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THE SWORN PAID NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE CANADIAN LABOR PRESS IS OVER 32,000 EACH ISSUE

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT OUR PAPER BY O. U.

CHIPPAWA DEVELOPMENT CONCERNS EVERY ORGANIZED WORKER IN ONTARIO

Monthly Trade Report of Ontario Provincial Council of Carpenters Draws Attention to Vital Matters Confronting Workers.

At the present time trade in several of the districts is not so good as it was a month ago, but we think that this is only the summer slow-up which we experience often the latter part of July and the beginning of August, and then there is generally the rush to get the work forwarded enough to carry it on during the winter, says the August trade report of the Ontario Provincial Council of Carpenters (U.B.C. and U. of A.).

During the past two months several matters of vital importance to the carpenters of Ontario have taken place, the first being the Chippawa development work, which is a matter of every organized carpenter of Ontario should take particular notice of. The Hydro-Electric Commission has done everything possible to break up organized labor, they have put the ten-hour day into effect and broken up all the conditions organized labor has gained in the Niagara district during years of hard work and struggle. This is a peculiar situation when you consider that the commission is only an appointed one by the Government of Ontario which is made up of the representatives of the people. An elected body should always be superior to an appointed one, therefore we call upon every member of the Ontario Legislature who has the power in their own hands to upset the present Government at any time, to use their full influence and make a stand to maintain the eight-hour day and the union conditions which existed on the Chippawa work before they were in power. It is not so long ago that a great delegation from all parts of the province waited upon the Hebert Government to demand stronger beer; why should not a larger and more influential delegation wait upon the present Government to demand something far greater than stronger beer, (ideal working conditions on all Government work). Business agents have been asked to get on the work they will be arrested, the Dominion Government are also fighting the men on the Welland Canal. The Port Colborne and the 15c rate, and so to the present the Government has not decided to

THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF LABOR A PARTY TO THE PLOT.

This week the Canadian Federation of Labor is in session at Hamilton. This organization has been discrediting the international trades union movement in Canada for a number of years. How far it has succeeded is shown by its membership, which has increased only slightly during the past year. Efforts have been made by these opponents of the international trades union movement to revive the national spirit during the past year and a half, or ever since the war concluded. Canadian workers have not been swept away by this cry, and have remained in the only movement that stands four-square for the protection and advancement of the workers, namely, the international trades union movement.

The Canadian Federation of Labor has a membership of 10,000. The international trades union movement, as advanced by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, has a membership of approximately 250,000.

Press despatches on Tuesday stated that the Canadian Federation of Labor is a party to the plot against the international trades union movement in the industrial provinces. It is time the workers arose in their might and put an end to this tomfoolery. The Federation of Labor is a party to the plot, and as we once heard a representative of high standing in the labor movement declare: "Don't kick the boat."

LENINE'S AGENTS AT WORK AT HALIFAX

Halifax Trades Council Should Take a Look Round.

In the last issue of the Canadian Labor Press reference was made to the action of the Halifax Trades and Labor Council in the matter of sending delegates to the Windsor Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. This week in the columns of a Labor (?) paper of that city we call the following paragraph:

"Local parties in sympathy with the One Big Union for Canada plan of operation will be opened in Halifax in the near future."

The Canadian Labor Press wishes to warn the workers of Halifax and all other industrial centers that if they monkey with the One Big Union they will reap their reward. The Winnipeg workers played with it and are enjoying lower wage standards than any city in Canada. Had they stuck together in the organizations that have weathered the storm, they would not have progressed with the times and assisted in the general struggle to better the economic and industrial status of all who toil.

Canada, the Halifax Trades and Labor Council and its newspaper are working into the hands of the One Big Union, and they alone are responsible for this later move on the part of the O.B.U. We know that One Big Union "rainbow chasers" have been making overtures to the workers of the Maritime Provinces. Did not the Labor Party have some of the One Big Union advocates speaking for them during the recent election? If our members had been more vigilant, they would have seen that the One Big Union was a party to the plot against the international trades union movement in the industrial provinces.

CANADIAN GOV'T TURNS SEARCHLIGHT ON THE ONE BIG UNION AND OTHER RADICAL WORKING CLASS MOVEMENTS

Authentic Information Gathered from Many Sources by the Department of Labor, Proves Conclusively That Lenin and Trotsky Are Behind the O.B.U. and Socialist Party—Labor Church Also a Bolshevik Institution—International Trades Union Movement Only One That Stands For Progress; Lives by its Agreements and Upholds Law and Order—Report Confirms a Statement Made Frequently by Canadian Labor Press.

