

## Ready to Rush Work on the Hudson Bay Road

Winnipeg, April 10.—That everything is in good shape for the Hudson Bay road, the construction of which is being pushed by the Hudson Bay Railway Co., is the opinion of T. J. Chisholm, who has just come into town from the west.

He states that MacMillan Bros., the contractors for much of the work, got in a whole year's supplies ahead this winter and will be in a position from now on to rush work.

## Senator Ross Is Convalescent

London, Ont., April 10.—Senator Ross, who recently underwent an operation at Victoria Hospital, where he was confined for some weeks, came to improve at the residence of his brother-in-law, J. W. McIntosh, here. The senator will not return to his home at Moose Jaw for some time, but will take a vacation in Toronto and other eastern cities.

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## Benefit Play

Proceeds of this play in aid of Julius Johnson who has been ill for three years.

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## Sherman Grand

THREE DAYS, COMMENCING THURS. MATINEE APRIL 10.

**Jessie Busley**  
In "Miss 318" By Rupert Hughes  
**LADDIE CLIFF**  
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**MECHAN'S CANINES**  
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## Sherman Grand

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## Government Measures in The Interest of The Workingman

(Continued from Page 1).

upon the just rights of the employer. The record of the government in this respect may perhaps be best shown by examining in some detail the legislation which has been put upon the statute books in the interest of labor.

## COMPENSATION ACT: ITS BENEFITS.

The salient features of the workmen's compensation act are that a man injured at his employment, whether through his own negligence or otherwise, is entitled to receive from his employer, fifteen per cent of his regular wage while incapacitated, provided that such compensation may not exceed \$10 a week. In the case of a minor, the full wage is paid up to \$750.

The compensation in case of death resulting depends upon whether there is no dependent, or one or more dependents. In the first instance, no compensation is paid beyond burial expenses not to exceed \$200. In the second instance, the compensation is for the support of the dependents. In the third, where the deceased was the sole breadwinner, the compensation is an amount equal to his earnings for a period of three years or \$3,000, whichever is the greater of the two sums, but in no case may the compensation amount to more than \$100 a week. Provision is made for the recovery by the workman or his dependents against the estate of the employer in the event of the death of the employer.

This act has brought relief to a vast number of people in Alberta since its enactment. Its beneficial effects have been felt in every line of hazardous employment, but especially in the coal mining districts, where injured laborers have been saved from being objects of charity when injured, and where many widows have been placed in a position to support their families in comfort who would have experienced the direst poverty, but for the compensation. Another important aspect of this law is that it has had the effect of causing employers to make their working places conform to conditions of safety in greater measure than ever before. Before this act, a man working on a building could not recover compensation if the building was less than 50 feet in height, and in case of injury did not begin to run until two weeks after the injury was sustained, and persons injured or killed on works of the crown were not entitled to compensation. The amendments just passed do away with these limitations. The man injured on a building, of any height is time of the injury, and workmen employed by the crown come under the operation of the act. Thus, it will be seen, the benefits of the law will be widely extended.

## LONG STANDING REQUEST OF LABOR IS GRANTED

In the passage of the direct legislation act, a long standing request of the laboring classes of Alberta has been granted. The act, for so much interest in all classes of people as to labor, but it has been the laboring classes who have been most persistent in asking for it.

The act provides that in passing a law, the legislature shall provide that it shall not come into effect for ninety days after its passage. In the meantime, if ten per cent of the electors of the province petition the government for the referendum of the act, the act shall be submitted to a vote of the electors. A majority vote then decides whether or not that act shall stand.

If the people wish to initiate legislation, twenty per cent of the electors of the province, according to the poll in the last general election, must petition. Electors in 85 per cent of the constituencies, numbering at least eight per cent of the vote in each such constituency, must sign the petition. When such a petition is presented to the government, it must be submitted to a referendum of the people, and, if carried, becomes law except in the event of it being a money law, in which case the attorney general decides it to be without the jurisdiction of the legislature. Such vote need not be taken, however, in the event the legislature at the session at which the petition is presented passes the desired act without substantial amendment.

## COMPREHENSIVE MINES ACT PASSED

A mines act, revising all previous legislation, and embodying many improvements on former legislation, was enacted at the last session of the legislature. This act shows every conceivable safeguard around the lives of the men employed in the mines, makes provision for their comfort while working, embodies the eight-hour work to bank law, and includes many drastic provisions for the enforcement of regulations in the interest of the men who work in the mines.

