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### THE ADVISORY EXPERT-TALKS

When a Labor paper or a spokesman of organized Labor states certain facts regarding the control of press, pulpit and school by big business, such statements are sometimes put down as the random guesses of biased minds. But when Roger W. Babson, the well-known American statistician and advisory expert for big business, in his current market letter points out to his clients the strategic position that they hold, we may take it for granted that he knows what he is talking about. Says Mr. Babson:

"The war taught the employing class the secret and the power of widespread propaganda. Imperial Europe had been aware of this power. It was new to the United States. Now, when we have anything to sell to the American people, we know how to sell it. We have learned. We have the schools. We have the pulpit. The employing class owns the press. There is practically no important paper in the United States but is theirs!

Could language be more explicit than that? The letter goes on to point out that the employing class is much more powerful now than in 1914. There is more money at its command. "Eighteen thousand new millionaires," says Mr. Babson, "are the war's legacy." The employing class is dreged in the letter to carry the war into Labor's camp. "There is no doubt about it—Labor is beaten." So big business is confidently informed by its advisor.

In stating the facts regarding the position of the employing class, Mr. Babson can speak with authority. But when he attempts to diagnose Labor's case he shows his ignorance of the true position of the organized workers. Labor beaten? Labor cannot be beaten. Temporary reverses the workers may experience, but the loss of a battle does not mean the end of a war. The great army of organized workers is receiving reinforcements all the time, and the day is fast approaching when permanent victory will rest with workers' forces.

### EVERY TRADE UNIONIST SHOULD BE A MEMBER

The political situation in Canada at the present time is such that preparedness should be the watchword of all the groups that intend to take an active part in the next federal election. It may be, indeed, that an election will be called before the close of the present year. The Calgary Herald, supporting the new Premier, believes a contest to be necessary and desirable soon. Opponents of Mr. Meighen are of a like mind and are confident that the present government will receive a crushing defeat at the polls.

It is more than likely that, working in conjunction with the Farmers, at least one Labor candidate will take the field in Edmonton. Who such candidate or candidates will be will rest with the Labor Party. Which body in making its choice will no doubt follow the precedent established in the civic elections of last year, and consult with the Trades and Labor Council. The Party will conduct the Labor campaign and upon it will depend, to a large extent, the success or failure of the Labor candidates. It should not be necessary, therefore, to point out the necessity for the support of every organized worker in this city and district. This support can only be properly given by active membership in the Labor Party. The membership fee is only one dollar per year. The regular business meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in Labor headquarters. The Treasurer is Mr. D. K. Knott, 9813 104th street. The Free Press reader who is not yet a member of the Party would be doing himself and the Labor cause a service by linking himself up with the political organization of Labor. Every trade unionist should be a member of the Labor Party.

### HOPELESSLY INADEQUATE

The final result of the A.F. of L. non-partizan political policy may yet surprise some, but a careful review of Labor exchanges from the United States does not lead the Canadian reader to believe that a great deal of good is being accomplished. It may be that the term "non-partizan" can well be applied to the Labor people, but there is certainly no evidence to show that the candidates who are being endorsed are other than loyal followers of the two great parties. As such the crack of the party whip is likely to have considerable bearing on the degree in which they remain the "friends" or "enemies" of organized Labor. And the pronouncements of the Republican and Democratic parties give no great hope of a liberal or progressive policy. The outstanding impression that the Canadian reader is likely to obtain from a study of American Labor papers, is that the workers of the United States are not yet politically conscious.

There is nothing about the non-partizan policy of Mr. Gomp colleagues that is likely to persuade Canadian organized Labor to abandon political action. More forward-looking, progressive legislation was passed at the last session of the Ontario legislature than has been gained by years of lobbying. The economic factor so dominates the views of all classes in any country that it cannot be expected that men having one economic viewpoint can properly represent other economic groups than their own. It is not sufficient to be sympathetic to Labor, for one must have the Labor consciousness to truly represent the working class. Therefore the workers may only be properly represented in the government of the country by members of their own economic group. If this be true then, the non-partizan policy of the A.F. of L. would seem to be hopelessly inadequate.

### ONE OF OUR GREATEST BLESSINGS

There was never a time in the history of the working people of the world when education so interested the workers as today. In every country where the working class have an opportunity to express themselves, education is one of the dominant factors in the pronouncements of Labor policy.

