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SISMAN SHOE COMPANY BANQUETS THEIR EMPLOYEES

Aurora, Ont.—Frivolity and good fellowship reigned supreme recently at a banquet tendered the employees of the T. Sisman Shoe Co., with an attendance of about 300 persons. The affair was held in the Town Hall, which was resplendent with many colored decorations and Union Jacks. Mr. Sisman, head of the concern, did not address the gathering owing to his health, but he sat at the head table.

Chairman Col. T. C. Lennox, M.P., elect for North York, and vice-president of the company, acted as chairman. In his opening remarks he outlined the tremendous growth of the company from its inception in 1910 to the present day. "In 1910 when the company dissolved partnership with Underhill we started with 30 employees, today we employ 194," he stated. "With a capital of \$40,000 the company has multiplied to the large sum of \$500,000. At the present time between 1,500 and 2,000 pairs of shoes are turned out each day," he said. This wonderful success Col. Lennox attributed to the co-operative feeling prevailing between employer and employee.

H. Heaven, manager of the Anglo-Canadian Leather Co., compared the years 1920 to 1924, showing that in the shoe business in Canada, during 1924, there was a slight increase in the production, but a loss of \$1,000,000.

"There is no need to bring some \$3,000,000 worth of shoes into Can-

ada each year," declared James Acton. "It was stopped it would mean a dozen new factories opening and a half million dollar more production."

Mr. H. Moore advocated a high tariff policy which would afford adequate protection to all.

The following also spoke: Mayor J. Walton of Aurora, H. W. Fleury and T. Kidd. Between speeches a fine musical program was contributed.

Canada Loses to the United States

Portland, Me.—Plans are under way for the erection of a 1,000,000 coal handling plant here by the International Coal Corporation, in order to enable the company to operate through this city instead of St. John, N. B. The new plant is expected to handle to Canada 20,000 to 25,000 tons a year.

The Anthracite Coal Strike

Philadelphia, the anthracite strike has developed into a state of siege. John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, told the Philadelphia Real Estate Board. He added that the operators and "the financial interests behind them," were prepared to pay a billion dollars to crush the Mine Workers' Union, and that the miners had no alternative than to accept the challenge to a finish fight.

"Knowing the operators' plans," said Lewis, "the United Mine Workers of America is now organizing the defence of the anthracite mine workers in expectation of a continuance struggle to the Fall of 1926 or the Spring of 1927. Funds will be provided so that the hungry will be fed and the naked will be clothed. This statement does not constitute a threat; far from it. It is simply an expression of the unconquerable spirit of the men who labor in the collieries of the anthracite industry. Some well-meaning people bemoan the fact that there will be suffering and sacrifice. Let them carry such tales to the ears of the money-grabbing financiers, who sit in their counting houses and plot the enslavement of the workers in the great industry."

May Limit Powers of Commonwealth

Melbourne, Australia.—Until the reasons for the decision of the High Court at Sydney releasing Tom Walsh and Jacob Johannsen, president and secretary respectively of the Australian Seamen's Union, from custody of the authorities who held them for deportation, have been announced, it is impossible to state what the Government will do in order to give effect to its policy. Premier Stanley Bruce said recently. The verdict of the court, he added, might indicate that the Commonwealth powers were more limited than was generally supposed and more narrow than what was essential to the welfare of Australia. If so it might be necessary for the Government to hold a referendum for an amendment of the constitution.

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President Lewis of the union considered the result a forward step, and hoped the members would accept the new scale in a spirit of appreciation, and show this appreciation by their work during the term of the agreement. The new scale calls for an advance of 50 cents a week for the first year, with back pay from April, 1925; from April 1, 1926, until March 31, 1927, \$1 additional, and from April 1, 1927, to March 31, 1928, another \$1. It is a three-year contract, with the \$2.50 increase spread over the term. This will bring the weekly wage up to \$46 on the morning papers and \$43.50 on the evening papers.

The apprentices were financially benefitted to the extent that, commencing their fifth year, they will get an additional 50 cents a week, which will make their wage \$24.50 for the last six months of their apprenticeship an additional dollar over what they receive now, or \$28 per week.

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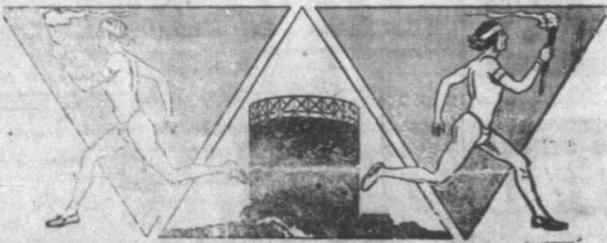
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