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Following in brief is an outline of our Policy:

1. The Canadian Labor Press supports the International Trade Union Movement, of which there are approximately three hundred thousand members in Canada.
2. The Canadian Labor Press supports the policy of the present Dominion Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.
3. In the interests of the Canadian Worker, The Canadian Labor Press believes that Canadian industry needs adequate tariff protection.
4. The Canadian Labor Press advocates fair play to employer and employee.
5. The Canadian Labor Press stands for the betterment of Trade Union conditions in Canada and the welfare of our country at large.
6. The Canadian Labor Press is independent in politics and free from any political influences.

### The Gasoline Tax

ACCORDING to press reports, Hon. G. S. Henry states legislation providing for a tax of two cents per gallon of gasoline used in automobile consumption will be introduced at the next session of the Ontario Legislature.

It was inevitable in view of all the recent agitation about the price of gasoline that some tax would be proposed in order that the Government would participate in the alleged high profits of the gasoline industry. As the Canadian Labor Press pointed out sometime ago, the agitation that was carried on, especially in the City of Toronto, was bound to result in a reaction against the consumer's interest and now we have the Government's proposal to further mulct the motorist user of gasoline, who in the majority of cases is a workman, and whose car is used almost wholly for recreation of his family.

Frankly, the Canadian Labor Press believes that the proposed tax will not be as popular as the Government thinks it will and we do not agree that an industry should be penalized because of an agitation that had its origin in civic political ambitions. If a tax is really necessary for the upkeep of roads and highways, then a much better way would be to increase the license fee in proportion to the size of the car or truck as the payment would be given at one time and collecting costs would be cheaper. There is a moral dissatisfaction every time one has to pay a small tax such as is proposed, that does not exist when payment is made at one time.

All the public outcries that have taken place have been against the alleged high profits of the oil companies, profits that we are convinced do not and never did exist, but no attention has been paid to the retailers' profits which upon analysis prove illuminating. When the price of gasoline was 40 cents per gallon, the retailer's profit was ten per cent of four cents per gallon, and now that the price of gasoline varies from twenty to twenty-four cents per gallon, the retailer's profit is 14.5 p. c. to 15 p. c. or 3 1/2 per gallon when, if the former ratio at the high price still obtained, the retailer's profit should now be 24 p. c. per gallon instead of 15 p. c. It is natural to expect that when prices rise the same ratio of profit will prevail, but it is also natural to assume that when prices drop the same ratio will obtain. In this case however, when the wholesale price drops nearly in half, the retailer's profit has gone up.

If there is any justification for a loss to be borne in connection with gasoline, it is in the retailer's end of it but up to date they

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have escaped criticism completely and the whole burden of defending the industry has been placed on the wholesalers. The Canadian Labor Press feels that in justification to the gasoline industry, these facts should be known and that in any reductions in the price of gasoline, the retailer should bear his share.

### A Live Business Is Local Candidate

Unemployment Committee of the City Council Do Real Work—Not All Talk—Big Gang of Men Start on New Government Building

Toronto, Ont.—The Unemployment Committee of the City Council has only had one object in view, and has been working to this end all year, and that is to supply work and keep the factories of the city operating," declared Alderman Bert Wemp today, who is a member of the committee. Criticism has been leveled at the aldermen as a member of the committee in going to the Parliament Buildings and securing a promise that United States material would not be imported, but that the building would be constructed of Canadian material, by Toronto workmen, everything being done with a view to keeping Toronto factories busy and the local bonafide men on the payroll.

"When information reached the committee that the Government was thinking of importing steel from the United States for the new building in Queen's Park the committee interviewed the Hon. George Henry asking that local material be used. It was pointed out that the building was being erected this winter to relieve unemployment, and therefore the local factories should also be kept busy supplying the

material. The Hon. Mr. Henry agreed entirely with the suggestion, and the committee understands that the work will be carried on for the benefit of the working men and factories in the city. It was pointed out by the Government to the committee that this work could have been delayed for several years, but was being carried on now to relieve unemployment, and therefore, the sole object was to help the unemployed.

