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MUCH BOAST, BUT LITTLE PERFORMANCE.

The Department of Labor has sent out a statement claiming to have been the means of settling a great number of labor disputes and of preventing the loss of "many millions" by securing "industrial peace." As a self-advertising medium the Department of Labor is a magnificent success. Mr. Lemieux never misses an opportunity to print a puff of himself "next to pure reading matter" after the manner of patent medicine advertisers. Mr. Mackenzie King is good at any time for a column or two of copy about what he has done, or is doing, or is about to do. The deputy minister and the secretary know what is expected of them, and both are efficient reporters. Then there is the Labour Gazette, a monthly journal published by the Department, and devoted to the task of proving that whether taken internally or applied externally, the Lemieux and Mackenzie King remedies are an unfailing panacea for all industrial maladies.

Several times before this the Department has claimed in its press notices that the Conciliation Act and the Industrial Disputes Act had practically abolished strikes. Yet the cool fact is that the year the Act became law the number of strikes and the amount of time lost, were larger than in the previous year or the year before that. In the year following there was a further increase. This year shows no sign of improvement, but may be worse than either of the other two.

The advertising branch of the Labor Department goes about its work in this way. It gives the number of references under the Act and the number of cases where no strike followed. Then it claims credit for preventing all the strikes that did not happen. This overlooks the fact that a great many strikes did not happen before the Lemieux Act was passed. Differences of opinion have always been arising and only a small percentage ever ended in a strike. Let us suppose that no Lemieux Act existed, and that whenever a dispute arose Mr. Lemieux, Mr. Mackenzie King, and Mr. Acland had climbed the tower of the Parliament building and each waved a Japanese umbrella. They would have been able today to show by the same post hoc propter hoc method employed in their advertisements that this spectacular performance had averted twenty-five strikes a year, and saved many millions.

One of the achievements of the Department for last year was the settlement of the dispute between the Intercolonial clerks and the Department of Railways. Perhaps the clerks do not see that it is settled, but that is nothing. It is not a fact that a board was appointed, and that it reported, and that there has been no strike? These are all the necessary elements for a top of column advertisement for the Department of Labor has averted the strike and saved some thousands.

But this is what happened. Early last summer and many times before, the Intercolonial clerks of St. John and Halifax represented that they were unfairly treated in the matter of salary and in other respects. In September, as the elections were approaching, the matter was brought to a head. The Government agreed to the appointment of a committee under the Conciliation Act. This committee was formed September 8, met at Halifax September 16, where the demands of the clerks were presented and the railway management was heard. On the 28th another meeting was held at Ottawa when Mr. Butler and the Deputy Minister set forth their views. After consideration the committee unanimously submitted the following resolutions:—

"The Committee after its investigation, is of opinion that, in the matter of wages, the SYSTEM THAT OBTAINS of appointing from time to time new men at higher pay over the heads of men long in the service and probably more capable of doing the work, IS INJURIOUS TO THE SERVICE AND UNJUST TO THE MEN. The remedy for this lies in re-organization, and the abolition of the EXISTING SYSTEM OF APPOINTMENT INFLUENCED BY POLITICAL PATRONAGE, which from the point of efficient working we find AMPLE EVIDENCE TO CONDEMN as applied to the Intercolonial Railway."

"The present staff is GREATER THAN IS NECESSARY, and this is another element which discourages individual increases. If the aggregate amount paid now in salaries were divided among a staff EQUAL SIMPLY TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SERVICE, THE MEN REMAINING COULD BE BETTER PAID THAN THEY ARE NOW."

"The re-arrangement of salaries COULD THEN BE MADE on the basis of the value of the position and the work done, having regard of course to what is paid for similar work elsewhere, and the local cost of living as compared with such comparative centers."

"At the present time the wages paid to those now presenting claims before us are NOT OWING TO ABOVE REASONS what a fair consideration would justify. Under the re-organization hereby strongly recommended, it is more than probable that the adoption of increase of FROM 15 TO 20 PER CENT. would not mean an appreciable addition to the operating expenses of the Intercolonial Railway, and would produce a more equitable schedule of compensation for the staff retained."

"We summarize our further recommendations as follows:—

"1. Re-organization in order to adjust the number of employees to the actual requirements of the service."

"2. An increase as above suggested to the re-organized staff."

"(Signed) D. McMillan, Chairman of Committee."

John G. O'Donoghue, Appointee of Clerks' Union, Henry Holgate, Appointee of Intercolonial Railway."

This recommendation was sent at once to the Department of Labor, and on the 6th of October the Deputy Minister sent it to the Department of Railways asking whether the findings were acceptable and would be taken as a basis of settlement. On the 10th of October, a fortnight before the election, Mr. Butler, Deputy Minister of Railways, replied that "the Department is ready to accept the finding of the Committee of Conciliation, mediation and investigation."

