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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

A FAVORABLE COMPARISON.

OMPARISONS may or may not be odious, but on this side of the border labor and capital may congratulate themselves that they at least finished heir conference, held at Ottawa, September last, in erms of friendship, respecting each other's view point, ind with an earnest endeavor being apparent of making or co-operative effort to the Dominion's progress.

Our cousins across the line have also held a conerence of the two essentials to industry, but with an intirely different ending. The conference was brought o an abrupt conclusion, with the employers' group lenving the right of collective bargaining, thus causing he workers' group to take the only recourse of retiring roun the conference; truly an unfortunate ending with io much at stake.

So far as accomplishment of the Labor Conference n Canada is concerned, little can be said; but a lot an be written in its favor, if only from the point of indeavor, which is the correct path to the gate of actual esults, which results, though not in sight, can be issuredly anticipated by the manner in which the mploye and employer group found common ground for igreement. In some respects, what were formerly points of controversy became rights acknowledged.

A position entirely different falls to the lot of the contending parties in the United States. A breakingpoint was reached, and if possible a wider division than peretofore has been created. A distinctly unfortunate ircumstance has been reached, whereby through the anployers' attempt at a dictatorship, they have perhaps unwittingly given a wider scope to the lawless sections of the I. W. W. and its kindred ilk. The workers must be organized, and if deprived of

the protection of the legitimate international trade mion organization, through autocracy of the employer, here is but one avenue, and that leads to mob associa-tion, with its wrecking implements. The wrecking lirectorship has no code; everything in the way is the juarry, with the very social fabric as its ambition's This method was invited when capital forced end. abor to stop to confer.

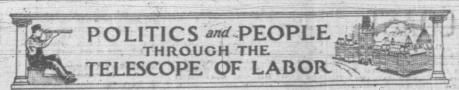
Before retiring, the A. F. of L. executive turned to the employer group, and said:

"The word you have spoken here means nothing. You have defeated the labor group in its declaration, but we will meet you again in conference, and when we do meet you there you will be glad to talk collective bargaining.

bargaining." The Canadian conference commenced 10 sorrect in TAKE POLITICAL ACTION. Spirit, was continued in the same way to the read, and thus the Dominion did show an example which it is the lock of the polynomial actions. The canadian conference commenced 10 sorrect in the polynomial actions. A Labor meeting at Kitchener rea-didates in the field for mulcipe offices at the January elections. particularly unfortunate for our across-the-border rela-

particularly unfortunate for our across-the-border relatives could not have been copied with advantage.
 REAPING THE HARVEST. INFORMATION now to hand gives an index of the great successes that labor candidates have attained in the recent municipal elections in Britain. A quarter of a century bridges the period for the real work of reaching this accomplishment. Now the hal-

work of reaching this accomplishment. Now the balance of power in some instances and a preponderance



By Special Correspondent. for a stormy two weeks' pra-in the commons the Grand in the commons the Grand k bill is now having an equally the Upper Cham-The question of the position of ter it has acquired the Grand Trunk occupied naturally considerable time of the House. There is no doubt there will be an anomalous the time this is in of the measure will known. For the past two weeks Upper Chamber has been the of the House. There is no committee, apparently attaching a variable of the store will be an anomalous apparently attaching a variable of the store apparently a sene of the most intense loopying in the here has been ioblying by the owner of a war railway system by the veterans. The House men-the owner of a war railway system by the veterans. The House men-the owner of a war railway system by the veterans. The House men-the owner of a war railway system by the veterans. The House men-the owner of a war railway system by the veterans. The House men-the owner of a war railway system at the system of the system and the owner of a war railway system included in the outling of the appointent with three here and for all forther the system and the document laid on with three here and an issue of the question of frastic senite reform if the sension. The chief railms, the system and has an appendix in the question of senate reform if the government's proposals have the lack of any alternatives, the the lack of any alternatives, the with cheres ar an abund the subject in the question of senate reform if the government's proposals have the lack of any alternatives, the the lack of any alternatives, the stahowed the entire capital stock, at rainteed preference and common, the value of \$241.257.658 listed on a London Stock Exchange as woo-

The chief weakness of the atlacate on the government's proposals have heen the lack of any alternatives. Mr. Frank Cahll, member for Pon-tine, who poses as the Opposition's railway critic made an interesting proposal as a counter alternative. He submitted several tables. The first showed the entire capital stock, rearanted, preference and common.

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FROM COAST TO COAST

EASTERN CANADA.

SYDNEY ROAD MAKERS HAVE SHORT STRIKE.

