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THE CHECK-OFF.

Some few days ago we took exception to some remarks made by the Free Press regarding trade unionism in the Old Country. Some of the points made by the Free Press in its own striking manner discussed without any reference at all to the Herald. More than that, the Free Press again showed that it was only "cleaning" its information, second-hand, and truth to tell its authority is just as shaky as the Free Press itself. Our reason for taking up the Free Press was that its article was intended to mislead the public as to the condition of trade unionism in the Old Country. We are all agreed that the only issue in the present trouble is the recognition of the United Mine Workers of America by the Western Fuel Company. The Free Press consistently reduces this issue to one of the recognition of the honest principles of trade unionism. It is nothing of the sort nor was there ever a condition in the history of trade unionism in Durham or Northumberland at all comparable to it. There is infinitely more than a principle at stake, and it would help towards a settlement if this difference was fully recognized by the men. We have already explained the difference as well as we know how, and there is a further point involved in the issue which also deserves some consideration.

As an accompanying condition of the recognition of the United Mine Workers of America there is the check-off system. This latter means that in the event of the recognition of the United Mine Workers of America by the Western Fuel Company, every employee of the company included in the agreement of settlement would have his union dues and assessments kept off his wages at the company's office. In other words every employee becomes ipso facto a member of the United Mine Workers of America and will have his dues and assessments stopped out of his pay. Nothing of the sort, so far as we know, has ever been attempted in Durham or Northumberland. The members of the union voluntarily pay their dues into the union office. It does not follow that because it is not done in Northumberland, it would be wrong to do it here. We are at present simply pointing out the difference, and would ask the men from the North County now on strike in Nanaimo to note that they are asking for more than they enjoyed back home.

Then as to the rights and wrongs of the proposition, it is perhaps most of all a question of the majority deciding. We are all agreed that the majority shall rule, but we have also agreed that the minority have their rights. There is no getting away from the fact that the stopping off of dues of any kind whatsoever from a man's earnings is a risky and dangerous proceeding. If it is done for one purpose it may be done for another, and serious trouble might be caused thereby. The check-off system, it must be admitted, once it is granted ensures an absolute union camp. But it is a weapon of compulsion with dangerous possibilities. In the first place it logs off all liberty of action. There are in Nanaimo quite a number of men who are of opinion that they would be as well off without the United Mine Workers of America. They may be all wrong, but that is their opinion, but with the check-off system their wages are docked just the same as the men who want the United Mine Workers of America. So far as trade unionism is concerned the same object could be obtained by other and much less objectionable means. In our opinion it seems like nothing up some of the same machinery that it has been the purpose of the various truck acts to abolish.

The Free Press will no doubt fully appreciate the honors that are being heaped upon it. Not only does it inspire Farrington with material for interviews, but it is quoted on front and back pages of the Federationist. Alone of all the daily newspapers in the province it has been taken to the bottom of this journal, and received the stamp of its approval. This alone is noteworthy. The charges of the Herald that the Free Press was in close alliance with the local "Big Six" were hotly resented and even when repeated now draw forth venomous and extravagant rejoinders. But this alliance, holy or unholy, according to the point of view, is easier denied than disproved or even explained. The Federationist had neither difficulty nor scruple in exposing the motive of The Herald's attitude.

The Herald was the subsidized tool of the Western Fuel Company, and even the editor was reaping his own little harvest. The Federationist and

The Truth by Cotton's Weekly

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over half a year after the beginning of the trouble in Cumberland and Extension. Small details of this kind have nothing to do with the truth as told by Cotton's.

Coming to the disturbances Cotton's says that "on August 14th it was announced in the capitalist press that there had been rioting at Extension and elsewhere. Terrible pictures were painted of the poor harassed strike breakers feeling from an armed mob of strikers. The troops were ordered to the strike region and have been acting brutally ever since they arrived."

It is no good going over the riotings here and at South Wellington, Ladysmith and Extension. They are being investigated in another place and the less said about them the better. But it will be noticed that Cotton's announces that the troops have been behaving brutally. How much truth there is in this the public at Nanaimo knows for itself.

