

## WORLD SUFFERS UNDER PRODUCTION

Employers' Delegate to Labor Congress Addresses Board of Trade.

S. R. Parsons, a former president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, who was an employers' delegate to the International Labor Congress at Washington in November, with 38 nations represented, addressed the members of the Toronto Board of Trade at a luncheon yesterday in the Prince George Hotel. His speech was mainly a report on the work of the congress, but Mr. Parsons had some interesting comment on the situation of the world from his dinner to express his views. The Japanese, he said, had the biggest delegation, and each man had an expense allowance of \$40 a day, while the British had to go along on \$12, and the Canadians on \$15. Their financial position, he said, might explain when the Japanese delegation was full.

Dealing with the attitude of the United States in standing aside while all other leading nations sent delegates, Mr. Parsons was convinced that their position was not entirely due to the fact that the states had not accepted the peace treaty. He had come to the conclusion, after consulting informed Washington opinion, that while they were anxious to be fair, and even more than fair, to the world, they were not going to stand for an autocracy of labor in the United States. Recent big strikes had inspired widespread fear among the masses of the people that they were against a situation quite as disturbing as had marked the autocracy of capital, against which war had been declared. Mr. Parsons said, as he said, had boldly declared that the next big labor movement would be by unorganized labor for recognition of their right to work.

**Matter for Provinces.**

Mr. Parsons paid a tribute to the Canadian advisers who had accompanied the delegates to Washington, and made complimentary reference to the good impression made by the two representatives of labor, Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, and Mr. Draper. The two representatives of the Canadian government, Hon. Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, and Hon. N. W. Rowell, had taken quite a hand in entertaining the delegates, but he offered some criticism of Mr. Rowell's reasons for voting for the eight-hour day resolution. While committing Canada to an eight-hour rule, Mr. Rowell had at the same time admitted that it was a question of whether the legislation was not a matter for the provinces to deal with rather than the Dominion. Mr. Rowell had spoken of the "moral leadership" which Canada had attained on this continent in supporting the eight-hour day, while the United States had not and he (the speaker) was inclined to wonder whether, if there was going to be anything like passing the buck to the provinces, the moral leadership would still hold good.

**World in Need.**

Dealing with his own attitude on the eight-hour day, Mr. Parsons said he had been fortified by the action of the employers at the national industrial conference at Ottawa in September, and therefore had opposed this resolution on the following and other grounds:

- (1) Shortening of hours would necessarily curtail production.
- (2) The world in a condition of terrible need, not only for food, but for clothing, and suffering for lack of food and clothing.
- (3) Canada, like the United States, could and ought to supply much of that need. Even if agriculture were not included in the eight-hour day proposal it would be hard hit in various ways by shortening industrial hours in towns and cities.
- (4) So many proposed exceptions had necessarily to be included, like, for instance, seasonal occupations, that there would soon be dissatisfaction among workers in such occupations.
- (5) Limiting the hours of work by law would be the death of small industries as well as small nations.
- (6) The position of the laboring classes being brought to bear upon this legislation.
- (7) The United States working under similar conditions and having a population twelve or thirteen times as great as Canada, not being included, would be a severe handicap to Canada's progress.

**Would Cut Production.**

It was shown, said the speaker, that the adoption of a general international eight-hour law would cut production in Japan 60 per cent. This was a considerable answer to the claim that hours would not reduce production. It was a question whether workers with hands and brain have interests opposed to the rest of society. The movement behind the eight-hour day aimed to apply uniformity to the world's work. Personally, he thought there was too much class thinking and class legislation. A solution of the labor problem, said Mr. Parsons, was being found in a spirit of goodwill between employer and employee. He refused to be put in a position of opposition to the men working for him or with him. This, he said, was the new spirit that is abroad, and it was bringing magnificent results.

**UNION NATURAL GAS WAGE LEGAL WAR**

The Union Natural Gas Co. of Kent county is waging a battle in the courts against the right of the township of Dover to assess them on income from two of their profitable wells without first allowing them to deduct their losses on wells that have been failed. Both the local county court and the township court have ruled against the company, and the township court has endorsed and yesterday the matter came before the appellate division at Osgoode Hall on appeal by the company. J. G. Kerr appeared for the company, and J. M. Pike of Chatham for the respondent. Mr. Pike's contention is that the assessment act permits the township to assess the income from each producing well, while the company claims that they should be assessed on the net income from their whole operations after deducting expenditure on several other wells that failed to produce and rentals paid on 9,000 acres of land. Judgment was reserved.

