



WORKERS TO GET CHEAPER FOOD FROM EMPLOYER

J. R. Booth Co. to Allow Employees to Purchase Staple Foods at Wholesale Prices.
OTTAWA.—The two thousand odd employees of the J. R. Booth Company Limited, who are engaged in the Ottawa mills and yards, will shortly have the opportunity of purchasing certain lines of staple foods, at absolute wholesale prices, if certain suggestions which have been made to the head office of the company are carried into effect.

The idea is that J. R. Booth will feed his own employees at wholesale rates, so long as what is considered a wide discrepancy exists between the wholesale and retail prices of the staple foods. Announcement of this novel innovation might be given a tryout was made last week by one of the officials of the company. It is now under consideration by Mr. C. Jackson Booth and Mr. Fred Booth.

"We have always more or less of a stock of staple supplies on hand, which we require for our daily camps. The suggestion is that we undertake to sell supplies direct to all our employees at absolutely wholesale prices. There is a wide variance between the wholesale price of these staples in comparison with the retail price, and we are considering giving our employees an opportunity to share the benefit," was the statement of one of the officers of the company.

Among the staples which would likely be sold by the company are: flour, prunes, dried apples, salt pork, salt beef, herring, potatoes, rice, peas, beans, wheat, raisins, coffee, lard, jam, butter, molasses, onions, eggs, etc.

The suggestion which has been advanced among large Ottawa and district employees to bring down the present high cost of living.

ONLY TRADE AGENCY TO BE ESTABLISHED

No Soviet Embassy Likely to Be Opened in Canada.
LONDON, Eng.—According to officials of the Canadian High Commissioner's office here, says a special cable to the Montreal Gazette, the statement alleged to have been made to an American journalist by Leonid Krassin, head of the Russian trade delegation to London, that one of the objects of his forthcoming mission to Canada would be the establishment of a Soviet embassy in the Dominion, is quite in conflict with the representations made by him to the Canadian High Commissioner when his visit was projected. It was then stated by Krassin that his mission was a purely commercial one, involving nothing more than the establishment of a trade agency. It is pointed out by the Canadian representative here that if any more important steps of a diplomatic character were planned by Krassin, further negotiations would have to precede his admission to Canada. There have been no such negotiations, and it is therefore considered that Krassin's alleged statement is a misunderstanding on the part of the interviewer.

There is still a possibility that Krassin might have been misled as to the safety or advisability of carrying on a regular trade with shipment of Russian goods here. Under the test case covering the payment for goods has still to be decided, and meanwhile Norway has prohibited the import of such goods across its territory.

Before leaving London for his return to Moscow, Krassin sought to gain control of the London-based Central Russian Co-operative Union and the Moscow Co-operative Bank, but the Co-operators refused to comply with his requests.

TORONTO TO HOUSE FOUR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS THIS SUMMER.
WASHINGTON.—Toronto will be the convention city for four international trade union conventions this year, which means revenue to the hotels and stores of the city of at least \$750,000.

The last issue of the American Federationist, official magazine of the American Federation of Labor, announces that the following international conventions will be held in Toronto: International Stereotypers and Electotypers' Union, July 18; International Photo Engravers' Union, August 1; International Shipyard Workers' Union, September 12; The Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, October 1.

SASKATOON LABOR TO HAVE CANDIDATE IN PROVINCIAL ELECTION.
SASKATOON.—It was definitely decided at the last regular meeting that the Saskatoon Trades and Labor Council should take steps to enter a labor candidate in the next provincial election. The secretary was instructed to prepare a circular letter to the various locals asking them to nominate a candidate whose name was to be submitted to the council, who would finally decide who the candidate was to be. The council reiterated their stand that some time ago that they would offer no opposition to the election of Mr. Harris Turner, should he decide to run again.

Railway Board Adjustment 1 To Continue

The Canadian Board of Adjustment, which has been set up to adjust the wages of railway labor organizations, will continue to function. The Minister of Labor has received notification to the effect that the Board of Adjustment, which was set up in August, 1918, has decided to continue its work. The Board of Adjustment, which was set up to adjust the wages of railway labor organizations, will continue to function.

UNITED STATES MAY YET JOIN THE LEAGUE

Hon. N. W. Rowell Pins Faith in International Tribunal.
HALIFAX.—Hon. N. W. Rowell addressed the Canadian Club at Halifax, recently, on "Canada's place in the League of Nations."

Mr. Rowell gave it as his personal opinion that the United States would yet join the league, but said international goodwill would be fostered if the decision were allowed to remain, without possible antagonizing criticism, in the hands of the American people and their Government.

The best proof of the practicability of a league which purposed to end war by arbitration was furnished by Canada and the United States, who had for 100 years enjoyed peace despite serious differences.

It should be the office of these two nations to lead the rest of the world in faith to the ultimate success of the league and the final abolition of war.

OTTAWA FIRE FIGHTERS MAINTAIN PRESENT WAGE STANDARD.

The Board of Conciliation which was recently set up to adjust the dispute which has arisen between the city and the members of the fire department, has handed in its report to the Department of Labor.

The report, which is unanimous, says that the firemen, represented by Capt. W. P. Grant and Ainslie Greene, for the city, and D. McCann, representing the firemen, recommend a salary of \$1,200, which was asked by the firemen. It is recommended, however, that the city should bear the cost of the firemen's wages.

