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Arouse Public Feeling

deal of public opinion would be

UNION MEMBERS DISCUSS THE ANTI-COMBINES BILL AND ITS SHORTCOMINGS.

Mr. Grimes-I rise Mr. Chairman, the labor organizations demanding to support the principles of the Bill, higher wages it meant a higher cos as I think the time has arrived when in the production of an article. some step should be taken towards regulating Combines and Monopolies. I read an article a short time ago We have all had experience of these which stated that the Commission apcombines in this country and how pointed in England to investigate they have tended to increase the cost these matters had reported that while of living. The Rennie Baking Co. wages had increased 17 per cent., the has been referred to in this connec- article produced had increased 42 per tion. I remember when the Biscuit cent., showing that while some in-Combine was formed. At that time I crease in the price of the article was was a clerk, and biscuits were sell- due to the increased cost of labor, the ing at five cents a pound, and within greater amount of the increase was a week from the time of the forma- due to the existence of Combines and tion of the combine they went up Monopolies, which make it more diffito seven cents, a difference of two cult for people to live in this councents a pound.

Consumer Paid It

dustry. The price of tobacco remain- tive. ed fairly steady in this country for fifteen or twenty years, but the mo- | Mr. Coaker-Mr. Chairman, as the ment the combine was formed we Government seems determined to put found that the price went up. I am this Bill through as it stands, I may informed on good authority that in say that I have not the slightest some cases the price increased from doubt but if an investigation were 25 to 40 per cent. Well, if that is conducted into any of these monopoit shows the great need of this lies and these objectionable condi- der discussion.

Poor Man's Luxury

Now, a great many of the people aroused over the fact that this Bill who consume tobacco are are poorer provides no penalty. classes of this community. It is the If the Government hold an investipoor man's luxury. I think the Gov- gation and find that a factory has anybody doing these things.

increased cost of living in the United guilty parties.

One's Loss, Another's Gain

though at the time of the Crash some large businessess went under, in some labor should be satisfied with the cases two or three smaller ones provision of the Bill because it will sprung up out of each of these larger have the effect of making the men

Bank Crash, and that many large

firms closed up at that time.

The foundation of Duder's failure camps, and there will not be the was laid to a certain extent by men trouble and dissatisfaction that formwho were getting larger salaries, and erly existed. out of these salaries they were able Their men will be in a healthy con- work twenty-five days during that ised he would get. to start business immediately after dition and will get their rest in the

Bonavista started about twenty years jections. ago. He was then doing a small business. If he is worth anything to J. Carter, of Herring Neck, is a man who was aservant at the time of the crash, and to-day he is worth

Due to Supply System

I have much pleasure in support-This showed very clearly that the ing this Bill and I hope the outcome Now there have been a great many four or five thousand dollars paid of it will be an investigation into the failures, but these failures were not Rennie for closing down was being matters that help to increase the all due to the supplying system. In bonuses alone. Experienced men are paid by the consumers of this arti- cost of living in this country. I hope many cases they were simply due to supposed to receive a dollar a day the suggestion of the Leader of the bad management. There is no firm in in Mr. Crowe's camps, while in other Reference was also made to the Opposition will be adopted and that the country that goes more largely companies the men receive \$24.00 a combines in connection 'with the some sort of machinery will be put into the supplying business than the sealing industry and the tobacco in- in that will make the measure effec- Ryans, and yet they are doing sound and prosperous business.

The reason I mention this is beone engaged in the supplying business is losing money. I trust that the Government will see our position

We have asked that something in tions were found to exist, a great the nature of a penalty be inserted in the Bill. If the Government do not choose to do this the responsi-

Logging Bill

ernmen t should investigate these been paid five or six thousand dol- Mr. Coaker-Mr. Speaker, the matters and punish the guilty parties. lars for closing down and that the object of this Bill is to protect the That is the fault I find with this price of the article has been raised men engaged in logging, and it deals Bill, that it contains no penalty for in consequence, there is going to be with the wages, food and accommogreat indignation all over the country, dation of these men.

