

### LABOR IN CANADA VERY NEAR TO A STATE OF CHAOS

#### Lack of Union Among Various Organizations Borders on Open Antagonism—Want of Leadership Makes Itself Felt—International Unionism Largely to Blame.

By JOHN R. BONE.

Toronto, April 25.—Approach of May Day finds Canadian labor in a condition of confusion, confusion and disunion bordering on chaos. While the labor party in England is consolidating its ranks, finding renewed vigor and expecting to elect 100 members of the new House of Commons, labor in Canada is represented in Parliament by two lone members and there is no promise that the number will be materially increased any time in the near future.

Even in the economic field Canadian labor is in a more vulnerable position than it has been in twenty years. It is true that in eastern Canada the international unions with headquarters in the United States, are maintaining almost as solid a front with as firm organizations behind them as heretofore, but even in this field there are developments that may be ominous for the future. One of these is the breaking away from the internationals of local units for the purpose of forming independent national unions. The danger of the movement lies not in any modification of orthodox labor ideals on the part of the Nationals, but in the element of disunion and rivalry introduced by them. The strength of the internationals is due to the fact that in case of trouble the local units have behind them the great resources of continent-wide organizations. The Nationals propose to abandon this advantage for the sake of national independence. But the strength of the new organization as a weapon of economic warfare is as yet untested. That they could show such a feat of strength as the Ontario National Union, international printers in Toronto and other centres, who after a year of open war and unemployment, are still carrying on the comfort through the generous support of American headquarters, is quite out of the question.

#### Movement Toward National Form.

While the international system still dominates in the highly industrialized Province of Ontario the movement toward the national form of organization has reached significant proportions. Jas. T. Gunn, one of the most intellectual of labor's leaders, is enjoying a wide confidence on account of his moderation and sanity, was among the first to raise the standard of independence of the United States of America and is devoting his energies to the cause.

In the Province of Quebec the Catholic National Union have long been a feature of labor organizations. They represent so much a breaking away from the internationals as a formidable rival established in the field.

Of the 375,000 organized unionists in Canada, almost 30 per cent now belong to some form of organization that is independent of the American Federation of Labor. Notable among the seceders is the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees.

In Quebec, too, new storm clouds have gathered in the labor sky, by reason of the fact that the internationals have incurred the serious displeasure of the Provincial Government. Premier Taschereau recently declared that the internationals would have to clear out of the province, that legislation would be introduced to make their continuance impossible, and that if necessary a million dollars would be spent to attain the desired result.

Around the Ire of Quebec.

It was the International Typographical Union that aroused the ire of the Quebec authorities. In its continent-wide campaign for a 44-hour week, the battle in Quebec was timed to take place at the recent opening of the Legislature. As the legislature deprived of its printing was threatened with impotence, the Premier seeking relief telegraphed Tom Moore, president of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress who replied that he knew nothing of the controversy. When the Premier found that it was John McParland, president of the International Typographical Union, and resident in Indianapolis, who alone was in a position of authority to counsel relief, his indignation broke bounds. He was quite ready, he said, to recognize the rights of Canadian workmen to be masters of their own destinies and to decide for themselves what was proper in Canada, but for a Canadian government to be introduced to accept dictation from strangers in a foreign country was an intolerable situation.

Defenders of the internationals were quick to point out alleged inconsistencies in Premier Taschereau's statement. If they said, he admitted the right of Canadian workmen to be masters of their own destinies, then they were free to join international unions if they wanted to. The incident, however, is one of some portent. Manitoba also has been threatening similar aggression, and the international unions, hitherto the mainstay of Canadian labor, may shortly have to meet an onslaught aimed at their very existence.

In Western Canada confusion worse confounded prevails. Whether the notorious Winnipeg strike of two years ago was the cause or a symptom may be a moot point. Trouble in Western labor organizations began with grumbling in the organizations themselves against dictation from far-away headquarters, either Eastern or American. Three years ago the rift appeared in the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress (in affiliation with the American Federation of Labor) and the Western delegates decided to call a convention of their own to discuss formation of the One Big Union. The Winnipeg strike of the following year was, however, officially at least, an orthodox trades union affair. The unprecedented spectacle it presented of mass action, of workers' class solidarity, in which even policemen laid down their batons, was probably one not to the One Big Union idea, but to the unsettled mass psychology of the times. It has come now to be regarded as an accident. But one immediate effect of it was a relentless warfare on the Western side of One Big Union. Governments and the local organizations of the American Federation of Labor joined with employers in the campaign of extermination. Even in the O. B. U. itself there was discussion, some warring

### Convocation At Mount Allison Theological Dept.

#### Diplomas Awarded and List of Prize Winners Was Announced.

Special to The Standard.

