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2. The Canadian Labor Press supports the policy of the present Dominion Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.
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4. The Canadian Labor Press advocates fair play to employer and employee.
5. The Canadian Labor Press stands for the betterment of Trade Union conditions in Canada and the welfare of our country at large.
6. The Canadian Labor Press is independent in politics and free from any political influences.

## The Hydro Contract

AFTER considerable discussion, the Toronto City Council, at its last meeting, passed a resolution asking the Toronto Hydro Electric Commission to have 1,200 transformers required for the Toronto system made in Toronto. The facts are apparently that tenders were invited and three Toronto firms, together with one in Hamilton, bid for the work.

After deliberation, the Toronto commissioners decided to divide the manufacture proportionately amongst several concerns. At the meeting of the City Council referred to, pressure was brought forward to have all the transformers made in Toronto, and as a result the resolution mentioned above was passed.

"The Canadian Labor Press" has often affirmed that wherever possible Canadian institutions should purchase their supplies in Canada, and in view of the fact that the Hamilton firm tendered a lower bid we feel that it would be a rank injustice to deprive them of a share in the work. Their products are made in Canada and give employment to Canadian workers just as much as goods made in Toronto, and industry ought to be allowed free competitive play within the confines of Canada, otherwise we shall come to the position that each industrial centre should be a closed, self-contained organism having no trade or barter with any place outside its own environs—a position which to say the least of it in this modern era is absurd. There is another aspect to be considered also and that is the wisdom of the Council in placing the Hydro Commissioners in an embarrassing position of having to decide whether to remain firm to good, sound business principles or acceding to the Council's request when they will instantly be accused by the enemies of public ownership of having yielded to civic pressure.

"The Canadian Labor Press" believes that if the City Council sizes the importance of the points we have urged, it will not ask the Toronto commissioners to take a step that all who prize ethical standards in business will feel is a retrograde one.

The administration of Toronto's vast investment in electrical power is in the hands of three capable business men, two of whom, Messrs. Ellis and Wright, have given long years of splendid service to the citizens, and the third member, his Worship, Mayor Hiltz, has shown by his actions in public life that he is desirous of placing the welfare of the citizens as his chief aim and the city's representatives ought to let these gentlemen continue the excellent record of efficient management that has been established by the Toronto Hydro for many years.

## The Press and Finance

THE conviction of Aemelius Jarvis for conspiracy seems to be the signal for an outburst against the financial institutions of Canada, if we gauge correctly the attitude of a certain attitude of a certain section of the Ontario press.

Against this attitude of wholesale condemnation of Canadian finance without any reason or evidence, "The Canadian Labor Press" thinks it proper to protest.

The great majority of Canadian financial institutions have been established and are carried on by men of upright probity and honor.

Even in the case of Jarvis, despite his conviction, it is almost inconceivable that evil intent was the ruling motive in the unfortunate transaction in which he became involved.

Here we have a man endowed with plenty of this world's goods, internationally known as a good sportsman, active in patriotic work during the war, by birth a member of a family distinguished in Canadian history and it seems logical and charitable to believe that his mistake was an error in judgement, rather than an infraction of moral standards. But even if it were true that he willfully erred morally, that is no reason why our whole financial system should be accused, and our credit structure shaken by unjust attacks on men devoting their lives to build up a sound monetary basis for Canadian industry. Labor must realize how important and delicate our financial system is. It is the life-blood of industry, it is the heart and arteries of our manufacturing organism. If it is weakened by unjust and untrue attacks, the effect is similar to what takes place in the human body when the heart is attacked by illness. A serious blow is dealt to industry, to employment, to Labor which necessitates a long and painful recovery. Hence a strong and sound basis is of extreme importance to Labor and Labor realizes that abuse of men directing large institutions does not help to increase the prosperity of Canada, but on the contrary, will tend to react to the injury of the working class.

## The Chinese Problem

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pelled to by the provisions of minimum wage legislation. The Chinese laundry is not compelled to obey minimum wage laws as Canadian laundries do for in general they do not employ women or girls but young Chinese males instead.

Labor in Canada must do as Labor in Australia has done and press for legislation to be enacted that will stop the influx of Chinese in Canada. Australia has protected her workers against Oriental competition and there is no reason except the apathy of our lawmakers why Canadian workers cannot be protected also. In addition to his own special interest in this question, the worker has an interest as a citizen in a matter so profoundly affecting the community's welfare, and the community is now reaping the fruits of a large Chinese immigration.