But while the above is undoubtedly true, yet it is a fact that some of the very best opportunities for educational benefit are not taken advantage of in the largest degree. Possibly the psychological reason for this is the little effort required to make use of such facilities. Because they are right at our door we fail to recognize their value.

Coming under this head is the public library. Not that the local institution is not comparatively well patronized. Statistics show that it is. But it is a fact nevertheless that very many Edmonton people do not take advantage of the educational opportunity which the library affords. Every class of literature may be found upon its shelves. The section containing books on economic subjects is well stocked with the works of all the prominent authorities on economic subjects and movements, ancient and modern. The pro and con of every subject upon which wide differences of opinion exist, may be studied impartially. One may take off the same shelf, for instance, the defence and condemnation of socialism. And thus the reader may make an impartial study upon any important subject that might be named. Truly the public library affords an educational opportunity the value of which can hardly be estimated. To take out a card requires no more effort than a visit to the library, and one may thereby enjoy one of the greatest blessings of our community life.

### BLAMING IT UPON OUR FOOLISHNESS

We are getting just a little tired of the stuff being handed out by the press agents of the profiteers. A favorite story is supposed to come from a shoe merchant who is priced to say: "If I put two pairs of boots alike before a customer, one made ten dollars and the other fifteen, the customer invariably takes the more expensive one."

In the first place only a crook would impose such a fraud on a customer. In the second place an ordinary customer is not likely to be familiar with the qualities of unfired footwear and such a poor quality of paper is being put in shoes these days that people are naturally desirous of procuring the best. Hence they regretfully pay out the larger sum believing that they are securing added value for their money.

It is not enough for the profiteer to hold us up; he needs must pull a gunny-sack over our heads, roll us in the mud and kick us in the ribs, and then hold us up before a mirror to show us how foolish we look. Well we reckon we can stand it a wee bit longer, because the dawn of a new day is already beginning to light the sky above the new buildings in Ottawa. Some of the inhabitants thereof have already quietly folded their tents like the Arabs and got out while the getting was good. The next government will not be elected from among the friends of the profiteer.

# Saturday will Close the Big July Clearance Sale at The Hudson's Bay

## Stupendous Price Reductions in Footwear

Children's Boots, Slippers and Sandals Clearing at a Sacrifice

All odd lines and sizes are being closed out tomorrow. Included in the lot are Children's Patent Calfskin Boots, Children's Patent Leather Roman Sandals. Sizes 6 to 10 1/2. Such well-known makes as "Classic" and "McFarlane's."

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WOMEN'S WHITE CANVAS BOOTS—High cut. Leather soles. Regular \$2.65. Sale Price..... \$1.98  
WOMEN'S WHITE EYE CLOTH OXFORDS AND PUMPS. Regular \$10.00. Sale Price..... \$6.50  
WOMEN'S WHITE REINSKIN OXFORDS, with covered heels. Sale Price..... \$4.50  
MEN'S WHITE CANVAS BOOTS..... \$4.95  
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### July Clearance Sale of HOME FURNISHINGS

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A Sensational Sale of Women's Bloomers; Regular \$1.98, Clearing at 79c

Included in this lot are fine quality Bloomers, made of mull, crepe, nainsook and printed lawn; elastic at top and knees. Very serviceable and cool summer garments for present wear. We have cut deeply into the prices in order to reduce a heavy stock. All sizes. Regular \$1.98; 9 a.m. Saturday 79c  
(SECOND FLOOR)

A Clean-Up of Odd Lines in Women's Cotton Knit Vests and Drawers

All odd lines and sizes have been thrown out for clearance tomorrow. The vests with or without sleeves, lace trimmed. Sizes to 46. Rush Price Saturday, per garment..... 49c  
(SECOND FLOOR)

## The Hudson's Bay Company

### EDITOR'S NOTES

Some day the fellow who holds dual cards is going to look at his International certificate of membership, and say: "I have this because it means higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions." Then he will look at the other one and endeavor to find some tangible excuse for its existence. Therein will be the solving of the dual card problem.

The British Trade Union Congress has again turned down "direct action" for political purposes. The Labor men of Britain are not playing into the hands of their opponents by doing the thing that would mightily please Labor's enemies.

