

The Long Procession of Pleased Customers During the Past Twelve Months

Has been a mighty factor in making this the biggest year in our history. The usual after Christmas slump is not in evidence this year, and business is good. Our customers have been very patient with us, because it hasn't been possible to secure all the materials for them as quickly as we would have liked, but in that respect we were no worse than our competitors and in many instances we did better than anyone else. Our Big Factory and Warehouse at Hamilton made gigantic efforts to aid us, and when you take into consideration that we are only one of many thousands of stores they have to take care of, they did splendidly.



Take This As a Tip!

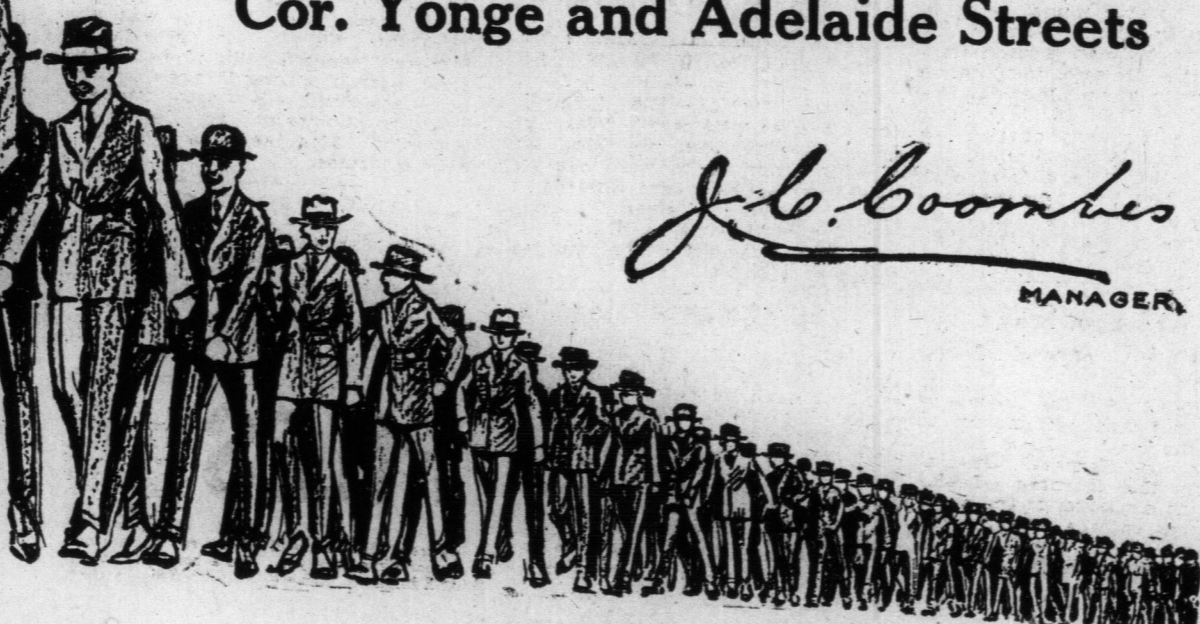
If you have to buy an overcoat do so this year, do it now, because you are going to pay a heap more next year for the same goods. Just now we are in splendid shape to supply you because things are a bit easier in the workshops and the Coats that have been held up are coming through now. Beautiful garments, too, right up to our standard of good values, with prices from \$32.50 up to \$94.00.

Customers who know us tell us we have the nicest fitting and best tailored Overcoats in town.

OAK HALL Clothiers

Cor. Yonge and Adelaide Streets

J. B. Coombes
MANAGER



LABOR NEWS

DAY OF STRIKES OVER IN CANADA

Opinions Relative to Winnipeg Verdict Not Unanimous in Toronto.