Ever since the advent of the One Big Union of Canada the Canadian Labor Press has stated frankly that this organization was a part of the campaign of Lenin and Trotsky, of the Russian Soviet Republic. This week the Labor Department of the Canadian Government has issued a pamphlet dealing with "Information Respecting the Russian Soviet System and its Propaganda in North America." It contains much valuable information and confirms many of the statements made in the Canadian Labor Press during the past few months. The report says:

"The Department of Labor has gathered, from many sources, authentic information respecting the Russian Soviet system, its professed objective, and the viable results of its operation."

"The Russian revolution and counter-revolution is then reviewed and the present constitution of that country reviewed. Evidence submitted by the United States Senate Committee is summarized and Lenin's famous letter to the British 'working class' is also quoted. In conclusion the report deals with the activities in Canada in the following language:

"It is reasonably apparent that Socialism, as practiced under the Russian Soviet System, has proven a disastrous failure in Russia, and that the Russian people are turning to the Soviet Republic to make their revolution world-wide in scope. Neither a nation nor an individual can live wholly independent of all others. It is equally obvious that Soviet Russia cannot hope to perpetuate her ideals unless they are practiced internationally, hence her designation against a nation which sought by force to impose its will upon the world, and which repudiated a violated moral obligation which she had voluntarily assumed. During the intervening years the Canadian people have been engaged in contributing to the success of the country's effort in the struggle, and

63 ADDITIONAL MERCHANT VESSELS FOR CANADA.

Canada's ships, operated under the direction of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine Limited, will prove a highly remunerative investment for the Dominion this year, according to Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, when at Winnipeg recently.

Because of the great increase in shipping, Canada is to buy 63 additional ships this year, he said.

"These ships will all sail seven seas," said the Marine Minister, "and we expect them to expand greatly Canada's export trade."

The Associated Federal Employes of Ottawa.

Federal Union No. 66.

A General Meeting will be held on Monday, August 30, in St. George's Hall, Metcalfe Street (opposite), at 8 p.m. for the purpose of organizing a Federal Union of Ottawa. Admission by membership card only.

WHITELY COUNCIL.

It is known in a general way to many civil servants that very considerable progress has been made in Great Britain in the application of the principles of the Whitley Committee's report to the administrative departments of the Civil Service and to Government industrial establishments in the United Kingdom. Unfortunately, however, few civil servants in this country have more than a hazy idea as to the purposes and functions of these Whitley Councils.

NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The National Council will consist of 54 members, one-half appointed by the Government and the other half by the staff associations. The Council will be the highest representative of the Treasury and one representative of the Minister of Labor. The staff side will be appointed by the staff associations.

WHAT IS IT?

The first issue of the Civil Service News, the new official organ of the Civil Service Federation, points out that the Council is a body of representatives of the administrative, clerical and manipulative civil service.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The functions of the National Council will include the following: (1) Provision of the best means for utilizing the ideas and experience of the staff; (2) Means of securing to the staff a greater share in and responsibility for the determination and observation of the conditions under which their duties are carried out; (3) Determination of the general principles governing conditions of service, such as promotion, discipline, tenure, superannuation.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL'S DISSENT.

In the National Council the dissent of the staff will be restricted to the general aspects of the matter and the principles upon which promotions in general should rest. In no circumstances shall individual cases be taken into consideration. It will be open to the National Council to discuss the general principles underlying disciplinary action, but there will be no discussion of individual cases.

BIG INCREASE IN B. C. REGISTRATION.

Names placed on the British Columbia provincial voters lists as a result of the recent registration campaign numbered 45,000 more than the total of 1919.

ACTORS MAKE GAINS.

The Actors' Equity Association has secured a contract from the Touring Managers' Association which assures the actors many of the conditions prevailing in theatre in New York. The Touring Managers' Association is composed mainly of producers who violate the contract.

AUTOS ARE MURDEROUS.

A person is killed by an automobile every 35 minutes, and the menace is constantly increasing, according to the executive committee of the National Safety Council.

PAINTERS ARE UNITING.