Employes of the Provincial Highvays Board engaged in repairing the Sydney Road decided a few days ago to cease Work and to remain idle

Which they were entitled and which they were entitled and lich they made repeated efforts to t was fortheoming, says a Reserve spatch. The foreman proceeded Sydney to lay the situation be-re the superintendent who pro-red the necessary money patch. re the superimendent was pro-ired the necessary money, paying over to the men without delay, ully satisfied, work was resumed fter, when the shortest strike in the istory of the community ended.

MONTREAL IRON WORKERS ON STRIKE. Two hundred ison workers at the Dominion Bridge Company Mont-real, are on strike. They claim that the management has refused to grant them 75 cents an hour and a 44 hour week, as they demanded. The plumbers and carpenters are at present, engaged in negotiations with the employers and it is ex-pected that a few days will bring about a settlement.

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WHO PAYS? WHO FAYS? Whe pays the cost of our idle rich Of our wasteral instructions class; That live on the product of others

toll. On the labor of the human mass. Go ask the man with the shovel and pick. The man in the mud of the ditchy The man that tolis the whole week the man what tolis the whole week I pay for the idle rich.

Who pays the cost of war's foul must be at least given or courage. As one newspaper rked, "they were dying gan view of the overwheiming f Of the murders and blood and of the awful carnage of human as to the plans proposed by amittee, the Government we That blackens the weary years. Go ask the man in the mill and the the slime; the slime; in the slime

Who pays the cost of rum's foul Of the awful crop of the deadly of the wild debauch, of the The fearful price of our liquor Go ask the poor sot with the stupid The wretched wife in the tattered home; The starving children, the insane, if

We pay the cost of rum's foul brood. -By P. Dunlap.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

The People's Forum ing meeting for the 1919-1920 season at the Regent Theatre Sunday was fortunate in securing as the speaker Mr. Ronald Hooper, honorson at the Regent Incade Sumaly was forfutate in securing as the speaker Mr. Ronaid Hooper, honor-ary secretary of the Proportional Representation Society of Canada. Mr. Hooper in a splendid address went deeply into the questions sur-rounding the electoral methods at present in see and after advancing arguments against them showed the many advantages which he claimed "It is too early to speak of our many advantages which, he claimed, in and many advantages which, he claimed, anticipate. We can, however, iny would accrue to the people under the proportional representation system. Captain W. P. Grant presided. 22.445. Miss Vora Smith rendered a vocal bein waged on special privilege. We are not at this time going to be being to the peristent applnuse with an encore. Mr. A. Tremdiay was heard tion it selections. At the close of Mr. Hooper was quickly optimise. Mr. Hooper was quickly optimise. Mr. Hooper was entirely optimis-tic, and intimated that the system of voting in Ontario would soon be

of voting in Ontario would soon be changed to proportional represen-tation. He niso stated that a study of the balloting in East and West Ottawa in the recent provincial elections showed that under pro-portional representation Mr, H. P. Hill and Mr. John Cameron would have been elected with Mr. Pinard or Mr. G. C. Hurdman third. "Proportional representation is 1920-21. In summing up all these figures the committee expressed the view In summing up an unces ngures the committee expressed the view that including the present Victory Loan Canada within the next twelve or eighteen months would be com-pelled to raise by borrowing sums of money aggregating \$700.000,000 to \$\$50,000,000 to provide for ex-penditures to which the country now is or will be committed.

said Mr. Hooper, in pointed to an evolution in political thinking. This was due to higffer national ideals and the continued extension of the franchise. Propor-tional representation was a reform in the present electoral methods of thich the single member constitu-ncy was the greatest and ethod was crude and frequently suited in serious injustices, as min-ities were not represented, and in any instances completely disfran-jaed. Mr. Hooper gave many in-ances of where this had happened Canada, and stated that in the minion general elections of 1895, e Conservatives secured 11,000 ore votes than the Liberals who d a majority of 30 sents. Among the other evils of the sent electoral system was gerry-

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Saturday, November 8, 1919.

STATEMENT OF POLITICAL FAITH BY LEADER-ELECT OF UNITED FARMERS

Mr. E. C. Drury, U.F.O.-Labor laws as will make these impos r-elect, declared his political to the caucus which made ts unanimous choice in the folwide

ng statement: n accepting the position to h you have elected me, I feel hy semible of the honor which have conferred upon me, and of the great responsibilities h accompany that honor. The increase account is the political

may expand and broaden till it shal become not merely a Farmers' party but in a very real sense a people

have more thorns than feathers in "I do not, however, entertain any feats regarding the situation. It is true we may be lacking in experi-ence, but the situation is not one which calls for the fine arts of the politician. It is true that in a gense we represent the farming community, and in all truth, that section of the people has been in great need for many years of a greater voice in the Legislatures of the provinces and of the country, a voice which it is our duty ade-quately to supply. But in a very real sense we represent not alone the 40 per cent. of the people of all classes, the people who ars desirous of good Government, of stability, efficiency and economy, and of the fair and equal enforcement of law. "Our success, therefore, depends, not on political manoeuvring, but on the breadth and fairness of our policy, and on our adherence to the but of the and and the all the second shall try to

Here's To Woman. Our Superior, Now Our Equal.-Cain.

