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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

LABOR SUCCESS AT HAND.

WITH eleven Labor representatives elected, a gain of ten, the workers' party of the Province of Ontario is entitled to elation, denying that these positions are gained for any sectional advantage, but for the good of the whole province. It is really the first occasion that a serious attempt was made to have direct representation. True, isolated seats have been contested with the result that the lone "Grand Old Man," the late Allan Strohline, of Hamilton, was the only one to gain and retain a place in the Provincial Parliament. His splendid isolation was only conceded after vigorous attempts had been made to wrest the seat from him. In this particular it can be recalled that at the last general election he contested the "big guns" were taken to Hamilton, including the late Sir James Whitney, to show his constituents how unnecessary was his presence in the Provincial House. As is well known these efforts were fruitless and to his memory Hamilton now dedicates the full Labor representation of two.

By many the peculiar and unexpected situation in the elections is ascribed to the general unrest. Labor may also join in this concession but will more readily agree the real cause is to the political parties themselves who have regularly presented appointing programmes, but lacking the finishing touch of execution.

This success of Labor is but the beginning of the worker's awakening in the banner province. True the direct representatives form but a small percentage of the entire House, but as an effective fighting force there is no question of the mettle to be fully born out in session. What the outcome will be through the general make-up of the newly elected members insofar as leadership and Cabinet rank is concerned, is well left to the daring prophet, but inclusion of some of the workers' party is certainly expected in the Cabinet ranks.

It would appear a safe guess that the diverse collection betokens a lack of continuity of service and this should call forth effort from the workers' ranks to keep the powder dry. Not to be flushed with this initial success but more concerned with the future, in the making not only of a fighting force but of sufficient strength that positive results are assured.

Coalitions are being made in many sections, a particularly easy task on paper, but as to their being of a workable nature is an entirely different situation. Outside of the two old line parties the complexion of the Farmer and Labor is perhaps not so much a difference in thought as the liability to independent action. The Labor party as representative of the International Trade Union movement, occupies a position of vantage and the workers of the province are assured that when the game is called the quality of this unit will be in evidence.

LABOR AND CAPITAL

IN the Victory Loan labor and capital have an opportunity of bringing about a lasting entente. If it is over-subscribed, and every Canadian is confident that it will be, the future will be unclouded for the Dominion. Co-operation among the forces of production is essential to save Canada from perils hardly less serious than those to which she was exposed in the war. A falling off in production would be a great national calamity.

Canada must be an increasing contributor to the wealth of nations. In the competition for markets she must be a winner. Her surplus products must continue to mount up. She will be safe if she brings wisdom to the aid of progress in this important matter. She will become a great nation if her producing interests—labor and capital—subordinate their differences of opinion and join forces in doing their best to make a greater and stronger Canada.

The message to the National Industrial Conference which recently met at Ottawa breathed the right spirit. It called for comradeship and righteousness in relations between labor and capital. It appealed for co-operation as the most pressing need of the country, urged the need for increasing production, and dwelt on the desirability of raising Canada to a high place among the industrial and commercial nations, while at the same time safeguarding the welfare of the people.

Canada requires the joint support of labor and capital, if the Victory Loan, 1919, is to be a success, and, if these great forces bring to bear upon the campaign the national spirit which maintained her effort throughout the war, the issue will never be in doubt.

IRRIGATION PERPLEXITY.

HUMAN nature is a problem always. Another instance was furnished in the results of the referendum ballot. It came about that where "irrigation" is considered desirable as well as profitable, the ruralites said "dry." In cities and towns where "irrigation" is not necessary, the answer was given "wet."

POLITICS and PEOPLE THROUGH THE TELESCOPE OF LABOR

By Special Correspondent. The dry-bones of Parliament got a severe shaking in the recent elections. The success of the Ontario election became known. Neither of the old line parties were looking for such a political upheaval and the sweep of the United Farmers and Labor candidates was a shock to the sensibilities of the politicians. The strength of the new movement in Canadian politics, which has not been seriously regarded in the Capital, came as a rude blow; it was realized for the first time that times have changed. The immediate effect of the Ontario landslide towards political independence will likely be a sweep for the Farmers and Labor in the coming Federal by-elections which are held on Oct. 27. Fortunately, possibly for themselves, Hon. Mackenzie King, the new Liberal Leader and Sir Henry Drayton, the new Finance Minister, both secured acclamations before the Ontario results were announced. There are six other seats and according to the best information received at Ottawa, the Farmers will carry four of the six seats. These are Carleton, N.B., where there is a fight between a Liberal and a Conservative; Col. Melville, representing the Unionists; Glenagary, where a Farmer is fighting another Soldier, General Hervey; North Ontario, where R. F. Halbert, the president of the U.F.O. is in the field, his opponent having dropped dead after nomination; and Assiniboia, where a Conservative is in the field against Hon. W. R. Motherwell, representing the Liberals. Other seats are held by Farmers elected. There are also two Labor candidates. A Labor man is running against Mr. Ernest Lapointe in Quebec East, and a Soldier

Labor News From the Busy City of Hamilton

And the whole city went Labor "for" fair. The Controller, George G. Halcerow and School Trustee Walter R. Rollo, conquered East and West Hamilton ridings respectively, by sweeping and overwhelming majorities. In no uncertain manner did Labor's champions lick their "foes." "Grit," self-styled "Soldier" Halcerow and "Grit," self-styled "Farmer" Rollo, were the only candidates to have a hand in the game. And now in Hamilton's history were there evidenced such triumphant manifestations of victory and success. Last Monday night, after the elections had been conceded to Halcerow and Rollo, Ambitious City Mayor Motherwell, with "victory" in his eyes, announced his resignation of the office of Mayor. He was succeeded by Mr. J. L. Landers, M.M., by over 3,000 votes. And Mr. Landers, by winning the "Soldier" Labor seat, secured the most consistent defeat of Walter Rollo since his better-known victory over "Tom" Cassidy, M.P., in the Hamilton riding in 1915. The "Soldier" Labor party, by its victory, has secured a position of vantage and the workers of the province are assured that when the game is called the quality of this unit will be in evidence.

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Service Button Workers.

Notes of Particular Interest to Ex-Service Trade Unionists. By an order-in-council passed recently, Acting Premier Hon. Edward Brown said the Manitoba Cabinet proposed to purchase millions of acres of unimproved farm lands for the market for returned soldiers. This is the greatest move made by the Government in the past period for the re-establishment of returned men. The order-in-council provides for the establishment of an arbitration board to determine the prices the Province shall receive for its land.

OVERSEAS MUNITIONS WORKERS' SICK ASSISTANCE.

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