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## LABOR EDITORIAL

### YESTERDAY—TODAY—TOMORROW

This, the first issue of the Edmonton Free Press, marks another milestone in the advance of the Organized Labor movement in Edmonton. Since the formation of the Trades and Labor Council about fifteen years ago the growth has been steady. As a result of pursuing our cause by legitimate and honorable means, we have attained to that present position in the city which merits and has secured for us the respect of many who could not at one time see eye to eye with us. There are many more who still remain very indifferent; however, we have not lost hope, rather are we encouraged to go on, and through our medium beat down all false conceptions that at present hide from the view of those people the true principles and ideals of Organized Labor. Should not every city, large and small, every province and the Dominion, be proud indeed of the advancement, through organization of labor, of all that contributes to the welfare of the very soul of the community—the people who toil. It has been and continues to be a hard, uphill fight for Organized Labor to justify every effort put forth to attain the present standard and achieve what, until this day, it has achieved and enjoys. Organized Labor—however, its make-up changes—has come to stay and all the while make progress, and in the making and achievement of that progress steadfastly vindicate every means used.

The slow evolutionary process of attainment by Labor, along many lines which it must show more rapid advance, is something for which Labor alone is responsible. Organized Labor grows steadily and in that growth sees the accomplishment at hand in the new social order of what, to many people has been and still is, characterized as "utopian."

Labor sees the goal at hand that with the new days will usher in new strength and renewed life to the ranks, both skilled and unskilled, organized and unorganized, and through the perfected organization, knows the great cause of Labor cannot fail. It is a staggering thought that brings home to many of the world's people what in the near future looks like becoming a fulfillment, viz.: the vastly changed social conditions. Most people are not prone to forget or let go their hold on the old order of things that burdened the world with social injustice and suffering long before any conflict started in Europe. Tragic indeed, but it cost humanity the war and its awful toll in human lives to bestir that humanity to a great something—that something is still being moulded—faster in a day these days than it was in a decade before the great war. It is called Democracy. Whatever it be it is coming to pass and with its coming the older order of things is fast passing away and must give place to what will be established in the new ideal, the realm of Democracy, long overdue.

Labor demands only an inherent right which is full justice commensurate with the righteousness of Labor's cause. To those allied with us in the promulgation of a clean, true and honorable cause we call for a fuller enthusiasm and a larger activity. To those whose attitude towards us is in opposition we seek, through the columns of our medium, to educate them to a fuller understanding of our principles and ideals and our ultimate objective. We have no desire or intention to use methods at any time of the insidious character and reserve to Organized Labor the right to hold our actions, at all times the result of mature judgment inviolate.

We have no desire that ours should be interpreted a class movement designed to benefit only Organized Labor, as the unorganized workers today with ourselves enjoy the fruits of Organized Labor's achievements. The welfare of the human family, a welfare founded on principles that will preserve the integrity and carry all the fundamentals of character building, that educate the will, thereby bringing about right conduct from within, these things are what we are speaking for and acting with one end in view—their consummation.

The organization of the yet unorganized will hasten the evolutionary process and bring to fullest realization the conditions by which Labor will be known as such and be respected in a larger measure than the world has heretofore known, and through these channels of organization the soulless management policies that have permeated industry in the days gone by and still exist will give place to a fuller and a freer age of co-operation in the days at hand and yet to be.

### CONSISTENCY NECESSARY

The recent Calgary Labor Conference Call clearly set forth the purpose of the assembly. The business transacted at that "August" gathering was absolutely foreign to the conference call—yet this absolutely foreign business was enacted, and by a great would-be majority, passed in the interests of Organized Labor.

To complete that consistency all Trades Councils are asked to assess membership two cents, etc., etc., for payment of printing accounts. This particular "One Big Union Bulletin" does not print particularly One Big Union Propaganda, but also goes so far as to abuse the local Labor Party and individuals connected therewith, which propaganda was no part of Calgary Conference program. The purpose for which the "One Big Union Bulletin" is being used is absolutely foreign to the purpose it is supposed to serve—and you are asked that you contribute through an assessment to pay the printing of such mean and contemptible work, by those responsible for the subject matter that seeks only to satisfy a nugatory element. We cannot play the man with ourselves and descend to such tactics. Let Organized Labor display again the consistency that has built for it the present unshakable foundation on which it stands.

### WHO IS LABOR?

Labor. Who is Labor? The Edmonton Free Press represents Labor. Who is that? Labor is the man who works in the store six days a week, rents or owns a house, large or small, lives with his wife and family, sends his children to school, attends his lodge, his church, social functions, and greets you when upon occasion you meet: Labor is the engineer who pulls the train that carries you on a journey, who eats and sleeps and works and plays as you do; Labor is the bookkeeper, the freight clerk, the butcher, the baker, the mechanic, in short he is the man and the woman who sell service. Labor lives next door to you, across the street, in the flat above. All Labor is not organized, but all organized Labor works for the betterment of the life of all Labor. It is a fact that all Labor does not approve of all the acts of all organized Labor all the time. Organized Labor makes mistakes the same as any other organization composed of humans, for to err is human.

Organized Labor is ever ready and eager to learn, to find the best solution to social and economic problems affecting so vitally the masses of the people. The door stands open wide ready to receive as brothers those of any labor pursuits who would care to join and assist in the task. Even more, organized Labor goes out on the highways and invites all workers to come in and have an equal voice in seeking a right and just solution to problems as they arise. When the Edmonton Free Press officially represents the Trades and Labor Council it necessarily represents the interests of all who sell service, whether those engaged in such service are formally organized or not.



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### OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

(By R. McCreath, President Edmonton Trades and Labor Council)

To the People of Edmonton, and To the Membership of Organized Labor:

In co-operation with Henry J. Roche of this city, the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council, through its complete endorsement of the Edmonton Free Press published by Mr. Roche, recognizes this paper only as the official publication of Organized Labor in Edmonton. Mr. Roche appreciates the intrinsic value of Organized Labor to his publication and we acknowledge the great service from the education and progressive standpoint that such publicity must render to our cause. The Trades and Labor Council through its Press Committee, will be responsible for all matters relating to Labor published in the Labor sections of this paper (excepting such matter as appears in correspondence columns and the back page editorial). It is the desire of Mr. Roche and the Trades and Labor Council that this be a truthful, educational and at all times an interesting and valuable paper, and your Committee will use every vigilance to that end. We trust this will prove truly a community paper, and through the dissemination of publicity in the interests of our cause, that not only the members of Organized Labor but that all Edmonton people will find in the Labor columns subject matter that will prove of interest to them, and always be well worth reading. There is no greater forward movement in the world today than the forward movement of Labor—organized and unorganized. To keep pace with the movement get on the subscription list of the Edmonton Free Press.

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### CONFERENCE MAY PROVE OF VALUE

Will Stimulate Movement for Closer Co-operation By Trades Unionists

(By Alex. Ross, M.P.P., Labor Member for Centre Calgary.)

The Calgary Western Labor Conference just terminated was the largest informal conference of Labor ever held in Canada, the reports of which were given wide publicity. The flood of oratory which deluged the prairie city has subsided, leaving confused impressions in the minds of those interested in economic problems, as well as in the minds of many of the delegates.

The more aggressive element stirred, prepared, saw, conquered, and departed, no doubt happy in the thought that for once their views had matured.

What surprised me most of all was the evident utter disregard for, or lack of knowledge of, the aggressive element of the feelings of the mass. It would appear that those who dominated the with that phase I am in accord, as it is a common occurrence to attend a conference and find the mass indifferent and undecided; that is a criticism that can (Continued on Page 2)

### INFANT MORTALITY AND LOW WAGES

Research As To Relation Between Wages and Babies Gives Revelation

(By F. E. Mercer)

Among the forces on both sides of the fight between Capital and Labor can be found four types—the old fashioned, the sentimentalist, the real progressive, and the bully. The old fashioned are they who believe that on the one hand trade and industry must always go along the lines of competition and that every man stands or falls by his own strength. Such are many small business men, such even are some trades-unionists whose aims are only to make the state of the worker better while still keeping him a worker. The sentimentalists are the most numerous. On the capitalist side we find the vast majority of women confident that a clean collar denotes a clean soul; the majority of the clerks in offices, typographers; the majority of the men in professions, lawyers, doctors, etc. And with them stand the modern employers who want to keep their workmen quiet (Continued on Page 7)

### POSITION AS TAKEN BY MODERN LABOR

Four Types Engaged in Struggle Between Capital and Labor—Why?