COMPULSORY DIVORCE WHEN LOVE HAS DIED

Compulsory divorce if the hus-band and wife do not love each other was recommended by Pro-fessor Earl Barnes, formerly of Leland Stanford University, speaking and Suanora Chiversity, speaking at Boston recently at a state work-ers' social conference. "It is a monstrous thing," he said, "for any man and woman to live in the close intimacy of marital life in they don't love each other ardently."

TORONTO DOMESTIC WORKERS TO HAVE A SCHEDULE. The Domestic Workers' Union at To-ronto, is again springing to the fore. Mrs. L. Macgregor, president of the Women's Labor League, announced that a schedule has been drawn up for the benefit of the domestics, and will be submitted to them to

that a schedule has been brawn on for the benefit of the domestica, and will be submitted to them to pass on at their next meeting. The schedule will consist of the minimum and maximum wage to be asked by women in service, the cody ditions they will work under, time off and various other minor items. legislative programme. We have not yet been called on to form a Gov-ernment, and it would be unwise to anticipate. We can, however, lay down certain broad principles which WOMEN IN HOUSE OF LORDS

The House of Commons last week adopted an amendment to the pend-ing bill for the revival of set disqualifications, permitting women to sit and vote in the House of Lords. icguislation of whatever kind. Our legislative programme must be framed for the benefit of every just and honest and lexitimate in-terest in the province. If, in the carrying out of such a programme, the unjust and the dishonest inter-ests get in the way, so much the worse for the latter. "If called to power, one of our first administrative duties must be fearlessly and effectively to enforce the will of the people as expressed in the recent prohibition referend-um. With that mandate I am per-

MISS HELEN GUTTERIDGE MAR-RIED. An event in which the whole of the Organized Labor world was more

or less interested in took place re-cently at Bellingham, B.C., when

the unjust and the dishonest inter-ests get in the way, so much the worse for the latter. "If called to power, one of our first administrative duties mush be fearlessly and effectively to enforce the will of the people as expressed in the recent prohibition referend um. With that mandate I am per-sonally in thorough accord and ympathy. We must see to it that it has effective enforcement. It may be that if will be found that ther-are loop-holes or defects in the law which render it difficult to enforce them. "The people look to us to make an honest attempt to solve a prob-lem which bears heavily on all, and which, as wages and prices of farm produce decline, may become an its olerable burden--the high cost of living. The solution of that prob-lem, it is entirety, may not be within the power of the Provincial Legislature, but it will be our duty to thoroughly investigate the con-

ich, as wages and prices of in-doped edeline, may become an in-lerable burden—the high cost of ring. The solution of that prob-m, in its entirety, may not be thin the power of the Provincial gislature, but it will be our duty thoroughly investigate the con-tions surrounding distribution, and we find that prices are unduly fated as the result of obstructions the price of the price of the survey of the survey of the restrict of the survey of the survey of the survey of the restrict of the survey of ons surrounding distribution, and we find that prices are undid ated as the result of obstructions combinations in restraint 6, to vigorously enforce such into Victory Bonds.



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What Our Brothers In the Motherland Are Doing.

Alst Battation, is still in the intern-ment eamp, according to informa-tion received by his counsel in Win-nipeg. The names of the men de-ported are, according to Mr. Mur-ray: Harry Kizinski, \$26 Manitoba evenue, Galleian; Sam Baran, 775 Laurette avenue, Austrian; Peter Missler, address unknown; John Melenski, Hirgins avenue, Austrian; Poultry farming can no longer claim the activities of Mr. Tom

Laurette avenue, Austrian: Peter Missier, address unknown; John Melenski, Higgins avenue, Austrian; Sam Okranies, 311 Lizzie street Amsträal: arrested fhe day following the riots; Peter Kubczuk, 178 Mdr. the riots; Peter Kubczuk, 178 Mdr. Tose street, Galician; Joe Sokerka, 35 Horace street, Galician; John Jaremkewicz, 85 Euclid avenue Galician; His Sklaz, Russian, ad-dress unknown, had two brothers killed in war: Alfred Adams, Aus-trian, was in Siberian Expeditionary Korcouvers Civic Employer's Protective As-sociation will present to the City Council a draft of the new wage and salary scale which it will asti to have put into effect next year. Whilwe details of the new wage and salaries to be asked have not been given out, it is understood that the increases stipulated range from approximately 19 to 20 per cent pracestic y worfficial and every grade of outside labor is included in the list. Most of the department heads at the first will be the department heads at the first will be a skeped to organize not only.