In this act was incorporated a provision for which the miners have contended for years, the bi-weekly pay day. This provision requires that the operators of mines must pay at the end of every two weeks, instead of once monthly as in the past. Its benefits are manifest, whereas, under the old system miners have almost invariably been obliged to run store bills, which has had the effect of making them pay higher prices for their necessities than if they were able to

buy on a cash basis. The provision is a good one, in that it works no hardship on the operators, and but a slight inconvenience, while it is of direct benefit to the men who work in mines.

## BENEFIT MEN EMPLOYED IN BUILDING TRADES

The men employed in the building trades are given protection such as they have never hitherto enjoyed, and such as is not extended to men similarly employed in any other province in Canada, by an act passed by the last legislature.

This act provides that in the erection, alteration or demolition of any building, no scaffolding may be used about which there is any question of its safety. The floors of any scaffolding suspended from overhead must be at least two and a half feet wide and standing scaffolding must be four feet wide, with guard rails to prevent workmen from falling off. Lumber or timber must not be hoisted by a single cable. Where hoists are used, the shafts must be protected by railings as a guard against workmen stepping on them. The erection of a building progresses the floors must be laid, or where the frame is of steel, the contractors must floor the entire area above the work with plank. In excavations, the contractor is required to shore the earth walls for the protection of the laborers. Detailed provision is made for the protection of the public where buildings are being erected in cities.

## OTHER MEASURES IN LABOR'S INTEREST

Among other measures that have been enacted in the interest of labor is one which gives a measure of protection to a large class of unorganized working men. That is, the man leasing and threshing machine outfits. As often as otherwise in the past, these men have been deprived of their wages, either through the inability of the employer to pay or willful design to escape payment. By this act, the person who works with a threshing outfit has the fullest protection. His wages have priority over all assignments or attachments of the earnings of his employer, and the farmer, for whom the threshing is done, may pay the men and deduct the amount from what he owes the thrasher.

Another measure on the statute books accord protection for unorganized labor, all classes of labor as a matter of fact, but unorganized in particular, because they have no organization to press their rights. That is the district court act, which makes provision for the collection of the wages of a laborer with virtually no cost to him.

The mechanist lien act is another piece of legislation along the same lines, affording protection to mechanics against the loss of wages. Lastly, there is the act making provision for the organization of cooperative societies. This act is not of exclusive interest to labor, but as in the case of the direct legislation act, it has been the voice of labor that has been raised loudest and most persistently in demanding it.

The act merely provides the machinery whereby co-operative societies may be organized to carry on a business on a co-operative basis similar to the co-operative institutions of England where such societies have proven of inestimable benefit to the working classes and where the principle of co-operative trading has grown to enormous proportions. The laboring and farming interests have long desired such an act. They are now free to avail themselves of its advantages.

This is the record of the government of Alberta in the matter of labor legislation. It is a record that has never been surpassed. I do not know of an instance of its ever having been equaled. Certainly it has never been even approached in any period of seven years in the history of government. And an important fact in relation to that record is that every piece of legislation enacted by the Alberta government in the interest of labor has been found to be workable. You may pass labor legislation, as has been done in other countries many times, and it may not be of any benefit, because it may not be workable and becomes a dead letter. But that has not been the case in this province. Every such act that has ever been passed has been found to fit conditions and has, for that reason, been workable, bringing distinct benefits to the people whose welfare it was designed to promote.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC WILL EXPEND FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS IN WEST THIS YEAR

Build Tunnel Through Rogers' Pass, Double Track the Road, and Complete Work of Terminals at Calgary and Other Western Points

WINNIPEG, April 10.—The Canadian Pacific Railway will expend \$40,000,000 in Western Canada this year. This vast sum is more than twice the amount of \$19,000,000 spent here by the company last year, and it is the record amount ever devoted to construction work by any one road on the continent in any one year.

The natural resources department of the road also has some huge irrigation and industrial schemes on hand which will easily raise the amount to \$50,000,000.

The main works include: Tunnel through Rogers Pass, which is estimated, will cost six or eight millions.

Continuation of work of double-tracking.

Continuation of work on terminals and yards at Transcona, Winnipeg, Ogden, Calgary and Coquitlam, Vancouver.

Building of many large bridges such as that over the Red River at Winnipeg, the South Saskatchewan at Medicine Hat, the Bow at Calgary and the Pitt in British Columbia.

Additions to depots and hotels at Winnipeg and Vancouver, works which together will cost over \$2,500,000.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has a tremendous amount of work ahead of it this year, and it is uncertain whether or not the Mildred-Empress line, Central Alberta, will be constructed. If material, men and time avail the line will be built, but if not it will be postponed till next year.

