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### LABOR DEPUTATION.

#### CLAIMS OF WORKINGMEN BEFORE THE MINISTERS.

New Alien Labor Law to Prevent Men Being Brought in Under Contract—Resolution Against Increasing the Tariff.

Ottawa, April 7.—Representatives of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress paid their annual visit to the Government yesterday and presented a number of demands for legislative reforms. They were received by the Prime Minister, Sir Wm. Mulock and Hon. A. G. Blair.

Those who comprised the deputation were Messrs. John A. Flett, President, Hamilton; A. W. Puttee, M.P., Winnipeg; Ralph Smith, M.P., ex-President, Nanaimo; John G. O'Donoghue, legal adviser, Toronto; James B. Mack, Vice-President, Montreal; P. M. Draper, Secretary-Treasurer, and A. E. Spinard, Ottawa; Samuel Moore, Charles March, A. W. Holmes, W. V. Todd, D. J. O'Donoghue, Wm. Henderson, Robt. Gocking and W. A. Douglass, Toronto; A. Garipey, J. A. Rodier, A. Mathieu and Wm. Gilmour, Montreal; P. C. Sharkey, St. John; J. McDonald, Halifax; John Collings, Charlottetown, and Nathan B. Leman, Moncton, Mr. Emmerson, M.P. was also present.

Mr. J. G. O'Donoghue first submitted the draft of a proposed new anti-contract labor bill containing the following provisions:—"From and after the passing of this act it shall be unlawful for any person in any manner to prepay the transportation or in any way to assist or encourage the importation or immigration into Canada of any person who resides out of Canada, under contract or agreement, parole or special, express or implied, made previous to the importation or immigration of such person to perform labor or service in Canada.

"All contracts or agreements, express or implied, parole or special, hereafter made by and between any person, company, partnership or corporation and any person who resides out of Canada to perform labor or service or having reference to the performance of labor or service by any person in Canada previous to the importation or immigration of the person whose labor or service is contracted for shall be void and of no effect.

"It shall be deemed a violation of this act for any person, partnership, company or corporation to assist or encourage the importation or immigration into Canada of any person who resides out of Canada by promise of employment through advertisements printed or published out of Canada, and any such person coming to Canada in consequence of such an advertisement shall be treated as coming under contract as contemplated by this act, and the penalties by this act imposed shall be applicable in such case, provided that this section shall not apply to skilled labor not obtainable in Canada, as provided for by section 6 of this act."

Certain exceptions from the act were proposed, including skilled mechanics for new industries, domestics and immigrants.

Mr. O'Donoghue said that the present act was sought in place of the alien labor law, which was a dead letter. The proposed law applied not merely to aliens, but to persons residing out of Canada who were brought in under contract.

Sir Wilfrid—British subjects?

Mr. O'Donoghue—British subjects as well as foreigners.

Mr. A. W. Puttee, M.P., suggested a number of amendments to the conciliation act. These proposed that in case of a dispute it should be compulsory for the Minister of Labor to appoint a board of arbitration.

Instead of arbitration being grounded only on the application of both parties, it should be conceded at the demand of either party, and evidence should be taken under oath. Mr. Puttee also made the request that mechanics and laborers employed by the Government should be paid weekly.

Mr. W. A. Douglass of Toronto moved a resolution condemning any increase in the tariff. He controverted statements made by the Manufacturers' Association of Canada. It was not true, he said, that the tariff was a burden on the trade.

What injured trade was monopoly and extortion. The tariff might stand at 35 per cent, but it amounted to 50 per cent, if the goods had passed through the hands of the wholesaler and retailer. Whatever the wealthy manufacturer had to buy was on the free list. The things bought by the workingman were not on the free list, but what he had to sell, viz., his labor, always was. By reason of the immigration policy the workingman was exposed to the competition of the cheapest labor in the world.

Mr. P. M. Draper brought up the case of the truckers and checkers on the Intercolonial. He asked that the wages of the former be advanced to the minimum of \$1.50, and of the latter to the minimum of \$1.00 per month.

Sir William Mulock, Minister of Labor, replied at considerable length. He said the Government recognized how much the welfare of the country depended upon having a contented and thriving industrial class, and also recognized the deputation as having that end in view. The proposed anti-contract labor bill introduced a new principle. The alien labor law now on the statute book was designed for the protection of our own people and to accord to American workmen entering Canada the same treatment that was extended to our workmen who entered the United States.

