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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

ONTARIO MOTHERS' ALLOWANCE

If any doubt existed as to the necessity for a mothers' pension law in Ontario, this has now been dispelled, by the number of participants in this humane measure put into effect at the end of last year by the labor-farmer coalition forces of Ontario.

Some idea of the rapid growth and subsequent heavier cost to the province and various municipalities of the Ontario Mothers' Allowance Act can be gained from the fact that since the act came into force on the first of November of last year, \$410,639.75 has been expended on mothers' pensions, while the last payroll alone reached the tremendous sum of \$82,849.25. While these figures seem exceptionally large, they will be greatly increased when the age limit of the children is raised from 14 to 16 years at the next session of the Legislature, a joint movement with the adoption of the Adolescent Act.

It must be borne in mind that each individual case has a searching inquiry as to need of the benefits being applied for and granted, and behind each case lies a story generally creating wonderment as to how the mother has carried on with her not less than two dependent kiddies.

If the gross expenditure has reached a tremendous sum to be paid monthly, then the corresponding benefits must be of equally large proportions and as such will be cheerfully borne by the more fortunately placed than the recipient mothers. Whilst the taxation may be one of the indirect nature yet its benefits are seen as every section of town or hamlet has case or cases where the mothers allowance presents its benefitted circles and coming under direct observation is a measure that is fully appreciated both by those who give and those who take.

A NOTABLE BACKWASH

Forced into a militant attitude by the open-shoppers' repudiation of agreement with the International Typographical Union, the Stereotypers and Electrotypers in convention assembled recently at Toronto have shown the first return blow in the loss of faith of the employers. They refused to support a proposal that the union enter into an arbitration agreement with the Newspaper Publishers' Association. The committee on resolutions threw out the proposal, and the convention sustained this action.

Coming from this section of labor under ordinary conditions would have caused a furore, yet the recommendation of the resolutions committee carrying endorsement can be best understood by the employee directly interested. The faith with the employer in making contracts, especially with this organization and its allied crafts, has received a body blow from which a long, long time will be needed for recovery. Those responsible for this change are the long-hour open-shop employers. They have thus seen an organization changed from its over-the-table method of conference to one of suspicion and distrust, taking a path against arbitration as diametrically opposed to its former course of procedure.

By some it is claimed that this organization has passed from its former classification of being pacific and conservative, to one of militancy and the reasons are not in obscurity. Yet such a change must bring regrets that the ideal of arbitration to which organizations such as under review pinned their faith, have had the same blasted by the employing printers, who, taking advantage of adverse business conditions, have labelled the year 1921 as one of broken promise, and to their door is to be laid the first backwash from the Convention of the Stereotypers and Electrotypers, when the representatives assembled refused a proposal for arbitration agreement.

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The struggles of the workers for justice in the halls of legislation, their contests against injunctions in the courts, their unwavering devotion to the cause of democracy and the principles of liberty upon which the government is founded their heroic sacrifices to establish better conditions of life for all the people, their tireless efforts to assist children to live their child life free from the grime of the mills, the gloom of the mines and the clatter of the factories—all are told in this official record of labor's deeds in the simple words of the men and women of labor.

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WRITES OBITUARY O.B.U.

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and Pritchard have had an opportunity of demonstrating what they can do, and as the writer has visited or heard direct from most of the places where they were at, and in no case did they meet with any amount of success, viewed from the number of members signed up, which to give force to any union, in fact the tour of Johns and Russell was such a failure, that they did not fill many engagements, but instead, from all accounts dropped quietly back into Winnipeg, and without one word of mention of explanation by their official paper the One Big Union Bulletin, and both of them are now trying to secure re-employment at the C.P.R. shops in Winnipeg. Something must be wrong with an organization that cannot keep one organizer on the road for an important industry like the railroads when practically all of the employees are yet to be got into that organization.

At an open meeting held recently by the O.B.U. at Transcona, when its local officers were attempting to awaken some interest in that organization, the secretary of the unit was heard to say that while there was about 1500 on the books of the unit for that shop, only about 400 were paying their dues, which are as it is well known are very low. May be the above will explain why so many of their Executive Officers are resigning, and their organizers ceasing their activities.