(By F. E. Mercer)

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## UNIONISTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO THE ORGANIZATION

The Seattle proposal which was endorsed at the recent regular meeting of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council, will commend itself to the most ardent and loyal Trade Unionists. The reason for this is that it seeks to have their own organization bring about the desired change. This is both scientific and logical for these are the very institutions that the wage worker has given both his time and money to in order to make them what they are today.

To start at this date to organize a separate union composed of western wage workers can spell nothing but defeat and loss of all that has been put into your present own Unions. Remember you are the members composing the International Unions, and if the Unions are not up to the minute the responsibility is ours. And we cannot shirk our duty by passing the "Buck to Willie."

The Trade Unionists of Seattle realizing their position are attacking our problem manfully and seriously. And they are asking their fellow Trades Unionists not to throw away all that they have; not to take a vote to sever their connection with the rest of their fellow Trade Unionists, but to have the following brought about. Proposition No. 1, "Shall this International, by referendum vote, select three of its members to represent this International in conference at a time and place to be named (preferably by the President of the American Federation of Labor) at as early date as possible after such election for the purpose of effecting the amalgamation and consolidation of all International Unions into as nearly as possible twelve units, grouped approximately as follows:

Amusement Trades, Building Trades, Clothing and Textile Trades, Culinary and Provision Trades, Marine and Transport Trades, Metal Trades, Mine Workers, Postal and Federal office Employees, Printing Trades, Railway Workers, Telegraph and Telephone Workers, Timber Workers.

Allowing local unions to retain their present status and at the same time permitting them to act as a group unit dealing with an International Unit, thus greatly adding to our organizations efficiency and very materially reducing overhead expenses.

The interchange of card without cost is then dealt with. The beneficiary phase of our organizations. Blanket agreements, covering all crafts in a given plant. To secure uniformity of wages.

That whatever is agreed to at this conference is to be ratified by the membership. Here is a real plan to help the Trade Unionist forward, here is something that makes for unity and not disruption. The Seattle Trade Unionists have started their campaign. The Edmonton Trades Council are asking our own body the Executive Committee of the Alberta Federation of Labor to carry out the spirit of Resolution 25, passed at the last meeting of the A.F. of L. as in the recommendations of officers. The necessity of closer ship between members of craft unions and amalgamation of allied International Organizations.

We all realize the need for co-operation on the part of the defects were inherited, and from the bitterness and the struggle for the legal existence of Unions. Prior to the war there were periods of very remarkable industrial prosperity from which the masses of wage earners got no benefit at all. The gulf between the classes was made wider and the well of bitterness deeper than before; because employers very foolishly withheld terms of reasonable benefit for the workers which could have been conceded. However the war has given us a great inheritance, it has vouchsafed the spirit of co-operation. Let the Trade Unionists not forget to make the best use of their responsibility to the community and to themselves.

### GREAT ORGANIZATION MOVEMENT

Today is an epoch of union organization. Never before have people engaged in common lines of endeavor been so active in banding together for mutual welfare as now. In trades and callings where unionism has been given little thought in the past, the workers are uniting and joining hands with Organized Labor. It is a hopeful sign through organized effort right can be made to prevail against might. Justice is served best when championed by a united front. This organization wave sweeping over the country may be explained by stress due to high cost of living without corresponding increased pay envelope.

### A WORD TO YOU

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## LABOR ACTIVITIES OF THE DOMINION

### Unemployment is General Throughout Canada, But Situation Improving

According to the most recent issue at hand of "The Labor Gazette" (March) unemployment is reported as found in all cities and towns of the Dominion except Halifax. This was for the month of February. Mild weather aided outdoor employment an decreased demand for coal miners. Railroads were able to handle almost summer tonnage resulting in reduction of train crews. Loggers were fairly busy. In metals, machinery and conveyance group there was a decided improvement. In flour mills, packing plants and abattoirs employment varied. Sugar refineries were actively engaged. Textile group was inclined to quietness with slight demand for skilled help. Ready made clothing and white-wear slight demand for skilled workers; reduction of employment in pulp mills, while woodworking employment was good on the east and west coast. Chemical and drug plants were actively engaged, also paint factories. Steam railways active in transporting returned soldiers but freight crews were lessened. Street railway generally had a good month. Longshore work was quiet. In mining silver mines worked steadily with speeding up in the gold camps. In coal industry unemployment reported from all areas, some mines shutting down and others running half time. Marked activity in the lumber industry. Halifax was the only city to report activity in the building trades. The value of building permits in thirty-five cities increased from \$1,096,974 to \$1,863,462 over the previous month.

Since this report conditions have been improving generally and it is stated that within a few months there will be practically no unemployment in the country.

In 1896 Barnum & Bailey announced that they would exhibit throughout the country a "horseless vehicle."

## WAR SAVINGS STAMPS. WHY?

(By Dr. W. H. Alexander)  
Chairman of the National W.S.S. Committee for Northern Alberta.

At all post offices, banks, railway offices and in most stores you will find on sale Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps. Thrift Stamps are of the denomination of 25 cents; when purchased, they are pasted on a card until sixteen of them have been accumulated. The full card may then be exchanged for a War Savings Stamp of the face value of five dollars payable in 1924. Thrift Stamps may conveniently be given and taken in change, and it is hoped that this will become a common custom. They are also an excellent way of investing the savings of the little people who soon develop a keen interest in the filling up of their card. The War Savings Stamps are of the denomination of five dollars, and are now in this month of March purchasable at \$4.02. Ten of these on a War Savings Certificate with a total cost of \$40.20 are to all intents and purposes a Dominion of Canada fifty dollar bond. Thrift Stamps for the little amounts converted into War Savings Stamps as the little amounts accumulate, constitute the beginning of a very convenient and secure investment.

There is thus every inducement for the individual's selfish interest in these Stamps, but that is only one side of the appeal. It has become necessary for our nation to finance itself largely; the good old days of running over to Europe to float loans have passed away and will not likely return. We must supply the sinews for our own industrial life. One of the best conceivable ways is by a general and united effort in economy, and the War Savings Stamps and the Thrift Stamps are intended to facilitate that effort.

Then again these Stamps are going to be a stabilizing element in the nation, and that is good in these days when we are a little too prone to shake things up just for the fun of seeing what will happen. Every investor in the Stamps is vitally concerned in the preservation of the integrity and efficiency of the nation in the finances of which he is directly interested as a bondholder; he will think carefully before committing himself to schemes or theories which may completely upset the national credit. This is no reflection upon progress and reform whatever; it is merely a suggestion that a large number of citizens with a direct financial interest in the welfare of the state constitutes a sober and reflective factor in our political life.

Then again in purchasing Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps we are carrying on according to our opportunity the work which our boys began so bravely under battle conditions overseas. They never failed in the most critical moments but pressed all their undertakings to success, and by their achievements they have won not only the world's admiration but our gratitude. How is that gratitude to be shown? Well, by doing everything possible to give the returned man a chance and something more than a chance; he has taken chances enough already. But this cannot be done without money, and you citizens of Canada are asked to provide that money by turning over your savings to the Government in a way that will enable them to do the right thing by the soldier and at the same time make you a fair return (about 5%) on your money.

There has been a failure to understand these Stamps here in Northern Alberta. Some people seem to think it is another "drive" directed towards some charitable object, and that the only dividends they will obtain will be in terms of moral satisfaction. Nothing of the sort. Thrift Stamps and W.S.S. are cash, and cash that is earning interest too. You are helping your country to be sure, but you are doing a good thing for yourself too. Think it over, or better yet, look into it. W.S.S. are also an excellent form of investment for the surplus funds of clubs and societies; these funds at the present time are often lying idle, doing no work and receiving no return. As time passes this will less and less be the case, because the new form of investment is going to be understood and appreciated.

