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Go to Victoria Park Tomorrow at 3 p.m., and Help Us!

Lunn's Weekly Has Been Transferred to the Canada Labor Publishing Co., with \$20,000 Capital

The Cost of Living And the Living Wage

**LUNN'S WEEKLY ADVOCATES A MINIMUM WAGE
AS BASIS OF ALL RECOMPENSE FOR LABOR**

**The Price of Skill will Regulate Itself, Once the Lowest
Living Rate is Fixed on Firm Foundation**

The scheme of the Canadian Government Department of Labor to fix the lowest rate of pay which is to be given the various craftsmen employed on government work has, in all places where the scheme has found a place, resulted in fixing for all time on all other jobs the minimum for the class or kind of work specified.

It has not, as some labor advocates contend, kept the rate down to the lowest possible notch: but has simply fixed for the workman of average skill, of whom there are so many, the least amount he should receive per hour for his work.

Reference has merely to be made to the fact that in Truro, where bricklaying, stone-cutting, mason work, iron and metal work, carpentering, etc., is being done on government jobs, and on non-government jobs, such as the Stanfield mills enlargement and general house building, the minimum wage fixed in the Fair Wage Schedule on the government contract is far below the actual wage paid.

For instance, the rate per day for stone-cutting is \$3.50 per day, while \$4.50 is actually paid.

Some are even paid less than the latter. It is only the comparatively slow, average stone-cutter who gets \$3.50; the expert demands and gets \$4.50.

This is the basis the Cap Workers wish to have established in all the workshops in Truro.

Women, girls, boys, men, sometimes make big pay, because they are extra skilled and strain themselves often to the breaking point.

The average, steady, sober, christian home lover, doesn't make enough, can't make enough, to more than keep body and soul together.

It is a section of the latter who have struck work at the Cap factory, and have asked for a living wage.

They concede the right of the expert to demand and receive the big pay, if he is willing to sacrifice health, home family and comforts, to earn it.

They only demand for themselves a fair chance to make first a minimum which will keep want from the door, and the wherewithal to decently clothe and house themselves.

They will demand nothing more, unless their acquired skill entitles them to earn it.

Could anything be fairer?

A. C. M.

TOOK A SPIN WITH THE TOWN POLICEMEN, AH!

Rev. H. R. Grant on Tuesday night took a spin around town, accompanied by the police, and visited the suspected places.

It is said the officers, no doubt through ignorance, did not disclose the tenderloin, nor the abode of the Scotch cow.

NOTICE to CARPENTERS And Joiners.

**Painters and Paper Hangers
DECORATORS, ETC.**

The Carpenters and Joiners will meet in Congress Hall, Inglis Street, this [Saturday] evening, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of completing the organization of the local union.

The Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers will meet in the above-named hall on Wednesday evening, October 15, at 8 o'clock, also for the purpose of completing the organization of the local union.

NOTICE!

LUNN'S WEEKLY has been disposed of to the CANADA LABOR PUBLISHING COMPANY, of which C. W. Lunn is Provisional President, and will hereafter be published by the new company. C. W. LUNN will continue to be the Editor.

The undersigned gratefully acknowledges the assistance and sympathy of the public in past endeavors, and hopes the Company will receive similar and larger support in the future.

(Signed,) C. W. LUNN.
Truro, Oct. 12, 1912.

Stand by One Another And Stick by the Union

**REPORTED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT STRIKERS WILL
GET THE RAISE DEMANDED IF THEY FORE-
GO THE UNION**

**Open Shop is Said to be the Policy of Cap Company's
Manager; But Employees Will Not
Consider It**

Rumors of various kinds have been current since Thursday respecting the strike at the factory of the Eastern Hat and Cap Co., Limited.

Our advice is that the rumors of the alleged intentions of the management have no foundation, and are set afloat for the purpose of testing the sincerity of the Strikers.

Our belief is that the Company and its manager are intirely too astute to make either threats, declarations or announcements respecting their policy.

We know that the situation and the conditions are plainly recognized by the manager and his associates, and that the matter of the increase in pay, as demanded, and the liberty of the employees to organize as they see fit will be the outcome of this strike.

