IN THE WORLD OF LABOR

Gleaned From the Exchanges and Other Sources
A Budget of News for Those Interested in Labor

The Prince Albert Sask., Typographical Union has secured an increase in the newspaper scale of $1.50 per week. The agreement will be in force for a period of one year.

Edmonton, Alta., laborites succeeded in electing J. A. Kenny for a second term on the Aldermanic board, another candidate for the board of education only failed to win out by a very slim margin.

There are now more than 300 hands employed in the big plants of the Canadian Explosives Corporation at Nobel, Ontario, and the number is steadily increasing. It is said that at least a thousand more will be employed in the Spring.

Under the new agreement recently arranged by the Longshoremens' Union of Halifax, N. S. with the steamship agents at that port, a thousand men will be benefited by an increase of five cents an hour on both day and night work.

The Fish Packers have organized a local union at Prince Rupert, B.C. and elected representatives to the Central Labor Union. A local of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers has also been started with a large list of charter members.

According to the Financial Post, the Canadian Banks are in a decidedly prosperous condition and business is on the high up-grade. Bank clearings for the week ending Thursday, Feb. 1st, showed an increase as compared with the corresponding period last year, of 18.9 per cent In the west the gain was 21.1 and in the East 18.0 per cent.

Retail clerks in Vancouver, B.C. who have had a strictly local organization, at a meeting attended by over 300 workers at the craft were addressed by members of the Trades and Labor Council and decided by a unanimous vote to organize a local of the International Retail Clerks Protective Association and get in touch with the general labor movement.

The fiftieth anniversary of Montreal Typographical Union No 176, was celebrated on Saturday evening Jan. 27th, by a grand banquet in the Queens Hotel, a most enjoyable evening was spent by the members and their friends. It may be said that this local is the oldest International union in the Province of Quebec and it was never going better than at the present time.

President McVety of the British Columbia Federation of Labor addressed the convention of the Washington State Federation of Labor, which convened recently in Everett, and told them a few things about the Canadian disputes act, advising them to oppose any effort to introduce a similar measure in the state. By an unanimous vote the convention decided for no Lemon act in theirs.

Owing to the high cost of paper and printing material the Winnipeg newspapers have found it necessary to advance their subscription rates. The Telegram and the Tribune afternoon papers have made an increase from 25 cents a month to 10 cents a week and the Free Press raised the price of its morning edition from 10 cents per week to 50 cents a month and the Evening edition from 25 cents per month to 45 cents as well as advancing advertising rates. The people say the price for wanting to know, and the pulp and paper mills are raking in the fat dividends.

Many of the towns along the Canadian Northern Railway in Western Canada have been snowbound for periods of more than a week at a time during the present winter on account of unprecentededly large snowfalls and in many cases shortage of coal and other supplies has caused a serious situation. The same state of affairs prevails on many of the branch lines on the other big roads. It is stated taat as a ruie heavy snowfalls during the winter are generally followed by good crops the succeeding season and if the rule holds good in 1917 it may round out right at the close up.

The Farmers on Prince Edward Island have a Provincial Co-operative Poultry Association and last year $12,595 doz eggs, valued at $206,000 were handled and sold through its various egg circles of which some fifty have been organized in the province. The output for 1916 showed an increase of 261,000 dozen over the number handled in 1915. The average price received last year was 25 1-2 cents per dozen. This association has not only secured a better price for the poultry raisers, but has largely eliminated the profits of the middleman and as a result cheapened the price to the consumers.

There are several organizations of the women's auxillary to the International Association of Machinists in Canada and an effort is to be made to organize others and make of them a force that will do much to advance the interests of the craft. The locals in Toronto and Winnipeg are especially active, are doing splendid work and have amply demonstrated that when the women folk get interested they can make their influence felt. In both cities the members of the I.A.M. fully appreciate the good they have done and say that no mistake was made in getting them into line with the movement.

According to the B.C. Federationist, six metalliferous mining companies in British Columbia paid out in dividends to their shareholders in 1916, $2,891,533, this being an advance of nearly 100 per cent. over the dividends of 1915. This however does not show the earning capacities of these six mines as in every case the directors have passed over to surplus or reserve accounts large amounts and have also expended large sums on extensions, equipment and the purchase of new properties. The Granby mines dividend showed a 400 per cent. increase over that of 1915. These statistics do not take into account the operation of numerous private concerns doing business in the province.

The fifth annual meeting of the Hamilton Labor Temple Association will be held in the Labor Hall, John Street South, on Wednesday evening, February 28th, when the financial statement and report of the auditors will be submitted.

The term of three of the directors will expire with this meeting, and elections will be held to fill the vacancies, the present incumbents being eligible for re-election. The financial report is of an encouraging nature, and shows that good headway has been made during the year. It is hoped that there will be a large turnout of the shareholders, who will thus be able to learn for themselves of the progress that has been made, and take part in the discussion in regard to plans for the future welfare of the association and the great work that it has in hand.

Why We Want Church Union in the Prairie Provinces

By President WALTER MURRAY,
University of Saskatchewan

IN a municipality in Saskatchewan settled fully twelve years ago there are about 5,000 people. The main line of the Canadian Northern Railway runs through it. In this municipality there are 33 English-speaking ratepayers, and about 1,000 Community Doukobors. The religious needs of 4,000 people are ministered to by one Polish priest, one Greek Catholic and a student missionary for a portion of the summer. Beyond the borders of the municipality are two towns with a liberal supply of clergymen.

In the prairie provinces there are at least 150,000 Ruthenians. They are looked after by approximately thirty Uniate priests, a half dozen Greek Catholics, about a dozen Protestant ministers and students—a total of possibly fifty. One shepherd to 3,000, on the average. As a matter of fact, there are large districts unvisited by priest or parson.