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be leveled at any organization. **Deserve Credit** Those who organize with the object of pressing their views deserve credit; it is not well, however, to overlook the most important factor of all—the opinion of the silent member—because, unless the conclusions reflect the inherent or potential opinions of the mass, a reaction will be inevitable. I would not suggest that those holding executive positions should be mere automatons registering the somewhat hazy opinions of the mass. Our individuality must be preserved if we are to make progress. **Changes Indicated** Although it overlooked many of the essential factors, the conference could not be considered a waste of time and energy. On the contrary, I believe it had a value. It at least indicated the changing opinion of organized labor, and unless entirely repudiated by the membership (which I trust it will not be) will serve a purpose. **Objectionable Features** When the report of the conference is carefully analyzed it contains many objectionable features which ought to be

rejected. It is unfortunate that what developed to be the main issue—the consideration of the adequacy of our labor organizations to meet the changing economic conditions, and that the result of that discussion which will be submitted to a referendum vote—has so many undesirable strings attached to it. The craft unions came in as a wholehearted condemnation and apparently hadn't a friend left. This was ancient criticism; the Socialists have preached that doctrine since the Chartist movement; their antipathy to the union has hampered the development of labor organizations. In their condemnation they forget what the craft union has accomplished for them in the last fifty years. It has been and is the only stable organization we have had, and will not be obsolete until something better replaces it. The Marxian Socialists of Great Britain and Canada were, until the Russian revolution, anti-trade unionists. Many were compelled to be members, others became members by choice; but generally inactive members, urging all and sundry not to cling to the false hope that the union would bring about the economic emancipation, but that the hope of the mass lay in the capturing the state and transferring the means of production and distribution to the common ownership by the mass becoming class conscious and marching up to the ballot box on election day and electing men who stood for them and their platform and principles.

**Change of Tactics** Those of us who disagreed with the theory have been the victims of the vituperative attacks of the silver-tongued gentlemen who made a living by expounding the dismal science. But undismayed we kept on organizing and encouraging the growth of the despised union. Within the last two years these men have become alarmed at the futility of their endeavors in the political field, have crept into the union with the intention evidently of adopting new tactics. Thus history repeats itself. In defending the change of attitude towards the union, they state that they always put a broad interpretation on political action, and that by political action they always meant any form of mass action. A glance at the literature issued by the Marxians will give denial to this assertion. If they had accepted this interpretation of political action, then the Marxians, who were members of our unions, would have been more active and those who were outside of our unions would not have remained in this condition until recently. It may be that they made a better living outside as itinerant lecturers; being materialists that is probably the explanation. However, they are now members of our unions; let us be generous in our criticism. They admit their mistake by throwing in their lot with us. Having committed a serious error of judgment in the past, now that they are with us, we must make an effort to guide them, and prevent them from committing any error of judgment in the future.

**Not a New Thing** The cry for industrial unionism is not a new thing in Canada. At the Calgary convention in 1911 such a movement was endorsed by a close vote. The delegates to that convention accepted the vote as an expression of opinion. From there the change has been marked, encouraged by the many sympathetic strikes during the last four years. The congress did not undertake propaganda work with a view of precipitating a change in the system of organization as the result of that vote would suggest, because it meant a nationalist movement. And the Canadian membership represented but one-twentieth of the total membership of the international unions. The international unions at that time had shown no evidence that they desired a change and a vote then would have meant a complete separation if carried. We were all internationalists and realized that the change, if it was to be successful, would have to include the whole of North America.

**Educational Campaign** I am still of the same opinion. We cannot isolate ourselves as suggested by the Calgary conference and expect to get anywhere. But we can initiate a far more aggressive educational campaign with the view to having a universal vote on the question, as our neighbors in the south are in a frame of mind to experiment. The natural tendency has been to consolidate our forces. In the last few years a great many industrial organizations have been formed, and I have always regarded organizations by industry as the logical development of the trade union movement. Western Canada has always been partial to this form of organization, mainly for another reason which will play an important part in deciding the referendum. **Misunderstanding Exists** The international executives have never really understood western conditions. They have been out of harmony for years. They have been arbitrary. The administration has been like an Imperialism rather than an Internationalism. It is impossible for me to analyze in detail in this short article the various elements which have helped to bring the labor movement in the west to this critical stage. But we have reached a stage in our history, when those who have the interests of the mass at heart should think and act.

**Echo From Russia** The referendum vote which will be submitted on the "One Big Union" is an echo from Russia, and incidentally with a Bolshevik motive. But we must remember when trying to apply the same remedies to our social ills that the Bolshevik did not capture the state by virtue of the industrial organizations. The Bolsheviks fell heir to it and the unions being practically the only organizations that were organized in the revolution, was easily adjusted in the

effort to establish an industrial democracy. If we can judge Russia by the literature of her great authors the materialist philosophy of the Bolshevik cannot find a permanent place in the life of the simple romantic Slav. The Soviet form of administration, if we can judge by the reports, bids fair to become a permanent institution and is worthy of our consideration. **Must Be Change** Industrial conditions in Canada are becoming intolerable. We have built up an industrial autocracy which, if not destroyed, will destroy us; where an industrial autocracy thrives a political democracy is impossible. We have the franchise, but we have never been taught how to use it. When stacked up against the forces that dominate our political life those who desire a change in our social system have reason to despair. We will assume that the mass who are dependent on the whims of capital for a job desire a change, which I believe is true. The only question there is that of method, "How can it best be done?" I believe in joint industrial and political action. There are two systems of industrial unionism; first, organization by industry—a combination of craft union in allied industries, such as we have in other parts of the British Empire; the second is the "One Big Union" based on the L.W.V. system of organization. To form an L.W.V. organization or Big Union in Western Canada, is crude and impracticable. **Extraordinary Powers** To vote in favor of forming an industrial union which includes workers of definite allied industries is practical—the logical outcome of the craft union system of organization. The vote I understand will not be submitted in a form which will give the membership an opportunity for one or the other system. A provisional central committee has been elected with extraordinary powers, a real dictatorship; the committee is empowered to prepare propaganda with funds supplied by the unions; they are responsible to no other organization. As the Calgary conference was informal, it may never be held again. This committee is also empowered to prepare and submit a ballot, even assuming suspicious instructions as to the method of counting the ballots. Although the committee is only provisional the powers entrusted to it would indicate that we have suspended the democratic method of operating our unions and substituting an autocratic method. If we are to improve our organizations, and we ought to improve them because we have a herculean task facing us, we can only improve them by maintaining the democratic principles which have made the craft unions what they are. We hope after due discussion and reflection the vote on the One Big Union or L.W.V. organization will be rejected.

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## "SIS HOPKINS" ON SCREEN AT ALLEN

Laughs come thick and fast in "Sis Hopkins," Mabel Normand's new Goldwyn picture, which comes to the Allen theatre for two days only, beginning Friday. It is not to be wondered at with two such comic creatures as the star and the gawky Sisseretta, called Sis for short, made into one. In this story she has a part that mingles comedy and pathos. She is a light, frivolous musical comedy star, stranded in a country town, and is compelled to get some kind of work or starve. The small town setting naturally brings into the action of the story a variety of types, always material for the creation

## BARRYMORE SEEN AT BEST IN NEW PLAY

Ethel Barrymore, the beautiful actress of international fame, will be the star of "Our Mrs. McChesney" at the Gem theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. This is the story of a clever woman who retrieves the fallen fortunes of a business firm, for whom she is a travelling saleswoman, by unique and original methods of her own. The head of the firm, a young and attractive man, falls in love with her but she will not listen to his pleadings until she has placed the business on a firmer and more prosperous footing than it ever has been before—despite a rival concern's opposition.

