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PLACES OF ASSEMBLY

THERE is now on the statute books of Ontario an act making provision for the establishment of community halls and athletic fields in rural districts. Provision is made that these halls shall be erected and supervised by a board of management in the municipality where advantage is taken of the act, and that they shall be available for any gathering which makes for public betterment and social enjoyment.

This act is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, which is authorized to assist in the erection of these halls up to 25 per cent. of the cost of the building, the grant not to exceed \$2,000. Plans for the building itself are also included free. Those who accept this aid must supply the land, a stipulation being that in connection with the site there must be at least three acres of land adjoining the building, that may be used for outdoor gatherings or sports. This is a proposal to aid in making rural life more attractive through the facilities for social gatherings.

That this is an advanced movement which should be taken full advantage of, can be readily appreciated, yet it would seem that an extension of such facilities could be made in channels other than strictly rural. It is a matter of general knowledge that in the smaller towns throughout the Ontario province, this applying in a large measure to other provinces, that there is a difficulty even in evidence in securing suitable accommodation for meetings. Perhaps this applies more particularly to gatherings in the interest of organized labor. It is as a matter of fact such an acute situation that in many instances for the want of a hall meetings have had to be abandoned.

It may be acknowledged that in the small towns under this disadvantage that fraternal organizations see to provision being made for their assemblies, owing to their long existence. The labor movement is at the present time taking root—in the infant stage—in these half-less towns and if such a measure as the establishment of halls was proffered it would appear that full advantage would be taken of same.

Assistance in the erection of community halls was a desirable move, the extension to those outside the rural areas would seem to be in the direction whereby a larger number may take advantage to fill a necessities want. Community halls are good for the country and what is good for the country is good for the town in this respect.

INCREASED OUTPUT FROM SHORTER HOURS.

DESPITE the continued authentic showings that the reduction of working hours from nine or ten per day to the eight-hour does not mean decreased production, the unbeliever peddles the statement that this is an impossibility. It seems to be a case of convincing a man against his will. Labor is not so much concerned on this count as with the principle involved, namely, that the eight-hour day is all sufficient for the expending of the worker's labor, from the economical as well as the physical point of view, and no opposition thereto is enabled to adduce facts to the contrary.

When it is acknowledged that the majority of the organized workers are employed on the eight-hour system or less, the practical illustration of the prosperity therefrom is tangible evidence of the stability of the shorter work day, with none of the blue ruin in sight so often portrayed by the opponents. The case is upheld generously by those employers who either from foresight or strength of organized forces have adopted the system in factory, mine or shop, that a return to the longer hour is not thought of, but rather a disposition in the direction of shorter work days still is in evidence. The statements of the Levers or the Furds go for nothing to the unconvinced, so it is plainly a case of unwillingness to hear the voice of truth.

Not to opponents, but to those who realize its worth, in showing they are on the correct track, is the following extract presented:

"Shorter Hours, Bigger Output. Since the reduction of working hours there has been considerably less absenteeism at the Maltby Main Colliery, and under the seven hours, compared with eight, the tonnage output from the colliery is not less, but more."

"BEAT US TO IT."

A PRESS despatch from Stockholm states that the eight-hour working day has been legalized in Sweden, when the Upper House passed the Government's proposal by 78 votes to 47. If sympathetic references to the adoption of the eight-hour day for the Dominion had been action, its legalization would now be a matter of history. Its adoption is inevitable, so why prolong the agony?

HERE'S YER AUNTIE!



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Here's To Woman.

Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal—Cain.

WOMEN MAY SIT ON JURIES.

British women will soon be able to serve on juries by the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act, 1919. There is a proviso inserted by the House of Lords which leaves to the judge or other presiding officer the power to make an order that the jury shall be composed of men or women only, as the case may require, and to exempt a woman on her application from service if any particular case.

VANCOUVER TELEPHONE OPERATORS' NEW BUSINESS AGENT.