meetings for many years, also secre-tary of the I.L.P., and at various Most of the department heads at the City Hall have furnished City Compirpiler James L Raymur with estimates of expenditure for 1920, and it was learned recently that several cases allowance has been the bouse the Entre, and at various workers. For several years he lived and worked in Australia; for a pub-

several cases allowance has been in the house—the Enterpris aries to the officials serving under are—and once he conte them. et and the church where has contest-ed Parliamentary seas on four occa-sions; been arrested in Hamburg and Melbourne, and expelled from France, and has made many lasting friends in all parts of the world. When he retired in December last year, to start poultry farming, the Sailors' and Firemen's Union sub-scribed 4250 and the Transport Workers' Federation f100. AskATOON TYPOS OUT. At 12 o'clock Friday night the printers in the rewspaper offices and also all the job printing establish-ments of Saskatoon went on strike. The new scale of wages demanded was beyond the ability of the em-ployers to meet. This is the first break in many years between bosses and employes. GIFT PROPOSED FOR RAIL-WAYMEN'S SECRETARY. Railwaymen are appealing to members of their union to subscribe to a proposed national testimonial to J. H. Thomas, M.P., their gen-eral secretary, in recognition of his services during the strike. The in-tention is to raise a fund with which to purchase for Mr. Thomas a house.

Across the Atlantic.

in others is the situation municipally.

Creditable information states at the entry of labor representatives into this field, that in a northern city a successful candidate's calling was the driving of a bakery van, and a sign that the council was in session was the horse and van awaiting the driver's pleasure at the imposing entrance of the city hall. This is not a myth, but a reality, with records showing that the aesthetic tastes of some of the old party representatives were outraged by the worker's entry into municipal government.

We now see the harvest being reaped from twentyfive years of propaganda, and the results have radiated the rays of workers' representation to the lands of many tongues. The harassed efforts of the pioneer, continued with lack of sympathy from within and with-out, have finally been acknowledged as correct, and the results attained are in the nature of a repayment for those who blazed the trail.

With the ascendency of labor in Britain in the centres where in control, the work in the municipal field will be watched with interest, not only by their constituents, but in remote sections. The millennium is not expected, but there is no question that good civic government will be the result, to the benefit of all and sundry.

The success in the old land should give courage to the workers of Canada. If there be a fraternal message from the tongue of results, it surely is, "Go thou and do likewise.'

"JUST PORK."

T is a case of "squeal" all around, speaking of that valuable food known as pork. The purchasing pub-lic give their grunt, which is far from being a grunt of satisfaction. The Chamber of Commerce follow suit, whilst the packers claim they are the most abused, and so emit the loudest squeal. The most interested figure has its squeal silenced, and drastic measures would seem to be the only remedy for the elimination of the ueal of the consumer, the packer and the Chamber of Commerce officials. mag - and the state of a

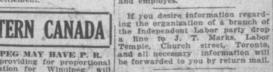


WINNIPEG MAY HAVE P. R.

WINNIPEG MAY HAVE P. R. A bill providing for proportional representation for Winnipeg will be introduced at the next session of the Provincial Legislature. The matter has received the considera-tion of the Government for the past year and many members are now strongly in favor of it. Winnipeg will be the only district in Manitoba which will have propor-tional representation as the city con-stituencies are the only ones for which there are more than one member.

member. The bill providing for proportion-al representation in Winnipeg will be in conjunction with the bill pro-viding for greater representation in the Provincial House for Winni-peg.

peg. VANCOUTER TRADES COUNCIL ENDORSE SOFT DRINK WORKERS. The International Trades and bases Counselly of Vancouter, en-draged like estion of the Soft Densk Dispensers Union in asking for a minimum ways of \$5 for an eight-hour day for men and women alike. They also asked for 75 cents an hour overtime and \$6 a. day for extra shifts. This means an increase from \$4 to \$5 in the case of the men and from \$2 to \$5 in the case of the women. 1. Refund of transportation to pendents who returned prior to



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3. Special committee on pension, and the sum of the s

St. E., Toronto

In this manner Mr. Hooper claimed the legislatures would more truly represent the great mass of the

Propresent was held up as the coming cradicator of the patronage system. In Beiglum it was a proven success while in Sweden it was said the intellectual level of the legisla-ture was greatly improved by pro-portional representation.

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