## CARMEL MYERS IN BLUEBIRD FILM AT REGENT THURSDAY

Carmel Myers, star of a score of Bluebird photoplay successes, comes to the Regent theatre Friday and Saturday in her latest production, "Who Will Marry Me?" The star has a role similar to that in "My Unmarried Wife," in which she made her biggest hit. It is that of Rosie Sanguinetti, the little Italian girl of New York's Ghetto. The story was written by Sonja Levien and put into scenario form by

Frey Myton. Paul Powell directed the feature.

Thurston Hall, leading man of several Morosco stage productions, has the principal masculine role, that of Jerry Van Oosten, a wealthy Manhattan clubman who marries Rosie to save her from becoming the bride of an Italian barber she despises. How she later rewards him by saving him from the death chair at the expense of her own good name makes a dramatic climax that is fraught with suspense and human interest.

William Dyer, who will be remembered as the peculiarly philanthropic Westerner in "All Night," plays the part of the heavy in this newest Carmel Myers' production.



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## THE GUILTY MAN

A tensely dramatic tale of real life is "The Guilty Man," which is to appear at the Gem theatre on Friday and Saturday. The story written by Ruth Helen Davis and Charles Klein deals with the life of Marie Dubois and her illegitimate daughter, Claudine Flambeau. The daughter murders her stepfather, a brutal cafe keeper, to save her mother's life, and the prosecuting attorney for the state is no other than her own father.

Gloria Hope, as the daughter, and Vivian Reed, as the mother, as well as "the guilty man," William Garwood, have risen to superb heights of artistry in depicting the adventures of the characters they portray. Directed by Irvin V. Willat under the supervision of Thomas H. Ince, Inc., "The Guilty Man" bids fair to be an unusually popular photoplay, as was the original presented on Broadway a short time ago by A. H. Woods.

## MARY PICKFORD AT THE MONARCH

In undoubtedly the most gripping and thrilling photodrama in which she has ever appeared, the nation's sweetheart, Mary Pickford, will be seen at the Monarch theatre today and Saturday in her Arterian picture, "The Little American." A vital story by Cecil B. De Mille and Jennie Macpherson and produced under the personal direction of Mr. De Mille, whose many creations have made him one of the foremost masters of photoplay technique, this film offers a particularly timely subject of patriotic theme.

Since her appearance at the head of her own company for the Aircraft Pictures Corporation, Miss Pickford has appeared in several strong dramatic photoplays. Her recent production, "A Romance of the Redwoods," which when first shown proved a sensation, made a lasting impression on the minds of her thousands of admirers. However, in "The Little American," she is given a story which for thrilling situations and great appeal outdoes anything the famous little star has ever appeared in.

## FOUNDED ON FACT

Actual experience is a hard thing to translate to the screen, and it was merely an accident which enabled Mae Murray to utilize the experience of an actress friend in "Her Body in Bond," which will be seen at the Dreamland theatre today and all week.

"In our company, three or four years ago," she said, "there was a certain young married couple. The husband became ill, so ill that he had to give up his part and go West. The wife—she was an awfully nice little girl—gave up her savings to send him away. Her salary was barely enough to keep herself alone, yet she tried bravely to support her husband in Arizona and pay his medical expenses. This was an impossibility, we knew, so several of us who were in more fortunate circumstances arranged with the manager to raise her salary. Her pay was more than doubled and we 'chipped in' each week and turned over to the manager enough to meet the increase. She never knew we were doing it, of course, for her pride never would have permitted her to accept the arrangement. Her husband finally recovered, she concluded, but I don't know what she would have done but for our help." Then, as a relaxation from the mental strain of trying to lead their obstinate plot out of the blind alley it had run into, they started to imagine what the little wife might have done. And as they talked, the story of "Her Body in Bond" grew right under the noses—literally, and for a long time they did not realize it—not until it had become a full-grown plot, in fact.



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## MAKE AMATEUR BALL A SUCCESS

**'Deacon' White Urges That All Pull Together for Some Live Sport**

(By 'Deacon' White)

Now that the idea of professional baseball in Edmonton for this season is quite knocked in the head because of Calgary's attitude, it is up to us to make the most of the amateur game. Personally, I am very glad that pro ball has been side-tracked for another year, as the weight of reasons seems to be all against it for this summer. Next September Sam Savage of Calgary has determined to build their fences. He declared that he is ready with Edmonton to organize a circuit for 1920. That will give every member of the league, whatever its composition may be, plenty of time to flourish here as never before. It has proved a great success in Winnipeg the past few seasons and also in Calgary. We must build up some teams here that will be able to go out and take the measure of these cities. We have just done it in basketball and now we must do it in baseball and football. The teams are daily bringing back some trusty athletes from the other side, and there were some Edmonton names to conjure with, "over there," Haliburton, Blades, Hay and Dancocks in the field of track athletics, and in baseball there was Bagley, Eddie Marske, Chief Kootenay, Chapman and Kinsely. This young Chapman played short for the first division team in 1917, and he was a revelation, as the last seen of him in Edmonton was 1915 before he was out of short pants. Bagley captained the second division

team and Kinsely taught for the champion third division team. Chief Kootenay was the great first division pitcher, who won fame in the neighborhood of Vimy Ridge by his wonderful feats of twirling. Eddie Marske played a grand game at third for the second division. These are just a few names. There are many more. Sport was a great thing in the army, and this war has been the means of bringing our games into their proper sense of proportion. Men have been gathered into the different games both as players and spectators that never before took one solitary speck of interest in them. It would probably surprise, to say nothing of delight, the residents of this city to see men like Colonel Palmer, Major Weaver and Major Chappel of the 49th playing the good old game of in-



'DEACON' WHITE

door baseball. They earned regular places on the 49th officers indoor ball team that was as good as any like team in the Canadian corps.

This coming summer will see a four club amateur baseball league in Edmonton, composed of the following organizations: The Great War-Veterans' Association, Dekan Grotto, Knights of Columbus and the Rotary Club. A regular schedule of games will be played at Diamond Park, either 3 or 4 games a week, the season opening about the middle of May.

There are enough players in this city of sufficient class to produce four good baseball teams, and provide some rousing games for the summer. And with the development that regular playing will bring we will be able to select one team that will bring honor to the city in games with the common enemy, Calgary.

If amateur baseball can prosper in other cities in Western Canada, it surely can here. And the best method of conducting prosperity to the game is for everyone to lend their support by attending the contests and boosting.

And this goes for football as well. Get down to those football games. It is crowds that make it possible to secure better teams, and they stimulate the players to greater efforts. We want the best soccer team in Western Canada, and in order to get it we must have patronage.

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**Operation of Government Act Strong Stimulus to Live Stock Industry**

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The Government of the Province of Alberta makes it possible for settlers without means to get a good start in the live stock business. Two years ago the "Live Stock Encouragement Act" commonly called the Cow Bill was passed. It provides for the forming of co-operative associations of farmers in number from five up, who wish to secure money for the purpose of purchasing cattle stock. The money secured is actually limited to the purchase of cows. All it costs the members is a dollar each to help to defer the cost of organization. Members that are well established on their farms or that are making permanent homes and especially men with families can secure up to the limit of \$500. Others who have not made home-stead improvements or have accumulated any resources are not usually given so much. The Act is administered by the Provincial Live Stock Commissioner whose staff passes on the resources of the borrowers and on the stock purchased and should look after the interests of the Government in the stock, in its management and disposition during the time that the loan is in force. The Government does not furnish the money, it is secured through regular banking channels. The Merchants Bank of Canada so far has been furnishing the money for the demands of the Cow Bill. The rate is 6% payable yearly—the whole period of the loan is five years. The Government guarantees repayment. Since passing this Act over one million dollars has been loaned to farmers. The total number of borrowers is about twenty-five hundred. The average size of the loans is \$2150.00. The average amount procured by each borrower is \$407.00. The total number of cattle purchased so far is 12,875—the average price per head is \$65.50.