The result is as sure as was the outcome of the strike of the street railway employees in Boston in July last, where so many Nova Scotians are employed.

This result is as sure as the outcome of the Garment Workers strike in Montreal, when the entire Clothing Trade of Canada from Montreal to the Western Coast was unionized and the product labeled.

This result is as sure as was the outcome of the Halifax Street Railway Employees last August

The result is as sure as was the outcome of the Halifax Longshoremen's strike LAST WEEK, when all demands of the strikers were conceded by the biggest and strongest steam companies traversing the Atlantic and all other oceans from the greatest city harbors of the world to and out of Halifax, the grandest Harbour of them all.

The scarcity of female labor in Eastern Canada, and the fact that all foreign labor hitherto imported by this company belongs already to Unions and holds paid up union cards; and that other factories are endeavoring to obtain additional help at the higher pay demanded, guarantees success for the strikers here.

The price of living is too high and pay too low in the East.

"No compromise" is the motto of the Strikers, "Advance of Pay" and "Liberty of Action" are the watchwords.

W. N. G.

Strike of Cap Makers Creates a Sensation

**ONE HUNDRED EMPLOYEES OF EASTERN HAT AND
CAP CO., QUIT WORK THURSDAY**

**Asked for Raise of Pay in Piece Work and Received In-
stant Reply Company Would Not Consider It**

Several weeks ago, according to statements made by employees of the Eastern Hat and Cap Manufacturing Co., limited, of Truro, a young man asked to be transferred from time work at low pay to piece work, because the piece-workers were making more money.

After waiting some days he was given additional pay, but not enough to satisfy him.

He again asked to be transferred, and was peremptorily told to climb into his coat and quit.

Thursday morning another employee asked for additional pay, and was given the same directions.

During the day a shift was made from the work of manufacturing winter caps to summer caps.

Some discussion of rates for next summer's goods appears to have taken place some time ago, and it was learned that cap-workers in New York and other cities, including Moncton, were getting more, and sometimes twice the money per dozen for the same class of goods as manufactured here.

Request was made on behalf of the piece-workers for a small raise— $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent per cap—on one grade of caps, and four to seven cents per dozen on better grades.

The request was treated lightly.

Then a demand was made, and a time set for an answer. A reply was made immediately that no increases would be given.

Following this came a walk-out of the employees, to the number of about one hundred—mainly piece-workers.

This occurred Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

At eight o'clock the strikers assembled in Congress Hall and invited an organizer to address them on the subject of a Union.

This resulted in a resolution to form a Union of Cap-makers, under the auspices of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, and the supplies for the Union were ordered.

Meetings were held, yesterday afternoon and evening and another this afternoon, when it was resolved to hold a mass meeting in Victoria Park at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon, when prominent speakers will be present.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Music will be provided for a sacred concert, if the musicians can be procured at such short notice.

It is expected that additions to the number of strikers will follow tonight.

C. W. L.

LONDONDERRY TO LOSE ITS PIPE SHOPS.

There is a disquieting rumor at Londonderry to the effect that the pipe-works are to be removed to St. John.

We can scarcely believe it, because, previous to Sept. 21st, 1911, we were led to believe that Londonderry would have more instead of less works.

Surely, all the Tory promises as to this County are not to prove pie-crusts.

It is time for some person to wake up.

THE CITIZEN'S WELCOME

Brother "Wully" says that a genuine labor organ is welcome in the sanctum of the Citizen.

That expression of opinion is doubtless genuine.

But the disposal of Lunn's Weekly to the Canada Labor Publishing Co. doesn't dispose of Lunn.

He will continue to devote his time and talents through a newspaper all his own at an early date and will meantime have space in the Labor organ for his own pet theories and ideas.

COERCED THE WORKMAN'S WIFE

At last night's meeting of the strikers, a statement was made to the effect that a married woman, working in the capfactory, who went out with the strikers, and whose husband remained on duty, went back to work yesterday under the following circumstances:

The husband had his coat carried to him by a man in authority and thrown to him with the words, "You get to hell out of this, and don't come back here to work unless you bring your wife."

The strikers agreed to let the wife return to work, so that the husband might retain his job, there being no demand for an increase in his department.