

candidate who is not associated with either of the official political parties must ever be detrimental to labor. To make progress any unit in society must co-operate with, and enjoy, the confidence of the whole.

Candidates for election support certain leaders and, for the information of the public, some knowledge of the recorded acts and utterances of the two party leaders as they affect labor, should be of assistance. Neither memory nor record show any instance where ~~the Hon.~~ Mr. King, the present Prime Minister, ever approved of workmen organizing and obtaining the recognition of employers to negotiate contracts covering working conditions and wages through their organizations. His utterances and writings constitute an appeal to employers to exercise a kind paternalism toward employees, public convenience and ~~public~~ comfort ~~is~~ at all times<sup>to</sup> be considered an important factor. On the subject of the recognition of workmen's rights to organize the utterances of both leaders are here quoted:

On July 11th, 1918, the Hon. Mr. Meighen, and the government of which he was a member, made a definite pronouncement on the subject of industrial relations between employers and employees, and the attitude of the Government toward both, the relevant parts of which read as follows:

"That all employees have the right to organize in trade unions, and this right shall not be denied or interfered with in any manner whatsoever, and through their chosen representatives should be permitted and encouraged to negotiate with employers concerning working conditions, rates of pay, or other grievances.

On Aug. 6th, 1914, the Hon. Mr. King wrote Mr. J.D. Rockefeller, Jr., respecting the demands of miners in Colorado for recognition of their union and the right to negotiate with their employers through elected representatives. The relevant portion of his letter reads as follows:

"I fear that the view likely to be taken by some of the leaders may be the short-sighted one of endeavoring to persuade their followers that the opportunities which may come to American capital through the crippled condition of industry elsewhere will induce a recognition which under