Police court records show that a large portion of the unlawful drug traffic has its origin in the Chinese sections of our cities whilst it is an everyday occurrence for Chinese to be convicted of gambling or running gambling joints. Gambling and drugs, two vices that

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ruin annually thousands of Canadian men and women, and venture to say that exclusion of Orientals from Canada would be the means of preventing or saving a large number of men and women from becoming addicted to these practices.

The community health and morals must be safeguarded as far as it is humanely possible to do so and these demand the exclusion of Chinese from Canada. In discussing the question with one of the best authorities on social diseases in Canada, he expressed the opinion that there was a large amount of sexual disease amongst the Chinese, but it was very difficult to get proper data, due to the fact that they as a rule treated themselves, of course, with all the risks attendant upon such procedure. If this be the case, then one of the risks is to the community health, in the handling of food or clothes by them.

There seems very little doubt that the large proportion of Chinese males to females in Canada may create conditions that will tend to swell the volume of social disease and the community can neither afford permission for less restrictions regarding females or ignore the menace that may arise from further Chinese immigration.

There are several things that can be done that will help remedy the situation. First, Labor must promote legislation to prohibit further immigration so that the worker's standard of living is protected; second, the civic authorities can enforce in Chinese laundries and restaurants, as high sanitary and hygienic standards as the non-Chinese laundries and restaurants are compelled to accept, and finally, each one of us can do as the Chinese in general do—patronize swindle to negligible proportions!

our own Canadian people and if we do that the Chinese problem will

## The Plebiscite Result

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was self-determination, and properly applied where it would result in harmony among conflicting interests, this is a sound principle.

"The Canadian Labor Press" feels that this principle should be applied to the existing situation and we suggest that legislation be enacted allowing all cities, who voted against the O.T.A., to take a municipal referendum and if the civic electors decided against the O.T.A. then stores under Government control should be established in these centres. In this way the direct responsibility would be placed on the urban electors, and the Government would be relieved of a difficult situation.

Under such legislation all dry areas should be kept thoroughly under a rigorous enforcement of the O.T.A. By this means a square deal would be given to both city and country and antagonism between both would die away as quickly as it is growing now, because of resentment against the O.T.A.

## Employment Is What Is Needed

At a recent meeting in Toronto by Social Welfare workers and others interested in looking after the needy and unemployed, it was pointed out that over 7,000 people would have to be taken care of during the winter months on account of unemployment. Two ministers made a protest against steps being taken to bring in new immigrants when at the present time there was not enough work for those now here. Their's is a pertinent objection. It seems futile to try and bring prosperity by adding to our list of unemployed. What the country needs is work. It's all right to say: "Put them on the farms," but everybody knows that the farmers' lot is no better than the city man's just now. Growing only for his own use is not sufficient. He must harvest enough to sell to secure the necessary clothing and machinery that he must buy. His natural market is in the city. The city man can't buy unless he has work. If we have more farmers we must have more and larger markets. The United States has seen to it that Canadian farmers and industries will not use their country as a market place by building a preventive tariff wall. Europe has little money with which to buy. Canadian farmers must depend mostly upon a Canadian market. To buy, one must have money. To have money, one must work. And that's the root of the whole matter—for farmer, manufacturer and labor—unemployment. Immigrants won't create work for others unless they can find work for themselves. A recent newspaper article claims that a \$2,000,000 glass plant in Hamilton had to close its doors because Belgian glass manufacturers were allowed to compete with them by the method of taking advantage of the exchange rate and greatly underselling the Canadian firm. As soon as the Canadian firm was put out of business by this kind of competition and lack of Canadian government protection, the Belgians immediately doubled the price of their

product. Fine work—for the Belgians! But what a peculiar way for a government to provide work for its people—allowing a plant hiring many men to be put out of existence by foreign competition. Dominion, provincial and municipal governments have one way—and one only—of putting Canada on its feet, and that is to do all in their power to find employment for its people. Theories and pipe dreams sound all right when poured from orators in flowery speech, but they won't fill an

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empty stomach. Lots of work for everybody will solve our present problem will solve our present problems, and that is the goal we all should strive for. Any act that puts a man out of work should be investigated. A working people are a happy and contented people. The unemployment problem must be solved.

## Painters Object to City Competitors

Want Tenders Called For on Painting  
Fire Hydrants

Victoria, B. C.—Objections were voiced by the local council of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Painters in a letter read at the City Council meeting to city workmen being employed painting fire hydrants. It took the city workmen away from competition with painters, many of their other duties and put them in whom were out of work, said the letter. The Painters' Brotherhood suggested that tenders be called for when the hydrants needed painting.

On Alderman Andros' motion the letter was received and filed. Alderman Woodward moved that in future tenders be called for paintings the fire hydrants, but found no seconder.

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