The last report of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators shows a membership of 2,432 in one month. The good standing membership was 123,432, and is still going up.

FOLLY FOR RAILWAY CLERKS TO STRIKE NOW, SAYS MOSHER.

A Mosher, of Ottawa, grand president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, addressed a meeting of the G.T.R. federation in Hamilton. Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed by some of the employees owing to the failure of the G.T.R. to call a strike at this time, when the Canadian railways were on the verge of adopting the new American railway law award. Mr. Mosher stated that the brotherhood was stronger today than ever before in its history, and he deprecated the efforts which were being made in certain quarters to induce the organization to take action which would be certain to not only discredit the brotherhood, but actually ruin the hard won gains of the last two years.

IRON MOULDERS' PROGRESS.

During the second quarter of the year, 3,215 members were initiated into the International Union of Iron Moulders' Union, according to the International Moulders' Journal. This makes a total of 5,145 members since the union was organized for the first six months of the year.

EDDY O'DELL OFF TO BRITISH TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

General Organizer E. W. O'Dell of the Boot and Shoe Workers' International Union left this week for England, where he will attend the Trade Union Congress as the fraternal delegate from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. The British workers' convention will be held at Portsmouth, and many problems confronting the workers in the old world will be discussed.

MACHINISTS TO MEET.

The annual convention of the International Association of Machinists will be held in Rochester, N.Y., starting September 20.

U. S. RAILWAY LABOR BOARD AWARD RECOMMENDED FOR CANADIAN RYS.

Howard G. Kelley, President of Canadian Railway Association, Says Non-acceptance Means General Strike on Canadian Railways.

Because they believe that failure to do so would precipitate a general railway strike throughout Canada, the Canadian Railway Association has decided to recommend to Canadian roads the adoption of the wage schedule passed by the Railway Labor Board of the United States.

This statement was made by Howard G. Kelley, president of the Canadian Railway Association, and the Grand Trunk Railway before the Dominion Railway Commission Friday morning. Announcement of the decision of the Railway Association was made by Mr. Kelley during the progress of argument for the railways in their application for increased freight and passenger rates.

Mr. Kelley returned from the convention of the unions which railway employees were members were international, of these unions 92 per cent of the members were American and the remaining 8 per cent Canadian. The Canadian members of unions claimed that they were entitled to the same wage scale as their American counterparts. A general tariff had prevailed for many years.

Taking all these things into consideration, Mr. Kelley recommended that the Canadian Railway Association be invited to recommend the adoption of Canadian roads of the Chicago award. He went on to state that it would mean an enormous addition to the cost of the Canadian railways. They felt, however, that they must do it or make the consequences. Chief Commissioner Carvell: "What are the consequences? We must have well have this thing out."

LETTER CARRIERS TO MEET AT PETERBORO

Eighteenth Bi-Annual Convention Convened Sept. 2.

The eighteenth bi-annual convention of the Federated Association of Letter Carriers of Canada will convene at Peterboro, Ontario, September 2nd, and will continue until the business of the convention is concluded.

BRITISH MINERS' STRIKE BALLOT NOW BEFORE MEMBERS.

Members of the British Miners' Federation have begun to ballot on the project of calling a strike to enforce their organization's demand for an advance in wages and a reduction of the price of coal. It will be some time before the result definitely is known. It is forecast by London newspapers, however, that the vote will be overwhelmingly in favor of striking unless their demands are granted.

WANT PRIVATE OWNED SHIPS.

The National Seaman's and Firemen's union of Great Britain opposes nationalization of ships by a vote of approximately 5,000 for 16,000 against and 4,000 neutral.

JOINT CONFERENCE BOARD BUILDING INDUSTRY HOLDS QUARTERLY SESSION

Cement Shortage Investigated and Case Presented to Railway Commission—Proposed Standard Apprenticeship Agreement Submitted—Housing Discussed.

The recently established Joint Conference Board of the building and construction industry of Canada held its first regular quarterly meeting at Ottawa last week.

NEW BRUNSWICK WORKERS SECURE LEGISLATION.

Officers of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor reported to the annual convention that they succeeded in amending the workers' compensation Act, as ordered by the last convention, despite opposition from the manufacturers' association. The amended law provides for full medical, hospital and skilled nursing attendance from date of accident, increases the amount allowed for funeral expenses to \$100, and increases compensation for permanent partial disability.