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UNFAIR, UNPATRIOTIC AND UNJUST THAT RAIL WAY EMPLOYES ALONE BEAR BURDEN OF RESUMED PROSPERITY

Mr. James Murdock, Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Asserts That Present Scale of Wages Are No More Than Sufficient.

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mean a reduction in wages and uitimately result in a reduction of freight rates."

In this Mr. Scott proposes to load the burden of industrial progress on the railroads and their men.

Our guest paid a compliment to labor when by inference he conceded in the explanation of his views that Labor is the backbone of this or any other country, which is much better than looking upon it as the wishbone of our country.

At present, ail of us are, or should be looking for an effective means to reduce the cost of living, and I am sure it will be conceded that the large majority of the wage carners are especially interested in that matter. We find, however, that thus far there seems to have been no general demand on the part of the representatives of industry for a reduction in the costs of anything they produce or sell, but they have evidently confined all of their attention to what is termed necessary reduction in the wages of railway employes, in order, as they suggest, to insure a reduction in the wages of railway amployes, in order, as they suggest, to insure a reduction in railway rates that will in turn reduce the cost of production and living, and in its turn, increase production, transportation, and is the end, return Canada to "a condition of normal prosperity," and to all of which Mr. Scott has agreed. The question to be anialyzed in the afgressid, happy and to-behoped-for situation is: Must Canada's normal prosperity be burchas.

WOMENS BRANCH ADV

CANADIAN IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPLE

BARBERS' INTERNATIONAL

INCREASES ITS MEMBER-

SHIP DESPITE TRADE

CONDITIONS.

living and secure for the children indianapolis headquarters state that of the wage-earners opportunity for education.

"The board decides upon the present dispute and submission that the rates of increase set out below, added and applied to the rates established for the positions specified by or under the authority of doing organizing work in Texas.

WOMEN'S BRANCH ADVISORY COUNCIL OF

CANADIAN IMMIGRATION FORMED.

Ouebec Printers Endorse Minister's Stand on N. C. U.

QUEBEC.—At the last regular meeting of Quebec Typographical Union No. 302, held last week the following resolution was unanimously adopted. "That Natiereas, this union has taken cognizance of the stand taken by Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, in connection with the attitude of the National Catholic unions of this province, in their efforts to divide labor organizations by means of religious and racial prejudice:

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"Resolved, that this union manimously approve of the stand of the Hon. Minister of tabor, and the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in combating any efforts to divide the workers of the province on aclai and religious lines:

"Be is also resolved that a popy of this resolution be for-

ouse of Commons."
The Quebec Trades and Labor ing endorsed the resolution of the Quebec Typographical

N. S. MINE WORKERS MAY TALK OVER PROBLEMS AT OTTAWA.

GLACE BAY.—All the Dominion Coal Company's collectes, it was announced this week, will be closed for three days, beginning tomorrow, United Mine Workers, District No. 26, officials have received an invitation from J. C. Douglas, M.P., to visit Ottawa to discuss the industrial Mituation with the Dominion authorities. It is understood that President Robert Baxter and Vice-President D. W. Delaney will proceed at once to the Capital from Cumberland.

END "COST PLUS" SYSTEM IN WELLAND CANAL WORK

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. - The "cost plus" system, which has been in force on the Welland ship canal for the past two years is being abandoned for the direct contract, in which the contractor must supply all acquirects. all equipment to carry on the work. Tenders at work on eection five were received last week, and the contract for the re-opening of the work will be awarded at an early date.

At present there are some 1,500 men employed on the canal, the de-

ALBERTA FARM LABORERS' OTTAWA STREET RAILWAY WAGES RUN BETWEEN \$40 | EMPLOYES RENEW PRESENT AGREEMENT.

LETHBRIDGE, Alta — Farm wages seem to have settled down with a fifteen dollar spread in Alberta, according to Government Smployment Bureau officials at Lethbridge, Wages being offered by the farmers run between \$40 and 150 a month throughout the south-per districts of the province. The per cent in wages as a counter or mand. Conferences were held be tween representatives of the me and the company, with the resul that the old agreement was to con tinue in effect until May 1, 1922. nd for farm help exceeds the

WINDSOR BRICKLAYERS RE-FUSE TO ACCEPT WAGE CUT ON SCHOOL WORK.