Grant Hall, general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway western lines, has just returned to the city from Eastern Canada, where he has been presenting supplementary estimates to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the road.

It is officially announced this morning that a stretch of road comprising 105 miles of track, will be in operation for the handling of grain this fall. The Red River bridge will be likewise in shape for the opening of the fall grain rush.

Double tracking of the main line is proceeding apace and it will be rushed through to completion.

## Village of Bobaygreen Flooded

Lindsay, Ont., April 12.—The village of Bobaygreen is flooded. Several of the dwelling houses are out of commission, the owners being forced to house themselves in the top flats, using canoes to paddle their way to and from work.

## Durbar in Kinemacolor Coming

In viewing the Kinemacolor pictures of the Durbar, one is impressed with not only the fidelity of motion and action, but chiefly by the perfect fidelity with which the colors are reproduced. The climate of India lends itself in marked degree to photography, and the Durbar pictures have been acclaimed as a triumph of cinematographic art.

Like scenes from the Arabian Nights, the gorgeous spectacle of the Durbar is presented with its hosts of distinguished personages, King-Emperor, Queen-Empress, princes and rajahs of India, chiefs and officials, thousands of British and Indian soldiers, and many hundreds of thousands of the people of the empire, all attired in glowing colors of kaleidoscopic hues. Horses, elephants, sacred camels and oxen, all glitteringly attired, fill the scenes, while overhead is the turquoise blue sky, polka-dotted with the best rays of the glowing December sun.

The entire series of the Durbar in the Kinemacolor, exactly as shown in New York, will be the attraction at the Sherman Grand Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14, 15, 16. The scale of prices for the engagements has been fixed at 50c and 80c for matinees, and 75c and 10c for evenings, with a few choice seats at 75c.

Among the subjects to be shown in the Kinemacolor will be the arrival of the king and queen at Bombay, the grand entry into Bombay, preparing for the coronation durbar, the royal arrival at Delhi, the state entry into Delhi, rehearsing the Calcutta pageant, the coronation durbar ceremony, the camp of the king at Delhi, the state garden party, horse races, etc.

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Nashville, Tenn., April 10.—The reported presence of firearms in the pockets of persons frequenting the hall of the state senate here, prompted Senator Phelan to introduce a resolution providing that the sergeant-at-arms search everyone entering the chamber. Should firearms be discovered, owners would not be allowed to enter. The resolution, under the rules, has a veto.

Thirty-four members of the house are now remaining out of town as a result of the effort to break a record as a result of a bitter factional feud.

## SEASON'S BEST BILL IS VERDICT ON THE ORPHEUM PLAYERS

THE Orpheum opened at the Sherman Grand last evening before a crowded house. There was not a single weak act, and several of the numbers were of special excellence. While much is naturally expected of the headliners, the Five Melody Maids, with Will J. Ward, put on one of the most original and pleasing acts that has been presented at the Orpheum this season, and shared honors with the two headliners.

Jessie Busley, a well known star, who created the role of Nance Olden in "The Bishop's Carriage," has a clever sketch called "Miss 318," which deals with department store-life, and was most enthusiastically received by the large audience. Lisette, a buxom Irish matron, with a wit quite equal

to that of the novel act one of the most interesting of short plays. The scene showing the cross section of a department store was exact in its details. Miss Busley gave a very clever rendering of Lisette, and was supported by a company that handled the character parts very effectively.

Laddie Cliff, sharing with Miss Busley the leading position on the bill, is a star of the fact that he is still in his teens, he has been several years on the stage, as he commenced his professional career at the age of six. His cleverness is convincing evidence that he has a great future before him. He is not only very good in his patter, but as an eccentric dancer is the equal of any artist who has previously appeared in Calgary. His songs were new to the audience, and his act in every respect a hit.

The Five Melody Maids, plus Will J. Ward, gave a most enjoyable act which received the hearty applause it deserved. Five pianos on the stage played at one time by the six artists was a novelty, and a very acceptable one inasmuch as the results obtained were splendid. The music played had apparently been specially arranged, as one of the artists would confine her attention to the bass, while another would care for the treble runs and so forth. In addition to being clever pianists, the young ladies had good voices, and one of the company took care of the solo parts, exhibited ability as a dancer. Will J. Ward, who was well on the piano and a perfect enunciation, and was happy in all classes of music, from ragtime up. The numbers in which the orchestra joined produced a fullness of melody which created much enthusiasm on the part of the audience. The young women, unlike many appearing in musical acts of this nature, were all very comely and most attractively groomed.

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