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## THREATENED RAILWAY STRIKE

Certain branches of labor on the Canadian National Railway system, including station, shop, roundhouse and clerical hands, threaten to strike if their lately submitted wage demands are not complied with, and it is expected that these demands will be endorsed by their union, the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, now in session at Toronto. They claim that their rates of pay are below the general standard of wages in the Dominion, and far below what other lines of railway men are paid. The average rate of wages on the C. N. R., as on other railways is fairly high, but wages are unequally distributed. While conductors, drivers and other train hands earn high wages, ranging from ten to twenty dollars a day, other classes of railway employees, such as station hands, switchmen, track hands, shovellers and others, are paid as low as three and a half dollars a day. Although the duties of actual train hands, like drivers and conductors, brakemen and firemen, are of greater responsibility than those of the auxiliary lines of railway labor, yet the discrepancy in wages is so great, between the higher and lower paid classes, as to cause a lot of discontent and consequent agitation.

As in many other lines of labor the higher paid men, and they are not infrequently the most active agitators absorb so much of the railway's earnings as to leave little for those who have not sufficient weight in the labor organization to compel the payment of a better wage. The same thing may be noted in the collieries. Coal cutters and others working at the face earn three or four times the wages paid laborers on the surface. Probably this is unavoidable. Their work is more important, requires greater skill, and it is done underground, entailing risk to life and limb, though the hours as a general rule are shorter than those on the surface. But no matter what the difference between wages paid the higher classes of labor and the lower, whenever a raise of pay is mooted the lion's share of the increase is ear-marked for those who already have got the cream of the industry's earnings.

For instance, if the company proposed to raise the wages of all those paid less than five dollars a day to that figure without giving a proportionate increase to the remainder of the working force, the latter would probably raise objections. The argument doubtless would be that the rate of pay would then be out of scale. It would never do for a surface laborer to get five dollars a day while a man

in the pit, in one of the more remunerative jobs, was paid only six or seven dollars. If the \$3.50 a day man were advanced to \$5.00, the \$6.50 man would demand a rate that would net him \$9.00 a day. This aspect of the problem was noted during the recent steel strike at Sydney. It was pointed out that if the increase demanded had been granted the higher paid men would be getting a larger advance than the lower paid laborer for whose benefit ostensibly the whole agitation was carried on. Doubtless if the company instead of acceding to the steel workers' request for a general advance of 20 per cent, had come back with an offer of an advance of ten cents an hour, it would probably have been unsatisfactory—to the higher paid men. On the other hand it would have meant more for the lower paid men than the 20 per cent. raise. To a man paid at the rate of 35 cents an hour a 20 per cent. increase would only raise him to 42 cents an hour, whereas an additional ten cents an hour would have meant 45 cents to him. But to the man paid a fairly high rate, say 70 cents an hour, the 20 per cent. would of course have meant more than an extra 10 cents an hour.

Labor leaders speak of the solidarity and brotherhood of labor, but when it comes to a scramble for higher wages the altruistic aspect of the matter is apparently forgotten, and those occupying the lowest grades of labor must be content with an increase in proportion to their miserable pittance. Those at the top, already getting perhaps as much as they are fairly entitled to, must still have the largest share of the increase. Not that we should for a moment advocate a general leveling up, or down of wages. Superior skill and energy, the nature of the job, the quality of the work, must be recognized. The suggestion often put forward by labor leaders that a workman is recreant to his order, who strives to get more and better work than his fellows, is one that cannot be counteracted. It is evidently not counteracted among our miners at any rate. When a coal cutter earns four times the pay of a man employed on the surface there is no cavilling on the part either of his fellow workmen or his employer. It is recognized that he has fairly earned his day's pay, large though it seem in comparison to that earned by those in other lines. At the same time there is not much doubt that not enough consideration is shown those who are paid the lowest total wage. Very often an employer would like to advance certain low grades of

## Personal Mention

Mr. V. P. Smith and family motored to Wolfville one day last week. Miss Edna Smith, of Nictaux, spent a few days at the home of her uncle, Mr. V. P. Smith.

Mrs. J. A. Kenney and daughter, Miss Edna, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Thies.

Albert Banks, of Lawrencetown, has charge of the large warehouse cellar at Falmouth for J. H. Hicks & Sons. Mrs. A. S. Ball and daughter Emily, of Brookline, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Saunders.

Mrs. Walter Smith, Halifax, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Foster.

Mr. Walter Lovelace, of Liverpool, was a recent guest of Mr. Chesley Forsythe.

Roy Chute has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Malden, Dorchester and Boston.

Mrs. J. E. Marshall and daughter Harriet, of Hampton, were passengers to Kentville Thursday.

Mr. M. C. Foster left this week on a tour of inspection of schools in the Western part of his district.

Mr. Carl Thies left last week for Boston. Carl will be much missed and his friends wish him all merited prosperity.

Miss Marion Whitman, of West Paradise, has returned from a vacation spent with friends at Chatham and other parts of New Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. Aline Huntington, accompanied by the latter's mother, Mrs. J. Harry Hicks, left on Saturday for their home in Schenectady, N. Y.

Mrs. R. F. Connell, Sr., returned last week from St. John, where she enjoyed a pleasant visit and attended the exhibition while in the city.

At Rogers Hill, says the Pictou Advocate, Rod Robley is the owner of 19 little pigs—a record, surely.

Miss Annie Silter and Miss Marjorie Fowler left on Tuesday for Newport, Rhode Island, where they enter the hospital there as nurses in training.