It was now proposed, with certain exceptions, to make a penalty for anyone to come to Canada under contract. Had the labor congress considered the far-reaching effect of such a law? The farmers of this country were suffering from a lack of sufficient labor to cultivate the soil. If this law passed the farmers could not import laborers to help them on their farms. Industrial labor was dependent upon the success of the farming industry, and yet it was

here proposed to kill the goose which laid the golden eggs. What would the thousands of people who were coming here from Great Britain think of such a proposition? Would it not tend to check the tide of emigration now setting in towards Canada, and which had reached proportions never before attained? As to the proposed changes in the conciliation act, it was better to bring about improvements by friendly discussion. If there was friction we could not achieve that desirable result. The Government should be left free to intervene for the settlement of labor disputes at the proper, at the psychological, moment, if he might use the term. There should be no compulsion about it. The case with respect to disputes on railways was different, for the public was one of the parties primarily interested in strikes or disputes on railways.

### BUSY BOARD

#### C. O. I. Trustees Find They Have Many Matters to Deal With—Monthly Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Collegiate Institute Board was held yesterday afternoon in Harrison Hall with a good attendance of the members. Those present were Chairman J. T. White, Dr. Thornton, Rev. Dr. Battisby, W. G. Richards, John Liddy, Robert Smith of Dover, S. B. Arnold, J. T. O'Keefe and Secretary T. R. Harris.

Dr. Thornton reported that something would have to be done to the heating system at the school. After much discussion Dr. Thornton moved, seconded by S. B. Arnold, that the Secretary correspond with W. F. Rutley, of Toronto, formerly of this city, who installed the system, with a view to having it examined to see what could be done with it. The motion carried.

Mr. Patterson, who was present, said the school had been handicapped by illness caused from the unsatisfactory heating.

"Why aren't the storm windows used?" someone asked.

Mr. Patterson—The janitors all say they cannot get the dust out of the rooms with them on.

Mr. Smith—The windows were never made properly in the first place or they would have had a place made to let the dust out. It would save heat if the windows could be utilized.

Dr. Thornton—It doesn't seem hardly right that we should have storm windows for the whole school and not use them.

Dr. Battisby said he thought a new system of heating would have to be installed and prophesied failure to any attempt to make the old good.

The next matter discussed was that of more room for the large increase of attendance which will occur after the entrance examinations. Mr. Patterson said he believed there were entrance classes of 75 at the Central, 50 at McKeough, and about 35 at Separata, and a great deal more room would be required. It would be necessary for another room for the entrance and another for the commercial class, as Mr. Collins, the teacher of the latter department, now had a class of 50 and considered it too many.

Mr. Patterson suggested a way of meeting the difficulty, in the old school building, the upper floor of which he had been using for the past 14 years as a residence and had never been comfortable. He paid \$150 a year rent to the Board for it. His suggestion was that the upper floor be turned into two good-sized rooms and use the downstairs for manual training.

At this point Mr. Liddy spoke up and asked Mr. Patterson if he might ask a question. He was told he could.

"How is it that you only have 260 enrolled at present and twelve years ago 350 were enrolled? I just wanted to know for my information," commented Mr. Liddy.

Mr. Patterson—It's a mistake by an inexcusable blunder of an official who should have known better; it was published in the paper. It was absolutely false. The Government asks for the total enrolment of the year and included in that is the hundred or so that leave in the summer and the hundred or more who come in in the fall.

Dr. Thornton thought the manual training a good idea and it would be a wise expenditure of a small amount to see the Woodstock and Stratford schools to get some ideas.

After considerable discussion S. B. Arnold moved, seconded by J. T. O'Keefe, that a committee consisting of Messrs. Battisby, Thornton, Smith, Richards and Arnold to visit the school and report on the more room question and manual training.

On motion of Messrs. Liddy and Richards, Chairman J. T. White was appointed to represent the Board at the annual meeting of the trustees in Toronto. Mr. White asked for suggestions on anything that needed changing.

S. B. Arnold said the standard of entrance examinations should be raised, as the children were too small at 10 or 12 years of age to go to the High School.

Mr. Liddy—But, Mr. Arnold, the children are much smarter than they used to be.

Mr. Patterson's report for the school showed 256 enrolled and an average attendance of 218.

Meeting adjourned.

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