The Premier made reference to the if no steps are taken to punish the Ever since the logging industry started there has been a lot of dis-States and in England and in Canada. Now the Premier has made a state- satisfaction as regards the accommo-He said that it was due to a large ment this afternoon about the amount dation and food in the lumber extent to the increased cost of labor. of money lost in the crash. I admit woods. Ther is quite an improve-I presume he meant that owing to that a lot of money was lost in the ment nowadays as regards food. promptly attended to. gets a letter telling him to come home

here has not been much complaint the last year or two in this direction. Any complaint in that regard is more as to the cooking. However, there has been great complant as regards the accommodation.

Time was when logging camps were imply a few logs thrown together nd covered over with felt. A stove was in the middle and the beds were made of lumber placed around in order to form bunks. No mattresses were provided.

Secured Improvement

Now, a few years ago, I took up this matter with Mr. Crowe, who employed thousands of men, and he agreed to put mattresses in the principle camps. I believe that this was done and every man provided with agreed that a bath tub would be put to be had and the men would not use

Now, the reason mattresses are not more generally used is because employees have found that they are no good after one season, as they are so dirty as to be unfit for use and have to be thrown away. It it not to be expected that the employers want to provide new mattresses every season, because where a thousand or welve hundred men are employed the expense would be very great. Provides For Baths

The only thing to be done then is to keep the men clean, and it is provided in this Bill that bath tubs should be installed and hot water provided. Of course every man is not Now we find in the North that al- going to bath every night.

Now, 1 think every employer of contented and they will stay in the

night and the next day will be able To-day in the North we have three to do better work. There has been a large businesses worth half a million certain amount of opposition to this dollars that sprung up from the fail- Bill from some few of the employers ure of Edwin Duder. Templeman of and they have been making some ob-

Based On General Pay

Some objection will be made day he must be worth \$250,000. G. the first section by some employers, but I do not think it will do them any njustice, for the wage named there is based on the wages that are paid as a general rule in the logging camps to-day.

In fact Mr. Crowe has informed me that last year he paid \$1200.00 in a works the wages average from twenty to twenty-four dollars a month.

cause I do not want it understood from the Premier's speech that every. The Right Place To Buy-in connection with the Bill now under discussion.

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us for eighty cents a day only comes always finds that some amount is paid more than he is worth to the man ceives \$24.00 a month has only to not get the pay that he was prom- to give the men more than they can

Extra Expense Profitable

expense for improved accommodation there. and food, but the employers will not lose, but gain by this, because they will find at the eid of the season that because the men are treated bette give more returns for their wages. In any case you cannot expect a but it is too often left to the boss of ployers. man now to go into the lumbering camps for less than \$1.00 per day. he goes there at all it is because he wishes to make some money to help his family over the winter and if he does not get at least \$1.00 per day what is the use of his going there

It may be contended that many of the lumbermen are young men of seventeen or eighteen years of age, and that they are not worth as much as the men of twenty-five years of & e and that, therefore, they do not

expect to get as well paid. Pay According to Worth The Act will make a provision for | this because we realize that an experienced man is worth more than the man who goes to the woods for the first time, and we say that the experienced man should receive not ess than a dollar a day, and the inexperienced man not less than eighty |

Some of thes young men have experience and that being so, they are entitled to receive at least a dollar a day, and this is only right for you cannot expect a strapping young chap | Experienced Machinists; good who has had experience to work for wages and constant employment; eighty cents, while the man next to also a few apprentices. not be as good a worker.

make is that sometimes they are promised \$24 a month, but when a ADVERTISE IN THE man works for six weeks and perhaps

If that is correct, and I know that he finds that he receives only \$21.00 the camp to say what he should get. t is correct, there is no hardship done or thereabouts. When he wants to We want to be fair in the matter y the minimum wage suggested by leave before the season is over he and we do not want any man to be o \$20.00 a month. A man who re- held back or, in other words, he does who employs him. We do not want

bers can easily ascertain to be cor- figure. In doing so, we must expect

Agreement Should Be Kept

earn, but we do want to go as close These are facts which hon. mem- as we possibly can to the right It is true that we shall add a little rect and that is why the provision is to meet opposition, and we must not expect to be lauded and praised by

However, we want only what is Why should not a man receive what reasonable and fair and, while we he was engaged for? He is told that do not want everything on our side, they will be able to work better and he will receive \$24.00 or more, as we do not want all these matters the case may be, if he is worth it, left entirely in the hands of the em-

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