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REPORT SHOWS MUCH HEALTH SASKATCHEWAN

Great Possibilities of Immense Wealth Await Development in the North.

REGINA, Sask. — "Great possibilities of immense wealth await development in the northern part of Saskatchewan. Rich minerals near the eastern boundary appear to be on the eve of development. Little of this country is known and it will take time, money and much energy in order that the development of the natural resources may proceed along safe and right lines."

This is an extract from the report of Lieut.-Col. A. C. Garner, D.S.O., after exploring more than 1,000 miles of Northern Saskatchewan at the request of Hon. C. A. Dunning, Provincial Treasurer. For the greater part of the 61-day journey the party of explorers travelled in canoes.

"It is a beautiful country," says Garner, "as different from the prairies as the prairies are from Ontario. It is therefore difficult for the people of the settled parts of the province to realize that within its boundaries lies a territory totally different, not only in appearance, but in the diversity and richness of its natural resources."

Coal outcrops were discovered on Bowring River, flowing into Lac la Ronge, and specimens taken from this plant and other localities indicated coal of the best quality. Cliffs of white sand (silica) were found along the south shore of Wapawekka Lake and may be of considerable value.

Mineralized rock was found and specimens taken at many points and gold, silver, copper, asbestos and other minerals were found.

Immense quantities of limestone await development at Amisk, and along the Sturgeon Weir River. A number of rock specimens containing all sorts of minerals were taken from Beaver Lake and around Fin Flon schist.

Practically from Prince Albert to The Pas, the country is almost densely wooded. On the timber is only of medium size and hardly suitable for commercial purposes. Fur-bearing animals were found fairly plentiful, consisting of rabbits, moose and small deer. Fish of excellent quality abound in all the waters over which the party travelled—pickereel, whitefish, perch and trout. Col. Garner found the Wood Cree Indians very intelligent owing to their prosperity. One Indian received more than \$4,000 for his furs, while the average Indian trapper netted between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

THE SPY

By John J. Frey.

One of the little advised methods of many "open shoppers" is the employment of spies within the unions, so-called operatives, who report to the "open shoppers" or the manufacturers' auxiliaries, or private detective agencies whom they employ, all of the information they can secure concerning trade-union activities.

Like most men engaged in the lower grades of spying, these operatives have to supply enough startling information to convince those who employ them that they are doing something for their Judas silver. Recently it so happened that one of these depraved, disgusting specimens of humanity parted unintentionally with a number of the records which were in his possession. These indicated that in Akron, O., there were thirty-four of these spies, members of the trade-unions of that place. One of these was business agent of his union, some of the others held local office, and one was the recording secretary of the Molders' Union who, for some time, had been furnishing the employers with information concerning the local union's financial affairs, such information concerning international finances as he knew of, the names, addresses and shops where the local officers and trustees were employed, who were the active members, what they said in the meetings, etc., etc.

The spy has always been found where there was active trade-unionism. He has piled his disgusting, disgraceful and unmanly calling wherever wage-earners have endeavored to improve their condition. The spy, in doing his master's bidding, frequently poses as an agitator and radical, and during strikes advocates violence. He must serve as a trouble breeder and a disrupter whenever dissension in the union be of advantage to the employers.

The probability is that there will be spies within our ranks for many years to come. It is well to bear in mind that this is a condition which we must recognize and that, inasmuch as there may be spies at every important local meeting, it is advisable to use caution and discrimination in discussing the questions which come up for action. The spy can, at times, do the local union considerable injury, particularly when some important question concerning wages, hours of labor, or union conditions is being taken up by the union.

LABOR AS A COMMODITY.

Labor is often spoken of as a commodity but there is another phase to be considered. . . . You may buy a pound of pork or a yard of cotton and the merchant will sell it to you without heart, but when you discuss the question of labor and labor power there is an element of human nature that goes with it. You can not differentiate the labor from the laborer. You cannot take labor and disregard the one who performs it. He is made cold by the same blast and made warm by the same summer sun; feels the same pain and is made glad by the same influences; he has the same hopes and the same aspirations; and, as a human being, as a man, as a father and as a fellow citizen associated with us all, in whose hands is placed the destiny of our republic, the beacon light to the downtrodden of all the earth—it behooves us to look upon the laborer as something more than a hewer of wood and a drawer of water, a mere commodity upon the market.—Geo. Berry.

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LONDON, England.—At the ordinary general meeting of the South Metropolitan Gas Company, held in London, recently, reference was made by the chairman to the progress of the co-partnership scheme which, since 1918, has been in existence in this company. The chairman referred to the great success which had attended the company's co-partnership scheme. Recently the employees had shown a favorable attitude to suggestions that an increasing amount of their savings might be applied towards the capital needs of their company. The chairman pointed out that this attitude was especially noteworthy by reason of the fact that no co-partnership bonus had for some time past been paid. This proved that the spirit of co-partnership existed in mere material advantages and gave evidence of being founded on a wider and deeper basis.

It may be noted that the co-partnership scheme in existence in this company has always been a remarkably successful one. A general satisfaction scheme was adopted for the first time in November, 1919, and the interest of the workers in the company, both from the standpoint of sharing in management, has greatly increased. A Co-partnership Committee exists consisting of members of the staff, and the number of those members is 60. It is provided that members of the committee must hold and continue to hold shares in the company and they must have been not less than five years in the company's service. In December, 1919, the number on the committee was temporarily raised to 82 so as to include representatives of the large number of women workers who had been taken on during the war. A large part of the functions of the Co-partnership Committee consists in smoothing away friction which may arise between individual workmen and their employers, and in removing suspicions that have been entertained by a workman that he has not been treated fairly. In certain cases matters that have come before the Co-partnership Committee concern the individual workmen but the employees as a whole, for example, the Co-partnership Committee deals with the entire administration of the Accident Fund.

In August, 1919, a scheme for the election by the officers and workmen of the company of employee-directors came into operation. The scheme was renewed in 1920 for a period of 43 years. The number of employee-directors is not to exceed three, of whom one is a salaried officer and the other two workers in receipt of a weekly wage. At a meeting of the Co-partnership Committee in 1919 the whole question of the value of the system of employee-directors was discussed and it was agreed that the employees should exercise a very real and great influence on the policy of the company in regard to the employees because they possessed intimate knowledge and experience on many points which an ordinary director does not.

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