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OFFICIAL VOICE OF LABOR

The Edmonton Free Press, of which this is the initial issue, is the official voice of Labor. It is the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council's publication to all intents and purposes. It is published every Saturday morning. Its first, last and only purpose is to provide a medium whereby the interests of Labor—the great mass of the people—may be advanced. This paper is recognized by, and has the official endorsement of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council.

It is purposed to publish a clean, sane, constructive paper, befitting the dignity of those represented, worthy of the confidence, the respect and the support of all. Its columns will be devoted to events of particular interest to men and women who sell service, giving such attention thereto as the ordinary newspaper is unable to give because of covering a wider field. Its editorial columns will be devoted to timely discussions and constructive criticisms presented with frankness, fairness and best intention.

Today the interests of employe and employer are identical. Happy is the community with a large payroll. Insofar as Labor prospers, business prospers. A better understanding and appreciation between employer and employe is desired by everybody. The Edmonton Free Press hopes to bring about that better mutual understanding and sympathy.

On the front page of each issue will appear editorial discussions contributed officially by organized Labor dealing with problems and events occurring from time to time. The news columns belong to organized Labor. Activities of your Labor unions, officers and members, are wanted. Thereby interest and strength will be gained by you and by others. One page is devoted to things directly touching the lives and activities of women. It is their page. Their co-operation, suggestions and criticisms are asked. Organized Labor and the United Farmers come nearer seeing eye to eye than any other two individual social forces in Canada. The Edmonton Trades and Labor Council is devoting a page of its paper to U.F.A. activities, farm, livestock, and market news generally. As play and recreation through efforts of Labor, have gained recognition as essential to human health and welfare, sport, music, theatres and the recreative side of life are to be given much attention.

CO-OPERATION IS NECESSARY

To the members of organized Labor, the Edmonton Free Press states here-and now that everything that may appear in this paper from time to time will not meet with the approbation of everybody. No one can please everybody any time, nor anybody all the time. Do not expect the impossible. There are no two men in any organization that see eye to eye on all occasions. There is never a meeting of any local or of the Trades and Labor Council but divergence of opinion develops. This paper aims to promote the interests of Labor to the best of its ability, guided and directed by the deliberations and decisions of the Trades and Labor Council. Any suggestions and views of Labor will be welcomed at all times, to the end that by such co-operation the cause of Labor may be supported and may attain the dignified and important place in the community it deserves.

Labor is a unit in purpose. Differences arise only as to the manner such purposes are to be attained. Which may be the best road to travel is a matter of opinion and judgment.

It would be folly for laborers in a common cause to subordinate their mutual purpose to method of procedure. Perhaps a brother is in error. If so, eventually, he will discover that error. So long as his conduct is sane and just and does not intrude upon the rights and privileges of his fellow men, it is a fundamental principle of British liberty that he be permitted to follow the dictates of his conscience. He who would scuttle the ship because its course is not to his individual liking, cannot lay claim to good citizenship. Labor does lay claim to good citizenship.

As you, the members of organized Labor, read this, your paper, remember that the best effort is being made for the big broad cause of Labor, which in the last analysis is the masses of the people. As this is your paper, your constructive criticism is welcomed at all times. Remember that the work of no tradesman is beyond improvement. The member of one craft may make timely and helpful criticism to a brother in another trade.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH EDMONTON? SHE'S ALRIGHT!

There is another Patriotism. Not every man can be a deathless Tommy Atkins. It is not given to every woman to be an inspired Florence Nightingale. But every one among us may be a Patriot. Not in doing the big spectacular deeds of war does Patriotism alone lie. The call to do the commonplace, dead-level things of the every day as they should be done is the Empire's summons now. Edmonton is one of Britain's far-flung outposts. It is our part to hold it well. This you and all of us have a part in the doing; assume a smile, though smiling may not be easy; keep our hearts staunch though the fight sometimes presses hard; give a "leg up" to the other fellow who has trouble in riding the storm; keep the faith—believing all things good and nothing ill; hope all the best things and make those hopes come true. Canadians held the fields of Flanders; it is up to us to defend Edmonton's place in the sun. Every business man and institution in the city that is playing the game, through the stress and toil that needs our hands and hearts.

