

PREFACE.

The following articles are a review of the general conditions affecting Land and Labour in British Columbia, and the incidence of the Closed Shop.

I am informed they were written in 1912, and "The Remedy" was roughly sketched out about the same period.

The first two articles deal with conditions from the human point of view, and not from the point of view of the Capitalist or the Labour Official. To my mind they represent "public opinion" as opposed to either one party or the other in the controversy. Both capital and labour come in for criticism, and I think it will be generally admitted that the articles are quite unbiased. No doubt the professional exponent of Capital and the professional exponent of Labour will find much fault with them. But even these will probably admit that they are fair, and that the facts stated are incontrovertible.

It is plain that the writer does not ask the reader to take sides. All he has done is to analyse a problem and leave the reader to draw his own conclusions. That he believes in co-operation is obvious, but it is still more obvious that he believes in a little common sense, a little thought, and above all a little unselfishness.

His suggested "Remedy" for the conditions which exist in British Columbia, is boldly drawn. He goes to the root of the matter and proposes a remedy which is worked out in a most businesslike manner. His argument in this last article is irresistably logical, and I think that most people who read the whole pamphlet will come to the conclusion that the remedy proposed is not only practical, but politic.

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