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### ALBERTA TEACHERS TRANSACT BUSINESS OF GREAT MOMENT

#### Definite Steps Taken To Consolidate Efforts of Alliances In Securing Demands of Teachers

The executive of the Alberta Teachers' Alliance met in the Public Library Building, Calgary, on Monday and Tuesday of last week and transacted business of great moment to the future organization and progress of the teachers' movement. Alterations and amendments to the constitution were recommended to the local alliances for immediate consideration, which would make possible the admission to the Alliance of the members of the staff of any educational institution in Alberta supported by dominion, provincial or municipal taxation. Provision was also made for the admission of students in training at the Provincial normal schools. Further plans were formed for facilitating the federation of the teachers' alliances of the four Western Provinces. In connection with this, consideration was given to the publication of a magazine and official organ for the alliance and resolutions from the conference of presidents of the western alliances were ratified.

Definite steps were taken to consolidate the efforts of the local alliances in securing the present demands of the teachers, especially in view of the recent trustees' conference at Calgary. Capt. N. B. Pearson of the Calgary school staff, was appointed fraternal delegate to the forthcoming convention of the Alberta Federation of Labor.

The executive were assisted in their deliberations by representatives of the local alliances of Edmonton, Calgary, Medicine Hat and Camrose. Among others there were present Dr. J. M. Hutcheson, C. A. Richardson, Capt. N. B. Pearson, W. W. Scott, J. A. Dymond, Miss W. M. Henderson and Miss Leitch, all of Calgary; Miss Kate Chegwinn, H. C. Newland and J. W. Barnett, of Edmonton; Chas. E. Penley of Medicine Hat, and Othello Robinson of Camrose.

It was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting of the A. T. A. at Calgary, during Easter week.

The union label is the "In Hoc Signo Vinces" of the crusade to rescue the child from the workshop, factory and mill; the woman from the sweatshop and tenement house, and the millions of labor from the clutches of greed, degradation and poverty.

The union label makes the strike unnecessary by making compliance with union conditions an advantage in business.

### ONTARIO NOT ONLY PLACE WHERE LABOR MADE GREAT GAINS

Ontario is not the only place on this side of the Atlantic where labor is making its influence felt in politics. In the recent general elections the Newfoundland fishermen who were greatly dissatisfied with existing conditions succeeded in electing several of them in constituencies which they wrested from the government. The press dispatches make little or no reference to this fact. The fishermen have the strongest craft organization in the colony and Protestants and Catholics alike voted together to shoulder irrespective of sectarian bias in an effort to secure redress through political action. The union will carry big weight with the new government.

### CAMPAIGN FOR ONE THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS

#### Edmonton St. Andrew's Society Ready to Take Another Step Forward During 1920.

The Edmonton St. Andrew's Society which made such rapid progress during 1919, is again ready to take another step forward. A campaign for an increase of one thousand new members has begun, and the captains of the three teams, so engaged, are urging their men to scale the desired heights, and with such captains and such men, no doubt is expressed as to the result.

It is estimated that one-fourth of the population of Edmonton, are of Scotch birth or descent, and while the keynote of St. Andrew's society is, "to afford relief to the distressed" of their own race, to encourage the national costume and games, and the cultivation of a taste for Scottish music, history and poetry, yet, its beneficence, influence, and civic patriotism is no narrow affair resting on Scot's alone, as it is limited to neither sphere nor race.

The club rooms on Jasper are being utilized for various bi-weekly indoor functions under a live committee, and to instruct, to amuse, to elevate is their constant endeavor.

Outdoor sports, such as curling, bowling, quoits, football, golf, etc., culminating with public sports in June, are all under way.

There is a ladies' auxiliary annexed to which the wives and sisters of all members are eligible. The desirability of becoming members now, is recommended to all Scotsmen and their descendants.

The great aim and object of "St. Andrew's Society" in all parts of the world—is to enable Scottish folks to forget, to render assistance and advice to preserve and perpetuate the exalted principles which has made their "native land respected at home and revered abroad," a legacy which none can dispute, and which none but they themselves can deprive.