That was more than six months ago, and nothing has happened since. Dr. Daniel, and Mr. Crosby have repeatedly brought up the matter in the House, and have obtained no further information than that "action has been taken toward securing information."

But this is one of the cases that the Labor Department claims to have triumphantly settled!

THE INCUMBENT SHOULD BE TRUSTWORTHY.

The Charlottetown Guardian, an independent journal, whose editor is Mr. John E. B. McCready, former editor of the St. John Telegraph, offers these impartial observations on Mr. Pugsley and the Central Railway Inquiry.

"Hon. William Pugsley was called in August 1907 to succeed Mr. Emmerson in the Cabinet. At the last election he was vigorously assailed in connection with the Mayes-McAvity charges. There are differences of opinion as to the sufficiency of his vindication as to that matter, and now a Royal Commission has reported him along with Lieutenant Governor Tweedie and others as open to grave censure in connection with the Central Railway affair."

"Mr. Pugsley has been gravely asked in Ottawa whether he intends to resign. His reply is that he does not see why he should resign, and he has made his defence in Parliament against the indictment of the Commission. Still the case is grave, and his best friends must wish that neither the Mayes incident nor the Central Railway charges had arisen. The St. John Globe, an old and ably conducted Liberal journal, though never very warmly attached to Mr. Pugsley, treats the Commission's report as one of the utmost gravity."

"The Globe declares that the Commissioners are 'men of character.' It adds, that 'when the people are told, practically, that one hundred and thirty-four thousand dollars of their money was 'switched' from its legitimate course it is time for them to give rein to their desires for honesty.' Mr. Pugsley's newspaper organs in St. John, print his defence, but they do not print the Commission's report—a very notable omission in newspapers which give the news on all other topics with great fulness and accuracy. It is quite obvious that the end has not been reached in this very regrettable affair. Mr. Pugsley's great ability and captivating personality are admitted on all hands, but among the highest qualifications for public office is that the incumbent shall be trustworthy."

A NOVA SCOTIAN ADMIRAL.

"Wherever there is trouble an enterprising keen-witted American is generally found in the thick of it. Of this truth the Turkish crisis offers the latest illustration. It is said that the Sultan depends upon a former 'Philadelphia' to save his life. His hopes are pinned upon Admiral Ransford D. Buckman, who now commands the Imperial navy, has charge of naval construction and of the Imperial yacht, and is the naval adviser and aide-de-camp of Abdul Hamid II. Twice, it is said, 'he has saved the life of the Sultan, and he is prepared to fight for it again if necessary. This is interesting, but 'the American people will not be unduly puffed up by the 'news that the chief protector of this old reprobate of Turkey is an American.'—Portland Argus."

"The enterprising, keen-witted American" in this case is a Nova Scotian. Admiral Buckman went to sea at the age of fourteen and was a good sailor before the United States claimed him.

Buckman Pasha is still under forty. He was captain of a Standard Oil steamer at twenty-one, an officer of the Cramp Company at twenty-two. That company built a warship for the Sultan, and Buckman sailed her to Turkey. "Abdul the Damned" has never let him go.

PERMANENT SHERIFFS.

The Sun has reached the conclusion that "sheriffs should be permanent" and thus free from the political bias that comes of annual and partisan appointments. It is odd that this did not occur to the Sun while it was supporting Mr. Pugsley and his colleagues. The late ministers found the office of sheriff permanent and they made it a political appointment. They replaced the previous officers with supporters of their own. Now they want these partisan appointees to remain and oppose annual appointments. The same thing was done by the Fielding Government in Nova Scotia, with the full approval of the present proprietor of the Sun. The Sun's objection is not to annual appointments but to the appointment of sheriffs who are not of Mr. Pugsley's following. We rather suspect that if the position of sheriff was made permanent by the present legislature, it would not long remain so if the friends of the Sun should obtain power.

The labor struggle in Glace Bay and other Dominion Coal Company centres is not altogether a conflict between capital and organized labor. There are two labor organizations in the district, one Canadian only and one international. The Provincial Workmen's Association has no grievance, but the other organization complains that the company discriminates against its membership and in favor of the local body. This charge is partly denied and partly confessed. The company says that when the demand for coal fell off it closed down works and discharged men without distinction of organization, but that when the mines were reopened, preference was given to the P. W. A. men in offering employment where there was not room for all. This statement of the case is sustained by the majority of the board appointed to report on the case.

On Tuesday last two members of the International Executive, one from Indianapolis and one from Westville, took up the case. Mr. Bonfield, who comes from Indiana, showed the Glace Bay Gazette cheques for \$20,000 which would, he said, be used by the delegates at their discretion.

Today the Church of England in Canada will elect a Metropolitan and a Primate. It appears to be settled that Bishop Hamilton of Ottawa will succeed the late Archbishop of Toronto as Metropolitan and that the Bishop of Rupert's land will be chosen Primate. Another appointment to be made is that of missionary bishop of the Canadian Synod in China.

