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5. The Canadian Labor Press stands for the betterment of Trade Union conditions in Canada and the welfare of our country at large.
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### The Willard Case

IN our November issue, we stated our belief that the Toronto District Labor Council was being exploited by individuals for private ends by reason of the charges made against the Willard Chocolate Company that the Minimum Wage Act had been violated. After a complete and exhaustive investigation into these charges at which the Trades Council was represented, the Minimum Wage Board has handed down a report which is a complete vindication of the Willard Company.

The "Canadian Labor Press" offers its congratulations to the Willard Company on such a result, although we never had any doubt as to what the outcome would be. But there is another aspect to this matter and that is how long is the community going to tolerate vicious and untrue attacks made on reputable firms by groups and individuals merely because the group is anti-capitalistic or because the individual has a grudge that he wishes to satisfy. Who can estimate the commercial loss to a firm and its employes through the worry and expenditure of time defending themselves against unjust and malevolent attacks such as there was in this case. The fact is that the legislature must make some provision to properly punish persons who willfully defame and slander reputable firms merely to satisfy their communist principles. The law of libel does not meet the case for there is not much satisfaction in suing a number of people who have nothing.

The "Canadian Labor Press" sincerely hopes that the Toronto District Labor Council will learn wisdom from this case, and in the future refuse to allow itself to be placed in a position of disseminating scurrilous slanders on decent firms.

### LABOR MARKET IS SLOW

Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, says that Canada is receiving far more industrial workers in the cities than can be absorbed at the present time. One reason for this is that lecturers from the railway companies, steamship companies, booking agents and in some cases the provincial governments were going through Britain saying that there were opportunities for everyone here.

It was only a few weeks ago, he said, that he had lodged a protest with the Government at a statement by Hon. P. C. Larkin, High Commissioner in London to the general effect that there were openings for everyone who wished to come to Canada.

"There is no material improvement in employment," he said, though I am still convinced that there will be an upward trend.

"Labor has never opposed any voluntary immigration, but what it has opposed is solicited immigration," he declared, referring to the immigration agents in Britain.

### ACCIDENTS ARE LEFT OUT

Industrial accidents should no longer be considered by the public as due largely to machinery with which they have been associated to a great extent in the past, Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, declared in the course of an address on "Labor and Accident Prevention" before the Industrial Accident Prevention Association meeting in convention in Toronto. Mr. Moore instanced a proposal made in the Alberta Legislature that frostbite under certain conditions might be considered an industrial accident, as workmen engaged in building operations in the winter time were liable to this danger.

Dust in the stone-cutting trade could be classed as causing an industrial disease which just as truly should receive consideration from the Compensation Boards as an accident occurring in a few moments.

### Pensions System Broached in U.S.

Madison, Wis.—Abolition of the poorhouse system and the substitution of a pension plan for poor people is advocated by the senate committee on public welfare in the Wisconsin legislature. Senator A. E. Garey (Egerton), author of the plan, says the adoption of an old age pension system in Wisconsin would save many thousand dollars a year.

Old age pension laws have been approved in Pennsylvania, Montana, and Nevada, and the system has been in full operation in Alaska since 1925.

Senator Garey says that the almshouse system was established in England in the fourteenth century, but that in recent years European countries have found the pension system of greater advantage and cheaper.

To get a pension under the Garey bill, a person must be over 70 years of age, must have an annual income of less than \$365, and have no legal relatives who can support him, and must have been a resident of Wisconsin for fifteen years or over. The pension granted shall not exceed \$1 a day.

Statistics compiled by the Eagles lodge, which is backing the old age pension bill, shows that there are forty-eight county and four city poorhouses in Wisconsin, and that last year there were 1,720 inmates, 1,360 men and 414 women. The actual cost of maintaining the institutions were \$500,000. Senator Garey states that the pension system would save Milwaukee county alone \$30,000.

Scratches can be removed from silver by rubbing it with a pad of chamolite dipped in olive oil.

### Montreal "Red" Parade Was Flagless

Montreal, Que.—Approximately 10,000 local workers in various trades celebrated May Day here.

The "Red" parade was held in the afternoon in which thousands of workers participated, carrying various slogans. No large Red flags were carried, owing to the ban placed upon them by civic authorities, who only sanctioned the parade at the last minute.

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### New Paper Mill Near Quebec, Que.

Montreal, Que.—The plans of the Anglo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Mills Limited, with respect to the erection of a paper mill in the neighborhood of Quebec City, has progressed to a stage where it has been definitely decided to proceed with the necessary preliminary work during the current year.

Mr. Frank W. Clarke, who represents the Rothermere interests in Canada, has just returned from England, where he has been conferring with Lord Rothermere and his English associates with respect to the Company's plans for development work.

