

*WILD BEAST HUNTING IN CANADA.*

The strange ignorance or apathy or fear of taking action (whichever it may be) which has possessed the authorities in relation to the spread of Bolshevism in Canada, has been the surprise of thinking people for a long time past. In ancient days when judgments were falling upon Egypt for her treatment of an oppressed people, the thinking men of that day came to Pharaoh, and said, "Know you not that Egypt is destroyed." He had been living in a fool's paradise. There are those who have warned those responsible for the administration of justice that agents of the "wild beast" which destroyed Russia, and still menace the world's civilization, is with devilish energy and cunning, seeking the destruction of this once peaceful and contented country, which we fondly hoped was safe in its isolation and its distance from the centre of the whirlwind. It almost looks as though worse things are coming, if there is delay in checking the plague that is upon us.

We are all glad that some action has at last been taken in Winnipeg, in the right direction, and we trust it may not stop there. It is no time to be mealy-mouthed or apologetic when firebrands are being thrown into the inflammable material that abounds in these days of unrest. Those who throw them must be put where they can do no further harm.

It may be that some innocent persons may temporarily suffer with the guilty; but that cannot be helped, and must be endured for the general benefit. It is not desirable under present circumstances to quote as appropriate the merciful saying of our criminal law that it is better that ten suspected criminals should go free, rather than that one innocent man should suffer. This suffering in connection with the matter in hand would soon be remedied and could be compensated. Socialists and union men are in bad company just at present, and it is up to them to realize this and "stand from under." We do not believe, however, that the honest men of the classes referred to, or the working men who do not belong to either class, are in sympathy with Bolshevism, as we now use that word, and they do in fact