Cotton's next quotes the Foster account of the troubles from the Fernie Ledger. The account is substantially the same as that which appeared in the Federationist, and which the Herald has already exposed. The whole story is a tissue of misrepresentations which are being exposed every day. It served no good purpose at the time, except to further expose the character of Foster and establish his unfitness to act as a labor leader.

Foster's story, says Cotton's Weekly, "is a calm and truthful statement of the actual facts." Such a statement does not please the capitalist owners. If the facts were known as they are the people would side with the men. Public indignation would be aroused and the demands of the men would have to be granted. So special liars are employed and the truth is distorted beyond recognition. It is made to appear that the rioting was done by the strikebreakers' outrages. This is a common practice of the capitalist press.

No special liar ever employed on a capitalist newspaper would disgrace himself by penning such a report as this of Foster's.

"When the troops arrived at Extension, the capitalist press makes it appear that their arrival freed men from terror. It is pitifully told how fugitives, men, women and children, came down from the hills to the protecting arms of the troops. We all know how women have to be troops in time of war and matter where the war is, fought, imagine women coming for protection to the dregs of humanity!"

This is not the last word of truth but the last word in villainous libel. It is regrettable but women and children were rescued from the woods and some of them were in pitiable plight.

Referring to Nanaimo after the arrival of the troops here, Cotton's Weekly states "no passengers were allowed to land in Nanaimo who do not please the military commanders. Traffic is interrupted. Miners are separated from their families. What brutalities go on behind the silence we can only guess at. For news is censored from the strike district. The strikebreakers and the military dregs are in command. And no word save what the military want to let pass is allowed to come from the military terrorized locality."

And all this in the sacred name of truth. A military censorship and brutalities only to be guessed. How ravages of this kind are to advance the cause of labor is known only to Cotton's. The regrettable thing is that it is the honest worker who in every case has to suffer and foot the bill.

There is no doubt at all that the Free Press has been the official organ of the United Mine Workers of America, and of late it has thrown all restraint to the winds in its support of Pettigrewism. The Federationist probably overlooked this point in its flailing of The Herald. But it surely follows that if the attitude of a newspaper is a matter of a subsidy and that The Herald has been subsidized by the operators, then the Free Press must be the paid organ of the United Mine Workers of America and has been subsidized by the union.

PARAGRAPHS ON THE STRIKE QUESTION

There was another purging editorial in the Free Press last night on the conditions at the Jingle Pot. Owing entirely to the principle of trade unionism there has never been seen such smooth working and harmonious relations. The same principle is putting everything below into split and again condition and leading to perfect working. Another day or two and under this principle the coal will be digging itself and all the diggers will have to be paid to watch it go over the tipples and draw their pay every two weeks.

It is hardly necessary to state that trade unionism does not spell the millennium. It may be recalled that the Free Press has itself extolled the good falling and camaraderie that always existed at this mine between the men and the management. For the rest there have always been ambulance classes locally in connection with the mines, and even the Free Press cannot deny that the rascally Western Fuel Company led the province in the installation of a rescue station and the provision of a Draeger outfit.

It was hardly to be expected that the mine would work less harmoniously under the new agreement signed up by operators and men. At the same time there is really nothing to warrant this gush and nonsense from the Free Press. As a matter of fact it is more than doubtful whether the mine, so long as the present slope is used, could be put into such split and span phase as the Free Press labors about. Again it is said that new men have been taken on before old employees have been given places. Also it is reported that one man who never joined the U.M.W. of A. and who was ready to go to work when Manager Freeman blew his whistle, has been refused his card. It would certainly be regrettable if the mine reopened with a case of discrimination on the part of the men.

There is one other point which the Free Press has never thought fit to mention. That is how is the coal produced at the Jingle Pot to be regarded. According to its friends, Messrs. Pettigrew and the coal mined at Nanaimo up to May last was scab coal. Either these leaders and the Free Press have now got to admit that they were playing with the men here, trying to catch them with an empty slogan, or frame up a new story to fit the new circumstances. So far as The Herald is concerned it always regarded this change as a bluff meant to catch the men, but that does not absolve the leaders. The only satisfactory feature in the whole situation is that the men were sensible enough to return to work.

So are the other mining companies over the Jingle Pot sign-up with the U.M.W. of A. that it is hinted that Bower will refuse to allow the company to use powder for the carrying on of work in a mine that promises to become a competitor to his own interests elsewhere on the island. This is a Federationist hint and probably touches the limit of absurdity.