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Ontario Cabinet Will Vote \$25,000 Per Annum for Ten Years.

The Ontario cabinet yesterday decided to grant \$25,000 instead of the \$30,000 asked by the live stock breeders interested in the establishment of the Toronto winter fair. A deputation of the stockmen waited upon the members of the cabinet on Friday last when a decision was reserved.

A letter has been written by Hon. Manning Macdonald, minister of agriculture, to Mr. Dwyer, president of the agricultural branch of the Winter Fair Association, advising him that \$25,000 per annum will be granted, under agreement for a period of ten years. "The government," the letter states, "would not feel justified in pledging the province to pay big grants for such an extended period without at least the time being taken to make all reasonable precautions to safeguard the purposes for which the money will be used during the entire period."

**For Prize Money Only.**

It is also provided: "That the grant shall be used only for prize money, and that the latter shall be equitably apportioned among the different branches of live stock, poultry and agricultural products." Special efforts are also required in the preparation of the catalog and management of the show to give every encouragement to the exhibitor. It is also understood that the association will provide adequate accommodation for the proper housing and display of exhibits. The distribution of any surplus in connection with the fair shall have the approval of the minister of agriculture.

### No Power to Prohibit Import Of Certain Goods to Britain

London, Dec. 17.—The government was declared by Justice Sir John Sankey of the king's bench division today to possess no power to prohibit the importation of certain goods, and that therefore its prohibition to this effect was invalid and illegal. The judgment is considered one of the most important ever rendered against the government.

The case in which the decision was given concerned the importation of pyragalic acid from the United States, the acid having been seized on its arrival.

### BOMBS IN BARCELONA.

Barcelona, Dec. 18.—Four additional bombs were discovered in various places in the city today, but none exploded. In the course of the day three attacks were made upon employers, who suffered injuries.

### WINTER SPORTS.

Many reservations are being made for the Christmas holidays at the Highland Inn, Algonquin Park. This popular hotel, situated two thousand feet above the level of the sea, offers first-class accommodation at reasonable rates for those desiring a quiet retreat where all the winter sports, including snow-shoeing, ski-ing, tobogganing and skating may be enjoyed to the heart's content. Indoors, crackling logs blaze in the open hearths, and the outdoor life gives you an appetite for the good things that an exceptional cuisine can provide. Two hundred miles north of Toronto, The Inn is owned and operated by the Grand Trunk Railway. An interesting illustrated booklet, telling you all about it, can be had free by applying to any Grand Trunk ticket agent or C. E. Horning, D.P.A., Toronto, Ontario.

## SAYS ANTIS NOT PUBLIC SPIRITED

Dr. Hastings Bitterly Berates Anti-Vaccinationists at Board of Health Session.

That the only public-spirited citizen in Toronto to his mind who ever opposed vaccination was Rev. Elmore Hastings, late pastor of Walnut Road Baptist Church, and that he died almost as soon as he landed in India, the victim of virulent smallpox, was a statement made at yesterday afternoon's session of the board of health by Dr. C. J. O. Hastings, M.O.H., Toronto, who bitterly assailed the anti-vaccinationists in Toronto as ignoramus, many of whom, he said, were desirous only of cheap advertisement. The M.O.H. discussed the monthly report at some length. He stated that the department made vaccination tests of vaccine prepared for the city, and that every test to date had been shown to be thoroughly sterilized and pure. Referring upon the history of smallpox, he pointed out that milkmaids in the old days were especially immune from smallpox during epidemics because they had been affected by the attenuated disease in cows.

In reply to Ald. Sam Ryding, who still stands opposed to vaccination, the doctor stated that provided proper refrigerators were used to protect vaccine it could not be affected by age or other factors. He also stated that people differed in susceptibility, as was well shown in families in which two or three would suffer only lightly, while others in the same family might die.

**Aldermen's Opinions.**

The monthly report was adopted as being merely informative and embodying no recommendations. Ald. Ryding expressed himself as opposed to vaccination, Ald. McMillin as opposed to compulsory vaccination and the chairman of the board, Ald. Cowan, favoring the contention of the M.O.H. In an interview with the press, Dr. Hastings stated that both Col. Ford and Col. Marlowe, officiating A.D.M.S. at different times, had officially stated that not a single death resulted from vaccination out of the 500,000 men of the C.E.F.

