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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

SUPPORT LABOR CANDIDATES.

In the Province of Ontario the members for the Provincial House are shortly to be elected and at this time it is apparent that in a large number of constituencies a standard-bearer for Labor will be on the ballot sheet. It is now realized that the forthcoming election will see more nominees for Provincial seats than on any previous occasion. This condition of affairs would have caused wonderment a few years ago, but today it is taken as a matter of course, merely the evolution of things. Labor candidates are now no longer considered interlopers, but there by right, willing to assume their responsibility of Government as required for the country's best interests.

True the nominations from the workers' ranks may not be a formidable force in numbers, but in this regard let us recall that it is thirty years ago since the entry into direct representation policy of our kith and kin in the Motherland and we here cannot expect to assume relative proportions overnight either as to the number of candidates or successes to be gained, what has required years overseas to attain.

We have surely profited by their experience and advancement will be the more rapid than by those who had to blaze the trail, with indeed the truth of plowing lonely furrows. Every section where a Labor candidate is to be nominated promises more than a fighting chance in fact it is generally conceded that the Ontario House will seat a goodly number of workers' representatives at the coming session of Parliament.

The duty of the worker in supporting those from their own ranks is too plain to require comment or elaboration. That duty does not simply mean marking a favorable ballot, but each one should be up and doing, assisting the Labor nominee in every way possible, whilst not forgetting that it is votes that count, soliciting everyone reached to cast their ballots in the Labor candidates' favor.

Labor success means an introduction of the leaven. In the same way that the workers' representatives at the recent National Industrial Conference showed their grasp of national affairs with practical suggestions for instituting necessary reforms from the floor of either Provincial or Federal Parliaments will this ability be in evidence when opportunity presents. Using the common phrase, your vote and influence for Labor candidates is asked, that the country may profit through representation from those who have practical knowledge of requirements and ability to make same effective.

EXTENDING ITS PROTECTION.

NOTICEABLE among the many outstanding features at the recent Congress Convention, was the large number of credentials that were received, almost double the number of previous years. The industrial centres were chiefly responsible for the added representation, but it must not be overlooked that delegates were in attendance representing small towns where formerly organization was comparatively unknown. This is a gratifying feature of expansion, showing in marked manner that Congress no longer is recognized only as the voice of the industrial centres alone, but now speaks for the small towns who are forming the bridge to the rural workers of the Dominion.

ONTARIO REFERENDUM.

WHEN you cast your Ontario Referendum ballot it is important to remember that you must give four answers either affirmative or negative. If you do not mark your ballot four times your ballot will be spoilt and thrown out. There is admittedly a wide range of choice for each voter, eight query spaces being left for your discretion, four of which must be answered. Whether followers of the Liberty League forces or opponents, there is range aplenty to give expression to your wishes and this ballot should be fully utilized.

CONGRESS PRESIDENT IN ACTION.

ANY having doubts of President Moore's ability to control a Trades Congress, were not left in doubt very long. From the drop of the gavel at the beginning to the grand finale, there was an expeditious display of control under acknowledged difficult circumstances. If leeway had been given, a wreck was in sight, but the pilot never wavered—hence the success.

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE.

ACORRESPONDENT describes "Billy Sundays" as body blows straight from the shoulder. Ice cream sundaes are preferred straight to the mouth, and they who liquidize don't believe in Sunday's prescriptions at all.

POLITICS and PEOPLE THROUGH THE TELESCOPE OF LABOR

Patronage dies hard. One of the pillars of Union Government when was elected to office was the abolition of patronage. Whatever may be said about the abolition of patronage, it is a fact that it has not yet been abolished. The whole of the outside service was placed under the Civil Service Commission by an act of the Parliament. The present of the Civil Service Commission became one of the greatest employers of labor in Canada, as altogether there are some thirty thousand civil servants in Canada. That the job was too big for such an organization; was suddenly thrust upon it is undoubted, there were many mistakes and numerous errors. The Commission decided that the service was full of anomalies and injustices and an American firm of experts was hired to re-classify the whole service. The wisdom of such a move is questionable. A civil service cannot be classified like a department store; hard and fast rules are impossible. However, the deed has been done and before Parliament in the form of a bill.

The members of Parliament—or at least a large section of them—do not like the new order of things. Patronage—the appointment of rural postmasters and lock-keepers—was their only method of improving their constituencies with their own pockets. Then with patronage abolished there is gone the political machine. There is no longer any inducement for the members to get out and work. They cannot be prevailed anything. So the old time patronage members roared loud and long and they might be reasonably expected to stand with their backs against the new order of things. They took the stand that the member is the representative of the constituency and should be consulted in appointments. It is known his constituency and if he makes a mistake he is going to run political parties. Dr. Peter Mitchell, Muskoka, was at least perfectly frank in his opposition. "I do not know how you are going to run political parties," he declared, "if you are going to take away from the member every privilege he has except that of standing up in his House and speaking and voting. The member ought to have some say in the running of this country and in appointments in his own constituency. We cannot divest ourselves of responsibility."