James T. Gunn, business manager for the Electrical Workers' Union; Alfred Mance, secretary of the Toronto Trades Council; John Doggett, secretary of the Joint Industrial Council, and Alfred Cheeseman, business manager for the cabinet-workers in Toronto, all well-known men in the labor movement, are quoted as expressing the opinion that the verdict of the jury in Winnipeg against R. B. Russell, on all seven counts forms one of the surprises of the day in labor circles. Mr. Mance, Mr. Cheeseman and Mr. Doggett all anticipate a reversal of the verdict either at the appeal courts in Canada or at the privy council sessions in Britain.

On the other hand, John T. Vick, another well-known figure in the labor movement, is quoted as saying that the verdict vindicates the opinion of those opposed to the principle of sympathetic strikes. Mr. Vick stated that the day of strikes has yielded to the era of brisk, businesslike negotiations carried on without calling away unionists from their work or forcing them to lose an hour in pay.

Trades Council Nominates Candidates for Office

Nominations for officers in the Toronto Trades Council for the following six months are to be held on Thursday, Jan. 8. It was authoritatively stated yesterday afternoon that present officers of the Trades Council, but one member, would run for re-election. In general terms it may be stated that there are no indications of that tenacity of feeling which has characterized former occasions. That is to say, there is no opposition slate under consideration at the moment. This at least is the statement by men in the know among the opposition to the forces as at present constituted. However, it is whispered that several officers may not go to their present holders without opposition. On the other hand, W. J. Hevey, former secretary of the Trades Council, stated to the World that he knew of no projected nominations for office to oppose those already in power.

John Munro is the president of the Trades Council, Alfred Mance is the secretary and John Cottam is the financial secretary. James Scott is vice-president and W. J. Storey is treasurer, while some twenty members are representing the council in executive work.

New Alignment of Labor Looked for in Montreal

Montreal Dec. 26.—A new alignment of labor in this city and province is looked forward to in the coming year. In the building trades the Catholic and national workers' syndicate is expected to come to the front prominently in the new year. During 1919 this syndicate exercised considerable influence in Quebec City and in Three Rivers, and, in Montreal, under the direction of Abbe Edmour Herbert, has drafted acceptable conditions both to men and masters in a number of industrial establishments.

NOTEWORTHY TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM HAGEN

Noteworthy was the tribute paid at a recent meeting of Toronto Trades Council to the memory of the late William C. Hagen, business manager for the International Association of Toronto, who died at the early age of 44. On that occasion all present rose and remained with heads bowed for one minute, a token of sentiment accorded to the memory of any labor man in very many years. A successor to the late business manager is to be elected very shortly, and nominations for the post are to be held within the next ten days. Herbert Lewis is the business manager today, and needs a colleague, in view of the heavy stress of work which has fallen to his lot within the past few months.

PAINTERS POLLING TODAY

Polling in Toronto for the election of the general officers of the Painters & Decorators' Union takes place at the Labor Temple today at 2 o'clock. This is to be a vote by referendum. Two of the men to be considered are Joseph Hunter, Niagara Falls, and William Stockdale, Toronto, for the office of sixth vice-president.

I.L.P. ORGANIZING RAPIDLY

Practically the whole of Northern Ontario is organized for the Independent Labor party, eight charters having been received by towns in that section of the province within the past two weeks. A branch is in process of organization, and the charter has been received by the Carleton Place I.L.P.

DAVID KENNEDY LABEL PROMOTER

David W. Kennedy, well known in Toronto, and formerly secretary of the Toronto Trades Council, has been appointed label promoter in Canada by the joint advisory board of the International Union of Cigar-makers.

AS INFLUENZA IS AN EXAGGERATED FORM OF GRIP, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN LARGER DOSES THAN IN THE CASE OF ORDINARY GRIP. A GOOD PLAN IS PRESCRIBED FOR YOU UNTIL YOU ARE SICK, BUT PREVENT IT BY TAKING LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS IN TIME.

FORTY-SEVEN DRUNKS FINED.

There were 19 cases of B.O.A. heard in the police court yesterday as an aftermath of this cheerful Christmas tide and all were fined. Forty-nine drunks, too, appeared, and with the exception of two 17-year-old lads were all mulcted the usual. The boys were told to go and sin no more.

CHEQUE SENT FIRE BRIGADE.