The affect of this provision is very beneficial to the new settlers. If a settler has cows he has a means of changing his rough feeds into beef which he can sell for a good price or into milk which furnishes a very necessary ration for the farmers' family and likewise furnishes a steady revenue from week to week for the purchase of necessary things not provided by the farm itself. It is commonly estimated that about 65% of the actual foods required by a family is furnished from the farm itself. This consists of such things as fruits, vegetables and meat products including milk, eggs, etc. The Government likewise has passed a Municipal Co-operative Credit Act which has not yet come into very active operation. It provides for the forming of municipal companies and for the establishment of a management; for the negotiation of loans which are furnished through the usual channels and the guaranteeing of repayment is divided equally between the Government and the Municipality. This Act has not made great progress yet but it is expected that it will, after having been amended in the present legislature, go into effect during the present season.

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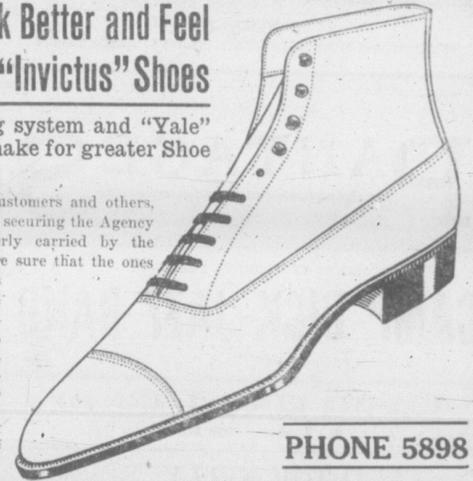
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**WOMAN'S STATUS UNDERGOES CHANGE**

She Demands Privilege of Choosing Place in Society the Same as Man

(Contributed)

During the past four years the industrial and political standing of women has undergone a change so material and complete that people will be forced to revise their estimate as to the part women will play in industrial and political activities of the future. It has been demonstrated that women are ready to take the places of men called for military service, and are capable of doing so. No one will deny that the work of the women in factories, munition works and other places filled by men before the war, and even on the farms, has been of vital help in winning the war. So important did their work become that in Great Britain it was the War Department which declared that "untiring efforts must be devoted to simplify and extend the scope of women's usefulness, by which alone our country can hope to parallel victors from a struggle with parallel in her long and glorious history."

**Better Conditions**

In peace or in war women's work is essential to the nation, as in either case it depends upon the productive efficiency of its workers for its prosperity. Today, the tendency of the really progressive nation is to increase its productive efficiency by providing laws for the betterment of working conditions. It is the workers upon whom the prosperity of the nation depends, and the term "workers" includes women as well as men.

**Select Her Vocation**

Every man selects his own vocation. He is a machinist, carpenter, farmer or any other tradesman from choice. The day is at hand when women will do likewise. If the woman is capable of doing certain work, and she desires to do it, as women we ask why shouldn't she perform this work with as much freedom as the man. Every man adapts himself to some particular trade (bearing those who have a trial at all trades) and counts this as his life work. While every woman is not fitted for active part in industrial and political affairs of the world, neither are all men. Should it not be a matter of choice on her part as to select what calling she shall follow. If a man is not capable of holding a certain position he doesn't get the position; the same holds true with the woman.

**Same Training**

Provisions are made for schools and colleges for the education of both boys and girls. Each year new subjects are added to the course of study, these subjects more or less dealing with the business affairs of the nation. The boys and girls receive the same instruction in these subjects; are taught the same principles. What is more natural than that they should continue on the same equal footing in later life. Business colleges are constantly turning out women and men stenographers, bookkeepers and typists. Business concerns cannot get along without these helpers today, and on account of this constant demand more women are taking up the business courses. The women are fitting themselves to carry on a share of the industrial and commercial work of the nation.

**Men's Attitude**

How do men regard this progress of women's inclinations toward business? Do they consider it an usurpation of their rights to business? Or do they look upon it as a natural consequence of the educational advantages furnished? Every fair-minded man knows that the future of women in business is decided. They have proven themselves capable and fit to take their place in the world of work in those divisions which heretofore have been looked upon as men's work.

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**WHY WOMEN READ THE ADS**

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**EDMONTON TYPOS HOLD MEETING**

New Agreements Discussed, New Members Elected and Reports Heard

The Edmonton Typographical Union held its April meeting on Saturday, the 5th inst. in the Labor Hall. President McCreath in the chair, with a good attendance of members.

Traveling cards were reported as deposited by J. Bleaken (from Calgary) and Mr. Youhill (from Winnipeg). The Secretary was instructed to write the Mayor and Council complaining of the disgraceful condition of Beechmount cemetery as found by members of this union at the funeral of Mrs. Bonnell, the wife of one of our members, who died from the pneumonia, leaving his husband in the hospital with the same sickness. Two children are left to mourn the loss.

The Financial Secretary was instructed to interview the secretary of the Employing Printers' association with the object of completing arrangements for absorbing our returned soldier members back in the trade with as little delay as possible.

It was reported that Brother E. L. Winters and been left at Kimmel Camp when the 4th Battalion left for Canada. Brother Percy B. Holgate returned with the 4th and also Apprentice Orville Palmer. Hugh Speight, who has about completed his term of apprenticeship and went over as an original 4th man, is expected back any day now. Brother C. D. McCallum wrote saying he expected to be leaving England any time and would be glad to be home again.

International Vice-President J. W. Hays wrote this union for a report of the Calgary Inter-provincial convention. This was ordered sent by our delegate.

A letter was read from B. W. Bellamy, of Medicine Hat, saying he was touring the West to speak to printers in regard to the Calgary convention and asking us to arrange a meeting for the 15th inst. This was agreed to.

Notice was received that the Church of England Hymnal contract was about to be re-let and the secretary was instructed to write to the Bishop of Edmonton and the Bishop of Ontario (chairman of the committee handling same) asking that the work of printing, etc., on this hymnal be executed in Canada, especially as during the period of Reconstruction every piece of work is required.

The convention all for the Western Canada Conference of Typographical Unions, to be held this year in Winnipeg, was laid on the table for the May meeting, also a couple of notices of motion intending to change the constitution of that body.

Percy G. Williams and Fred Smece (soldier apprentices who have completed their terms and found well skilled); Wm. H. Fields (another finished apprentice), and Leo C. Vogel (a former member) were duly balloted on, successfully passed this ordeal and later initiated into full membership by the president.

The financial secretary gave his monthly report, which showed 104 members, and with the four admitted as above will make now 108.

President McCreath gave his monthly report of the Trades Council doings. He reported that in the next few days he expected to have the pleasure of installing the officers of the newly organized Policemen's union, and that the milk drivers of the city had just been organized. He expected in the near future to see the school teachers' association and the civil servants' association affiliated with the Trades council, all of which was good news to the members present.

The proposed new scale agreements (both newspaper and job) were finally adopted and instructions given to negotiate with the employers.

Letters were read from the Journal and Bulletin in reply to this union's request for an opening of negotiations in the scale agreements. Same were ordered filed and the officers of the union will interview these firms.

At this well-attended meeting the scale agreements were passed unanimously and there was no doubt as to the amount of wages and number of hours to be worked desired by the membership, and recent arbitration agreements published in the official Typographical Journal make every one sanguine of the outcome.

Delegate Knott gave his report on the Calgary inter-provincial convention, and as the hour was late the matter was laid on the table.

The following resolution was passed and ordered sent to the Trades Council for their endorsement: "That a full de-

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Saturday, April 19th, the annual meeting of the Alberta Teachers Alliance is to be held at Calgary. Delegates from all locals from all over the province will be in attendance. Election of officers for the ensuing year will take place and the constitution and code of professional ethics will be finally passed on.

talled return of the vote taken on the One Big Union and other matters being voted on jointly with this subject be made to all unions and other labor bodies concerned, whether voting or not. This return to be issued at the earliest possible date."

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## United Farmers Making Strides Through Progressive Organization Attain a Nation Wide Influence

Activities Now Become Dominion-Wide and Include the Marketing of Produce, Co-operative Purchasing, Operation of Elevators, Sawmills, Insurance, Newspapers; Now Proposed to Enter Politics With Candidates Especially Selected.

By H. HIGGINBOTHAM  
(Secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta)

To comply with your request, and state briefly the Why, the What, and the How of the Farmers' Movement in Alberta is not an easy task.

