

there is a suspicion that strikes are being manipulated that dividends may be paid, or that any other practises are followed that will not bear investigation, then community of interest is practically impossible. If our present industrial system will not stand the closest scrutiny then it must give way to another.

When trades unionism is established it ought to be the object of every member of the union to maintain as high a standard of reliability, honor and integrity as possible in order to promote the good name of the union. Every workman should give his best service for all the time for which he receives pay. The union should do its part in securing for its employers good, skilled, trustworthy workmen.

Up to the time of writing the strike still goes on. The Vancouver and Nanaimo Coal Co., or the Jingle Pot Mine, having recognized the union, operations have been resumed in this mine to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. An attempt is being made under military and police protection to operate the other mines. This only means that the bitterness that has already been engendered will be deepened. It is hard to understand how men can be found to work in these mines when by such work the privation and suffering of their fellow workmen is intensified and prolonged. It is harder still to understand the indifference and callousness of the Government. The British Government did not hesitate to take action during the last great coal strike. When the Pennsylvania coal strike occurred a few years ago the Government of the United States, in the person of its President, appointed a commission to investigate the trouble. When the appalling facts were brought to light the strike was soon settled. It would be so here. The burden of responsibility rests with the Govern-