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## IMPORTER REPLIES TO ASSERTIONS OF LABOR COUNCIL MEN

A. E. Silverwood Explains the Situation of Destroyed Eggs.

The recent destruction of eggs at the incinerator was the subject of a lengthy discussion at the meeting of the trades and labor council Wednesday night, during which the name of A. E. Silverwood figured prominently. Many charges were made against the cold storage plants. In reply, Mr. Silverwood has addressed the following letter to the trades and labor council. It will be read at their next meeting, and is as follows:

My attention has been drawn to articles appearing in the morning press dealing with a discussion which took place at last night's meeting of the trades and labor council with reference to the cold storage question. I note that my name is featured prominently, and it is said that Mr. Hessel assailed me personally and claimed that I had no ground to stand on when I appeared before your council and stated that the eggs were not allowed to spoil in London cold storages. Further references indicated that certain eggs that were taken to the incinerator, and the statement of your meeting was that these eggs had been longed to us and had been remaining in an unreasonably long time in storage. Reports have it that it was stated that these eggs had been in storage for several years.

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"Apparently Mr. Hessel is not a good loser, and now, when an opening is given through the publication of some incorrect news items, he takes the opportunity to launch out in a cowardly way to attack me on a matter which has absolutely no connection with myself personally or the firm which I represent. What I wonder at is that your officers will permit an irresponsible man with a malicious turn of mind and a venomous tongue to stand up and take the time of your meetings in endeavoring to besmirch my name."

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the personal character and business reputation of other citizens who have tried to play the game to the name of citizen. In my discussion on this question I assured your council that they were welcome at any time to come or send representatives to investigate any local question relating to cold storage.

would be given a courteous reception and the fullest possible information relating to these matters. I was given to understand that in future before making any attack, such as referred to, the matter would be investigated, but instead of this our friend Hessel gets up, and in his usual abusive style, proceeds to make charges which will not stand the slightest investigation, and the press, which were excluded from our meeting in June, on the night of our debate, sees to it that these charges are given the widest publicity.

Not Canadian Eggs.

"It may interest you to know that these eggs in question never were in our possession, but, according to our information, they represented a portion of a shipment of American eggs shipped into London in bond for export. They were not Canadian eggs at all. In the past we have been informed that a few months imported from the American side and reshipped in bond to the

allies. In round figures, two million eggs. These eggs were caused and caused for export by London employees, and in this volume of business there was, as is always the case, a small percentage of loss. On a quantity as large as the above even half of one per cent loss represents a considerable number of eggs, if dealt with at one time.

"It may interest you further to know that in order to take care of our trade, in addition to the American eggs handled we have been buyers of stores eggs to take care of our legitimate daily trade, our own stocks being all sold and required for contracts for a winter supply of our regular customers. Had it not been for the eggs that were stored during the productive period of last year, the present shortage would today have been so acute that \$1 per dozen would be considered a fair price for eggs and, applying, the same to butter, despite the introduction of oleomargarine, there is no doubt but that butter would have been worth \$1 per pound.

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Reference was also made to Mr. McCallum's inspection of cold storages. I beg to say that in addition to giving the Government at Ottawa the fullest possible monthly statements, Mr. McCallum has been assured that he is welcome to inspect our place at any time and obtain the fullest information with reference to our holdings. If he has been refused this privilege elsewhere I wish to state that our firm is in no way responsible, and that we would welcome the fullest possible public investigation of this much vexed question.

"Now, I believe that a body of men as intelligent as the labor men of London want the facts in connection with a question of this kind and do not propose to be misled by erroneous statements and malicious charges made by irresponsible parties in a cowardly way, who, if the circumstances were different, would hesitate to take the chances of defending in court injurious and libelous statements such as have so often appeared."

LONDON MAN IS ACTING POSTMASTER AT SARNIA

George Harris of the local post-office inspector's staff has gone to Sarnia to open and take charge of a new postoffice. A store has been secured for this purpose. The regular postman, with postmaster, staff and carriers, is under quarantine because of an outbreak of smallpox among the clerks. New clerks have been sent from London, Toronto and Hamilton to assist Mr. Harris.

COUNTY COUNCIL WILL OPEN SESSION TUESDAY

County Clerk John Stuart is sending out letters today to all the members of the county council, calling attention to the fact that the winter session of the county council opens on Tuesday next, January 22, at the county buildings. Through some misunderstanding the impression appears to have been general that the date set was Tuesday, January 23.

The statute provides the fourth Tuesday in January, as New Year's Day.

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