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Truth Told by Those Who Know It—Manufacturers and the Government Immigrant Agent's Statement Refuted.

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OPEN LETTER TO THE WORKINGMEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ON LABOR CONDITIONS IN CANADA, FROM THE TORONTO DISTRICT LABOR COUNCIL, IN REPLY TO STATEMENTS MADE BY DOMINION EMIGRATION AGENT W. T. R. PRESTON, AND REPORTED IN THE LONDON DAILY NEWS OF MAY 9TH.

The attention of the trades unionists of the city of Toronto has been directed to the statements made by Dominion Emigration Agent W. T. R. Preston in a copy of the London Daily News, and a reply from those acquainted with the labor situation in Canada is absolutely necessary at this juncture.

In reply to a question from the News reporter, Mr. Preston is credited with saying that there was no truth whatever in the assertion that the Canadian labor market was becoming congested, and as a proof of this he states that he has received applications from the province of Ontario alone for 5,000 farm laborers, and also applications for fully 10,000 mechanics from all parts of the Dominion.

We have no desire to refute Mr. Preston's statement regarding the demand for farm laborers here, believing as we do that with our vast agricultural resources yet to be developed, and the strong effort being made to open up the agricultural territories, there is at the present time a large demand for agricultural laborers. It is admitted by the Canadian press, however, that this demand for farm help has been occasioned to a certain degree by the influx of farm laborers into the cities, where there are certain advantages that cannot be obtained in the rural communities.

This influx into the manufacturing centres of the Dominion has naturally tended to provide more than sufficient men for the positions for unskilled men, and consequently there is no demand whatever for laborers. As to the statement made by Mr. Preston that there are positions for 30,000 mechanics here, all we can say is that such a statement is readily refutable, and based upon misrepresentation, perhaps not directly chargeable to Mr. Preston, but rightly credited to the employers of the Dominion.

The struggle between capitalist influences and the influences of the organized workers has become very acute here, and there is an aggressiveness characterizing the different employers' associations that was never known before in Canada. Both (legitimate as well as legitimate means are being adopted by these associations to compel the workers to submit to conditions that are neither congenial nor approved for the industrial classes, and a determined effort is being made to disrupt the labor organizations that stand between the avarice of the employer class and the highest interests of the toilers.

A denunciation of the manufacturers of the province of Ontario recently appeared before the Premier of that province, and made certain representations to him that tend to prove to what extent these men will go to flood the labor market and thus depress the price of labor. They had a carefully prepared list of the manufacturers of the province, and opposite each name there appeared the number of mechanics that could be immediately given employment in each factory. According to these figures there were positions open for 11,000 men in the province of Ontario alone, and in almost every case estimates made by these manufacturers were gross misrepresentations, and tended to the purpose of placing and creating workers of this province at the mercy of their employers. Representative labor men were consulted by the Premier, and as strongly did they impress him with their arguments in rebuttal of the information supplied by the manufacturers that he decided to take no steps whatever to encourage the immigration of mechanics to the province of Ontario.

Trades unionists in Canada resent with all their power the reflections cast upon their co-workers from the United States by Mr. Preston, and so sometimes wonder whether he is representing Canada as an agent of the Employers' Associations of this country, or because the language he uses in criticizing the officers of our international trades unions is the synonym of the language used by the capitalists who hate our international movement because it gives virility and strength to their movement here that we could not possibly have if Canadian trades unions depended entirely upon the resources of our own limited numbers, derived as they are from our limited population. Mr. Preston is surely a very sorry picture of the excellent opportunities for carpenters, masons and bricklayers, and states that an emigrant of that class need not be idle for an hour after landing. In the first place, it would be well to remind the British workman that we have not a perpetual summer in Canada, and if this class of mechanics are employed more than eight months in a year they are exceedingly fortunate. At present carpenters are making 1 3/4 per hour in Toronto, where the highest rate of wages are paid; bricklayers, 1 1/4 per hour; masons, 1 1/4 per hour; painters, 1 1/4 per hour, and builders' laborers, 1 1/4 per hour. Carpenters are on strike for an increase of 2 1/4 per hour, and the builders' laborers are on strike for 3 1/4 per hour. The painters are now on strike because the employers decided to reduce their wages from 1 1/4 per hour to 1 1/4 per hour. These demands are made because of the increased cost of living, and not merely as a coercive measure on the part of the unions, as Mr. Preston would lead citizens of the United Kingdom to believe. The same unsettled conditions that prevail in Toronto are experienced in other parts of Canada, and the applications forwarded from here to the Dominion Emigration Agent for mechanics come from employers who wish to fill the places of the strikers. If there should be a generous response by the British workman to these applications it will simply mean that there will be but

