

# The March of Progress

## CANADA RAPIDLY FALLING TO THE REAR.

Mr. Albert Thomas, the Director-General of the International Labor Organization at Geneva, has furnished the following official information in which the action is set forth of the various nations, members of the League of Nations, in regard to the draft conventions adopted at Washington conference of the International Labor Organization, held in 1919.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, the Prime Minister of Canada, at the Windsor Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, stated that Canada should keep abreast and a little ahead of other industrial nations in the enactment of advanced social and labor legislation. Canada, according to following official reports, is rapidly falling to the rear in the march of progress.

The action of the various nations is as follows:

**Limiting the hours of work in industrial undertakings to eight in the day and forty-eight in the week:**

Argentina—Approved by executive 8th September, 1920.

Austria—Minister of Social Administration proposed. Ratification effected on 27th January, 1921.

Belgium—Bill passed Chamber, amended by Senate, Chamber passed second time, now in Senate.

Chile—Bill had been prepared before Washington. Matter under consideration.

Czechoslovakia—Ratification expected this month.

Denmark—Ratification proposed by Government to Parliament 21st January, 1921; bill to give effect to convention prepared.

France—Bill introduced 29th April, 1920.

Germany—Federal Economic Council voted in favor of ratification 5th February, 1921.

Great Britain—Bill of August 19, 1919, revised to meet the convention and submitted to National Industrial Council (of Employers and Workers).

Greece—Ratified.

India—Factory Acts to be amended on basis of convention during this session. (Press report.)

Italy—Bill for ratification introduced 24th July, 1920. Bill regulating hours in industry, commerce and agriculture introduced 6th February, 1921.

Japan—Department of Commerce and Agriculture has prepared a revision of Factory Acts reducing hours of labor. (Press report.)

Luxemburg—Ratifying bill before Parliament.

Norway—Convention submitted to Parliament, 24th January, 1921.

Serb, Croat and Slovene Kingdom—Ratifying bill to be submitted when Parliament meets.

Spain—Ratifying bill to be submitted immediately; bill will empower Minister of Labor to adapt Spanish legislation to convention.

South Africa—Government accepts convention in principle; legislation will be introduced when Parliament meets.

Sweden—Riksdag requests Government to modify existing eight-hour law in conformity with convention.

Switzerland—Message of Federal Council to Federal Assembly of 10th December, 1919: (1) Not to adhere to convention at present; (2) Bill regulating hours shortly to be introduced.

Switzerland—already has eight-hour day on railways.

Venezuela—Executive authorized to prepare bill to be submitted to next meeting of Congress (April, 1921).

**II. Unemployment.**

Argentina—Executive approved, 8th September, 1920.

Austria—Ministry of Social Administration proposed ratification to Parliament, 27th January, 1921.

Czechoslovakia—Bill introduced recently.

Denmark—Ratifying bill introduced 21st January, 1921.

Finland—Bill adopting introduced January, 1921.

France—Bill authorizing ratification submitted to Chamber.

Germany—Bill prepared and submitted to Council of Ministers to Reichsrat.

Great Britain—Ratification expected shortly.

Greece—Ratified.

Italy—Ratifying bill introduced 24th July, 1920. Permanent Labor Committee asked Government to ratify 31st January, 1921.

Japan—Bill being prepared.

Luxemburg—No difficulties expected.

Poland—Bill submitted 14th December, 1920.

Norway—Submitted to Storting, 24th January, 1921.

Rumania—Ratifying bill introduced 25th January, 1921.

Serb, Croat and Slovene Kingdom—Bill to ratify will be submitted to Parliament as soon as it meets.

Sweden—Measures taken to apply provisions of Act of 1919.

Switzerland—Federal Council proposed to Assembly to ratify 10th December, 1920.

Venezuela—Executive authorized by Congress to prepare a bill to be submitted to next meeting of Congress April, 1921.

**III.—Employment of Women Before and After Childbirth.**

Argentina—Approved by Executive, 8th September, 1920.

Austria—Submitted to National Council, 27th January, 1921. (Press report.)

Czechoslovakia—Bill extending benefits to mothers in accordance with terms of Convention has passed Parliament.

Denmark—Ratifying bill introduced 21st January, 1921. Bill to carry Convention into effect prepared.

France—Ratifying bill adopted by Chamber of Deputies, 26th December, 1920.

Germany—Federal Economic Council approves ratification if other important countries ratify. Government proposed to wait until revision of insurance laws (now in progress) is completed. (Press report.)

Greece—Ratified.

Italy—Ratifying bill introduced 24th July, 1920. Permanent Labor Committee asked Government to ratify 31st January, 1921.