Orders for isolation hospitals for 1920 were referred to the M.O.H. The monthly report for November, touching upon the need of more mature consideration of vaccination, shows that despite the epidemic the death rate was less than that of November, 1918, by nine per cent, 422 dying last month and 784 during the same month last year. Infant mortality was slightly below the normal for November, but much below the figures for November, 1918.

The report on contagious diseases shows that while smallpox and diphtheria were numerous in Toronto not a single death from smallpox was reported, whereas diphtheria carried off 12 persons. The following figures are given for November:

	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Typhoid fever . . . . .	5	2	1	1
Smallpox . . . . .	311	0	0	0
Measles . . . . .	2	0	0	0
Scarlet fever . . . . .	112	41	3	2
Whooping cough . . . . .	37	38	1	8
Diphtheria . . . . .	248	116	12	9

Other acute contagious diseases for November:

	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Chickpox . . . . .	340	24	0	0
Measles . . . . .	2	0	0	0
Infantile paralysis . . . . .	1	1	0	1
Cerebro-spinal meningitis . . . . .	1	2	0	1
Erysipelas . . . . .	2	1	0	1

### BLOW-OUT INJURES ELECTRICIAN

Edward Hyde, 65 Bloor street, an employee of the Toronto Electric Light Company at the Macpherson avenue power house, was badly burned about the head, hands and back by the blow-out of a fuse in one of the motors. He was taken to the General Hospital in the police ambulance. The accident caused the interruption of the lighting in the northern part of the city for some time.

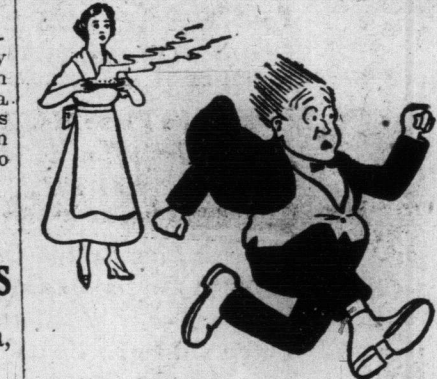
### DAMAGED BY BACK FIRE.

A motor car belonging to Field's garage, Sherbourne street, was damaged to the extent of \$800 by the back firing of the engine while it was standing at the corner of Lowther and Spadina avenues.

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| 17647—FIRST NOWELL                | Lyric Quartette     |
| NAZARETH                          | Lyric Quartette     |
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| 16996—JOY TO THE WORLD            | Trinity Choir       |
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## CANADIAN TRADE SHOWS INCREASE

November Trade Passes by Eighteen Million Same Period Last Year.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The trade of Canada for the month of November was greater than during the same month a year ago by more than eighteen million dollars, according to the monthly statement issued today by the customs department. The statement shows that last month the grand total of Canadian trade rose to \$215,714,257, as compared with \$197,543,153 in November, 1918. The total figures for the eight months of the fiscal year which ended with the close of November are, however, less than during a similar period in 1918, by over sixteen millions. For the eight months of the present year was \$656,839,157, while a year ago it was \$633,464,075, or an increase in imports of \$23,375,082.

**Some Marked Increases.**

Marked increases are shown by the statement in the value of certain domestic products exported from Canada. The value of wood, paper, etc., exported during the eight month period, was nearly \$32,000,000 higher than during the same period in 1918. The statement shows that wool, paper and products were exported from Canada this year to the total value of \$137,677,942, as compared with \$105,847,509 last year. The value of domestic agricultural products exported this year was more than seventy millions more than last, and of animals and their products, 67 millions. This increase is, however, completely offset by a great falling off in the value of miscellaneous products. The value of exports classed under the head miscellaneous was over \$165,000,000 greater last year than this.

### Expect Kingston to Elect H. C. Nickle by Acclamation

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—It looks like an acclamation for ex-Ald. Hugh C. Nickle in the mayoralty contest. Ald. S. S. Corbett has declined to run. Mr. Nickle is a brother of W. F. Nickle, ex-M.P., and a member of the executive of the Canadian patriotic fund. He is manager of the street railway company. He was brought out as the candidate of the Great War Veterans' Association.

### COAL STRIKE SPREADS.

Brussels, Dec. 18.—The strike of coal miners is spreading and is endangering the entire field of Belgian industry, according to reports received here today.

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