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EDUCATION--THE FUNDAMENTAL KEYNOTE TO SUCCESSFUL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE.

We will never have a true understanding between Capital and Labor until everyone realizes that the terms "Capital and Labor" are really one and the same thing; Capital is Labor and Labor is Capital, and they are so interlocked that they cannot be separated. Capital and Labor and Employer and Employee are merely terms used to distinguish the various departments of industry. In the true sense of the word, everybody is a laborer and everybody is a capitalist, although everybody does not occupy the same station in life, as this would be an impossible condition if we just pause for a moment to consider. Nature has made us so that each individual's tastes and likes and dislikes are different; if it were not so the world would stand still. Some of us are extravagant and some of us are economical; some like ice cream and some don't, and so it goes, no matter what you mention. Some like to be millionaires and suffer the consequences and tortures of being a millionaire, but the most of us prefer to lead the simple life, enjoy ourselves, and be happy.

Education is the crying need of the day, and while our educational system has shown most wonderful improvements during the past decade, we do not believe that our people are taking advantage of the opportunities that are offered. And then again, there are so many different nationalities coming to Canada to be citizens that it up to us to show them the right way to become good Canadians. If they do not want to become Canadians in the right spirit, sterner steps must be taken. And this is where a little reform in our educational system might be to advantage, as outlined in the issue of the Canadian Labor Press of June 15th last, which would eventually give us a type of citizen that would be too busy making a success of their life with no time for thoughts of radicalism.

PUBLIC AID TO CHILDREN IN THEIR OWN HOMES

Broken homes mended, mothers of communities is described in detail in a report just issued by the U. S. Department of Labor through the Children's Bureau on "Standards of Public Aid to Children in Their Own Homes." Boston, Denver, and St. Louis, Hennepin County, Minn. (which includes Minneapolis), Haverhill,

Mass., Westchester and Montgomery Counties, N.Y., Northampton Co., Pa., and Yellow Medicine County, Minn., were studied as representing communities of various types, from the large city to the rural county.

The purpose of the investigation was to collect material showing the methods and standards worked out in the communities studied, so that other agencies administering public aid to children in their own homes might benefit by their experience.

Reasons why mothers of young children found it necessary to seek public aid were studied. The death of the father of the family was the compelling factor on three-fourths of the cases studied; in about one-fifth of the cases it was the father's illness or other incapacity.

In the communities studied aid was granted for about 3,049 children to the amount of \$41,781, the monthly average per child for the different communities varying from \$19.68 to \$10.17.

Amounts granted to the families were in most cases based on carefully drawn-up family budgets, covering necessary food costs, fuel, light, clothing, rent, and miscellaneous items. The public aid granted was usually supposed to cover the deficit between the family budget, as estimated, and the family resources, though in four of the six states visited a maximum was fixed by law beyond which the administrative body could not go, no matter how great the need. Denver had the highest proportion of families with adequate incomes, as measured by the estimated budgets.

Extravagance had no place in the family budgets which are summarized in the report. Food estimates for a woman or girl over 16 varied from \$12.35 to \$9.78 a month in the various localities; for young children the estimates are several dollars less. Estimates for clothing allow a woman at home from \$5.75 to \$2.00 a month, and children at home somewhat less.

In all the communities studied, it was recognized that the mere giving of money was not all the help needed by these mothers and children. Nearly half of the fathers of the families had been laborers and semi-skilled workers, and of the group for whom weekly earnings were recorded 93 per cent had earned less than \$35.00 a week. Often the mothers and children had suffered physically through low living standards even before the father's death and needed medical and health service, as well as advice about food and general hygiene. The agencies aimed to bring the families up to par physically, to suggest the best methods of household management, to advise about the recreation of children, and to act as friends of the lonely mother.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the whole report is the chapter en-

titled "What the aid meant to the children." Instance after instance is given of the homes and families to whom such aid meant the difference between despair and the chance for happiness. For example:

"The S family came to the attention of the officials administering allowances through the school. The teachers reported that the children were irregular in attendance, habitually tardy, and that they were poorly clothed and appeared to be neglected. Their school work was poor, and they frequently fell asleep over their lessons. Investigation showed that the father had died the year before, leaving little to his wife and four small sons except the heavily mortgaged ramshackle house in which they lived. They earned a scanty living by selling papers. The mother was frail, and she and the children were out in all kinds of weather, often in rain-soaked shoes and too thin clothing. They were up early in the morning to sell and were often out until late at night. They were given aid. It was six years later that the writer saw them in a comfortable homelike flat. The oldest boy held a fairly good position and was going to night school. One boy was in high school, and the others had good grade-school records.

"One brave spirited woman with six children had tried to struggle along with what she could make out of keeping a confectionery store, at which she hoped that school children would buy. She had no business training, and things went very badly. There were days when her own children came home from school to find not even bread, and she heard them cry with hunger. As it was only when a kindly neighbour, suspecting the truth, said to her, 'Look me in the eye and tell me whether you have had anything to eat today,' that the truth came out, and public aid was arranged for the family.

"The contrast that exists between many homes struggling along with no such aid and one in which it is being adequately administered was brought out by Mrs. N. in telling of her own childhood. 'I thank God for the mother's pension. My mother says she would not have me take it, but I think I ought to be thankful I can have it. My father left my mother with nothing; we had no clothes and never saw the inside of a school.' Mrs. N.'s two small boys, clean and healthy, were not suffering the same fate."

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