Japan—Bill in preparation. Census of women workers being taken.

Luxemburg—Government announced 4th February, 1921, that it was prepared to adhere.

Norway—Submitted to Storting, 24th January, 1921.

Rumania—Ratifying bill introduced 25th January, 1921.

Serb, Croat and Slovene Kingdom—Bill to ratify will be submitted to Parliament as soon as it meets.

Switzerland—Federal Council proposed to Assembly to adhere until question further studied.

Venezuela—Executive authorized to prepare bill to be submitted at next meeting of Congress (April, 1921).

**IV. Employment of Women During the Night.**

Austria—Ministry of Social Administration recommends adoption to Parliament on 27th January, 1921.

Belgium—Bill with in eight-

hour law now before Senate for second time.

Chile—Bill prepared before Washington Conference for introduction of women under consideration.

Czechoslovakia—Adopted by Chamber of Deputies 23rd January, 1921. Ratification expected this month.

Denmark—Ratifying Bill introduced 21st January, 1921.

France—Ratifying Bill introduced 29th April, 1921.

Germany—Submitted to Reichsrat.

Great Britain—Bill giving effect has become law (Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act 1920).

Greece—Ratified.

Italy—Ratifying Bill introduced 24th July, 1920. Permanent Labor Committee asked Government to ratify 31st January, 1921.

Japan—Bill being prepared.

Luxemburg—Already applied by existing legislation.

Norway—Submitted to Storting 24th January, 1921.

Poland—Adhered January, 1921, to Berne Convention of 1906, relative to night work of women.

Rumania—Ratifying Bill introduced 25th January, 1921.

Serb, Croat and Slovene Kingdom—Bill to be submitted as soon as it meets.

Switzerland—Federal Council proposed to Federal Assembly to adhere.

Venezuela—Executive authorized to prepare Bill to be submitted at next meeting of Congress (April, 1921).

**V. Minimum Age for Admission of Children to Industrial Employment.**

Argentina—Approved by executive 8th September, 1920.

Austria—Ministry of Social Administration recommends postponement of adoption till financial situation improves.

Belgium—Bill (eight hours) containing clause giving effect to this convention has passed Chamber twice and is now in Senate.

Chile—A bill prepared before Washington Conference forbade employment of children under 12, this being reconsidered.

Czechoslovakia—Under Convention adopted by Chamber of Deputies 23rd January, 1921. Ratification expected this month.

Denmark—Ratifying bill introduced 21st January, 1921.

France—Bill introduced 29th April, 1920.

Germany—Submitted to Reichsrat; bill introduced 15th January, 1921.

Great Britain—Bill giving effect passed into law (Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act, 1920).

Greece—Ratified.

India—Measures being considered which will raise age limit. (Press report.)

Italy—Ratifying bill introduced 24th July, 1920, delay owing to difficulties arising from the inadequacy of the educational system. Permanent Labor Committee asks for immediate ratification.

Japan—Bill being prepared.

Luxemburg—Government proposes to ratify.

Norway—Submitted to Storting, 24th January, 1921.

Rumania—Ratifying bill introduced 25th January, 1921.

Serb, Croat and Slovene Kingdom—Bill to ratify will be submitted to Parliament as soon as it meets.

Switzerland—Federal Council proposed to Federal Assembly that convention be adopted. Bill introduced.

Venezuela—Executive authorized to prepare bill to be submitted to next meeting of Congress.

**VI. Night Work of Young Persons Employed in Industry.**

Argentina—Executive approved convention 8th September, 1920.

Austria—Ministry of Social Administration recommends National Assembly to ratify.

Belgium—Classes in eight-hour Bill gives effect to this convention. Bill passed under Chamber of Deputies twice, now in Senate.

Chile—Bill drafted before Washington Conference prohibits night work for persons under 18 and for persons under 18 in dangerous or unhealthy trades. Under consideration.

Czechoslovakia—Submitted to National Assembly.

Denmark—Ratifying Bill introduced 21st January, 1921.

France—Ratifying Bill introduced 29th April, 1920.

Germany—Federal Economic Council reported in favor of ratification 7th February, 1921. (Press Report.)

Great Britain—Bill giving effect to the Convention has become law (Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act, 1920).

Greece—Ratified.

Italy—Ratifying Bill introduced 24th July, 1920. Permanent Labor Committee asked Government to ratify immediately, 31st January, 1921.

Japan—Bill being prepared.

Luxemburg—Night work forbidden under 18. Government will take account of Convention during recasting of legislation re women and children now going on.

Norway—Submitted to Storting, 24th January, 1921.