On being interviewed recently, Mr. Clarke stated that the plans of the company as to the nature and extent of the developments have taken on definite form. The site for the location of the mill is a matter which is now under consideration; certain surveys and preliminary work will be made shortly, and it is hoped that suitable arrangements will be made and the mill located at or close to the City of Quebec.

The projected plant will be self-contained, manufacturing under the same roof its own ground wood and sulphite, as well as paper. The plant as presently projected, will have a capacity of 400 tons of newsprint per day, and when completed will probably give employment to about 1,000 men.

### Fishermen Strike Against Price Cut

New Westminster, B.C.—Fishermen and fish canneries operating on the Fraser River for 40 miles inland are affected in a deadlock that will exist at least for a week, when a mass meeting of the fishermen will be held.

More than 1,000 fishermen and 700 boats are tied up by the strike against a cut in price by the canner. No nets have been cast in the river for 48 hours and it is possible that the industry may be held up for some time.

### FEW FARM RENTERS

Canada is not worried over its tenant farmer problem. Only one out of every 12.5 farmers in the Dominion is a renter, while in the United States one out of every 2.7 is a tenant, according to Thomas Law, Minister of Trade and Commerce, of Canada.

### Italian-American Radical Is Set Free

New York—Carlo Tresca, editor of "Il Martello," Italian radical weekly, will be released from Atlantic penitentiary May 6th on completion of the 4-month term to which his one year sentence had been commuted by President Coolidge. Tresca was convicted on a federal statute on a charge of publishing a small birth control pamphlet advertisement in his paper. The statute had never previously been enforced in such a case but light was shed on the reasons for the prosecution when the U.S. District Attorney's office said the original complaint was made by Mussolini's ambassador Gaetan.

### A MATTER OF ECONOMY

Editor "Canadian Labor Press."

Subsequent to the National Economy Conference of Boards of Trade held in Ottawa on March 23th, 1924, when representations were made to the governments and party leaders in Ottawa, urging the observance of the most rigid economy in public expenditure and when Boards of Trade throughout Canada were asked to assist in promoting such public economy by every means in their power, this Board, as one of its contributions to the movement, issued a circular to the Electors of Montreal in April, 1924, calling attention to the enormous growth of the public debt, and followed this up by a second circular in October concerning the interest on the public debt, and the burden it involved on each individual in the matter of high prices and heavy taxes.

A third circular, copy enclosed, has now been issued by this Board heartily endorsed, as were also the two former circulars, by the Montreal Trades and Labor Council and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, entitled "Mind Your Own Business," the purpose of this circular being to bring home to every individual elector the fact that public business is his business.

You would greatly assist in the movement to arouse the uninformed and consequently indifferent elector to the gravity of the present financial condition of the country resulting, to a large extent, from unnecessary expenditure of public money by all our governing authorities, if you would give this circular publicity through your columns and, provided this Board's action meets with your approval, comment favorably thereon in four editorial columns.

J. Stanley Cook, Secretary, Montreal Board of Trade.

### R.C. Hierarchy Condemns Soviets

The Catholic Hierarchy, including three cardinals and 62 Church dignitaries, meeting in Washington in annual conference, has just taken a position on the Soviet regime corresponding completely with that of the American Federation of Labor.

One of the most frightful crimes of that monstrous reactionary anti-labor regime which has labeled itself proletarian has been its medieval persecution of religion.

All the red and pink "intellectuals" and professed "friends of labor," from Hearst's Arthur Brisbane and Norman Hapgood to Reverend Norman Thomas, Reverend John Haynes Holmes, and Oswald Garrison Villard and the "high brow" weeklies—supported by several otherwise progressive Senators who ought to know better and learned all they know a scot Soviet Russia after a few days' jaunting trip—have been trying to exonerate the Soviets from the charge and to clear them of every other damaging accusation.

Now comes the Catholic Church which has followed the religious situation at first hand for years through numerous and absolutely reliable emissaries and shows that all these "intellectuals" have been serving as the willing or unwilling tools of the Soviets.

The Hierarchy adopted the following resolution:

"We view with great pain and deep anxiety the sad plight of the Christian communities of Russia. To them today in the throes of religious persecution, surpassing in many ways the fearful sufferings of the early Christians, we extend our sympathy.

"Speaking in the name of 20,000,000 Catholics of this republic and supported, we are sure, in our action by the liberty-loving Christian millions of America, we condemn the wholly unjust attitude of the present Russian government as opposed to the fundamental principles of justice and repugnance to the best sentiments of all Christian people. We stand ready to help in every way possible our suffering brethren of the faith."

If this characterization of the Soviet regime is just and true—and what fair-minded man can doubt that it is—what becomes of the assertions of the pro-Soviet campaigners to the contrary? What are we to think now of those who bespeak the sympathy of the American people for the arch-enemies of the Soviets and vilify as reactionary everybody who refused to listen.

The deliberate, sober and humane judgment of the American Catholic hierarchy just about settles that question.