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Following in brief is an outline of our Policy:

1. The Canadian Labor Press supports the International Trade Union Movement, of which there are approximately three hundred thousand members in Canada.
2. The Canadian Labor Press supports the policy of the present Dominion Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.
2. In the interests of the Canadian Worker, The Canadian Labor Press believes that Canadian industry needs adequate tariff protection.
4. The Canadian Labor Press advocates fair play to employer and employee.
5. The Canadian Labor Press stands for the betterment of Trade Union conditions in Canada and the welfare of our country at large.
6. The Canadian Labor Press is independent in politics and free from any political influences.

Keep Disrupters Out of Trades Congress

ONE of the many fallacies in absolute possession of the Rip Van Winkle reactionary forces, is the idea that it is first necessary to destroy successful organization, before their aims can be accomplished, in their made rush for the millennium. These destructive tactics are ever in evidence, a statement of fact which cannot be questioned, as the attempts to gain adherents contrary to the International Trade Movement are made where organization exists. With no other evidence this attitude shows clearly a lack of sincerity of purpose in seeking to be of any aid to the worker to join with his fellows and enable him to gain fair recompense for his labor.

If organization was the keystone of ambition to those who oppose the legitimate movement, their energies would be directed in the channels where the industrial employee has not yet seen the necessity of joining with his fellows for the general advancement of all. There is much virgin land in this regard, much spade work to be carried out in this direction, and no lack of opportunity to preach organization. This should logically be the stumping for organization missionaries if the workers' interests through unionism were the uppermost thoughts.

It is not from any supposition that the national trade unionist has since come to know that those who are loudest in the decrying of the genuine movement, have sinister motives. Even documentary evidence is not lacking in this respect, as it cannot be forgotten that a letter made public from a Western leader of the reactionary element pointed to the necessity of getting control of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, with the further information that this should be accomplished by means fair or foul.

In the attempts to gain control of Congress, no other idea could be prevalent than the ultimate destruction of the International Trade Unions, for which movement the Legislative Congress of Canada stands as the legislative voice. Anticipated tactics for which no body of workers with clean hands and honorable intentions would tolerate.

It is fair as well as truthful to state that the ulterior reactionary doctrine or ultimate aim is entirely contrary to trade unionism, but in the hands of adepts at subtle methods the massed revolutionary action to come is hidden in apparent legitimate action. This has been responsible for any of the workers lending willing ears to organization other than union internationally. If the true flag was hoisted and the truth of the destroyers' doctrine expounded, listeners would be few and their adherents only from the humanity ranks that is a failure in observing that the sun is still shining.

Destroying movements whilst at all times regrettable have been of the bubble variety, both from their grandeur of color effect and their hasty disappearance. History will again repeat itself with the enemies of the International Trade Union Movement as the foundation of the genuine organization of the workers of this continent is constitutional, carrying with it principle, the firm ally of progress. The right of organization is conceded, the right organization is the International Movement, and the doctrine of might against right is left for those who would join the workers of the suicide club.

CONVENTION CALL!

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Section 2.—All delegates shall carry credentials bearing the signature of the presiding officer and secretary and seal of the organization to which they belong. No proxy representation shall be allowed, but two or more trade unions may combine to send one delegate, in which case the delegate's credential must bear the signature of the presiding officer and secretary and the seal of the organization of which he is a member.

Section 3.—All delegates must be members of the bodies they represent at least six months prior to and at the time of election in the case of trade council and federations of labor. This shall not apply to bodies organized or affiliated to this Congress less than six months.

Section 4.—The President, Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to attend the convention with full privileges of delegates until such time as their successors are appointed, but they shall not be eligible for re-election unless they are duly credentialed and accredited delegates.

Section 5.—No organization or person who has seceded from the Congress or which has been suspended by the Executive or which has been expelled by the Congress or which has seceded from, been suspended by, or expelled from an international trade union or national union or other body affiliated to or chartered by the Congress whilst under such penalty, shall be allowed representation or recognition in this Congress or in any trades councils or federations of labor chartered by the Congress, under the penalty of the suspension of the body violating this section.

Section 6.—No organization shall be entitled to representation unless such an organization has obtained affiliation to the Congress at least one month prior to the convention and no person shall be recognized as a delegate who is not a member in good standing of the organization in which he holds membership or which he is elected to represent.

Section 7.—Credentials shall be forwarded to reach the office of the Secretary-Treasurer not later than ten (10) days prior to the opening of the convention.