"The committee has absolutely no interest in any type of material to be used, and the suggestions made to the Minister were to the effect that Canada has material with which this new building can be constructed and Canadian material should be used in preference to that from the United States, giving the Toronto workmen work both in the factory and on the job itself."

The work of tearing down the old buildings in Queen's Park for the

new started several days ago, and already a large gang of bona fide residents are being employed. The construction of the building will mean work for several hundred Toronto men, and a number of such jobs will help to eat into the army of unemployed.

### Carpenters Will Establish Home

Site Has Been Secured at Lakeland, Florida

On Tuesday evening the carpenters had a well attended meeting, called for the purpose of voting on the amendments to the general constitution.

The proposed amendments were all carried at the general convention and are submitted to the membership as a whole for ratification. The voting for the election of general officers also was a part of the proceedings.

The chief item of interest, and one of great importance, was the proposed rules and regulations governing the aged members' home and the pension scheme.

The brotherhood last year purchased a large tract of land in Florida, where it is proposed to build a home, not only for the aged member himself, but also a place where he can take his wife, so they can finish their days in peace and comfort, they so desire.

If a member does not feel that he cares to leave his old home, but would rather stay and finish his days amongst his old associates and surroundings, he will be entitled to receive his pension.

The home site is beautifully situated at Lakeland, and some hundreds of acres are planted with citrus fruit trees. This year the crop from the orange and grapefruit trees will amount to 35,000 boxes. These are offered for sale to the members of the organization very cheaply

and it is expected that the very large membership that is in the brotherhood will purchase the total crop. There is also two million feet of standing pine on the site, which will largely be used in the building of the home and the making of boxes in which to pack the fruit.

It has taken a long time to get this proposition into shape, but if the proposition is adopted by the membership—and there is no doubt that it will be—the officials of the United Brotherhood will at once proceed with the construction of the home.

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means to meet the condition in the United States growing out of the Spanish-American war, and he was a member of the committee that presented the views of that conference to President McKinley.

Notwithstanding earnest opposition by a substantial part of the union labor element, Mr. Gompers took an active part in the organization of the National Civic Federation, formed to establish better relations between capital and labor. He represented labor in the federation and was vice-president of the organization. He also took part in many congresses, conferences and conventions devoted to the promotion of social service.

He was affiliated with the Society for Ethical Culture of New York city, established in 1867 by Felix Adler, and in addition to the American Federation of Labor remained an active member of the Cigar-Makers' International Union. He also belonged to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Home Club.

He was the author of numerous small pamphlets in the nature of tracts on labor questions, wrote a book on the world labor movement, and edited the American Federationist, the official organ of the American Federation.

Throughout his career, Mr. Gompers refused to become identified with any political party, taking the position that he could be of more service to the cause of labor by hiding himself aloof from identification with any single political organization.

Mr. Gompers was twice married. His first wife, Sophie, Julian, of New York, died in 1915, shortly after the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. They had three sons and a daughter; the latter, a nurse in France, died during the war. On April 15, 1921, the labor leader, then 71 years old, married Mrs. Gertrude A. G. Neuscheler, 55 years old, a music teacher.

## Co-operation

Successful operation of Toronto's own street railway is vital to the prosperity of the city and its residents.

A great portion of the traffic on the street cars is of those who travel regularly to and from their daily work. To the good service of this important number of car riders, the Commission owes an obligation of full consideration and best effort.

Similarly, those who comprise such a large group of the passengers owe to the service—their service—an obligation of support and co-operation, which means so much to its satisfactory operation.

The Commission acknowledges with appreciation the support and co-operation received during this and previous years.

A continuance of this community of interest and effort will result, undoubtedly, in still greater satisfaction from Toronto's street car service, already appraised by railway experts as second to none on this continent.

It is at once the hope and purpose of the Commission to serve well a happy and prosperous people during the New Year.

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