The ban on oleomargarine is to be lifted for another year and a half. A bill was introduced in the House this week to raise the ban on the importation and manufacture until March 21, 1921. In the absence of Hon. Dr. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture, who is in Victoria fighting his bye-election, the bill is being fought by Hon. J. A. Cahan, who is in the House. The bill is being fought by Hon. J. A. Cahan, who is in the House. The bill is being fought by Hon. J. A. Cahan, who is in the House.

BETTER AMUSEMENT FOR THE WORKINGMAN.

Canadian Photo Productions, Limited, with head office in Toronto, is about to build a large studio in Toronto for the production of real Canadian moving pictures for Canadians. This will fill a need that has long been felt in Canada—and the need will be filled perfectly, for Harold J. Binney is on the job. Harold J. Binney is a man who has come from his native soil of Vancouver for 14 years, making marvelous movies for the people of the United States. He has directed some of the highest class moving picture productions known from New York to California. In response to the call of Canada for real Canadian moving pictures—Binney, a Canadian—has come back over home to deliver the goods. Binney has directed some of the best moving picture stars of the line. In the early days he directed our own Canadian movie star, Mary Pickford, Harold Lockwood, Fred Stone, Langley, Valentine, Pauline, Curly, and other stars have appeared in the films of Binney from time to time. For many years Binney made the Keystone comedies made millions for the man who owned them—Mack Sennett.

Binney has been a big money-maker for the movie magnates. But Binney believes that movie profits should be distributed among the people who go each night to see the movies. The workingman is a great patron of the moving picture theatre. The movies furnish the workingman good, clean, live enjoyment at a moderate price. Today, by Binney's plan, it is possible for the patron of the movie theatre to get a share of the profits as well as such good amusement. Binney's plan of ownership of the production by the people is a practical example of co-operation in industry. Binney's plan makes it possible for any person to secure at a reasonable price an interest in the Canadian company producing movies for Canada. Binney is a man who knows his job. He can produce the best moving pictures and sell them at a price that will make the business pay. The studio will be started soon. While stock is still on the market at a low price, it might be a wise move to write and find out what Binney has to offer you. In this one will be found a large advertisement by Binney stating exactly what share he has to offer you as a fellow-builder of this new Canadian moving picture business.

45 PER CENT. PROFIT ON SHOES.

A number of Winnipeg retailers who have been making more than one cent per cent profit on shoes, are being recalled for cross-examination, says a press despatch from the Attorney-General's department. An actual examination of shoe retailers, admitted to the board on Friday that he made approximately 50 per cent profit on shoes. Men's shoes, imported from Chicago, cost \$3.50 at the factory, duty, freight, and 12.50, express and cartage 25 cents and exchange 25 cents, bringing the cost in Winnipeg to \$11.50 per pair. They are sold for \$17 a pair. Mr. Bernard said.

THE BLIND PIANIST.

Attending the wonderful performance of a blind pianist, the Irishman remarked to another: "He powers, that's the best music I ever heard with me two ears." "He does pretty well for a blind man, doesn't he?" "Yes, indeed, but I was just thinking of what thing." "What's that?" "It wouldn't make any difference to him if he wasn't blind." "Well, I was watchin' him all the evening and he never looks at the piano anyhow."

Across the Atlantic.

What Our Brothers in the Motherland Are Doing.

CONDITION AMONG LONDON WAITRESSES. It is possible that there will be no need for a strike of waitresses. The public were chiefly ignorant of the conditions under which they worked. In practically every case waitresses were first engaged at 15s. or 16s. per week, and there was very little rise, while they were on the premises of the shops for 10 or 15 hours a day.

MISS JEWSON, chief organizer of the National Federation of Women Workers, stated that some of the large firms, who own numbers of tea shops, were prepared to listen to the waitresses' demands for a 3s. a week minimum, a 44-hour week and a week's holiday with full pay. There was a considerable amount of street amongst the girls, she said. The public were chiefly ignorant of the conditions under which they worked. In practically every case waitresses were first engaged at 15s. or 16s. per week, and there was very little rise, while they were on the premises of the shops for 10 or 15 hours a day.

SHIP-BUILDING programme is under advisement at the present time. A number of the firms which have been constructing Government ships will soon have their yards clear land with no other contracts in sight there is a likelihood of many men being thrown out of employment at the beginning of winter. While the Government has as a general policy it should continue to build ships and that it will have as large a public-owned mercantile fleet as is desirable, yet it is possible that to meet the situation this coming winter some contracts may be retained.