The immigrants to Western Canada bring with them the memory of their national religion. There are Norwegian Lutheran, Swedish Lutheran and two German Lutheran religious organizations, each distinct and separate. There are German Catholics, French Catholics, Polish Catholics, Ruthenian Uniate Catholics, Greek Orthodox Catholics. The fragments uprooted from their national soil and cast upon Canadian shores are left many of them uncared for by the National Church in Europe. What more natural than that they should look to the national churches in Canada or remain neglected. There are, I have been told, groups of the finest people from Europe who rarely see a clergyman oftener than twice or thrice a year. Is it not time for the churches in Canada that are national in spirit (if not in organization and name) to get together and work as one for the religious upbuilding of the new nation in Canada? To these European peoples religion is a national necessity.

One person in every three in Western Canada has a mother tongue other than English. In large districts English is as little known as it is in Austria.

A Presbyterian Superintendent reports one hundred and fifty mission fields closed for lack of men and means; while a Presbyterian Principal wrote that in other Presbyterian mission fields the average number of communicants in a station is about four. The Methodist stations have probably no more. Union in Alberta would save between $15,000 and $20,000 a year, a quarter of that Synod's contribution to the schemes of the Church. In Okotoks four Protestant ministers shepherd 325 people and draw $1,350 from mission funds. In Lemberg 303 people are divided into 6 denominations.

Co-operation by delimitation worked well where there were few or no people. In Northwestern Alberta the Presbyterians went in with one railway line, the Methodists with another. All was harmonious until crowds settled in the towns. Then co-operation chafed and when the hope of Union became faint, it galled.

Co-operation by withdrawal worked for a time in older Saskatchewan. The two clergymen lived in the town, one preached there in the morning and went into the north country for the evening; the other was in the south country for the morning and preached in town in the evening. It worked better than competition over the same trails.

In oldest Manitoba and Saskatchewan Union alone will reduce the evil. The fields overlap so much. "20% of the mission fields overlap," "90% of districts where there are two churches want Union." A score of strictly Union congregations have been formed, and unless Union comes soon they will develop into a new church and will sweep Western Canada. There are also two score more which were formed under or in one of the two churches by the two peoples who prefer Union even at the cost of withdrawing from their old church.

The people of the prairies have been forced by economic necessity, by the loneliness of large spaces to co-operate in marketing and buying. Witness the Co-operative Elevator Co., the largest grain handling company in the world. The little towns have lived and thrived only by developing a community spirit and a community pride. Racial differences have intensified the desire of compatriots to get together.

Racial difficulties, the co-operative spirit, the community interest are driving together all who prize religion and patriotism.

Children Cry
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BEATS RAILOAD FARE BY DODGE BROTHERS CARS

F. C. Summer of Livingston, Montana, and Mrs. Summer recently decided that they would spend some time in Southern California.

And they further made up their minds that their Dodge Brothers roadster had given them such good service around home that they would call on it for the long trip.

They covered the 1,450 miles from Livingston to Los Angeles without trouble of any kind and, furthermore, their total expense was only $34, while the same journey by rail would have cost nearly $100 more for railroad fare alone.

Livingston is situated north of Yellowstone Park and the route covered by Mr. and Mrs. Summer is of interest to tourists who are planning a trip to the coast with a stop at the Park.

The Summers passed through the northwest corner of Yellowstone and on to Pocatello and from there to Salt Lake City, thence to Ely, Nev., and over the Midland Trail and down the Owens Valley to Los Angeles.

They were 12 1-2 days making the journey and camped out every night with the exception of the one spent in Salt Lake City.

Changed Titles
(Associated Press)

Paris, Feb. 17.—Madame Louis J. Malvy, wife of the minister of the interior, is credited with reforming the court custom, as old as republican institutions in France, of calling to the bar a married woman cited as a witness in court as "Woman Leblance," or "Woman Lebrun," as the case might be, and an unmarried woman as "Girl Lebrun," or "Girl Leblanc."

Madame Malvy, summoned as a witness in the case of a burglar who broke into her apartment, being ill, was unable to appear. The court crier, according to usage, called out her name three times, "Woman Malvy! Woman Malvy! Woman Malvy!" Madame Malvy was shocked at this lack of deference to the wife of a cabinet minister, and on her protestation the presiding judge of the supreme court has ordered that the title "Dame" for a married woman and "Demoiselle" for an unmarried woman shall be substituted for the less courteous titles of "Woman" or "Girl."

Some of M. Malvy's friends are apprehensive that this reform of a distinctly democratic usage may affect his popularity.

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MANY LAWERS TO BE AT CONFERENCE

Great Majority of Those Attending Will be of the Legal Profession

(Associated Press)

London, Feb. 17.—The War Council of the British Empire, over which Premier Lloyd George will preside, will constitute a supreme proof of the commanding influence which lawyers exercise in British affairs, for an overwhelming majority of the statesmen present will be members of the legal profession.

One of the lawyers who will attend the Council has played a conspicuous part on the field of battle. General Smuts, who has been in command of the British forces in East Africa, is a member of the Cape Town bar, and served as State Attorney of the Transvaal.

To find a lawyer-soldier of General Smut's eminence in the annals of British soldiery, it is necessary to go back to the Parliamentary war, of the seventeenth century, in which General Preton took a prominent part. A motion for the exclusion of all lawyers from the House of Commons was discussed in 1649, but was defeated after a long debate.

Mr. Justice Macdonald awarded John Moe $1,200 damages in his action against the Surf Inlet Mining Company, finding that they had been negligent in the loading of a ship.

Alien enemies, who have been interned by the Federal authorities, are not be be allowed to work in the mines in British Columbia. Ten have already been ordered out.

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Oak'd	8.08	10.06	12.06	2.06	4.06	6.06	8.
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