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LOUGHEED BILL
Report of the proceedings at the meeting of the committee of the Senate on Banking and Commerce dealing with Hon. Mr. Lougheed's Bill respecting the operations of Officers of International Unions in Canada.

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.
Senator McMillan—I just ask the privilege to say a word, to say my experience was this: I was stopping at the Northern Hotel, at Earl Arthur, and amongst others there was a gentleman who said, now he will walk over the street from Montreal, and on going to Vancouver; that he had interviewed every trackman, and asked if they had any grievance, and in connection with that he asked the subject of the bill for the trackmen's Union Journal. He stated he was from an American city, and told me all about what he was doing. I am prepared to make statutory declaration that these are true facts.

An Hon. Member—What did they strike for?
Mr. McLaughlin—They demanded this: Twenty per cent. in wages; first of all, the recognition of the union and the discharge of the union men. At that time there were 225 men in the union, and 200 went out, and I might just as well tell you we asked for an investigation, and two labor men said to them: You have no grievance, and you have no right to strike. Now I will just say that that strike was most disastrous for our union, we lost heavily, and so did our men. They were getting good pay, and when we went to work we were not paid for the time we were out of work. I will say to my friends, the labor supporters, you never heard me giving you any tariff, but I will say why can't you take care of yourselves. We have here as able men as in the United States, and I will say to my friends, the labor supporters, and now is it not an admission on your part to admit that you cannot run this without aliens?

Mr. O'Donoghue—Mr. Chairman, I put in a copy of the Ontario Reformer, containing a signed statement by Mr. McLaughlin in which he blames the strike on the interference of politicians, and he thanks the officers of the union for the part they took in settling it.
James Murdoch, Toronto, is a Grand Lodge officer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Trainmen, having a membership of 60,000, and a British subject born and always. Between three and four thousand men have the honor to represent our (Canadian) scattered from the Pacific to the Atlantic. That this organization has been in existence over 30 years, and that we have \$500,000 at the beginning of the year to our credit, and death levies. That we have that shows what work the organization is doing. The assessment runs from 75 cents, \$1.00 and \$2.00.

An Hon. Member—Per month?
Mr. Murdoch—Yes. This we have helped to create with our brothers, the Americans, and it would be no use to us if this bill were to become law, because this organization was formed in the first place for the sake of protection. The beneficial part of the organization was only a secondary consideration, and while useful to protect the lives of members, still protection is the main part.
An Hon. Member—Protection against what?
Mr. Murdoch—To protect our interests against railway companies. Our wages have been increased from 50 to 100 per cent. in the last ten or fifteen years. I am a conductor, at present in the employ of the C.P.R., and I may say that our organization has very materially improved, and I believe, without exaggeration, the officials of railways in Canada prefer to do business with international organizations. The heads of our organizations are too conservative to be an American, and in the future, if this were to become law, the protection feature of our organization would be taken away, because if any railway company took it into their heads to have a difference of opinion with their employees, the employees have a right to carry it to a certain point, and then they call the head of their organization. If 30 happens to be an American, his right would make it a criminal offence. Even if the men decided they wanted to quit the employment of the company, it would be a criminal offence for him to come in and sanction that strike.

An Hon. Member—Would it be necessary for him to come in?
Mr. Murdoch—Yes, sir, every organization must have a head.
An Hon. Member—How would that affect your fund?
Mr. Murdoch—We could not expect an American to hold a position which he could not fill. He would be amenable to the law, which would prevent him from setting in any shape whatever.

An Hon. Member—Is it an insurance fund?
Mr. Murdoch—No, sir; just death and total disability. There we have a fund of over \$100,000, which we helped to create to be paid members in any strike sanctioned by the international organization. We would have to forfeit our right to that, and therefore probably, in the course of a very short time, we would be driven aside from this international organization, and forced to look somewhere else. I assure you that the greater of railway men do not warrant the taking away of their right as British subjects, that is, the right to sanction when they will as their master and their counsel.

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An Hon. Member—Does this bill do that?
Mr. Murdoch—Yes, sir, every one is guilty of an indictable offence who sanctions a strike.
An Hon. Member—Where is your death and disability fund?
Mr. Murdoch—In different institutions in the country.
An Hon. Member—Is any in the international union?
Mr. Murdoch—All one fund.
An Hon. Member—Sent there and then comes back?
Mr. Murdoch—Yes, as each death and disability occurs. Last year \$54,000 was paid for disabilities.
An Hon. Member—Is any of the fund invested in Canada?
Mr. Murdoch—Yes, \$25,000 in Ottawa, \$25,000 in London, \$25,000 in Montreal, and in other places. I am a member of the Board of Trustees, and we manage to see this money invested in Canada.
Sir Mackenzie Bowell—There have

played by the McCormicks and other American firms. Why, then, should our workmen waste to join in unions with men who had nothing of their skill and intelligence. The Massey-Harris Company had no connection with any international employers' association, and in thirty years had known but one strike. Three years ago the men, on the advice of one Keough, an official of the International—Moulders' Union, demanded that only union men be employed by the Massey-Harris concern. The company refused the demand, and Senator Melvin-Jones felt it worthy of note that this demand was made at a time when the firm was working on orders for the foreign market. The Senator said his policy was to do as much as possible for the comfort of his men, but he did not feel like admitting his workmen to assist in the management of the factory.