The Dominion Glass Company has sent a \$100 cheque to Chief Russell in appreciation of the services of the fire brigade at the fire on their premises recently.

MORRISON DENIES ATTACKING DRURY

Says Story in Yesterday's Paper is Without Foundation.

The five o'clock edition of Friday's Star had a scare headline across the whole front page—"U. F. O. secretary bitterly attacks Drury government." In sub-headlines J. J. Morrison is represented as saying of the Drury government: "Autocracy has dethroned old patronage." Likewise: "J. J. Morrison flays U. F. O. government following Raney's London appointment." Also: "Extravagance is one thing charged—political intelligence that if J. J. Morrison really said these things or any of them, the English Drury government could not be so easily removed." Mr. Morrison denied there was no foundation whatever under the published statements by The Star, and that he was doing his best to clear the paper to the effect that under no circumstances would he say anything that would be again privileged, as most newspaper reporters are, in his office by him.

Mr. Morrison told The World that The Star reporter called in the morning and asked him a number of questions touching an article in the news columns of a morning paper. Mr. Morrison said his answer was to the following effect, and as closely as his memory served in the following words: "Young man, it seems to me that you are an inexperienced reporter. You are asking me questions that, in my opinion, are not the business of a newspaper. The object of these questions appears to me to be creating trouble. I have nothing to say for publication."

The World asked Mr. Morrison had he any specific correction to make of long first person singular quotations contained in the interview.

"You know," he answered, "how impossible it is for persons who are constantly meeting newspaper men to have other than cordial relations with them. With very rare exceptions the reporter holds a good deal of conversation that is not intended for publication, and the man who is interviewed can rely that only statements intended for publication will appear. In this instance, as I have said, the reporter was a young man and I reminded him of the fact when telling him I had nothing for publication. Aside from this I made no statements to him. He asked a number of questions, one of them what I thought would be a living salary in London, \$1,500 or \$2,000. Not regarding such questions as anything more than personal conversation, I said, 'O, I dare not say.' But it is absolutely and entirely without foundation that I discussed these matters with reference to the London position or that I expressed my opinions, critical or otherwise, of the government in that connection."

Mr. Morrison added: "This incident does not shake my faith in newspaper men. I have found them, with one or two exceptions, entirely reliable and exact in the statements given for publication, and careful to observe confidence where the conversation held on one side or the other runs beside the subject upon which information for the public is desired. This interview, however, is wholly unwarranted within or outside the line of confidence."

NEED READJUSTMENT

Brewery Workers' General Organizer Claims Conditions Unfavorable to Employees.

John Corcoran, general organizer in Canada for the International Union of Brewery Workers, who has returned from Montreal, reports excellent progress for the union in Quebec. He stated to The World that there were about two hundred members of the union in Toronto, and that despite the fact that many had joined the forces early in the war and some had paid the supreme sacrifice, conditions for brewery workers in Toronto were by no means what they should be. While he had nothing to say relative to the merits of prohibition, he pointed out that brewery workers as such were entitled to consideration as workers as men belonging to any other branch of Canada's industries. There were indications, he stated, that in the near future readjustment of conditions would soon be made.

LIKELIHOOD OF RUN ON LIQUOR STORES

To-day being Saturday the government liquor stores will close at 1 p.m. New Year's day (next Thursday) being a holiday the dispensaries of inebriating medicine will not open. So that with Saturday, Sunday and New Year's succeeding Christmas and all intervening before imported wet goods can possibly be delivered in Ontario there is a steady run on government supplies of the season's cheer.

Complaints were many to The World yesterday that the ailing and peevish public did not get a square deal on Christmas eve from the Toronto dispensaries.

Nothing Arbitrary. General Manager Cleland, when asked for a statement, said: "The dispensaries did not close on Christmas eve till the legal hour, 4 p.m. It is true there was some pressure; but I can assure you all were taken care of. There was no refusal of the public 'right, arbitrary or otherwise. On Saturdays our stores close at 1 p.m. and on public holidays do not open."

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