OTTAWA.—Despite the adverse trade conditions the international journeymen barbers' union is more than holding its own. Reports from Indianapolis headquarters state that WINDSOR -- Work on the WINDSOR.—Work on the new public school on Victoria avenue, Windsor, has been stopped, because the bricklayers refused to accept a cut in wages ordered by the S. E. Dinsmore Company, contractors for the Building. Dinsmore charges the men with being strikers, while the men allege they are the victims of a lockout. The contract was given to the Dinsmore firm several weeks ago when the bricklayers' cale was \$1.25 an hour, which rate, officials of the bricklayers' union say, was used by the company in figuring on

TORONTO LABOR MEN HONOR DESERVING OFFICIALS,

Representative Gathering Assembled at Ottawa Last Week and Discussed Immigration Problems.

TORONTO.—Members of Local 118... International Association of Firefighters, at their union meeting last week in the Labor Temple presented W. L. Saulter, past secretary of the union, with a watch fob for his services.

Ms. Walter Brown, former business agent of the Local 233, Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, who has actively entered the boot and shoe industry in connection with a local company was presented with a handsomely engraved watch by members of the union at its meeting last night in the Labor Temple.

Toronto Trades Council Decides to Send No Representatives

the evening, the Toronto District Trades and Labor Council decided

DUCED 15 PER CENT. BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

in setting the date of the cut as of April 1.

It will be recalled that the wage reduction was announced early in January and was to have occurred February 16. The dispute arose, however, and this prevented placing the lower rate in force pending the finding of the Conciliation Board.

During the course of the hearing, which commenced March 21, following a statement by G. C. Bateman on behalf of the mining companies, to the effect that the employes had been given about 46 days notice of the cut, yet raised no protest until close to the date set, the chairman of the Conciliation Board, Mr. Godfrey, made this remark: "But you did not make the cut; that is the astounding thing to me." At the conclusion of the investigation a basis of adjustment was arrived, at hetween the representatives of the employes and the com-

NOT ONE UNION PAINTER IN IN AL TORONTO.

TORONTO. - Reporting to Building Trades Council last n at its regular meeting, deleg suilding Trades Council last night; tits regular meeting, delegates om the Painters' and Decorators' nion stated that every member of e union was at work. This is the st time this year that the union is had none of its members search; for work.

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Secretary John Doggett, of the council, said that conditions wergradually improving in the building trades, industry, and that mechanics were being absorbed.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COM-MITTEE FORMED AT SAULT STE, MARIE,

OTTAWA-An industrial relati committee composed of the members of the Board of Traches a Labor Council, and three members of the Trades a Labor Council, and three member of the Independent Labor Party been formed at Sank Ste. Marie consider and endeavor to set any differences which may arie says the Labor Gazette. A conmittee with a summar object. mittee with a similar object also been formed at Hamilton.

SHOPS IN LEASURE.

TORONTRIAL—A canaging is best prediction for five principles of an other properties and the state of th

LET EVERY WORKER IN ONTARIO CAST HIS VOTE ON MONDAY AGAINST **CLASS LEGISLATION – PROHIBITION**

Electors of the Province of Ontario will be called upon to their ballot on Monday next on the question of total pro hibition. We are not for one moment under the impression that you intend to vote for the enactment of total prohibition. the past few weeks a strenuous campaign has been carried on in this province by the Citizens' Liberty League on one side and the Ontario Referendum Committee on the other. Two speakers

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TORONTO.—After a discussion which took up the major portion of the evening, the Toronto District Trades and Labor Council decided ast Thursday night it would not tend representatives to the Mayday of the Province of Ontario refused to publish advertisements of the Province of Ontario refused to publish advertisements of the Connect to the Mayday the Province of Ontario refused to publish advertisements of the Connect to the Mayday the Province of Ontario refused to publish advertisements of the Connect to the Mayday the Province of Ontario refused to publish advertisements of the Connect to the Mayday the Province of Ontario refused to publish advertisements of the Connect to the Mayday the Province of Ontario refused to publish advertisements of the Connect to the Mayday to the Province of Ontario refused to a the United States, the Citizens' Liberty League having as their spokesman the Hon. C. A. Windle, Invitations have been sent by the Minister of Labor to the delegates for the National Conference of the Building ladustry.

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send representatives to the Mayday conference. It will be the first time in years that the Ertschational Trades Union Movement, inrough its central labor organization to Toronto, has not officially recognised the annual celebration of the Socialist and extreme elements in its membership.

The Citizens' Liberty League during the entire campaign carried on a clean and honorable fight. The League did not quarrel with the prohibitionists. They fought on the question of principle. The prohibitionists, however, are endeavoring to draw a composition to co-operation. first Citizens' Liberty League, and reports of meetings held under its assemble at the Parliament Euildings. Ottawa, on May 2, to discuss the problems of the building and construction industry.