Senator Sullivan, of Kingston, opposed the bill.
Senator McKee, of Cape Breton, and Chairman Drummond both spoke in favor of Canadian organizations.
Senator Beique, of Montreal, suggested an amendment to punish by the imprisonment anyone not domiciled in Canada for months, who with intent to force a rise or fall in wages or to alter the conditions of labor wages a strike.
Senator Drummond produced from his pocket a printed report that he had declared, labor from the National Trades and Labor Congress, and which supported the position of those who were in favor of the bill.
Senator Clarke asked if it was signed by anyone.
Senator Drummond replied, as he replaced the document in his pocket, that he would keep it for the private information of the members of the committee.

On the reassembling of the Committee on Banking and Commerce the report of the special committee was presented.
Senator Kerr (Cobourg), at the solicitation of Mr. J. G. O'Donoghue, requested the committee to hear him as representing organized labor, and stating that, as the bill as amended was practically a new measure, he thought it only fair that Mr. O'Donoghue should be heard. The request, however, was refused, and the committee went on with the consideration of the amended bill, which was as follows:
Redraft of Bill H., as to labor agitators, as amended by the sub-committee of the Committee on Banking and Commerce, June 17th, 1903.

"524. A. Everyone is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to two years' imprisonment, who, being a British subject and not having become commonly domiciled and resident in Canada during one year next before the commission of the act complained of, does in Canada counsel, incite, urge or induce any strike or any lockout, or the continuance of any strike or any lockout.
"2. This section shall not apply to any person who, being a duly accredited officer of any international organization, comes into Canada to bring about a settlement of a strike or any lockout.
"3. In any proceeding under this section the burden of proof as to nationality, domicile and residence shall be upon the person accused.

The Banking and Commerce Committee duly reported the Bill, as amended, to the Senate, and after several adjournments in the Senate, a vote was finally taken on the Bill Wednesday, July 22, 1903, with the result that the Bill, as amended, passed the Senate on the following division:
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Non-Contents—The Hon. Messieurs Coffey, Cloran, Donville, David, Ellis, Fiset, McGregor, McHugh, McSweeney, Scott, Sullivan, Tompkins, Young.

H. J. BILL
Reprinted as amended by the Senate, July 16, 1903.
An Act to amend the Criminal Code, 1892, respecting offences connected with Trade and Breaches of Contract.
Enacted by His Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:
1. The Criminal Code, 1892, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following as section 524A:
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"2. In any proceeding under this section the burden of proof as to nationality, domicile and residence shall be upon the person accused."

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taxation may be necessary to give men who do not own land or franchises a chance to work either for some other man who does or for the state itself. The title deeds of him who would call himself the owner and so have a monopoly of a part of the common earth must be made dependent upon the giving to him who has no such monopoly a chance to earn his daily bread.
I think the time has come when we must rewrite the Declaration of Independence so that it will read, "All men are entitled to certain inalienable rights, and among these rights are life, liberty and a job."
Perhaps that is the way the distinguished author of the declaration intended it to be read. The phrase, the pursuit of happiness," may have been only his synonym for "a job."—Walter S. Logan, in Arena.
THE RIGHT TO WORK.
In a memorial to the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly at its annual session in Nashville, Tenn., by Typographical Union No. 20 of that city to unionize its printing and publishing establishment the following extract appears:
"Whenever the organization of workmen is under discussion there are always some persons who are extremely solicitous about the non-union laborer. They think that the union interferes with the rights of those workmen outside of it, and for that reason ought to be suppressed. The organization is not oppressive of any section of wage workers. Society does not recognize the right of any individual to work, and does not attempt to enforce any such right. It leaves the hapless individual to get employment if he can, and starve if he can not. It leaves the employer free to discharge the workman for any cause or for no cause. So long as society does not guarantee employment under fair conditions to every member it is idle sentimentality to talk about the right of the individual to work for whom he pleases and on whatever terms he may choose."
COST OF LIVING.
Wage earners contend that the increase in the cost of living has more than balanced the advance in wages, which are now high in most branches of industry. The few statistics available seem to bear out this idea. Kansas investigations show that since 1899 the cost of living has increased 44.5 per cent., and wages only 10.5 per cent. Probably these figures do not apply generally, but it is certain that the increase in the cost of living has burdened a great many people. The farmer is not worrying much over the situation. The more it costs city people to live, the more he is likely to get out of his products, without which they cannot live at all—National Stockman and Farmer.
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