Obstacles are ever overcome by united resolution. Let us unite in making our adopted city a better, purer, and finer place to live in, by encouraging all that goes to sweeten public life, and elevate clean and healthy sports. "For virtuous acts and harmless joys, The minutes will not stay, We've always time to welcome them, Today, my love, today.

### THREE POSTAL WORKERS' UNIONS IN ENGLAND HAVE AMALGAMATED

The process of workers' unions being merged into larger and stronger combinations is making rapid progress in Britain. The latest instance is the amalgamation of the three principal organizations of postal employees. The new organization will be called the Union of Post Office Workers, and will commence with a membership of 110,000. Consolidation of forces for mutual protection is not the only motive of the movement. There is a growing feeling among the postal workers that they should have a share in the control of the department. The three objectives are a more contented staff, greater public facilities, and better management. The Union of Postal Workers will conduct a weekly journal called "The Post," and will link up with the Trade Union Congress.

The union label is a weapon that profits the employer equally with the employee, but only so long as both aim at the same object. It can never be turned against the employee, because it is the latter's exclusive property, to be given or withdrawn at pleasure.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### EVERYBODY'S VIEWS

(The Free Press takes no responsibility for any opinions expressed in letters to the editor. No letters can be accepted for publication, and will not be printed unless accompanied by name and address of writer.)

Edmonton, January 3, 1920.

Editor Edmonton Free Press.

Dear Sir:—In the issue of the Bulletin, December 29, someone writing under the signature of "Anglican" appeals to the people of Alberta for help to build a new cathedral for the congregation of All Saints. I do not know that this congregation has done more than other congregations in this city during the past years, and this cry for help is not becoming for a congregation, which has the wealth and proud position which the congregation has so long been boasting.

Trinity church across the river was a few years ago in danger of losing their beautiful church. They did not cry out for help but put their shoulders to the wheel and saved their church. The Presbyterians and Methodists have done good work as well in the past years and no cry for help has come from these people.

To much dependence on outside help has been the curse of some churches and this congregation had better set to work earnestly to help themselves and not wait for outside aid.

Cathedrals are very imposing and in some measure beautify a city. But it is the work accomplished by the members of the church that tells the story.

Trinity church, New York City, on Wall street is in the busy heart of that city, and is an example of what wealth can do in any church. In the early days this corporation secured all the land in the heart of the city and as the city grew losses on land which was built upon fell into the hands of the corporation in a few years. These buildings were then leased as tenement houses and are the most disgraceful in that great city. No modern improvements, and the last dollar is taken as rent. No one has any idea of the millions taken in every year; no one to account to, and no one to know where all the money goes. A vast new cathedral, the very finest in New York, now rears its head as a monument of the greatest corporation in this great city. No one knows the income of the Bishop, but a few years ago the good wife of the Bishop lost jewels worth over \$50,000.00, which a burglar thought would look well on his wife or some one else's wife. And so it goes, as wealth goes into the church the world climbs in as first assistant.

The salary of the Archbishop of Canterbury is \$75,000.00 yearly, while some of his curates are starving on less than \$400.00 yearly. Large interests belong to the church in distilleries and breweries. The Anglican churches are not the only sinners in this respect, as a very few of the other churches have made investments of this kind of stock. In Canada we know something of this kind of wealth; in Kingston city and Toronto, and other places in Ontario.

Anglican and his friends had better get busy and not depend on getting help from people who do not worship in his way—Let every church stand and work in their own field.

The "tag day" on Saturday was rather badly managed to say the least. In war times we could stand up for anything that would help our boys at the front, and we can stand for Y.M.C.A. or Y.W.C.A. or anything not of an Ecclesiastical nature, but asking aid for a particular church, is rather straining a point.

I hope the good Bishop will in future put a stop to this kind of seeking help for his cathedral. We all love the good Bishop even if we are not members of his church, we admire him as a good fellow citizen and friend, but we draw the line there.

Yours very truly,  
NON-CONFORMIST.

**HOSPITAL TAXATION**  
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