Some time was spent by the writer in Drumheller, where we were informed the miners of that place and the rest of district eighteen of the miners International union was so strong for the O.B.U., and in making numerous inquiries re same, I received the same answer, and that was that you never hear any more of it in that section. In the places where the miners are still in the O.B.U. outside of the International agreement for District Eighteen, then have accepted a reduction of wages, and it is only in such places where a reduction has taken place in the coal mines. As this report so far has largely dealt with the shop-trades in the railroads in Western Canada, and who are only about 22 per cent. of the total number of railroad employees, a few words re the other groups of employees should be of interest, and as generally known, with few exceptions the secessionist movement has never affected the locomotive engineers or firemen, nor the conductors or brakemen, and while the engineers on the line, due to a number of their characteristics, have a very undesirable character being revoked by their Grand Lodge, other than that those trades are in good shape.

The maintenance-of-way men who have jurisdiction over about 35 per cent. of the railroad employees, have not been affected to any extent by the secessionist movement, but they have many men to line up in their organization, particularly amongst the round-house and shop labourers, who since the first of the year have been ousted by nearly all the roads in Canada, in their agreement with the shopmen at the different points could and should interest themselves in this matter, and assist these men to become organized in their proper organization. The railroad Stationary Firemen are fairly well organized, considering the short time the secessionist movement has never affected the locomotive engineers or firemen, nor the conductors or brakemen, and while the engineers on the line, due to a number of their characteristics, have a very undesirable character being revoked by their Grand Lodge, other than that those trades are in good shape.

While space forbids mentioning more details, as one could to an advantage in a report of this kind, the writer does not wish to be understood as reporting the O.B.U. dead in the west, but wishes to emphatically state that it was never alive sufficiently to perform the ordinary functions of a credit, if such it can be termed, is too vilified, belittled and misrepresented, in order to disrupt existing labor unions, which most any small number of disgruntled can partial accomplish, and for those who made the mistake of joining the secessionist movement, as a mistake it must now appear to you, why get into proper International union, which is now and has been performing the function of a labor union.

HAVE THE PRICE TO WIN. Toronto dispatch states that with no settlement in sight the strike in the printing trades industry affecting job shops, has cost the Typographical Union \$111,000, according to an estimate made by a union official. The strike has been in progress since June 1, the strikers receiving benefits of \$25 a week if married and \$20 if unmarried. In the neighborhood of \$10,000 weekly has been disbursed by the local union.

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UNEMPLOYMENT THE ISSUE

A. Ross, member elect provincial parliament of Alberta, at his campaign meetings analyzed the issues between the old political parties, comparing them with the issues raised by the Labor party. He claimed the most vital issue in this election was the question of unemployment. What had the old political parties to say about that issue? They had always been in power in Canada, and their past record was an answer to that question. He reviewed his efforts in the legislature to secure legislation, and explained how he was opposed by the government which sought support on no other issue than its record. He explained in detail the Workmen's Compensation Act and Minimum Wage Bill. He also urged his hearers to take a greater interest in educational affairs, explained the various planks in the labor platform.

HULL TRADES COUNCIL

The Trades and Labor Council of Hull, P.Q., judging from the attitude they took must see another war coming. At its regular meeting a motion was passed to stress upon the Dominion Trades Congress, which meets at Winnipeg next month, to urge that conscription be made unlawful in Canada until it has first been approved by the voters by referendum. A motion to this effect was submitted by Delegate A. Thibault, and seconded by Delegate Napoleon Vanasse. Unanimous approval was given by the members of the council. A copy of this motion, together with motions passed at the previous meeting of the council, were ordered sent to the Dominion Trades Congress.

HULL TRADES COUNCIL RALLY. Hull, P.Q., Trades and Labor Council are holding their second annual smoking concert at Park Royal on the last day of the month. This is to be an epoch in their history in the matter of the galaxy of talent that is to address the assemblage leading off with Congress officials, President Tom Moore and Sec-Treasurer, F. M. Draper. As the Hon. W. Rolfe is billed in the same vicinity for the day—previous the Council are numbering him among the list as the Ontario Minister of Labor extending greetings to his associates of the cause in the Province of Quebec.

Following on the heels of other sections in the anti-unionist reduction campaign Toronto building contractors announced a cut in wages effective at once. Some days ago, the Builders' Exchange conferred with the unions connected with the building trades, and the minister of labor Senator Gideon Robertson, and pointed out that there was a good prospect of a large amount of building proceeding in Toronto if the workmen would agree to a reasonable reduction of wage scales. After consulting the rank and file, the union leaders yesterday informed the exchange that no wage cut would be accepted. Several of the unions have agreements effective until the end of the present year. Following yesterday's meeting with the union leaders, the contractors

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