Miss C. Molligneux has been elected by Telephone Operators' Local 77A, I. B. E. W., Vancouver, to fill the office of business agent left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Buchanan.

MANY BRITISH GIRLS UNEMPLOYED.

The situation in London may be a misnomer. It may be the case of no "situation" in London soon if one can credit the statement made by the secretary of the Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries, to the effect that within the next few weeks many thousands of girls and women now employed in Government offices are in grave danger of being out of work, and their position serious.

WORKING WOMEN'S CONGRESS.

Representatives of accredited trade unions in countries have been invited to attend the International Congress of Working Women which will meet in Washington Oct. 27. At this time the meeting of its kind ever held in the world, interest in it is mounting steadily, according to Mrs. Raymond Robins, president of the National Woman's Trade Union League of America, which is sponsor for the congress.

ANTI-BEER, ANTI-SMOKING, ANTI-RACES, ANTI-EVERYTHING—LIFE.

fellowship and a definite understanding of one another's problems. At the present moment crises avenues can be built up by which people of all countries may get together to exchange their experiences and ideas. Up to the present many of these have been closed to working women. The congress offers the opportunity for an interchange of thought on the subjects which affect them mostly. There are five Grand Trunk stocks. First there is some \$50,000,000 worth of guaranteed income. There are five Grand Trunk stocks. First there is some \$50,000,000 worth of guaranteed income. There are five Grand Trunk stocks. First there is some \$50,000,000 worth of guaranteed income.

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POLITICS AND PEOPLE THROUGH THE TELESCOPE OF LABOR

By Special Correspondence. Parliament has been hopelessly close in a whirlwind of excitement. The valuations of the other stocks and they are to be submitted to arbitration. The most important is the proposal to purchase the Grand Trunk Railway and Grand Trunk Pacific systems to be incorporated with the present Canadian National Railway.

The railway legislation will be in the hands of the most skillful parliamentarians in the Cabinet. Hon. Arthur Meighen. He made an explanation of the agreement which is proposed to the House of Commons. The Government in the House this week. The original plan was to lease the Grand Trunk from the owners for a term of 99 years at a fixed figure.

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WHAT LABOR GOVERNMENT DID FOR QUEENSLAND.

Did you know that in one of the countries of the British Empire a Labor Government has been in office since 1915? Do you know what that Government has done? Here is the record of the Labor Government of Queensland, Australia.

- 1. Reduced prices (which rose 100 per cent under party Government in 1914-15) almost to the pre-war level.
2. Nationalized the sugar industry and reduced sugar prices by 50 per cent.
3. Set up state butchers' shops and reduced meat prices by over 30 per cent.
4. Started state fisheries, broken the ring of fish dealers, and reduced fish prices by 60 per cent.
5. Nationalized the timber industry, reduced prices, and worked the industry at a profit to the people.
6. Set up a state legal department, affording legal advice to the workers at nominal fees.
7. Developed state banking and thus provided cheap credit and enabled houses to be built and let at low rental.
8. Opened up state coal mines, iron mines, iron and steel works, oil wells, etc., reduced prices and made a profit for the people.
9. Socialized the hospital and driven out the curse of charity and pauperism.
10. Established widows' pensions for all widows and orphans, and carried out the endowment of mothers.
11. Executed public works by direct labor, thus eliminating the contractor and greatly reducing the cost.
12. Set aside land for training soldiers, and given them training on state farms at good rates of pay.
13. Made generous provisions for disabled soldiers.
14. Returned the ownership and control of much land which had been allowed to pass into the hands of profiteering combines and worked the land for the benefit of the people.
15. Greatly increased the pay of all state employees, thereby causing a general rise in wages.
16. Been abused and reviled by all the capitalist parties and interests.
17. Been triumphantly returned to power at a second general election by a more than two to one majority.
18. Thus we find that labor representation has not ruined the country, but rather has made the people more content and prosperous.

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