Resolutions

Section 4.—Resolutions for consideration of the convention and amendments to the constitution shall be forwarded to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer and shall be received by him not later than twenty (20) days prior to the opening of the Convention. Resolutions submitted contrary to this section can only be dealt with by the Congress on a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

Fraternally submitted,

TOM MOORE, President

P. M. DRAPER, Sec-Treas.

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Strike Declared in Big Mill Here

Wage Reduction of Two and Half
Cents Per Hour Opposed—Chinese
Number Half of Strikers.

Victoria, B.C.—The big mill of the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber and Timber Company in the Inner Harbor was virtually idle, with between 300 and 350 men on strike, following a general wage reduction of two and a half cents per hour, which the strikers are Orientals who are standing by their white co-workers in their opposition to the cut. The men still working are said to number four only.

Following the walkout, the company offered to compromise with the men by making the reduction one and one-half cents only provided they agreed to return to work on Monday morning, but as the strikers have no intention of doing this it is apparent that the offer of the management failed to appeal to them. It is expected that the men will hold a meeting on Monday

quest, but that he had seen Mr. Kissinger and had talked the trouble over with him. Mr. Kissinger had told him that the reduced wage was necessary as business conditions were not good and it was essential to cut down costs.

In Mr. Kissinger's absence from the city last night the intention of the mill management for this week could not be secured.

A feature of the strike is the walk-out of the Orientals in conjunction with the white workers. The Chinaman is usually regarded as a poor striker, although he can be relied upon to stand by his brethren in the first resentment at his decreased pay. He is usually found to be unwilling to prolong the strike for any length of time, however.

Victoria, B.C.—The local of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers protested against a city workman painting the fire hydrants in addition to doing other work and pointed out that there were painters out of work here.

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afternoon to talk the situation over.

Notice of the wage reduction was served on the men Friday. The present minimum wage of thirty-five cents per hour for a nine hour day was to be cut down to thirty-two and one-half cents. Oriental labor in the mill was to be paid twenty-two and one-half cents instead of twenty-five. The men quit immediately they were notified of the proposals of the management. Yesterday morning they met Mr. J. D. Kissinger, manager of the mill, who then offered to make the cut one and one-half cents instead of two and one-half cents, but without prevailing upon the men to return to work. The strikers say Mr. Kissinger told them that the mill had either to cut wages or shut down altogether as for five years it had paid no dividends.

Want Royal Commission

The men, however, are not satisfied with the company's explanation and are endeavoring to have a Royal Commission appointed to go into the whole question of mill labor. They point out that in the State of Washington the lowest wage is \$3.50 per eight hour day, while the ordinary pay here is \$3.15 for nine hours.

Yesterday they took their troubles to Mr. J. D. McIven, Deputy Minister of Labor, in the Provincial Government, always the doctor at such times as this. Mr. McIven said last night that they had come to him without any definite proposal or re-

Pioneer in British Unionism Is Dead

London, Eng.—Robert Applegarth, one of the pioneers of British trades unionism, died to-day at his home in Thornton Heath. Death was due to senile decay.

Robert Applegarth was born in 1834. He was a self-educated man. His study included economics and industrial questions with special regard to the conditions of workmen. He was a politician, a Reformer, and a promoter of popular education. In 1854 Mr. Applegarth went to the United States, and spent some time in Galesburg, Ill. He was a member of the Reform League, of the London General Council of the International Workers' Association, and of the London Chamber of Commerce.

Not Anxious for Another Strike

Post Office Returned Strikers Will
Not Risk Further Loss.

Montreal, Que.—"We ain't gonna strike no more" is the sentiment expressed by returned postal strikers in Montreal. Despite dissatisfaction with the Government's reinstatement terms, which are felt to be hard, postal strikers of all ranks in Montreal say there is no danger of the men going out again on the issue.

"In Ontario, maybe—not here," a returned striker said, summing up the general situation.

A number of the men lose substantially in pay every month until reinstated in former positions on September 1, but they feel it is better to put up with the loss than risk further loss.

Postal employees held a meeting recently in the Catholic and National Union Bldg. The gathering was small in numbers and business left over from the previous meeting occupied most of the time. H. Benjamin and Pierre Menard, who returned from a visit to Ottawa where, it is understood, they attempted to secure some change in the reinstatement terms, were present and reported on their mission. The meeting was a closed one and no information as to the result of the journey to Ottawa was given out.



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