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### A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

#### SUCCESSFUL VENTURE.

With the closing of the Ontario Parliamentary Session, the first in history of a Labor-Farmer Coalition Government holding the reins, a resume of accomplishments is first evidence that predictions of failure was wishes productive of the thought. From the inception of the practical work, the Cabinet lacking experience in the making of legislation have in the introduction of same shown aptitude in divining what was considered desirable by the majority and in each instance the stamp of approval was given the final touch to make such legislation effective in the province. It was from no desire to give assistance that this general approval was gained, but the knowledge that the law sought was to the general good and could not be dealt with adversely, if the confidence from their constituents would not be unperilled.

Experiments in the introduction of legislation gaining endorsement from the four-section divided House has proven conclusively that a Government body of ins and outs is more a matter of custom and practice than the gainer of practical results. At one of the few divisions that in the matter of superannuation, it is worthy of record that the deflection came from within the ranks of the superior numerical party, the farmers, but the support from the old

parties as well as solid voting from labor was sought to place the issue beyond question. Introduction of important issue by private member was utilized, this calling for criticism more perhaps in the sense that it was contrary to custom than advantageous. It had a hitherto unknown aid in the knowledge that each individual could carry his conscience with him in the vote he gave and that the crack of a party whip was not to be heard. In this instance in mind, irrespective of what was called at the time dangerous precedent, the correctness of the venture was proven by the division showing no semblance of party voting, but the individual responsibility was accepted.

The organized labor party has at all times contended that cooperation was its motto with no object of making for class or class legislation. The opportunity for proving same has presented in the coalition formed with the United Farmers and the representatives of labor lived up to their teachings throughout the whole sessions. This in itself acts as advance notice to the sister provinces that the workers' party have no connection with volcanic eruption movements, but is advocate of surety progress by the evolutionary path. The workers throughout the Dominion are indebted to the Ontario representatives in the line of action

they have adopted in showing the falsity of the enemy propaganda, which constantly tagged destruction as the labor party's aim.

If any of the parties have been gainers in legislation to the smallest section of the House, can this position be given, as the laws passed show a majority earmarked from their advocated desires, among these being the Minimum Wage Act, Mothers' Pensions' amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act and a number of others. This is not so much for congratulation on labor's desires being accomplished, but the underlying knowledge that these measures were necessary and the endorsement secured to same was owing seeking for desirable advancement.

With the closing of the first session the organized workers' party stands strongly entrenched in public favor with its provincial constituents, the doubts have proven groundless of those who seek to destroy such direct representation. Much has been gained and a general satisfaction is apparent throughout the province that the coalition experiment was one which has shown such results at the first venture that future sessions will be productive of legislation in the interest of all.

#### TORONTO NEWS BRIEFS.

The report of the Teamsters Conciliation Board is expected to be ready early this week.

Members of the Butcher Workers Union and their friends spent a very enjoyable time at the Labor Temple last week when they enjoyed a place after which refreshments were served.

Business Agent John T. Vick of the Bricklayers Union reports that during the present week there has been a constantly increasing demand for men and the prospects are now for one of the slowest periods that the trade has known in recent years. "This morning I had nearly a score of requests for men shortly after I arrived at the office," said Mr. Vick, "and there are indications that the demand is growing."

Secretary John Cottam of the District Carpenters Council reports a keen demand for carpenters from all parts of the city. He expressed the opinion this week that there were very few idle carpenters to be found in the city.

The Glass Bevelers' Union, at a meeting in the Labor Temple last week, decided to meet the employers half-way in the demands for increased wages. This action was taken in view of the budget presented by Sir Henry Drayton, which it was pointed out, seriously affected the trade. The men were demanding a minimum of 90 cents an hour.

Waiters and cooks employed in one of the large downtown hotels threaten a strike. They demand a wage scale of \$10 to \$14 per month for cooks and \$18 per week for waiters. Cooks now receive from \$15 to \$18 per month.

The International Steam and Hoisting Engineers are reported to have demanded the immediate discharge of a workman on one of the local construction jobs because he is a member of the Canadian National Union.

At the regular meeting of the Building Trades Council on Monday night in the Labor Temple, the City Council came in for considerable criticism on the slow progress which was being made with the housing programme. Business Agent John Doggett, of the United Carpenters, condemned the way in which the city authorities had dilly-dallied with the question, which was a vital one to all laboring men and women. "It is my opinion," declared Mr. Doggett, "that the City Hall is full of gay promoters and poor performers."

The International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers on Monday night entertained the international officers who were in the city on their way to the American Federation of Labor convention which opens at Montreal on Monday next. Among those present at the luncheon in the Labor Temple were General International President J. W. Kline; Editor "The Blacksmiths' Journal," M. W. Martin; General Organizer, C. N. Glover, and International Vice-President W. C. Powlesland.

#### JIMMY SIMPSON LOSES LIBEL ACTION.

W. J. Heavey, a former secretary of the Toronto District and Labor Council, obtained a verdict at the Assizes at Toronto, on Tuesday, against James Simpson, editor of a Labor paper, and a well known advocate of prohibition, for \$4,800 damages for libel and slander.

The suit was the outcome of a statement made by Simpson at a Trades Council meeting, Toronto, some time ago, that Heavey and Arthur E. O'Leary, a former president of the Toronto District Trades and Labor Council, had conspired with representatives of local manufacturers during the numerous strikes last summer to accept \$5,000 with which to start a Labor party that would not be antagonistic to the employers as the paper edited by Simpson.

