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## SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR THE FIT SOLDIER

G. W. V. A. Will Make Representations to House Committee.

Complete re-establishment of the fit as well as the unfit will be urged on the Parliamentary Committee dealing with soldiers' civil re-establishment, by the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada. This was decided last week by the Dominion executive of the Association, which met in special session to consider the programme to be placed before the committee, at the coming session.

This programme includes an appeal for a federal housing grant for returned men; industrial credits; re-education; increase and longer term pensions for tubercular patients; a dollar per cent. pension policy; amendments to the insurance act; assistance to the workman's compensation act, and unemployment insurance. The Dominion Command reaffirms its previous stand for increased compensation and will take full advantage of the offer made by Premier Meighen, when on his western tour, to plead again the claims of the returned men before the parliamentary committee.

One of the special pleas to be made before the Parliamentary Committee will be that of the dollar per cent. policy of leasing pensions. Under this system a man with a 25 per cent. disability would receive \$25 per month. A plea will also be made to secure the full bonus and pension for pensioners living in the United States and the United Kingdom and that country. The Dominion command will ask that the present pension, which includes a 50 per cent. high cost of living bonus, be made permanent. This, if granted, would obviate the granting of the bonus from year to year.

In their resolution calling for the re-establishment of the fit as well as the unfit, the Dominion command says: "The Dominion executive is strongly of the opinion that many returned soldiers are not yet adequately re-established, and respectfully urge upon the Government to once again consider the importance of this matter, and that with the intention of re-establishing the fit as well as the disabled."

## COMPENSATION ACT AMENDMENTS SOUGHT

Manitoba Railway Workers Demand Many Reforms.

When the Manitoba Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada laid the workers' legislative programme before the Manitoba Government recently, they were accompanied by representatives of the unaffiliated international railway organization. These representatives requested the following legislation in addition to that requested by representatives of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada:

1. Proposed amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act.
  - (a) Compensation to widow of deceased workman to be increased to \$45 a month during widowhood.
  - (b) Compensation to each dependent child of deceased workman (without limit as to number of children) to be increased to \$12 per month, except where there is no widow, when payments shall be \$17 per month.
  - (c) An allowance of \$150 for funeral expenses of deceased workman.
  - (d) Provision to be made that scale of compensation under the amended act shall apply to all payments made under the act, on claims arising from accidents occurring prior to the date of the passing of said amendments, as well as to accidents occurring since that date.
2. Proposed amendments to the Mothers' Allowance Act.
  - (a) Mothers with one child.
  - (b) Mothers whose husbands are totally incapacitated and unable to work.
  - (c) Mothers whose husbands are confined to institutions.

## Unemployed

The broad wings of morning are bright upon the hill,  
The city is a misty blot far away and still;  
The west wind blows gently from the fields to the sea  
—In all this fair country there is no room for me!

Noon falls like silver of the dale so green and wide,  
In his garden lies the cripple who marched at my side.  
We were shoulder-comrades in the fight across the sea;  
But the people that I fought for have no use for me!

Home-coming, senseless, my foolish heart was high;  
But the mutilated cripple he better luck than I.  
We were shoulder-comrades in the fight across the sea;  
But the people that I fought for have no use for me!

Down in the city there is turmoil, fog and noise,  
Clanking iron, rolling wheels, wealth and shining toys;  
Workless men, disheartened, tramping in the mud,  
And angry men shouting for red revolt and blood;

Crying, "Rise up in your millions, and rule your own land!"  
But I have seen a score of men, with weapons in their hand,  
Turn a thousand weapons, and shoot them as they run;  
—And when I left the army I gave up my gun.

Hillward and northward the long white highway leads,  
With towns strong along its like dark, disastrous beads.  
Round the lake and back again, finding everywhere  
Rage and confusion in the clouded city air.

Simple men who only ask their human fate to give  
Home and work untroubled, and a little time to live.  
Like a herd of worried beasts, are driven to and fro,  
Till some drop starving on the stones below.

I had four years of fighting where all the dead men lie;  
There was hell in the trenches and madness in the sky;  
—I would face that Devil's Field again, if victory could give  
Home and work untroubled, and a little time to live!

—ROSALIND TRAVERS HYNDMAN.