Mr. Arthur Lyett, of Kempville, Yarmouth County, has purchased the valuable property of Mr. G. I. Salter, at Carleton Corner.

Mr. Edward V. Smith of the Nova Scotia Hospital, Dartmouth, spent his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Smith.

Miss Helen Beals left recently for Cambridge, Mass., where she fills the position of librarian at the Wright Memorial Library.—Acadian.

Mr. Clifford Sanford and Miss Lillian Barkhouse, of Kentville, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Marshall, of Hampton.

Miss Dorothy Abbott leaves the latter part of the month for Boston where she takes a course in training for nursing profession at the New England Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Eugene Saunders returned on Wednesday after a pleasant visit with friends at Windsor and at Halifax, at the home of her brother, Mr. F. V. Young.

Mrs. R. L. Harvey and Mr. Graham Harvey, of Grand Pre; Mr. and Mrs. Settle and Miss Gossep, of Halifax spent Sunday last with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Jackson, of West Paradise.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Saunders, West Paradise, on Sunday, were: Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Chute, Melvern Square; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cover, Paradise; Mr. and Mrs. John Vranicki, South Farmington; Rev. Edwin Simpson, B.A., Acadia 1769, preached Sunday in the Baptist Church. Mr. Simpson has just returned from a tour of the world and attended the Baptist World Convention at Stockholm.—Acadian.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Ozden after spending several weeks with the former's sister at Hampton, returned to the U.S.A. on their way to Washington, D. C., thence returning to their home in Clinton, Iowa.

Miss Juanita Bishop, who has occupied the position of stenographer at "The Pines", Digby, during the season, has returned home and is the guest of her father, Mr. A. R. Bishop, and of Mrs. Bishop.

Mr. Warren D. Chase, barrister of Pleasantville, Com., left to home last week, accompanied by Mrs. Chase and children and by Mrs. Chase Sr. All enjoyed a pleasant summer at their bungalow at Clementsport, "The Queen of the Basin."

Mr. Walter Dechman, who has been visiting in Halifax and Stewiacke, returned home last week for a visit with his father, Dr. A. A. Dechman, before resuming his course in engineering at Dalhousie University.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Chute, Clarence, and Mrs. M. E. Everett and Mrs. L. Daniels, Bridgetown, motored to Centreville and Plympton, Digby Co., for the week-end, also calling on friends in Annapolis, Bear River and Digby town.

labor, but is afraid to open the question lest a general advance be demanded. So that is doubtless the problem before the railway authorities. Men who earn from \$2.50 to \$4.00 a day, and there are many in the service, feel that they have a grievance when they contrast their meagre pay with the splendid remuneration of some of their fellow-employees.—Glouce Bay Gazette.

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Mr. Carl Beals, who received his B.A. degree at Toronto University, last Spring, and has been spending the Summer in Wolfville with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Beals, left on Friday last for Quebec, where he has been appointed Science Master in the Quebec High School.—Acadian.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayhew Foster, of Bridgetown, N. S., and son and daughter, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spinney, of this town, for a week and enjoyed the Baptist Convention. Mr. Foster was a graduate of Acadia and is now the Inspector of the schools of Annapolis and Digby counties.—Acadian.

Mr. Addy Nichols and Mrs. Nichols left on an extensive trip through the United States and Canada. They will go to Boston and thence to New York, Buffalo, Chicago, San Francisco and other points in California, to Seattle, from thence they will enter Canada at Vancouver and visit all the principal cities and resorts along the C.P.R. to Montreal. It will be a sight seeing trip worth taking.—Advertiser.

Recent guests at the home of A. C. Chute, Clarence, were Miss Pearl Chute and Mr. James Cameron, of Halifax; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O'Neill, of Melvern Square; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitman and son Myrie, of Berwick; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Newman Daniels, West Paradise.

Mr. Borden Miller, till recently teller in the Bank of Nova Scotia, at Digby, has resumed his position and leaves for Roxbury, Mass., this week. Mr. Miller has occupied the position of Bank teller for some years, and was a very capable member of the Digby staff.

Maurice Armstrong, son of Dr. M. E. Armstrong, has been ill at home for some days and returned from Labrador where during the Summer months he has been Assistant (Bird Officer and Assistant Game Officer under the Federal Government. The symptoms indicate typhoid. His many friends trust that this talented young man will shortly be restored to health.

Mrs. G. S. Hawkins and Mrs. Harry Lister, who have been the guests of their sister, Mrs. A. W. Daniels for the past month left for St. John on Thursday where Mr. Lister will join them, they then proceed to their home in Ottawa. Mrs. Lister returns in a few weeks to St. John as Mr. Lister is the Dominion Field Secty. of the Boy Scouts and will spend a year in New Brunswick.

Captain J. E. Conrad, well known throughout the Province as a most successful fishing captain and master of the Canada, one of the runners-up in the Fishing Schooner Championship races, a couple of years ago, has disposed of his property at Central Clarence to G. I. Salter. The captain leaves for Florida in about a month's time and will incidentally look into some orange grove propositions while spending a few months in that State.

Mr. E. C. Shaffner, Manager of Shaffner's, Limited, Lawrencetown, accompanied by Mrs. Shaffner and Master Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bath, Upper Grandville; Councillor and Mrs. Fred W. Bishop, Paradise; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dodge, Middleton, have just returned from an enjoyable trip along the South Shore from Liverpool to Halifax, returning thru the Annapolis Valley. The party went in Mr. Bath's and Mr. Shaffner's car and were greatly delighted with the scenic attractions of the trip and the neat and trim appearance and up to date air of all the towns and villages through which they passed.

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