

workers to organize and also implement that affirmation by an assurance of the fullest protection in the exercise of that right by means of appropriate legislation, an entirely new day would dawn in the industrial life of Canada and untold happiness would enter many homes which have previously been darkened by insecurity and the nightmare of unemployment.

10. INTEREST OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES TO BE PROTECTED.

We desire to again record our most vigorous opposition not only to the amalgamation of the railways, but also to the indiscriminate pooling of railway services and facilities without due consideration being given to the interests of the employees. We express the sincere hope that we may have the Government's co-operation to this end.

11. STATE HEALTH INSURANCE.

That a large number of our citizens are not receiving adequate medical and surgical services under existing social and economic conditions is becoming more and more apparent. It is encouraging to note that an intensive study of health insurance is being undertaken by the Medical Association and other bodies in several of our Provinces, having in view the respective local needs. The Province of British Columbia already has in effect a Health Insurance Act. In the light of a manifest social awakening and an increased appreciation of human values, together with the keen interest being manifested by medical experts and social workers, the inevitable trend seems to be in the direction of some appropriate measure or plan of health insurance or state medical care to meet the present and anticipated needs of so large a number of our Canadian people, who are unable to provide such care for themselves. The co-operation and assistance of the Federal Government to the fullest extent possible within its legislative competence, towards formulating and adopting a national health policy, is respectfully solicited.

12. COST OF LIVING STATISTICS.

With a view to the adoption of a more modern method of accumulating and maintaining reliable statistics covering the cost of living, etc., it is respectfully urged that an exhaustive survey and other necessary measures be undertaken at an early date. It has been found during negotiations covering wages and working conditions, that the representatives of the workmen have been placed at considerable disadvantage by reason of being confronted with unreliable statistics compiled from somewhat antiquated methods.

In recent railway wage negotiations, it was pointed out by the representatives of the employees when appearing before the Board of Conciliation that because the Canadian cost of living indexes are merely estimates and not founded on comprehensive budgetary studies,

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