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## LABOR WILLING TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF PRODUCTION ON FLOOR OF CONFERENCE

President Tom Moore Replies to Critics Stating That He Would Much Prefer to Meet Them on Floor of National Industrial Conference.

President Tom Moore, of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, has addressed the following letter to Mr. A. T. Chapman, 109 Drummond Street, Montreal, and to the Montreal Gazette:

Mr. A. T. Chapman, 109 Drummond Street, Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir,—I have read carefully your letter published in the Montreal Gazette of November 26th relative to my address before the Montreal Canadian Club on Monday last. You say, "but surely there is no answer to the question of reduced and restricted production than that he gave on that occasion."

This would leave the inference that I would have no hesitation myself in accepting the statement that particular cases can be brought forward where statistics would show a prima facie case of reduced production. I would have no hesitation in accepting the statement that particular cases can be brought forward where statistics would show a prima facie case of reduced production. I would have no hesitation in accepting the statement that particular cases can be brought forward where statistics would show a prima facie case of reduced production.

## ARBITRATION COURT PRESIDENT RESIGNS

Unpopularity of Australian Legislation Probably the Cause.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Justice H. B. Higgins, a prominent figure connected with Australia's development of industrial legislation, has resigned his position as president of the Australian Commonwealth Court, according to cable advices received here today by Australian Commissioner Mark Sheldon. Higgins had been president of the arbitration court since its inception about nine years ago.

As head of the commonwealth court Justice Higgins wielded enormous powers and decided thousands of appeals by labor unions or employers. His decisions have been generally favorable to the worker, having taken the stand that labor must be provided for, and that if an industry cannot support the men at a reasonable wage it has no right to exist.

## The Candidate.

Who says he loves the working man? The candidate.  
And "works" him every time he can? The candidate.  
Who is it greets you with a smile, And treats you in the finest style, And loosens up his little "pile"? The candidate.  
Who stops to grasp you by the hand? The candidate.  
Who is so hard to understand? The candidate.  
Who hands the "bun" out good and strong? The candidate.  
Who never would do you a wrong, According to his little song? The candidate.  
Who calls you "bosom" pals of old? The candidate.  
Who has a tongue as smooth as oil? The candidate.  
Who makes those promises to you About what he is going to do? The candidate.  
And when elected says "Skidoo"? The candidate.  
—Thomas H. West.

## GUARDING THE KOH-I-NUR.

Apparently it is the custom to award the post of Keeper of the Jewel House to a retired soldier of distinction. He enjoys the position of having "no superior officer in Court or Kingdom." Yet there is a humorous side to his position which none would appreciate more than an old soldier.

The present holder of the office, Maj.-Gen. Sir George Younghusband, in his recent book tells the story of the Koh-i-nur. After its discovery in the diamond fields of Golconda, Southern India, it passed through many rulers' hands, going first to the Moguls, then to the Shah of Persia, then to the Ameer of Afghanistan and finally to Runjeet Singh, "the Lion of the Punjab," (1) he was defeated by the East India Company, when, among the spoils of war, it passed to the British army and was entrusted to the care of Sir John Lawrence. He, having "many and great matters on his mind, beside which a diamond was of small import, wrapped the stone up in a piece of paper, put it into his pocket, and forgot all about it." Thence his Indian servant transferred it to Sir John's office box, where it was found when it was desired to present it to Queen Victoria.

## FRENCH VIEW OF SOVIET COMMERCE

Authorities Remain Unaffected By Agreements Made.

France is adamant concerning her decision not to trade with Russia, says a special cable to the Christian Science Monitor from Paris, France. It is announced that the Government considers itself in no way fettered by anything that England or America has done or may do. This statement has reference both to the British trade pact and to the Washington-Vanderlip contracts with the Russian Government. The British draft proposals are considered to be a virtual recognition of the Soviet, and therefore are totally unacceptable to France. As for the Vanderlip agreement with Nicholas Lenina, it is viewed with surprise. It is understood that there are huge contracts which the United States manufacturers will be able to fulfil, besides concessions in Siberia on the biggest scale, which recalls the making of South Africa by Cecil Rhodes. Factories are to be set up in Russia by capitalists, and this appears to indicate that all idea of communism is now abandoned by the Moscow Government. Tens of thousands of locomotives and millions of tons of rails are among the materials required, and that may be supplied by American syndicates. France does not abandon her claims to be paid. She believes that she has prior rights, and nothing that is being done affects her financial claims.

## SPANISH MINERS RESTLESS.

The National Federation of Spanish Miners has passed a resolution calling on every miner in the country to join in a general strike on May 1 next and remain idle unless the mine owners grant them fixed minimum wages according to working conditions in each mining district.

Neighbor: "I never hear your dog bark now."  
"No, I've rented his kennel to a married couple."—Lustige Blätter (Berlin).

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