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ton's statements in this connection are misleading, exaggerated, and in the majority of cases absolutely untrue, and only ignorance of the true condition of affairs could lead him to enter the sphere of the demagogue from which he pours his flatteries to tickle the ears of that class which dominates our parliaments and dictates the policies for such as Mr. Preston in pursuit.

The object of United States officers is not to ferment strikes in Canada, but to prevent all trouble between the unions and the employers wherever such trouble can be avoided without the sacrifice of honor to themselves and the organizations they represent. It is in the very best interests of the international movement that they should do so, because every strike in Canada is a drain upon the treasury of the international union of which the strikers form a part. But apart from this, it must not be forgotten that the men who are directing the international trades union movement are British born subjects, and while they have assimilated with our American cousins, they are dominated with one great purpose, and that is to bring together the workers of the great Anglo-Saxon nations. President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, was born in London, England; Vice-President James Duncan and Thomas I. King were born in Scotland, and the Secretary, Mr. Frank Morrison, is a Canadian, born in the province of Ontario. In proportion to our membership in the international, our number is greater than that of any other Canadian officers, and strikes in Canada are not initiated in the United States, but are initiated here, and must receive the sanction of the International Executive, which in most cases is constituted partly of Canadian officers. Within the past few weeks many serious strikes have been prevented by the wise action of international officers, and in some cases where Canadian unions have defied these officers the employers have been taught valuable lessons as to the restraining influence of these officers over the Canadian workmen.

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Draw all orders in favor of Miss Mayne Kane, Dated Batavia, N.Y. Mar 8, 1903.

The Grievance Committee of the Central Labor Union having conferred with E. N. Rowell and found him exceedingly antagonistic to organized labor...

CONVENTION DATES. June 1, Cleveland, O. International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

June 1, Columbus, O. Chairmakers' National Union of the United States of America.

June 1, Louisville, Ky. National Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters.

June 8, Philadelphia, Pa. International Ceramic, Mosaic and Encaustic Tile Layers and Helpers' Union.

June 15, Minneapolis, Minn. International Union of Flour and Cereal Mill Employees.

June 15, Cincinnati, O. International Printing Pressmen's Union.

June 17, Philadelphia, Pa. International Steel and Copper Plate Printers' Union of North America.

June 18, Cincinnati, O. Amalgamated Leather Workers' Union of America.

July 13, Cincinnati, O. Glass Bottle Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada.

July 14, Indianapolis, Ind. State Mounters' International Union.

July 18, Brooklyn, N.Y. American Wire Weavers' Protective Association.

July 24, Philadelphia, Pa. International Association of Marble Workers.

August 10, Indianapolis, Ind. United Garment Workers of America.

August 10, Washington, D.C. International Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union of North America.

August 10, Washington, D.C. International Wagon and Carriage Workers' Union.

August 17, Birmingham, Ala. International Association of Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters and Steam Fitters' Helpers.

August 21, New York City. United Gait Belaters' National Protective Union of America.

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QUESTIONS OF THE DAY AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT BY JAMES WILSON

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Those bright and shining stars of the "National" movement appeared upon the horizon of Ottawa during the past week in the persons of Griffiths, Beauregard, and others.

While on the questions which are upon the political checker board at Ottawa, it would be most unfair to leave the subject without saying a word or two about one of labor's true friends in the House.

Ralph Smith is just at the present time confined to his bed through illness. He is another representative of labor in the House, with a somewhat different policy to that of Putney, in that while he has always been found there when labor needed a defender...

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