Whether it be the old blind hero who sells you newspapers at the corner, or the great corporations and the big captains of things industrial, or Labor, don't let your minds rush to believe all of them. Don't credit unfavorable reports. Don't smirk and gibber behind your hand that "So and so is broke"; that "so and so is on the verge of ruin," that "the liquidators are in such and such a business—possibly our own city."

Our businesses are like our women. A lie spoken or an unfounded suspicion suggested is as black a crime against a business as it is against a woman's virtue. The whispers of scandal-mongers are the weapons of cowards and poltroons. Don't repeat such stories and don't permit others to carry such tales to you. "Boasting" may be a trite and much-overworked slang term but we need all of what it means we can get. Don't say a word if you can't say something good. Boost, root, whoop-it-up, sing a quickstep song. Forget "The Dead March in Saul" and the "Miserere." Why can't the Board of Trade, the Rotary Club and other organizations set a day when all hammers shall be thrown into the Saskatchewan? Cut out the knocking, the glum visage and the calamity howling. Edmonton is all to the good. Edmonton is a real live city. "Get the spirit." Do we feel discouraged? We should say not! Blessed are the optimists for they shall inherit the Earth.

The City Council is to be congratulated on its adoption of the policy of determining working conditions of its employes by agreements with the various organizations in its service. That method is not only fair but universal experience has proved it to be the most satisfactory for all concerned. By the "agreement" method both sides of the situation needs be considered.

A WORD TO LABOR

Edmonton Organized Labor has long wanted a paper. With this initial issue of the Edmonton Free Press that hope is realized. This has been brought about by the generous support of the merchants whose advertising you will find in these columns. Surely they are entitled to your consideration and support—Give it to them.

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Officers were installed and the new charter just received from the Dominion Trades Congress was dedicated at a meeting of the recently organized Edmonton Policeman's Association, Tuesday evening at the Central police station. R. McCreath, president of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council officiated in the installation ceremonies. President Sergt. Irwin, president of the new association was in the chair. This the newest organization to join the ranks of Organized Labor has a charter membership of approximately sixty.

Bro. McCreath, in expressing the pleasure it gave him to be present, appreciated in his remarks the forward step it meant to labor organization in this city. He also dwelt at length with the aims and aspirations of Organized Labor and how much it was misinterpreted in all communities. This attitude was clearly being changed, he said, through the growth of the Organized Labor movement, and a growing knowledge on the part of the people of its achievements. He counselled the membership to at all times give loyal service to the officers and the organization, and through them to the general Trades Union movement.

Bro. McCormack of the Civic Service Federation was also present and assisted greatly in the proceedings. The officers of the new association are: President, Sergeant Andrew R. Irwin; first vice president, Constable George O'Leary; second vice president, Constable John Leslie; recording secretary, Constable Joseph P. Mochan; secretary, Constable William J. Gillam; trustees, Sergeant Daniel R. Fraser, Sergeant Michael A. Kelly, Detective Edward M. Watson. The above named officers are also appointed as the executive board.

NEW UNION BY DAIRY WORKERS

The Charter of the new organization of Dairy Workers has been received and a meeting of some seventy members was held Wednesday evening to install the officers. It is expected to have all workers in this industry join this union. Those wishing to make application should get in touch with Secretary Farmilo at the Trades Hall, First street and Jasper.

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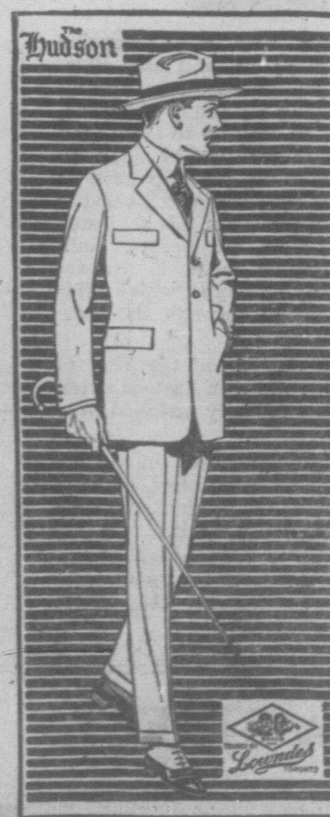
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