Also, it is becoming more and more difficult to describe the activities of the United Farmers of Alberta as a Provincial Unit of the Farmers' Movement in Canada, without dealing in general with the Movement as a whole, as so much that has been accomplished, has been accomplished not by the United Farmers of Alberta, or by the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan and Manitoba alone, but by the concerted effort of these organizations acting together, and, more recently, with the help of the United Farmers of Ontario; while in the past year, British Columbia, Quebec, and New Brunswick have organized along similar lines—so that, at the present time, the Organized Farmers of Canada have strong Provincial Organizations in at least seven of the nine provinces of the Dominion. The Provincial units are bound together for concerted action in Dominion affairs in the Canadian Council of Agriculture.

**Big Representation**  
The organization known as the United Farmers of Alberta has just recently held its Eleventh Annual Convention, at which a membership of over 18,000, including some 1,500 women was reported.

The United Farmers of Alberta came into existence by the amalgamation, eleven years ago, of the Alberta Farmers Association and an organization known as the Canadian Society of Equity, which had been established in Alberta by some members of the American Society of Equity who settled here. The organization was formed to further the interests of farmers socially, economically and politically.

Socially, the United Farmers of Alberta has done much in brightening rural conditions in Alberta. The eight hundred odd local associations covering the province from the International boundary to the most northerly settled parts of the Peace River are a social and educational factor, the value of which cannot be overestimated.

**Conditions Revolutionized**  
Economically, the U.F.A. has, together with the sister organizations in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, revolutionized the conditions in the grain trade, and, by the co-operative marketing of live stock, almost eliminated the itinerant drover; while the effect of the farmers going into business for themselves has a far-reaching influence on all concerns doing business in Western Canada.

**Elevators Established**  
The U.F.A. established the Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co., Limited, by getting the Provincial Government to put up the money for the building of the elevators and allowing the farmers time in which to repay the money. In the first year eighty elevators were built which handled approximately 3,774,581 bushels of grain in the face of the keenest competition, besides livestock and supplies.  
After a period of five years the Alberta Farmers' Elevator Company amalgamated with the Commercial Organization of the Manitoba Grain Growers Association, namely the Grain Growers Grain Company, which had been in existence twelve years.

**Good Profits Shown**  
The first annual meeting of the combined organization has just been held, and the Profit and Loss account showed gross earnings amounting to \$3,047,395. Capitalization of the Company is \$2,891,000, and the net profits for the year 1918, \$441,760.

The United Grain Growers own 214 elevators, and operate another 129 under lease, 231 flour houses, and 181 coal sheds. They operate a large terminal elevator at the head of the Great Lakes, as well as an Export Company in New York, which, from September 1, 1917 to the end of August, 1918, under instruction from the United States Export Co., purchased and handled over 120 million bushels of oats.

**Other Activities**  
In addition to the Export Company, the subsidiary companies of the U.G.G. include the U.G.G. Saw Mills, Ltd., which owns a large Lumber Manufacturing Plant, situated on its own Timber Limits in British Columbia, a Securities Company, which buys and sells land on commission, writes Fire and Life Insurance, and also, a Publishing Company, called the Public Press, Ltd., which issues weekly the Grain Growers Guide, employed as the official organ of

the Farmers' Union in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, with a circulation of upwards of 52,000.

The Livestock Department of the Company in 1918 handled 4402 cars of livestock.

**To Enter Politics**  
Politically, the U.F.A. has hitherto sought to influence legislation by the power of its membership, without taking any direct part in political activity. While much has been accomplished by this method, it has been felt, for some time, that, as the farmers comprise 60% of the population of Western Canada, they should be able to exercise some actual control of governing institutions of the country.

Accordingly, at the recent Convention, the United Farmers of Alberta definitely decided to enter the political field for themselves. The leaders propose that the new political organization shall be built "from the bottom up, recommending U.F.A. members in different constituencies to band themselves together, call district conventions and nominate their own candidates.

The Central Organization will leave the district units absolutely free to take whatever action they see fit. It is felt that, if success is to be achieved in securing Democratic political control, the usual process must be reversed, so that the district conventions called by the people themselves will come together with absolutely no orders from any party or caucus.

This is a new experiment, and it may fail. If it succeeds it will mean a political revolution.

## GETTING FARM WASTE IN THE PROFIT COLUMN

Not many years ago the packers ignored the value of the by-products, but now they claim to make all their profits out of this very thing, says a writer in the Scientific American. No part of the animal is wasted; as one humorist has said "not even the squeals are wasted, as Henry Ford buys them for his automobile factory." A good many farmers may be skeptical as to this claim of the packers in its entirety, but no one doubts that the packers turn by-products to good account. It is interesting to note the great progress the farmers have made in a similar direction.

Several years ago farmers counted their straw stacks as valueless, and they were everywhere burned, but now straw is found to be a good fertilizer when spread. Of course it may not be possible to dispose of all the straw in this manner and the surplus may be burned. In some sections of Western Canada the Government has this year forbidden the burning of straw stacks. Another use to which straw may be put is in the manufacture of different kinds of rough paper and cardboard. In the wheat sections a cardboard factory might be opened and receive all their material from the surrounding community, thus giving a market value to a material that was once considered worthless.

Cottonseed, valuable both as a feed and a fertilizer, was formerly thrown away. It is now a by-product of tremendous importance, not alone to the cotton industry, but to innumerable cattle feeders.

The rinds and waste cuttings of Wisconsin cheese are pressed into large bricks and used for chicken feed. In the sugar beet sections the beet tops are used as ensilage and gives great satisfaction as cattle feed, while in some districts bean straw is being used as a standard article of feed. Even the Russian Thistle is being cut and cured for roughness in some parts of Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado.  
These are only a few of the many by-products of the farm, and of which the farmers are finding more use for each year.

## TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE GARDEN

It will soon be time to get the garden plot cleaned up, ready for the plow or spade. The ease with which good produce can be grown and the important place such produce occupies in the economy of the home, makes the garden a problem which need not remain unsettled longer than necessary. Every home with available space should have

a garden where a variety of vegetables and fruits required for the table may be provided.

Many men have no garden because they know nothing about making one. They seem to think there is some mystery about it beyond the average individual and mean only for the fortunate one under whose magic touch every plant seems to thrive. With a little care, thought and work any one can have a nice garden. How about one this spring?

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POSITION AS TAKEN BY MODERN LABOR

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by giving them as good a time as possible, provided they are content merely to work. On the labor side we find the social workers, most clergy, and a growing number of professional politicians who are coming to see that the labor policy in the coming force.

The bullies are those on both sides who would use force either physically or economically to obtain selfish ends. Employers who will use a surplus of unemployed, who will cater for the men who will undersell their fellows, who will use the newspaper as an organ of deception, and the prison as a home for all agitators. Laborers who are prepared to use any weapon to destroy the present civilization in order to create a purely materialist state of existence.

Among progressives there is far more agreement than would be thought possible at first sight. There is agreement that every improvement of machinery, every use of scientific research, the development of electric power, the best regulation of the supply and distribution of raw materials and of the distribution of the manufactured articles, together with the "limitation of competition," would be to the good of all men. Both sides are equally keen on the improvement of the education, the health, the happiness and the leisure of all who suffer from any handicaps at the present time. Both sides believe in the utmost good fellowship. "Why is there then the struggle?"

1. Because there are comparatively few really progressive leading business men, of the recent congress of 3500 American business men in Atlantic City.

2. Because the actual progressives are not in control of their own industries. Behind even the biggest business stand the Big Financiers whose minds are full all day and night of "money" and not "men."

3. Because the progressive business men make a fetish of their trade. They live in the office. They deal with outsiders. They study what will sell. They are eager that all should be happy within the works. But the industry which they represent is their Deity. Loyalty to the Great Firm is their religion.

The struggle is a matter of psychology. The laborer starts with the individual man, the Businessman starts with the individual industry, the Financier starts with money. Upon these fundamentals are built the philosophies in accordance with which each works; in many respects the philosophies prove similar but basically they are most divergent.