"Considerable opposition to the agreement (Jingle Pot) was encountered from the other mine owners," said Representative Farrington to the Federationist on Wednesday, "who were working desperately to prevent the Vancouver-Nanaimo Coal Mining Company from entering into an agreement with the United Mine Workers of America. As a matter of fact I was informed while in Nanaimo that the special provincial police were warning our men that they would see that the Jingle Pot men were not allowed to go to work under the agreement."

The first point of this statement is news and the latter part sheer "prevarication. What have the police to do with the working of the mine, and it is surprising that Farrington should lend himself to such absurd tactics as these."

"According to the brags of the Nanaimo Herald it is the intention of at least one mining company to close down its mine at Extension. Better close up or down forever than to be operated under conditions which are a constant menace to life, limb and a decent standard of living. Thus the Federationist. The men will not doubt appreciate this attitude. At the same time it will not supply them with a living of any kind at all let the Federationist brag as it will."

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Sealed Tenders, superscribed "Tender for Parkville School" will be received by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works up to noon Monday, the 22nd day of September 1913, for the erection and completion of a two-room school and conven-

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Liquor Act, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that, on the first day of September next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the grant of a license for Nanaimo District for the sale of liquor by whole sale and upon the premises known as the Old Brewery situated at Nanaimo City, upon the lands described as lot 21 B.M., Block 43 fronting on Mill street in the said City of Nanaimo.

Dated this 16th day of July 1913.
THE SILVER SPRING BREWERY LIMITED, per H. Maynard, Managing Director, applicant. 1m.

LAND ACT

Form No. 11.
Form of Notice.

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Take notice that, Cameron Valley Land Co. (proprietor), of Victoria B.C., a company incorporated under the Companies Act of British Columbia, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on high water mark at the North West corner of lot 54, Newcastle district, thence following the shore of the Gulf of Georgia along the high water mark in an easterly direction one hundred chains more or less, to the intersection of the easterly boundary of lot 63 Newcastle district aforesaid with the high water mark, thence North twenty chains, thence in a westerly direction and parallel to the shore line aforesaid one hundred chains, more or less, thence southerly twenty chains, more or less, to the point of commencement.

CAMERON VALLEY LAND COMPANY LIMITED, W. S. Campbell, Agent.
Dated June 28th, 1913. 1-m.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that at the next regular meeting of the License Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo, application will be made for the transfer of the license to sell spirits, wine and fermented liquors by retail on the premises known as the Hotel Continental, situated on Lot Three, Block Fourteen Nanaimo City to the premises known as Lot Two Block Fifty-four, Nanaimo City, situated on Bastion street in the said City of Nanaimo, to be called the Lotus Hotel.

Dated at Nanaimo, B. C., this 1st day of August, A.D., 1913.
HINDMARSH & MARTIN, Holders of License.

WATER NOTICE

or a License to store or pen back water and for an Approval of Plans of Works.

Notice is hereby given that the Nanaimo Electric Light Power & Heating Company, Limited, of Nanaimo, B.C., will apply for a license to store or pen back four thousand feet of water at the headquarters of an unnamed creek or stream flowing in a northerly direction and emptying into Millstone River near Nanaimo harbor. The water will be stored in a reservoir of 200 acres capacity built on sections 7, 8, 9, 10, range 5, 6, 7 and 8 Mountain District and will be used for power purposes as authorized by Water Record No. 13 and Water Permit No. 146 on the said and described as the City of Nanaimo and within 15 miles thereof.

This notice was posted on the round on the 17th day of July, 1913.
Approval is also applied for the use of the works constructed for the utilization of water from Millstone River which the applicant is by Water Record No. 13 and Water Permit No. 146 and the application for storage is authorized to take, store and use for power purposes.

The plans and particulars required by the Water Act as amended have been filed with the Comptroller of Water Rights at Victoria and with the Water Recorder at Nanaimo. Objections to application may be filed with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria or with the Water Recorder at Nanaimo, B. C.

Dated at Nanaimo this 17th day of July, 1913.

NANAIMO ELECTRIC LIGHT POWER AND HEATING CO. LTD.
JOSEPH HUNTER, Chairman.

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