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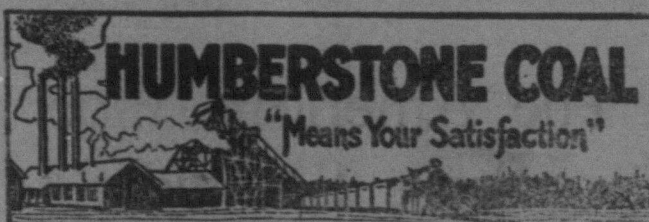
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AVERAGE WAGE INSUFFICIENT TO LIVE ON IN CAN.

Can It Be Wondered At That So
Many U.F.A. and I.L.P.
Candidates Were Elected

The average wage in Canada is far below what government statistics show to be necessary to support a family upon.

If government statistics go for anything at all, they prove beyond argument that the average worker in Canada does not receive a wage sufficient to maintain a family of five. No matter how ingeniously the figures may be juggled.

As far back as last July the Civil Service Commission supplied statistics to the Dominion Government which went to show that while \$1,000 a year would support a family of five in moderate comfort before the war, it would have needed \$1,500 last July to maintain the pre-war standard, as the cost of living had increased over 52 per cent.

It may be stated that during the nearly four months that have elapsed since the report was submitted the prices of all commodities have sharply advanced so that the cost of living is higher today than it has ever been before in the history of the country.

In other words, a large proportion of the wage-earners in the Dominion, supposing they received \$1,000 a year in wages, which is far above the average, would still be short of making ends meet and be going \$550 in debt annually.

Under such conditions is it any wonder that the workers are taking a keener interest in politics than they ever did before and are making their influence felt in a manner that is proving very disquieting to the interests that have been mercilessly exploiting the producing and consuming public.

Can it be wondered at that so many U.F.O. and I.L.P. candidates were elected when an outraged electorate smashed the Hearst government and the big interests on October the twentieth.

Rather should it not be cause for surprise that a single Grit or Tory politician was able to make the grade?

CANADA'S LABOR LEGISLATION FOR THE YEAR 1919

We were called up by phone one day last week by a friend of ours well known in labor circles asking us if we had a copy of the labor legislation passed by the government for the year 1919.

We had no copy on hand and therefore could not satisfy the want of our friend, but after some consideration we concluded that we might be able to refresh our friend's memory by mentioning a few legislations enacted and in some cases about to be enacted by the governments of Canada and the United States.

- 1—A fake democracy by both countries.
- 2—Hand in Hand, Johnny Canuck and Uncle Sammy onward march to Despotism.
- 3—Canadian democracy by orders-in-council.
- 4—American democracy by injunction.
- 5—Canadian deportation amendment to the immigration act.
- 6—American anti-strike law.
- 7—The incarceration of men for months in jail without a trial.
- 8—American compulsory arbitration.
- 9—No shorter work day.
- 10—Wholesale profiteering and fleecing of the consumers, and many, many more, too numerous to mention here.—The Workers Weekly.

LONDON TO HAVE HUGE LABOR HALL AS WAR MEMORIAL

Progress is being made with the scheme adopted last year by the Trade Union Congress to build a labor hall in the centre of London as a war memorial. But an interesting development of the plan is now taking place. The co-operative movement has a big scheme for a hotel and restaurant, with general stores and staff offices, and the new projects are to be combined in one. The trade unions are to subscribe \$1,500,000 and the Co-operative Wholesale Society a similar amount, of the balance required the Co-operative Union, Ltd., is expected to provide the greater proportion. Part of the revised plan is to erect a hall with seating accommodation for 2,500, a co-operative college, and possibly a co-operative bank.

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