Sackville, N. B., April 25.—There was a large attendance at the Theological Convocation in connection with Mt. Allison Theological department which was held in the Methodist church on Monday evening.

Rev. J. A. Ramsay, M. A., pastor of St. John's Wesleyan church, Moncton, delivered an inspiring address to graduates and congregation assembled. He lauded hearty congratulations to the young men who were starting out in the ministry. One might get along without a college robe, said the speaker, but could not preach without the robe of righteousness. The preacher should be both a minister and a man. It would not do to be a minister without being a man, and without being a man without being a minister. Along with the qualifications of a minister there should be the characteristics of the gentleman. This is a marvelous time, said the speaker, for a young man to enter the Christian ministry. The opportunities for service are greater than ever before, and there is the call for help in building up a bigger and better civilization for humanity and for the King of Kings.

Referring to the proposed Church Union in Canada, the speaker said he looked forward to the happy day when we shall have a great union service in this country.

### Certificates Presented

Rev. Dr. Steele, of St. John, presided at the meeting and presented certificates to the following candidates for the Methodist Ministry: Chester Nelson Brown, B. A., St. John; George A. D. Elliott, Esquimaux, Que.; Reginald C. White, Twillingate N. The Registrar, Prof. W. Watson, presented a brief report showing that the department had been very successful during the past year. There had been a total of 33 students.

Rev. George A. Ross of Hampton assisted in prayer. Special music was effectively rendered, including violin solo by James Davis and a vocal solo by Harry O. Downey.

After convocation the annual banquet of Theological Society was held in University Dining Hall, where a sumptuous repast was served. The toast list was as follows:

Our King; Our Guest, proposed by G. E. Mosher, responded to by Rev. J. B. Merrill; Our Faculty, by C. N. Brown, B. A., responded to by Dr. C. C. Deane and Dr. R. B. Liddy; Outgoing Men, by Dr. L. List, responded to by R. C. White; Incoming Officers, by D. G. Deale, responded to by J. L. Reynolds.

### Prize List

The prize list was announced as follows: Rebecca A. Starr, bursary, value \$30; highest average in second year, Thomas R. McLennan; Charles H. Paley bursary, value \$40, highest standing in New Testament Greek; Harry Baxter; Hibbert C. Lawrence bursary, value \$60, highest average in first year; John T. Clarke; John S. Outing bursary, value \$20, highest standing in Old Testament History and New Testament History; William D. Education, 1st prize, Thomas A. McLennan; 2nd prize, Reginald C. White.

### BOLSHEVIKI IN CUBA TRYING TO ENTER AMERICA

#### U. S. Consul at Havana Reports Thousands of Aliens Preparing for Dash.

Washington, D. C., April 25.—Thousands of Russian Bolsheviki and other aliens are mobilizing in Cuba, planning to get into the United States by smuggling, according to a report submitted to the State Department today from the American Consul at Havana.

The report caused much excitement among the Government officials, and will be transmitted at once to the Bureau of Immigration. So serious is the situation that the indications are this Government will take up the matter at once with the Cuban Government, and upon finding that the time of residence had been extended perhaps many of them are determined to defy the law.

W. W. Husband, Commissioner General of Immigration, said tonight he has not received any official report from the State Department concerning the mobilization of aliens in Cuba preparatory to a drive for the shores of the United States. However, Mr. Husband declared the latest report to his bureau shows that there are now 5,000 aliens in Cuba desirous of entering this country as soon as possible.

Most of them, Mr. Husband said, perhaps had gone to Cuba with the expressed idea of living there a year, in keeping with the immigration law of the United States, but upon finding that the time of residence had been extended perhaps many of them are determined to defy the law.