The individual man has never before been made the starting point of a system of political economy except by thinkers of the socialistic school. Hence the propaganda of the laborer is revolutionary ever if evolutionary means are used. In his interests laborer stand for the four points: Universal Enforcement of the National Minimum, Democratic Control of Industry, Boycott in National Finance, Surplus Wealth for the Common Good.

We start from the standpoint of the individual man and look at him from the double point of view as a producer and a consumer. Obviously he has a word to say as to the management of Swift's local branch. The farmers around this city, the workmen in the plant, and the people who feed on the product have direct interest in the cost of food.

Therefore we say that each ought to be represented on the managing board, in the selection of the actual executive experts, in the decisions as to hours and wages, and in the division of profits and distribution of goods manufactured. Higher up there should be similar boards until at the highest point the whole industry should be administered by experts advised by experts representing the farmer, the worker, and the consumer on the same lines as the food control committees advisory to Mr. Clynes or to Mr. Hoover during the

recent war. By all having a vote in the managing board every workman would feel that he had a vital interest in his work; he would be a living part of a living whole; he would cease to be a slave of a mechanical process whereby money flowed into the pockets of the mere investors in his industry.

Progressive business men are prevented from agreeing to the possibility of such a scheme working out through the prejudices with which they start thinking, i.e., the interests of the people who have invested money, and the good of the firm as contrasted with the welfare of a rival firm. From a real democratic standpoint we would deny the right of investors to have any powers beyond the right to expect fair interest on capital invested; and we would challenge the necessity of having rival firms operating in the same district with the same objects. The supposed competition is supposed to keep down prices, but the consumer representatives would do this better.

In writing, however, of the modern labor position it must not be suggested that the political efforts of Labor are the most popular or promising to the minds of Laborers. The political field constitutes the peaceful method of securing the changes wanted. But the industrial field offers Labor its mightiest weapon.

Two Movements In the industrial field two movements have become conspicuous of late: (1) the "shop steward" movement, comparatively new in England but always used out here owing to the distance from the American headquarters, which tends to create rebellion against the old fashioned leaders.

(2) The "semi-skilled movement" breaking into the old skilled union as modern machinery destroys the value of the fully skilled man. Specialization tends to create industrial unionism instead of the old craft organization.

The fear of a large amount of unemployment, fanned by the laying off of a large number of men and women, drives the workers to consider the best means of securing employment for everyone. The most general answer is "Shorter hours." But on this point modern labor which desires the prevention of work after six or eight hours is in controversy with those workers who desire shorter hours only to secure more overtime pay. The presence of the alien, of course, makes for greater bitterness in the fight.

The position is a serious one and worthy of the fullest study and thought. Men with a grievance should always be treated gently. Abuse is fatal. So whatever we think, we can all combine to prevent labor leaders from being falsely accused of Bohemianism or any other latest "hete noir" and from being called traitors to their city, country, or to civilization, the men whose one object is to create a better city, a better country, a better world.

MORE MUSIC PROMISES TO BE DEMANDED

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up to a keen enjoyment of, and indeed a keen appetite for what is generally termed "classical music," and which today the masses are no more than apathetic towards.

Relatively few parents feel able to afford private musical instruction for their children, but every child in a democracy has a right to all the free musical instruction the schools can provide.

Bond of Unity Put this subject, then, unstintingly into the public school programme; continue it through the high school; let our grade teachers have careful and sufficient training in the principles of teaching it; let it have the necessary monetary support; and, in a few generations, whatever other bonds are held, the heterogeneous elements of our people together in national unity there will be none more powerful than the bond of music.

Threefold Claim As to the value of music in a scheme of education so much has been written that it becomes tedious, at length, to peruse further articles on a topic whose force of argument should be perfectly obvious to all interested in education.

A man of extraordinary vision is Dr. P. P. Claxton, the United States Commissioner of Education. In speaking before the Music Supervisor's National Conference at Pittsburg on the topic "The Place of Music in National Education" he made the following declaration: "Sooner or later we shall also begin to understand that after the beginnings of reading, writing, arithmetic and geometry, music has greater practical value than any other subject taught in the schools."

Dr. Elliott, President Emeritus of Harvard University, pays a high tribute to music as a public school study, when he says "Music, rightly taught, is the best mind-trainer on the list." In these quotations from eminent educational authorities three great claims are made for public school music study, viz: its cultural, intellectual, and its practical value, and its value in mind training. Can any other subject on the course lay more considerable claims?

Sight Singing Value To secure efficiency in music the pupil must, above all, learn to read its language; that is to say he must learn to interpret its symbols, especially as pertaining to vocal music. The study of sight-singing is the most important feature of public school music study, is the most power-giving, the most interesting and the most difficult to teach well.

There has been much lively and some acrid discussion as to whether it is best to teach music as to whether it is best to teach music reading through the medium of the notation peculiar to the tonic-Sol-Fa system or by confining the teaching to staff-notation (movable do) in all parts of the course. Staff notation is the universal system of notation and the argument still at large in some parts of Canada that staff notation is too difficult and complex for the comprehension of young children is quite fallacious.

Staff notation is in exclusive and general use in public schools over all of the United States and Western Canada. Let it be clearly understood that it is not the "fixed do" system of staff notation (for that indeed is inherently difficult for the young mind to grasp) but the "movable do" system in which the tones, and therefore the notes, bear a definite relation to the tonic of each key.

John Curwen's elaborate system of representing relative duration values of sound and of indicating accent points and key transitions is in itself a highly ingenious and very interesting development of an idea but it can never become the standard notation. To spend time in school in teaching the reading of "Sol-fa" is to side track one's efforts which should be devoted to the duty clearly before us—to teach the children to read the staff. From an ear training point of view the Curwen method is, however, valuable.

Training Required Town and city school systems, according to size, should have qualified supervisors and special instructors as an aid to the grade teachers in pursuing this subject to the successful completion, at the end of the year, of the specific amount of work required of their particular grades in order that there be no weakness in the chain of progress.

It is not known by any means as generally as it should be that a special training in colleges devoted to that purpose is absolutely necessary to any musician or music student aspiring to become a public school music supervisor or special instructor. School boards should most certainly be especially alive to this fact. No one would be allowed to teach school without a certificate from a provincial department of education but time was when a special instructor in music could be engaged by a public school board whose only title to teach was that he or she had been a piano or vocal teacher for a number of years, and it seems that anyone who can play the scale of "C" on the piano may elect himself a piano teacher if he so desires; neither is there any standard required of one who would teach voice.

Distinct Standard Public school music represents a distinct and standardized line of teaching. All the prominent schools for the training of supervisors and the departments of music in government normal schools are in as much agreement as to aims

and methods as are the prominent university departments of medicine or law and are becoming year by year, more and more in agreement. The supervisor must be thoroughly versed in this special pedagogy. To begin with he should be a musician of undoubted standing and ability. His supplementary training should give him a thorough understanding of the child voice as well as the adult voice; he should be an organizer who can get the most and the best grade of work from his special instructors and grade teachers in the time allotted to music, organize violin classes and develop school orchestras; he must be a conductor of ability and capable of directing harmony classes and classes in musical appreciation in the high schools. He must be able at a moment's notice to teach any of the multifarious problems peculiar to the different grades and keep the path of progression in repair. No amount of concentrated attention to detail should so obsess him as to lose to him the helpfulness of the larger view and vision.

Post-war programmes will reach out towards the spiritual side of education to a greater extent. Smaller cities, towns and contiguous villages will inquire for improved music supervisors and instructors. A course for public school music instructors and teachers desiring special certification in the subject will, in July, be inaugurated in the summer school for teachers conducted by the Department of Education. The course covers two terms and will result in a stimulation to school music in the rural as well as in the city schools of the province. The larger normal school term recently decided upon will also give the teacher double the preparation they formerly had in this work.

A reform that will doptless soon follow, will be the incorporation of a course of music in the high school curriculum with credit towards graduation. Credit should also be extended to high school pupils studying instrumental music with private teachers. Such a plan would encourage many to continue their studies in piano, organ, violin, etc., who are now forced to suspend their lessons under pressure of the work now regularly taken in the high school.