Rumania—Ratifying Bill introduced 25th January, 1921.

Serb, Croat and Slovene Kingdom—Bill to ratify will be submitted to Parliament as soon as it meets.

Switzerland—Federal Council proposed to Federal Assembly to adhere to this Convention.

Venezuela—Executive authorized to prepare Bill to be submitted to next meeting of Congress.

**VII. Recommendation Concerning Unemployment.**

Argentina—Executive approved 8th September, 1920.

Austria—Already applied in existing legislation.

Denmark—Part already applied. Bill concerning private employment agencies in process.

Finland—Government prepared to adopt.

France—Measures already applied by existing legislation. Certain minor changes will be made at an early date.

Germany—Submitted to Reichsrat.

Japan—Bill being prepared.

Luxemburg—Part already applied. New bill projected.

Norway—Submitted to Storting 24th January, 1921.

Rumania—Bill adopting introduced 25th January, 1921.

Serb, Croat and Slovene Kingdom—To be submitted to Parliament as soon as it meets.

Switzerland—Recommendation to be noted in bills on unemployment, insurance and employment exchange to be presented to National Assembly later.

Venezuela—Executive authorized to prepare bill to be submitted at next meeting of Congress (April, 1921).

**VIII.—Reciprocity of Treatment of Foreign Workers.**

Argentina—Executive approved September 8, 1920.

Austria—Already applied by existing legislation.

**IX. Prevention of Anthrax.**

Argentina—Executive approved 8th September, 1920.

Austria—No interest.

Czechoslovakia—Measures being drafted.

Denmark—Council of Hygiene is reporting on it.

Finland—Government instructed Ministry of Social Affairs to take necessary measures.

France—French legislation already conforms.

Germany—Submitted to Reichsrat.

Japan—Bill in preparation.

Luxemburg—No interest.

Norway—Submitted to Storting 24th January, 1921.

Rumania—Bill adopting introduced 25th January, 1921.

Serb, Croat and Slovene Kingdom—To be submitted to Parliament as soon as it meets.

Switzerland—No interest.

Venezuela—Executive authorized to prepare Bill to be submitted at next meeting of Congress (April, 1921).

**X. Protection of Women and Children Against Lead Poisoning.**

Argentina—Executive approved 8th September, 1920.

Austria—For most part already provided for by existing legislation; further orders now being drafted.

Czechoslovakia—Measures being drafted.

Denmark—A new order under the Factory Act necessary.

France—Measures being drafted.

Germany—Submitted to Reichsrat.

Great Britain—Bill passed (Women and Young Persons' Employment in Lead Processes Act, 1920).

Japan—Bill being prepared.

Luxemburg—No interest, no lead industries.

Norway—Submitted to Storting 24th January, 1920.

Serb, Croat and Slovene Kingdom—To be submitted to Parliament as soon as it meets.

Switzerland—Federal Council proposed adoption to Federal Assembly. Bill introduced.

Venezuela—Executive authorized to prepare bill to be submitted at next meeting of Congress (April, 1921).

**XI. Establishment of Government Health Services.**

Argentina—Executive approved, 8th September, 1920.

Austria—Already applied.

Denmark—New administrative order will be sufficient.

Finland—Already applied.

France—Inspection service exists; a public health service being considered.

Germany—Submitted to Reichsrat.

Czechoslovakia—Convention with France on this basis.

Denmark—Principle already adopted; agreements with other states proposed.

Finland—Government approves.

France—Conventions already established with several countries on this basis.

Germany—Submitted to Reichsrat.

Italy—Conventions with France on this basis.

Japan—Bill in preparation.

Luxemburg—Already applied.

Norway—Submitted to Storting 24th January, 1921.

Poland—Convention with France on this basis.

Rumania—Bill adopting introduced January 25, 1921.

Switzerland—Federal Council advised Federal Assembly to take no action at present.

Serb, Croat and Slovene Kingdom—To be submitted to Parliament as soon as it meets.

Venezuela—Executive authorized to prepare bill to be submitted at next meeting of Congress (April, 1921).

**XII. Application of the Berne Convention of 1906, on the Prohibition of the Use of White Phosphorus in the Manufacture of Matches.**

Argentina—Executive approved 8th September, 1920.

Austria—Already applied in existing legislation.

Czechoslovakia—Government proposed to adhere.

Finland—Already applied in existing legislation.

France—Adopted by incorporating the Berne convention in Labor Code.

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Italy—Regulations in this sense issued 23rd December, 1920.

Poland—Adhered to Berne convention January, 1921.

The following states had already adhered to the Berne convention before the Washington conference: Great Britain, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Switzerland.

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