The ill health of any member of a community has its effect on the whole of the people. It has been recognized that education is a community duty, and we have the public schools maintained by public funds. Certainly the hospitals should be placed on a similar basis.

Paraphrasing President Lincoln, it may be said that no class in the community is good enough or altruistic enough to legislate for another. If this is so it would seem that group government is decidedly in order.

If the best laws that could possibly be conceived, were enacted to better the working conditions of the toilers, the necessity for trade unionism would continue to exist as long as there remained employer and employee classes.

Even if we were willing to admit that the philanthropic schemes of some employers had no other motive than the good of the workers, we would still fail to enthrone them. When the employer assumes control over the recreation and education of the worker some independence is forfeited. The working people of today want to be their own philanthropists and have control of their own recreation and self-improvement. If they receive a proper share of the fruits of their labor they need not depend on the philanthropic tendencies of their employers.

### AVERAGE COST OF RETRAINING DISABLED VETERAN

Is \$2,000 According To U.S. Federal Board For Vocational Training

The average cost of retraining a disabled veteran is \$2,000, according to the U.S. federal board for vocational training. The board states that the economic value of a man restored to productive efficiency exceeds this many times over.

One of the finest things about the recently enacted legislation for the rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry or otherwise, says the board, is the fact that the process of rehabilitation is regarded as a public obligation. The training is free, just as the public schools are free. There is no clause which says that the beneficiary must give proof that he cannot afford to pay for the training.

Under the congressional act the federal board will educate disabled veterans and pay them during the educational process. In the case of the injured in industry or otherwise the various states will have jurisdiction. The government will give to the states

one dollar for every dollar appropriated for this purpose by the states. The federal board will act in a supervisory capacity over the state boards that a uniform and practical system of education may be developed.

### CARPENTERS AND MILL WORKERS AT CALGARY STRIKE

On Friday, July 2nd, the bench carpenters and mill workers, at Calgary, went on strike to secure a new agreement. The men asked for \$1 an hour with an eight hour day, but this the employers refused to consider, saying that their machines must go nine hours per day in order to keep up. The mill workers then asked 90 cents an hour with the nine hour day, which was again refused, the employers offering them 85 cents.

The men quit on Friday, July 2nd, and were back at work on Monday, the employers in the meantime agreeing to the men's demands for 90 cents.

The outside carpenters secured their new agreement along with the bricklayers at \$1 an hour for an eight hour day. The bricklayers get \$1.25 an hour for an eight hour day.

Barbers, Turkish bath attendants and men engaged in similar work, where the risk of infection is greatest are said to show a higher percentage of diseases than any other trade group.

### BORDEN'S LEGACY

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It will be interesting to watch how the leader of the opposition will get along without the historic plank bequeathed to him by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. By appropriating the main plank of the liberal platform the new party is but living up to the best traditions of Canadian politics. Relieved of its historic plank the Liberal party will have to undergo a process of reconstruction or else accept the policy of the new party and unite. In all probability the two parties have a political understanding which will eventually lead to an alliance as there is no place left west of Quebec for Liberals in federal politics unless the Liberals in turn appropriate the Farmers platform which is not improbable.

A united Liberal and Conservative party has been expected by students of Canadian politics for some time; it is a natural and logical alliance. Both parties are opposed to Farmers and Labor entering the political arena; both are prepared to defend the status quo of our political institutions; now that the thinly veiled division of the tariff has been removed by the new party the door is open for a permanent alliance. The alliance we

### N.Y. MUSICIANS SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR DEMANDS

New York.—Complete victory was scored by the 1,200 musicians of the Musical Mutual Protective Union who have been threatening to walk out if their demands were not granted, in the new agreement drawn up with the United Managers' Protective association, which calls for a 50 per cent increase for musicians playing for dramatic and musical shows and 40 per cent for those who work for motion picture and vaudeville houses.

expect will be welcomed by Farmers and Labor; politics in Canada will now be centered on a definite clash between the vested interests and the interests of the mass. The newly made platform contains nothing that would appeal to the mass. Even if it did the past record of both parties are such that those who desire definite improvements in our economic system will think twice before they place confidence in either of the old parties, no matter under what name they sail. Canada has entered a new era in politics. The hope of the future lies in the mass, and not in the manipulation of the new party the door is open for a permanent alliance. The alliance we

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