O'Leary also brought an action against Simpson for \$10,000 damages, and the O'Leary case was tried a short time ago. The jury in that case awarded the plaintiff \$1,500 damages.

O'Leary's counsel had his bill taxed today at Osgoode Hall at \$302.50, and Simpson will have to pay this in addition to the \$1,500 damages and Simpson's own counsel.

#### WINNIPEG TYPO VOTE.

By a majority of one, the Winnipeg Typographical Union favored the election of Carl Jensen, Winnipeg, to the position of second vice-president of the International Typographical Union in the recent voting. He received 152 votes as against 151 polled for James Nolan, the retiring officer. Officers of the Winnipeg local were elected as follows: President, Charles Ryan; vice-president, Robert Weir; secretary-treasurer, H. W. Powers. Members of the executive committee elected include: Job printers, F. W. Hastings, M. McKerracher, and M. E. Lilly; news printers, G. W. Howard and E. G. Smith; Messrs. Powers, Howard, McKerracher, Weir, and W. McCormick were appointed delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, and Mr. Powers delegate to the Dominion Trades Congress.

#### GUELPH TRADES COUNCIL WANT WORKER ON HOUSING COMMISSION.

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and are of the opinion that a worker, preferably a bricklayer, should be appointed in his stead. All trades were reported busy, except the rubber workers, who are still on strike. A letter was received from the secretary of the Housing Commission regarding vacant lots held by speculators in St. Patrick's Ward, and the council was asked to take some action and agitate for a law whereby in such cases the assessment could be increased. The letter was received in the Legislature Committee, after the recommendation that the Dominion Trades Congress be asked to take up the question.

There is only one way that adequately describes the education in this country, and that is "chaos"—E. C. C. Everett.

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#### DECIDE WHETHER TO HANDLE MUNITIONS.

A meeting on Monday of the "Triple Alliance," made up of the railway men, miners and transport workers, passed a resolution which was referred to the Laborite Parliamentary Committee, urgently requesting the convening of a special Trades Union Congress to decide on what the attitude of Labor shall be toward the production and handling of munitions for Ireland and Poland.

#### 1,800 SHIP BUILDERS ON STRIKE AT HALIFAX.

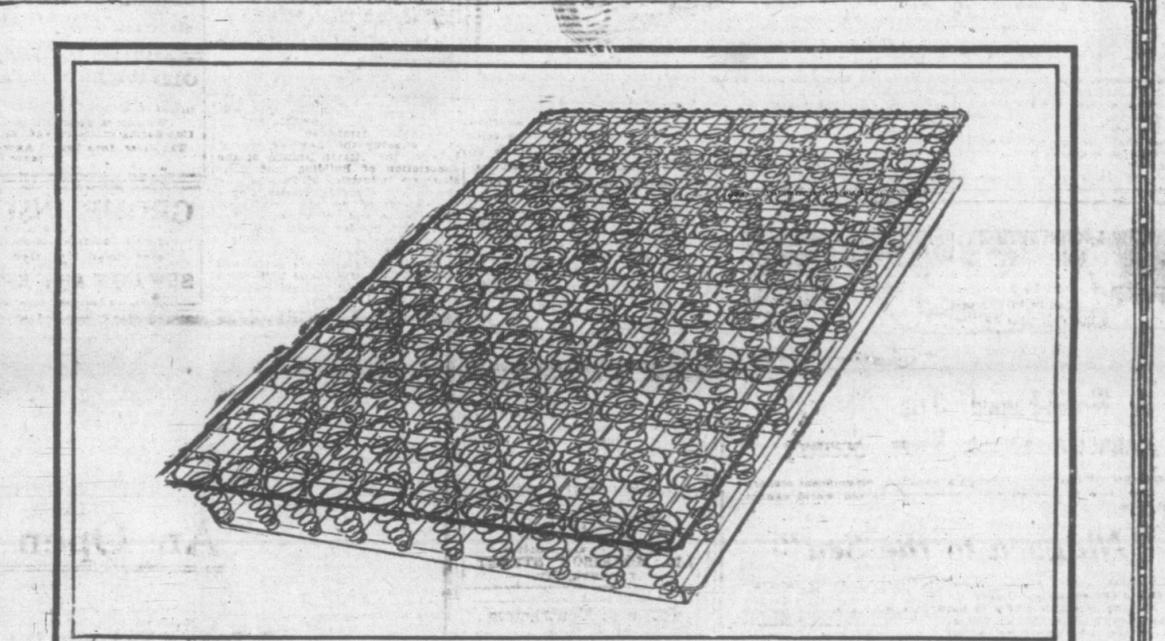
The employees of the Halifax Ship Yards went out on strike Tuesday morning. The men held an all night session which did not conclude until 2 a.m. Eighteen hundred men are affected. They demanded an increase in wages.

#### HAMILTON TYPO VOTE.

The result of the vote of the Hamilton local of the International Typographical Union, in connection with the election of international officers was made known on Friday. It gave a majority for the present administration's slate with the exception of the presidency. John McFarland, of New York, who addressed the convention, recently was given a majority of two votes over M. G. Scott, the present head of the organization.

The following delegates have been elected to the convention of the Ontario-Quebec Typographical conference to be held in Hamilton this summer: W. J. Mountjoy, president of the union; Albert Taylor, and Hugh Bentley, who is secretary of the conference.

The Sydney branch of the Independent Labor party held a large representative meeting in Florence Tuesday evening when several speakers addressed the gathering and urged the necessity of forming a Farmer Labor party which it was claimed was the only solution for the worry and trouble that under existing conditions the working class is forced to endure. Another meeting will be held shortly to discuss the organization of the party.



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