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Canadian Wage-Earners Demand Production From Various Governments.

Canadian workers are anxiously awaiting the adoption of some of the recommendations made at the Naional Industrial Conference, and also that some of the recommenda-tions made by the Royal Commis-sion (Mathers) on Industrial Rela-tions be carried in full force and effect. With the ratification of the Peace Treaty, and the Labor clauses contained therein, Canadian work-ers have looked forward to the day when much of the advanced social labor legislation-now long fue-will find its way onto the statute books of the Dominion of Canada. In this respect the great Canadian producing masses have Canada. In this respect the Canadan producing masses have been disappointed and apparently the present Parliament is more concerned in holding on to office than in the betterment of the conditions of the wage-earners of this wast Dominion of ours. But there is an end to all things, and President Tom Moore, of the Dominion Trades Congress, has made the position of the organized workers quite clear in his opening declarations before the conference in session at Ottawa at present of the question of coordination and unification of labor laws when he stated that the Canadan workers were losing faith in commissions and conference due to the indifferent reception of these reports by the various Governments. Labor is asked to "speed up." This the majority of Canadan wage-earners are prepared to, but there must be more production on the part of the various Governments of Canada in the matter of advanced social and labor legislation.—J. A. P. H.

Right to Labor

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Legislation has bee wafted which is designed to impose severe penalties upon any employer who dismisses or in any way prejudices an employs either because he belongs to a trade union or desires to become a member of such an organization. This matter has been under consideration by the Labor Department for some time and the legislation drafted and of which notice has been given, though the bill is standing, will provide a penalty of one thousand dollars fine or six months' imprisonment in the case of any party adjudged guilty of such an offence.

AMENDMENTS TO N. S. COM-PENSATION ACT NOT ALL LABOR DESIRES.

At Dockers' Court of Inquiry Employers Defend This Figure With Great Ability,

We have before us an official copy of the report by a court of inquiry concerning transport workers—"Wages and Conditions of Employment of Dock Labor," issued by the British Government. It makes interesting reading and study. Perhaps the most outstanding feature is the recognition of a poverty line by the employers of Great Britain.

children, the employers presented a figure of £3 13s 6d per week, and The second reading of the bill to amend the Nova Scotla Workmen's Compensation Act occupied the attention of the House last Thursday. Hon. Mr. Armstrong, the introducer of the bill, explained its provisions, and the reasons for the proposed amendments. Its main feature is an increase of 50 per cent. in the compensation to be allowed dependent widows and orphans. Very strong representations hav been made from labor organizations for an increase in compensation, but the bill is not, it is pointed out, as sweeping as these organizations desire. Mr. Armstrong pointed out that similar increases had been granted or are under consideration by the other provinces of Canada.

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IN OTTAWA TO CONSIDER LABOR LAWS.



Above photo shows some of the delegates of the Dominion and various provinces representing the Government, employers, and Labor, now in conference in Ottawa, in an effort to co-ordinate the Labor of the Dominion. Those shown are, top row, left to right: Tom Moore, President of the Dominion Trades Congress; F. A. Acland, Deputy Minister of Labor; J. G. Merrick, Secretary of the Employers' Association. Middle row: F. J. Logan, Major J. Welsford MacDonald, and John A. Gills, three representatives of the Province of Nova Scotia. Lower row: Gustave Francq, Louis Euron, and John Lowe, three of the Quebec delegates.

\$87,610.12 Paid in Per Capita Tax; \$213,524,914 Received in Benefits.

Advocates of the One Big Union and other destructive and reaction-ary organizations in directing at-tacks on the International Trade Union movement, repeatedly state that Canadian wage-earners receive no benefits from the per capita tax paid into the International headquarters, which in almost all cases are situated in American centres. Nothing could be further from the

According to an official, audited statement of Secretary Victor Klei-ber of the 'International Molders' Union of North America, 37 Canadian locals, with a membership of

Hamilton I.L.P. Against Free Trade Policy

The Hamilton Branch of the independent Labor party, after hearing an address from Hon. W. R. Bollo, minister of labor, Friday last, passed a resolution protesting against the free trade plank inserted in the party's platform at the London meeting. The local party is opposed to supporting such an attitude until a referendum is taken in accordance with the resolution of a year ago.

"RALPH CONNOR" HEAD OF MANITOBA COUNCIL OF INDUSTRY.

Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), clergyman and novelist, will be appointed chairman of the

Arthur Martel Will Be a Workers' Delegate on Int. Labor Office Mission.

Before many months have clapsed the world will have some first-hand and accurate information cencerning Soviet Russia, as three missions are

to yisit that country.
One mission, and perhaps the most important in so far as industrial workers are concerned, goes from the International Labor Office, As this body is representative of the will be appointed chairman of the Joint Council of Industry to be set ip by the Provincial Government under the Industrial Conditions Act. according to an official statement made at the Parliament Buildings on Thursday by Hon. J. W. Armstrong, Provincial Secretary. The decision was arrived at after a final interview between Mr. Gordon and the Provincial Secretary. employers, the workers and the var-

Union of North America, 37 Canadian locality with a membership of some 3,548, paid to their international part to their international part of the community. The mission from store and the provincial Secretary.

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Many to District the Conference of "As a Representative of the Workers," said Tom Moore at Opening Session of Conference on Uniformity of Labor Laws, "I Want to Say Candidly That we Cannot Enter Upon This Commission With as Much Confidence or Enthusiasm as we Could Have Had There Been Some Tangible Result of Last Year's Commission or of the National Industrial Conference."