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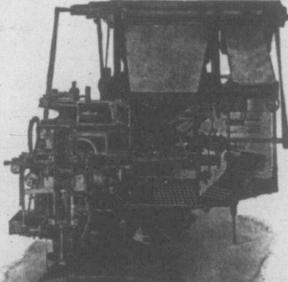
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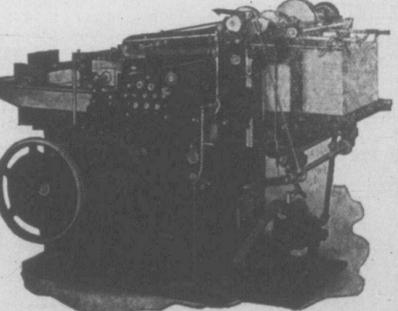
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### OFFICIAL VOICE OF LABOR

The Edmonton Free Press, of which this is the initial issue, is the official voice of Labor. It is the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council's publication to all intents and purposes. It is published every Saturday morning. Its first, last and only purpose is to provide a medium whereby the interests of Labor—the great mass of the people—may be advanced. This paper is recognized by, and has the official endorsement of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council.

It is purposed to publish a clean, sane, constructive paper, befitting the dignity of those represented, worthy of the confidence, the respect and the support of all. Its columns will be devoted to events of particular interest to men and women who sell service, giving such attention thereto as the ordinary newspaper is unable to give because of covering a wider field. Its editorial columns will be devoted to timely discussions and constructive criticisms presented with frankness, fairness and best intentions.

Today the interests of employe and employer are identical. Happy is the community with a large payroll. Insofar as Labor prospers, business prospers. A better understanding and appreciation between employer and employe is desired by everybody. The Edmonton Free Press hopes to bring about that better mutual understanding and sympathy.

On the front page of each issue will appear editorial discussions contributed officially by organized Labor dealing with problems and events occurring from time to time. The news columns belong to organized Labor. Activities of your Labor unions, officers and members, are wanted. Thereby interest and strength will be gained by you and by others. One page is devoted to things directly touching the lives and activities of women. It is their page. Their co-operation, suggestions and criticisms are asked. Organized Labor and the United Farmers come nearer seeing eye to eye than any other two individual social forces in Canada. The Edmonton Trades and Labor Council is devoting a page of its paper to U.F.A. activities, farm, livestock, and market news generally. As play and recreation through efforts of Labor, have gained recognition as essential to human health and welfare, sport, music, theatres and the recreative side of life are to be given much attention.

### CO-OPERATION IS NECESSARY

To the members of organized Labor, the Edmonton Free Press states here-and now that everything that may appear in this paper from time to time will not meet with the approbation of everybody. No one can please everybody any time, nor anybody all the time. Do not expect the impossible. There are no two men in any organization that see eye to eye on all occasions. There is never a meeting of any local or of the Trades and Labor Council but divergence of opinion develops. This paper aims to promote the interests of Labor to the best of its ability, guided and directed by the deliberations and decisions of the Trades and Labor Council. Any suggestions and views of Labor will be welcomed at all times, to the end that by such co-operation the cause of Labor may be supported and may attain the dignified and important place in the community it deserves.

Labor is a unit in purpose. Differences arise only as to the manner such purposes are to be attained. Which may be the best road to travel is a matter of opinion and judgment.

It would be folly for laborers in a common cause to subordinate their mutual purpose to method of procedure. Perhaps a brother is in error. If so, eventually, he will discover that error. So long as his conduct is sane and just and does not intrude upon the rights and privileges of his fellow men, it is a fundamental principle of British liberty that he be permitted to follow the dictates of his conscience. He who would scuttle the ship because its course is not to his individual liking, cannot lay claim to good citizenship. Labor does lay claim to good citizenship.

As you, the members of organized Labor, read this, your paper, remember that the best effort is being made for the big broad cause of Labor, which in the last analysis is the masses of the people. As this is your paper, your constructive criticism is welcomed at all times. Remember that the work of no tradesman is beyond improvement. The member of one craft may make timely and helpful criticism to a brother in another trade.

### WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH EDMONTON? SHE'S ALRIGHT!

There is another Patriotism. Not every man can be a deathless Tommy Atkins. It is not given to every woman to be an inspired Florence Nightingale. But every one among us may be a Patriot. Not in doing the big spectacular deeds of war does Patriotism alone lie. The call to do the commonplace, dead-level things of the every day as they should be done is the Empire's summons now. Edmonton is one of Britain's far-flung outposts. It is our part to hold it well. This you and all of us have a part in the doing; assume a smile, though smiling may not be easy; keep our hearts staunch though the fight sometimes presses hard; give a "leg up" to the other fellow who has trouble in riding the storm; keep the faith—believing all things good and nothing ill; hope all the best things and make those hopes come true. Canadians held the fields of Flanders; it is up to us to defend Edmonton's place in the sun. Every business man and institution in the city that is playing the game, through the stress and toil that needs our hands and hearts.

Whether it be the old blind hero who sells you newspapers at the corner, or the great corporations and the big captains of things industrial, or Labor, don't let your minds rush to believe all of them. Don't credit unfavorable reports. Don't smirk and gibber behind your hand that "So and so is broke"; that "so and so is on the verge of ruin," that "the liquidators are in such and such a business—possibly our own city."

Our businesses are like our women. A lie spoken or an unfounded suspicion suggested is as black a crime against a business as it is against a woman's virtue. The whispers of scandal-mongers are the weapons of cowards and poltroons. Don't repeat such stories and don't permit others to carry such tales to you. "Boasting" may be a trite and much-overworked slang term but we need all of what it means we can get. Don't say a word if you can't say something good. Boost, root, whoop-it-up, sing a quickstep song. Forget "The Dead March in Saul" and the "Miserere." Why can't the Board of Trade, the Rotary Club and other organizations set a day when all hammers shall be thrown into the Saskatchewan? Cut out the knocking, the glum visage and the calamity howling. Edmonton is all to the good. Edmonton is a real live city. "Get the spirit." Do we feel discouraged? We should say not! Blessed are the optimists for they shall inherit the Earth.

The City Council is to be congratulated on its adoption of the policy of determining working conditions of its employes by agreements with the various organizations in its service. That method is not only fair but universal experience has proved it to be the most satisfactory for all concerned. By the "agreement" method both sides of the situation needs be considered.

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Officers were installed and the new charter just received from the Dominion Trades Congress was dedicated at a meeting of the recently organized Edmonton Policeman's Association, Tuesday evening at the Central police station. R. McCreath, president of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council officiated in the installation ceremonies. President Sergt. Irwin, president of the new association was in the chair. This the newest organization to join the ranks of Organized Labor has a charter membership of approximately sixty.

Bro. McCreath, in expressing the pleasure it gave him to be present, appreciated in his remarks the forward step it meant to labor organization in this city. He also dwelt at length with the aims and aspirations of Organized Labor and how much it was misinterpreted in all communities. This attitude was clearly being changed, he said, through the growth of the Organized Labor movement, and a growing knowledge on the part of the people of its achievements. He counselled the membership to at all times give loyal service to the officers and the organization, and through them to the general Trades Union movement.

Bro. McCormack of the Civic Service Federation was also present and assisted greatly in the proceedings. The officers of the new association are: President, Sergeant Andrew R. Irwin; first vice president, Constable George O'Leary; second vice president, Constable John Leslie; recording secretary, Constable Joseph P. Mochan; secretary, treasurer, Detective Sergeant William J. Gillam; trustees, Sergeant Daniel R. Fraser, Sergeant Michael A. Kelly, Detective Edward M. Watson. The above named officers are also appointed as the executive board.

## NEW UNION BY DAIRY WORKERS

The Charter of the new organization of Dairy Workers has been received and a meeting of some seventy members was held Wednesday evening to install the officers. It is expected to have all workers in this industry join this union. Those wishing to make application should get in touch with Secretary Farmilo at the Trades Hall, First street and Jasper.

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