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membership.

The opposition to co-operation with the Mayday Conference Committee came from John Doggett, secretary of the Building Trades Council, who protested against "association with the One Big Union and other bodies which had done nothing during the past two years but attempted to disrupt 'he International Trades Union Movement."

Mr. Doggett made it clear he did not oppose any effort to bring the working class together, but failed to see the wisdom to co-operating in a movement with bodies which talk.

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When the prohibitionists, however, are endeavoring to draw a red learn to the Citizens' Liberty call a na discussion culiar to the citizens' Liberty begins in the United States, and it requires a huge delegate and Labor wire delegate and Labor wire the working class together, but failed to see the wisdom to co-operation in the United States, and it requires a huge army of police to carry our prohibition, and even after this army of police has been mobilized rum-running and bootlegging is still by the prevalent in the United States. has totally failed everywhere it has been adopted. Hinch sails and Labor Congress of have sprung up all over the United States, and it requires a huge one side and the Canad tion of Building and Industries on the other of police has been mobilized rum-running and bootlegging is still Efforts were unsuccessly the National Catho by the National Catho b perating in prevalent in the United States.

Mr. Windle stated, during the course of his address at the

a movement with bodies which the state of th has the price, Bootleggers demand and secure \$20.00 and \$25.00 per quart for illicit whiskey.

The Canadian Labor Movement has demanded from year to COBALT. — The finding of the loard of Conciliation which recent took evidence in connection with the wage reduction of 15 per cent.

The finding of the year that workers be allowed the right to purchase strong beer and wine if they so desire. The prohibitionists, however have decided that they know the workers' wishes better than the workers reduction of 15 per cent. to the mine workers of Cobalt, has No doubt in a short time the same reactionary force will say unto the manded down. It is unanimous in setting the date of the cut as "Thou shalt not enjoy happiness."

All workers in the Province of Ontario should register their protest on Monday next by easting their ballot opposite "No." so that the way may be paved for Government control of the liquor traffic and the licensing of individuals,

WOMEN WORKERS AND GEN- NEW ELECTION FOR ERAL WORKERS AMALGA-MATE.

LONDON, Eng.—The National Federation of Women Workers of Great Britain has completed its amalgamation with the National Union of General Workers, of which Mr. J. R. Clynes, M. P., is president. The General Workers have a membership of over 500,600 and the Woman Workers between 46,000 and Read Member for District (wenty-workers between 46,000 and Read Member for District (wenty-workers).

LABOR MORE EFFICIENT. SAYS CONTRACTOR.

ADVISES SHORT TIME EM-PLOYMENT.

LONDON, Eng. — The British Ministry of Labor has issued a circular to Joint Industrial Councils and Interim Industrial Reconstruction Committees, and to Trade Boards, calling attention to the advantages of short-time working in preference to the dismissal of a portion of the staffs, as a means of spreading the amount of employment available, when it is impossible to keep the whole body of work-people fully employed.

U.M.W. BOARD MEMBER

Cost of 45 building materials, the report states, has declined 16.5 per cent. from the high level of less May.

BRITISH MINISTRY OF LABOR ADVISES SHORT TIME EM.

Cost of 45 building materials, the cided at a meeting of the executive, lind Halifax, on April 24. In Halifax and International Board Member for the past three. His sportsmanlike acceptance of his defeat and his readiness to go back to hard labor has renewed his popularity throughout the Cape Breton coal fields.

TORONTO BOILERMAKERS STATE CASE,

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE COUNCIL SEEKS CO-OPERATION OF BUYERS IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT.

Mr. Bryce M. Stewart, Director of Canadian Employment Services,

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An Pericial National Labor Paper.

Labor Minister Has Sent Invitations to Sixty Delegates of

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CANADIAN GRANITE CUTTERS ASK THAT MEMORIALS BE OF CANADIAN MATERIAL

OTTAWA — 6ir. Tom Moore, President Trades and Labor Conscress of Canada, accompanied by representatives of the International Association of Granite Cutters, walk-ed on the Minister of Militia, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, and the Secretary of the War Graves Committee, Col. H. C. Osborne, hast week, and requested that the sight memorials to be creeted in the battlefelds in France and Belgium by the Canadian Government be made of Canadian material and by Canadian labor. The Minister promised serious consideration of the proposal, and the question will be submitted to the committee in the near future.

C. N. R. LAYS OFF MEN AT SHOPS IN LEASIDE,