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THE NEW ORDER.

Lord Shaughnessy seems to have pretty well sized up the labor situation in the old land. In his judgment the unrest goes far beyond the mere question of hours of work and rates of pay, and has much greater significance. It is the larger question of whether men who labor will in future be content to labor as mere machines or whether they will insist that a new era has dawned, and that a new order must be established in the world. Whether capital and labor will sit down side by side and settle by conference industrial problems and disputes, the conditions under which labor will spend itself in the gigantic task of developing the world's natural resources, or whether the old antagonisms are to continue and the old game of pull devil pull baker be carried on as before. "It is a question," Lord Shaughnessy says, "of the actual status of the men who are performing such a large proportion of work in building up industries and making themselves as strong an influence as capitalists and employers. It is a question of what their social status shall be in future. It may be taken for granted that the working man of the future and the working man of to-day must be permitted, enabled and assisted, together with his wife and children, to lead quite a different existence from that of the past. They must not be confined to the narrow and sordid lives that circumstances have made hitherto. They must have the opportunity to enjoy the good things of life that those in higher positions enjoy." As President of the C.P.R., Lord Shaughnessy was one of the largest employers of labor in the Dominion, and knows what he is talking about. With the number of demobilised men increasing every day Canada's labor problems will become more acute and vision and foresight will be required. Political prickly pears of this sort must be handled without gloves, and a way must be found to give every man a square deal and a chance to realise all that there is in him. The man with the vision will be there when the moment for action arrives.

DEEDS OF DARING.

THE CADET.

Pte. Thomas Dinesen, Quebec R., was awarded the V.C. for most conspicuous bravery displayed during ten hours of hand-to-hand fighting, which resulted in the capture of



over a mile of strongly garrisoned and stubbornly defended enemy trenches. Five times in succession he rushed forward alone, and single-handed put hostile machine guns out of action, accounting for twelve of the enemy with

bomb and bayonet. His sustained valour and resourcefulness inspired his comrades at a very critical stage of the action, and were an example to all.

Cadet Dinesen was in training for a commission when the armistice was signed. He is a Danish Canadian.

THE SERGT.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty, during the attack near Abancourt on the 1st October, 1918, the Victoria Cross was awarded to No. 8,000, Pte. W. Merrifield, 4th Battalion.

When his men were held up by an intense fire from two machine gun emplacements, he attacked them both single-handed. Dashing from shell-hole to shell-hole he killed the occupants of the first post, and, although wounded, continued to attack the second post, with a bomb killed the occupants.

He refused to be evacuated, and led his platoon again until severely wounded.

Sgt. Merrifield has served with exceptional distinction on many former occasions, and throughout the action of the 1st October showed the highest qualities of valour and leadership.



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