The Sun says that the present system of annual appointments to the position of sheriff compels a man to be a partisan in order to hold office. Which means that the Opposition to the Blair, Mitchell, Emmerson, Tweedie, Pugsley and Robinson administrations has had to struggle against partisan sheriffs in at least six general elections.

The Standard is rebuked by one of the contractors' organs for suggesting that "they who take the sword shall perish by the sword." It is regretted that the language and the doctrine do not commend themselves to our contemporary, but the authority is really much higher than the critic supposes.

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REACHES HUNTING GROUNDS

Kapiti Plains, British East Africa, April 23.—Theodore Roosevelt has reached the hunting grounds and tonight he will spend his first night in Africa under canvas. A big camp has been established near the railroad station here for the Roosevelt expedition, and last night lions were prowling about in the vicinity of the tents. The country is green, owing to the recent rains, and there is every prospect of good sport. The commoner varieties of game are plentiful and the hunters will lose no time in getting started on their shooting trips.

The special train bearing the Roosevelt party from Mombasa reached here at half past one o'clock this afternoon. Only the members of the party got off at Kapiti Plains, F. L. Jackson, the acting governor of the protectorate, and the other officials who came up from Mombasa continuing on to Nairobi.

THE VALLEY MOVEMENTS.

Annapolis Royal, N. S., April 24.—Reagh Burns, who has been teller in this agency of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has been transferred to the Digby branch, leaving here on Friday. Mr. Burns has made many friends in Annapolis who will regret his removal.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayman, of Stellarton, were in town on Monday on their wedding trip. Mr. Hayman's many friends were glad to see him after so long an absence from Annapolis.

Mrs. Arthur Whitman and family of Halifax, have been the guests of Sheriff and Mrs. Gates.

Miss Margaret L. Wood, of Boston, is spending a few days in town.

Miss Chipman, of Clementsport, is the guest of Mrs. Carmen O'Dell.

Mrs. Charles Sweeney and child of Yarmouth are the guests of her mother, Mrs. Perkins.

H. B. Atlee, arrived home from Halifax on Saturday and will remain for the summer.

RESULT WAS THE SAME.

Annapolis Royal, April 23.—The by-election in polling district No. 11 in Annapolis County caused by the unseating of Councillor Pigott last January by Judge Pelton, was held on Friday when the same candidates again tried their strength with exactly the same result as that of the election in November at which Mr. Pigott had a majority of one. He was unseated by causing the presiding officer to open the ballot box while the election was in progress and today Mr. Pigott got 113 votes and Morse 112, but one of Morse's had the name of the voter written on the back, so that the majority is really two. Great interest was taken in the election and never before was such a large vote polled in the district.

BURIED AT PARRSBORO.

Parrsboro, N. S., April 23.—The remains of Mrs. Walter B. Fullerton arrived here from Edmonton on Tuesday evening, and were taken to the home of her parents. The funeral was held at the home yesterday afternoon, but was postponed on account of the heavy rain, until today.

The funeral of Mrs. Rufus W. Smith, who died last Tuesday after a brief illness, took place yesterday morning and was largely attended, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather.

CAUSED TWO DEATHS.

London, Ont., April 23.—Mrs. Jarmain and her infant child are both dead at their home near Delaware, as a result of an unknown tramp chasing Mrs. Jarmain at her home recently. The woman suffered greatly from shock and sank rapidly.

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On Ticket-of-Leave.

Amos Tower, who was serving a six months sentence in jail here for breaching the cargo belong to the C. E. Son, was let out yesterday on a ticket-of-leave.

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Dated this thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1909.

ARTHUR W. SHARP, Chairman.

URIAH DEAKE,

TIMOTHY T. LANTALUM,

HARTLEY C. VANWART,

JOHN ROSS.

Assessors of Taxes.

Extracts from "The St. John City Assessment Law of 1899."

"Sec. 112. The Assessors shall ascertain, as nearly as possible, the particulars of the Real Estate, the Personal Estate, and the Income of any person who has not brought in a statement in accordance with their notice, and shall make an estimate thereof, as the true value and amount, to the best of their information and belief; and such estimate shall be conclusive upon all persons who have not filed their statements in due time, unless they can show a reasonable excuse for the omission."

"Sec. 123. No person shall have an abatement unless he has filed with the Assessors the statement, under oath, within the time hereinbefore required; nor shall any person Council in any such case, sustain an appeal from the judgment of the Assessors, unless they shall be satisfied that there was good cause why the statement was not filed in due time as herein provided."

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The said business will in the future be conducted by William G. Estabrook, under the name of John F. Estabrook & Son, to whom all bills are payable.

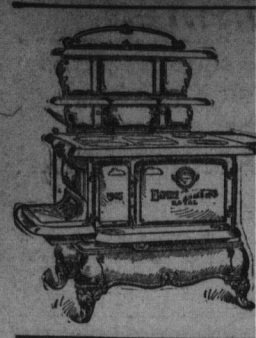
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