### NOVA SCOTIA TO AID FISHERMEN

#### Provides Grant of \$5,000 for Technical Instruction in Fishing Industry.

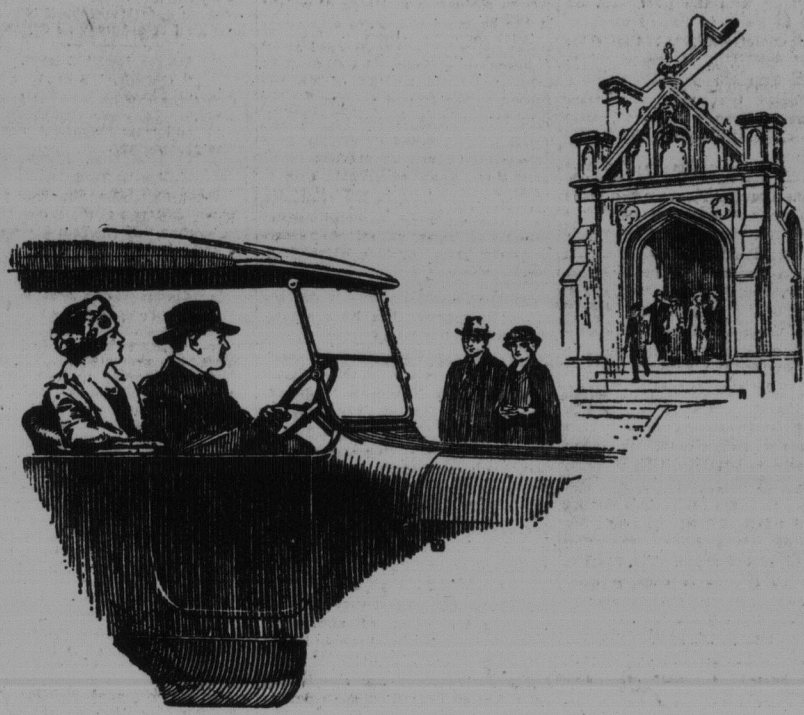
Halifax, N. S., April 25.—The Nova Scotia legislature has made a preliminary grant of \$5,000 to provide technical instruction in the fishing industry. It is proposed to give instructions in the handling and repair of gas engines, and in curing and packing fish. The grant will be increased if interest is shown in the classes.

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Detectives Aichman and Corcoran said that Weisinger had a gun under his pillow, and that they found in the room also an opium smoking layout, with three toys of guns, a pipe and a lamp. The girl's clothing had been taken from her, they said, and she had been forced to remain in the room.

No charge was made against the girl, but she was sent to the Florence Crittenton Home.

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### Every Lightning Bug Has Radio All Its Own

#### Sergt. Maj. Learns That Cockroach Communicates With Insects by Wireless.

Peoria, Ill., April 25.—The mystery of what makes the lightning bug's light has been solved, and the answer is radio. Hamilton Bailey, wireless operator on the U. S. Blackhawk, captain of the North Sea mine sweeper during the war, declared here today.

Lightning bugs, Bailey said, are equipped with miniature audio bulbs and possess a low radio frequency and a short wave length. Radio waves generated by potent lightning bugs equipped with broadcasting apparatus cause a lightning bug, he asserted.

Each bug is equipped with its own antennae—the long feelers or whiskers serving as the aerial, said Bailey, whose theory is the subject of experiments also will be made at Bradley College here.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 25.—The cockroach is a radio "fan" and communicates by wireless with his brothers and sisters. Howard Zimmerman of Harrisburg, sergeant-major of the Fifty-fifth Infantry brigade headquarters camp, Pennsylvania National Guard, believes and seeks to prove this through experiments, the outcome of which was made public here today.

The experiments, Zimmerman said, are the results of investigations begun in a bug infested barracks in Luxembourg under the direction of Capt. Armstrong of the Fifth Division, Signal Corps.

"At the time we were having night school and were working on the shortest possible wave length, getting as low as one-fourth of a meter," the sergeant explained, "the bugs were located three feet apart on a glass topped table.

"One night everything was working perfectly when suddenly our tubes began to act queerly. By the flickering light of the candle we finally located 'Mr. Cockroach' sitting in the space between the receiving and transmitting apparatus. We removed him and to our surprise the apparatus became normal. This led us to believe he was capable of making electric power."

The sergeant declared one insect radiates to another and this belief, he said, is supported by his experimental work. "I have found in my experimental work," he asserted, "that a cockroach

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