposes.

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