The firemen, who are protesting, are alienating the sober and responsible elements of the country from causes who bias, the will of human progress.

NOT A GREAT DEAL OF MATERIAL FOR REVOLUTION IN CANADA
Sir John Willison Takes Issue With the "Reds" and Declares They are Dividing Organized Labor.

"One wonders what the 'Reds' hope to accomplish in Canada by their revolutionary writing," says Sir John Willison in the Canadian Magazine, in commenting on the activities of the "Reds" in the Dominion. They are dividing organized labor. They are diverting sympathy from the unemployed who so sorely need consideration and support in the difficult period through which we are passing. They are alienating the sober and responsible elements of the country from causes who bias, the will of human progress.

WAGES OF U.S. MINERS FIXED UNTIL MARCH

There Can Be No Modification or Abrogation of Agreement, Declares President Lewis.
INDIANAPOLIS.—In order that there may be a full and complete understanding of the position of the United Mine Workers of America on the subject of reductions in wages and a rest of all miners and reports in regard to that subject, International President John L. Lewis has issued the following statement:

There will be no reduction of wages in the organized sections of the coal mining industry. The mine workers are now working under a state of wages fixed by the United States Bituminous Coal Commission, created by the President, and which functioned under Government authority. These wage schedules were written into an agreement between miners and operators which will not terminate until March 1, 1922.

No modification or abrogation of the agreement in any local producing district without disturbing the integrity of the contract throughout the entire nation. The United Mine Workers will resist any attempt to disturb the equality of its present contractual relations.

The holding of the National Conference at this time is an example of the seriousness of the situation. Having faith in their cause, the Labor group entered the conference at a time when a continent-wide campaign was being waged against the trade union movement, of which they form a part. This campaign seeks to establish non-union shops and efforts are everywhere being made to reduce the wage standards of the great producing masses. In fact of all this the representatives of the workers entered the National Industrial Conference and presented a good case—a much better one than that of the employers. The workers' representatives showed their willingness to discuss all phases of the building industry.

SAMUEL GOMPERS ISSUES VERY GRAVE WARNING TO EMPLOYERS.
CINCINNATI.—The greedy hordes of employers in the United States had better watch out. President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor declared in an address at Cincinnati this week.

"I most earnestly desire to impress," he said, "on those who have undertaken to 'destroy' the labor movement, that they are putting womanhood to too severe a test.

"You see to have the upper hand now, but remember the penalty is always being paid. I respectfully suggest thoughtful consideration of the unwisdom of driving your bargain too hard."

ALL BRITISH GOVT CONTRACTORS TO EMPLOY PROPORTION EX-SERVICES MEN.
LONDON, Eng.—The Minister of Labor announces that hereafter British government contracts will be let on the basis that at least five per cent of disabled soldiers.

THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE Labor and Capital as Represented in the Building and Construction Industry Demonstrate That Joint Conference is Possible.

By J. A. P. Haydon.
The National Industrial Conference of the Building and Construction Industry met in Ottawa last week. The agenda was a very lengthy one and in reaching their decisions the various committees had little time at their disposal. Imagine, if you can, a committee arriving at a decision on "existing conditions in the industry" at a four days' conference. This most super-human task was accomplished by the conference.

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The committee's report pointed out that the conference was opposed to the Labor group, who proposed that the conference should be held on a regular basis, until all other means of supplying aid had been exhausted.

Mr. John W. Bruce in referring to existing conditions in the building industry made a very good case. His address was one of the most constructive of the conference and he quoted statistics to bear out his arguments.

These figures show whether we are to have a building boom or a depression, it is up to the government to see that the industry is not starved.

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President M. F. Tighe, of Steel Workers, Takes Issue With Statement of W. Z. Foster.
HAMILTON.—Some echoes of the big steel strike of 1918 were heard at the convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of America at Hamilton last week, when M. F. Tighe, who was secretary of the organization committee which called off the strike, and who later wrote a book dealing with the withdrawal of the Amalgamated from the National Committee of the Iron and Steel Industry. The reply to charges made in this book and comment on it on the committee were given under the heading of "Commercializing the Organizing Campaign and the Late Strike."

President Tighe said that had Mr. Foster in his book confined himself to an attack on the powers that prey on the unfortunate slaves of the 12-hour day, he would not have been disputed, but that no content with traducing the organization officials he had tried to arouse a greater interest in an attack on the powers that prey on the unfortunate slaves of the 12-hour day. It is marked emphasis that this statement was correct.

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FIRE-FIGHTERS' CANADIAN VICE-PRESIDENT

DONALD DEAR, secretary-treasurer of the Ottawa Fire Fighters, who has been elected vice-president of the International Association of Fire Fighters.
Vice-President Dear will have charge of District 13 which includes the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

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2749 U. S. IMMIGRANTS CAME TO CANADA DURING PAST THREE MONTHS.
OTTAWA.—During the first three months of the present calendar year the volume of immigration to the agricultural districts of Canada has been less than anticipated. From the United States 2,749 immigrants, the majority being bound for Alberta and Saskatchewan, arrived in Canada and brought with them money and effects representing \$1,499,668. During the previous three months 48,866 immigrants arrived from the United States, with cash and effects representing \$15,799,980. There had thus been an increase in the wealth per head of immigrants coming to this country from the south.