## INFANTS LIVE LONGER IF DAD'S WAGE IS HIGH

Twenty Babies Out of Every Hundred Died First Year.

The United States children's bureau again declares that a baby's living chances are increased in proportion to the wages received by the father. This statement is made in the bureau's report on infant mortality in New Bedford, Mass. It is stated that unskilled and semi-skilled occupations predominate in the cotton industry of that city, and at the time the survey was made, wages were low. A low income was accompanied, as in other industrial cities studied by the bureau, by poor home sanitation, congested and inadequate medical care, and a mother who was over-worked, and in the factory or at home.

Over half of the New Bedford babies lived in the river section, where the worst living conditions in the city were to be found. There, families of from 15 to 18, including mothers were in many cases crowded together in five room tenements. Practically all the mothers working in New Bedford cotton mills were in families where the father earned less than the amount necessary to maintain a decent standard of living. Almost half of all the mothers were gainfully employed, chiefly in the cotton mills, during the year before the baby was born, and two-fifths during the year following the baby's birth. Most of these mothers worked during both periods.

The harmful results of depriving a young baby of its mother's care and nursing is shown in the fact that among the babies whose mothers left them to go out to work when the baby was less than four months old, the mortality was nearly twice the average rate.

The low income group showed a high mortality rate, while the group having incomes sufficient to insure proper care and surroundings for the mothers and babies had a low mortality rate. In the low wage group 29 babies out of every hundred born alive died before the end of the first year. In the highest wage group only 6 out of every hundred babies died.

What a difference there would be, and what a mighty force combined there would result, if the whole company of teachers, clerks, journalists, authors and artists became self-conscious of their power and responsibility as humanist teachers?—Dr. Foster Watson.  
First Small Boy: "Caught anything?"  
Second ditto: "Garn, I ain't fishin', I'm yachtin'."—"See Pie."  
There is no reason but public apathy why casual labor should be permitted to exist at all.—New Statesman.

## PURPOSE OF ANTI-UNIONISTS IS EXPOSED BY CHURCH MEN

The National Association of Manufacturers will not favor collective bargaining, even if confined to the individual shop.

The National Catholic Welfare Council, Department of Social Service, makes the above declaration in a statement defending its opposition to the anti-union shop.

It is stated that practically every clergyman of that denomination in the United States has received a criticism of this position which is similar to the position taken by the Federal Council of Churches (Protestant).

The defence of the anti-union shop now being circulated, is an attempt to discredit the opposition of the religious bodies to the system of individual bargaining.

In its reply the National Catholic Welfare Council refers to the national grants (which favor the anti-union shop) as "that small beg of rural aristocrats" and the council declares that the United States Chamber of Commerce represents the sense of a community.

"Notwithstanding its sprinkling of professional men," it is stated, "the average Chamber of Commerce represents the viewpoint of the employing class exclusively, whenever it makes a pronouncement concerning the relations between Capital and Labor."

"In general, few if any of the organizations that have declared in favor of the 'open shop' avail their attitude towards collective bargaining. This is the vital issue. Unless the members of a union are permitted to deal with the employer as a body, their union membership is futile."

"An 'open shop' which allows the employer to belong to a union, but

## JEWELRY WORKERS TO RETAIN 44-HR. WEEK

Organized Bossdom to Set Wheels of Reaction in Motion.

The International Jewelry Workers' Union is resisting the effort of employers to replace the 44-hour week with the 48-hour week and re-establish other pre-war conditions. General Secretary-Treasurer Greenstein of this international says: "The excuse that there is a demand on the part of the consumer for lower prices is fairly well contradicted by the declaration from leading manufacturers in principal lines of our industry (Jewelers' Circular, Oct., 1920), stating positively that 'there is no tendency to reduce prices' and that the retail jeweler and his customers must expect to pay as much or more in the future for watches, silverware, jewelry, etc., than has been charged in the past."

"Consequently, by this time no one can be deceived as to the true motives of their action, no matter in what language they may cloak their intentions. Through the thick cloak of camouflage, such as 'individual freedom,' 'co-operation,' we see organized bossdom using the present as an opportune moment to set the wheel of reaction in motion. "Our organization is not the only one marked for this vicious assault, though we were given first and exceptional attention by united autocracy."

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