SHIPS, however, are being plainly told that they cannot any longer look to the Government to keep their plants in operation. They must in future depend upon private enterprise. The Government is well pleased with the manner in which their policy of building a fleet of public-owned vessels has worked out. There are now twelve steel vessels completed. These are in commission and are being operated as a branch of the National Railway system. It is claimed that these vessels have opened up foreign trade for Canada which otherwise would not be available. While most of the vessels have been put on the route between Canada and the West Indies and South America. One of the 8,400-ton vessels has just completed a trip to Buenos Ayres and is loading in Montreal with Canadian manufactured goods for a second trip. It will be kept continuously on this route. As more vessels are completed they will be placed in commission between South Africa and Canada, Australia and British Columbia and between the Dominion and various European ports.

WAGES OF SCOTTISH IRON WORKERS. Awards were issued in London recently concerning arbitration proceedings at Glasgow between the Amalgamated Society of Engineers and the Scottish Ironworkers' Association. The question submitted to the court was to determine the prescribed rate of wages, if any, applicable to the men concerned. The contention of the workpeople was that the prescribed rate was the Clyde district rate of engineers, which was stated to be £13 16s. a week, inclusive of all war bonuses and war advances. On the other hand, the Ironworkers' Association put forward the plea that there was no prescribed rate applicable to the men concerned, as the rates payable to engineers employed in iron works in the district on Nov. 11, 1913, were not uniform. Evidence was submitted as to the rates paid to engineers employed in the seventeen pig-iron works in Lanarkshire, Ayrshire, and Stirlingshire, and so forth. In two of the works the rate of the men concerned are governed by the fluctuations in the

Here's To Woman.

Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal—Can.

A WORD FOR THE WOMAN WORKER. The report of the war cabinet committee of women in industry records the history of a change in the so great that it is described as a revolution. The war has changed all that. In July, 1914, the number of women employed in metal, machines, etc., was 172,000; during the war it rose to 812,000.

THE main reason why the change is regarded as an industrial revolution lies in the fact that women's numbers because the rate of pay for women was less than half that of the men doing the same work. Women's physiological disadvantages were generally regarded, up to the time of the war, as a tremendous disadvantage of their industrial value. The war has changed all that. In July, 1914, the number of women employed in metal, machines, etc., was 172,000; during the war it rose to 812,000.

EMPLOYERS in the metal trade declare that for every kind of repetition work they prefer the work of women to that of men. A nation-wide campaign to abolish alleged discrimination against women in public services was announced at New York some days ago by Mrs. Anna Martin Crocker, president of the Federation of Women's Civil Service Organizations. The campaign will be based on an investigation made recently by Miss May E. Upham, assistant chief examiner of the Munitions Service Commission, who reported that qualified women were being excluded from Civil Service examinations and appointments, both federal, state and municipal, at the arbitrary will of appointing officers.

THE court's finding is that there was no rate generally applicable to the class of workmen concerned on Nov. 11 last year and that, accordingly, there is no prescribed rate applicable to them. Another finding relates to the claim of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers against the Engineering Employers' Federation that the rate paid at Kilmaronock should be raised to the Clyde rate, equal to an advance of 1s. 3d. a week. The court's award is that the claim has not been established.

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KINGSTON METAL TRADES STRIKE ENDED.

The strike at the Canadian Locomotive Works, Kingston, is over. The plant, which has been tied up since May 9th as a result of a strike of the metal workers, opened its doors Tuesday morning, when engines were started on the job, also forty employees getting the various departments in working order. The bulk of the strikers will be back at work by the end of the week. The men go back to work at the company offer. They get 50 hours' pay for 45 hours' work, which means an increase of 10 per cent.

SETTLEMENT BOARD APPROVES MANY LOANS.

Figures given out by the Soldiers' Settlement Board of Canada show that up to September 6 the board has approved loans amounting to \$2,548,017. In the absence of Hon. Dr. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture, who is in Victoria fighting his bye-election, the bill is being fought by Hon. J. A. Cahan, who is in the House.

KING'S CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS.

The King's certificate of discharge will be started through the Militia Department to all discharged soldiers who, after serving in a theatre of war, are, as a result of their service in military service, discharged as medically unfit. It is also being issued to those who, while not serving in a theatre of war, were discharged as a result of disability caused by air raids, naval bombardments, etc. The certificate is a handsomely engraved document about 17 inches by 22 and will be distributed without charge. The Applications for them may be obtained on cards which are now available at the principal post offices.

40,000 RETURNED MEN UNEMPLOYED.

A special committee of the House of Commons last week said that there are at present over 40,000 returned soldiers in the Dominion who are unemployed. These figures were supplied by Major L. L. Antles, director of the Dominion Returned Soldiers' Bureau, who gave the figures by provinces as follows: Ontario, 12,890; Manitoba, 1,130; Nova Scotia, 4,825; British Columbia, 2,550; Quebec, 12,270; New Brunswick, 1,200; Saskatchewan, 565; Alberta, 450; Prince Edward Island, 450.

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