

## Federal Nominations Record Number

### OTTAWA TRADES COUNCIL WITH INTERESTING BILL OF FARE

That the "good old political patronage system" was confronting the civic advisory committee on unemployment in its effort to solve the problem was the report made to the Allied Trades and Labor Council by Capt. J. A. Hayden, president of the council and chairman of the committee in question. He stated that the government had started work on the canal outside the city and not where the committee suggested and the men were not engaged through the employment bureau, but under the old patronage system. He also declared that the committee was not getting the co-operation of the board of control and city council and the men were not engaged through the employment bureau, but under the old patronage system. He also declared that the committee was not getting the co-operation of the board of control and city council and the men were not engaged through the employment bureau, but under the old patronage system.

### MONTREALERS STONG HOUSE BLDG. REMEDY

The construction of dwellings as the best means to relieve the unemployment situation and solve one of the most acute housing problems ever experienced in Montreal was discussed at a meeting of citizens at the Freeman's Hotel.

Declaring that there was a shortage of over 25,000 homes in Montreal and that an intolerable situation existed regarding housing Rev. Father Kingston, S. J. of Loyola College, recommended the building of houses as the only practical and legitimate solution of the shortage and would at the same time relieve unemployment and help to check unwholesome tendencies in the ranks of labor.

### LOTS OF CHOICE FOR THE ELECTORS TRIO GENERALLY CLAIM SINGLE SEAT

Latest returns show six hundred and thirty contestants aspire to the 235 seats in the Federal House. Labor and independent candidates have a list of 74. The Progressives, who, at the outset of the campaign, announced their intention of running around 130 candidates, actually nominated 144.

On Tuesday afternoon nominations were filed for the 235 constituencies of the House of Commons. Evidence is ample that in every province there will be arduous fighting. In all the nine provinces there is but one candidate elected by acclamation—E. Guss Porter, Conservative candidate in West Hastings, Ontario, who has represented the constituency since he was first elected at bye-election in 1901. There was, indeed, a Progressive named to contest the division with Mr. Porter. But his nomination papers, the returning officer held, were not properly filled out, and Mr. Porter was declared elected. Candidates elected to the last Parliament by acclamation numbered no less than twenty.

### OTTAWA LABOR CANDIDATE CALLED OFF

Thomas Mureil, nominee of the Independent Labor Party of Ottawa as a candidate in the coming federal elections, has retired, and his name was not presented to the returning officer on Tuesday.

This decision was reached after a protracted meeting of the Independent Labor Party, which discussed the following letter, which was issued as a statement:

"Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the Labor Representation Committee and the Independent Labor Party, held on Sunday, Nov. 20, the circumstances in connection with your candidature in the forthcoming federal elections were fully discussed, and owing to the lack of a definite and positive unanimity in support of your candidature, attributable in large measure to a paucity of financial resources, it was deemed advisable and with extreme regret to respectfully ask you to reconsider your nomination as a Labor candidate."

### BRITISH VISITOR SEES LABOR'S OPPORTUNITY

After an extend visit to this country, Mr. Herbert Tracey, who has been actively connected with the leaders of the British Labor party and the British trades union movement, has returned to Great Britain. Mr. Tracey's purpose in visiting Canada was to study economic and political movements, concerning which he made some interesting observations.

"From what I have seen, the movements which will mean as much to Canada as anything else are those of the organized farmers and the students of your universities," he said.

"Great Flow of Ideas." In both there is a tremendous flow of ideas. I found religion plays a part in each, particularly in the Christian Student Movement, where, also, there seems to be a great desire to get to the cause of industrial disorders. I spent a most interesting week among students this summer at Elgin House.

Dealing with the organized Labor movement, he said it was passing through a period which the British Labor movement had passed many years ago. He believed little would be accomplished until Labor had representation in the Federal Parliament.

"Canada's Unique Opportunity." In this country there is an opportunity possessed by no other country in the world," said Mr. Tracey. "It is possible to bring together the industrial worker and the farmer, economically and politically, and I believe this can be accomplished. From what I have seen, the feeling which industrial workers possess toward the farmer is only superficial."

### CANADIAN MADE GOODS HAS FIRST CALL

The Employment Service Council of Canada, which is an advisory body, representative of employers, employees, farmers, the returned soldiers, the provincial governments, the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, the Department of Labor, and which is charged with the duty of recommending to the Minister of Labor ways of preventing unemployment and of improving the administration of the Employment Service, of Canada, at its last meeting, passed the following resolution:

"Whereas the importation of foreign goods which could have been produced in Canada has been in part responsible for the present unemployment problem, and

"Whereas a continuation of the purchase of imported goods will tend to accentuate the problem, and

"Therefore the Employment Service Council of Canada recommends to the purchasing public the desirability, when prices are fair, of demanding goods produced in Canada and with the object of giving the widest possible publicity to this recommendation instructs its secretary to correspond with the press of Canada requesting the insertion of editorials and news items dealing with this phase of the situation."

### LOW-WAGE ADVOCATES ARE POOR PROPHETS

New York.—After the din and clamor about building revivals when wages are reduced, these prophets are smoked out. Wages have been lowered but the revival has not materialized and now they are murmuring—but very guardedly—that monetary policy may be responsible for the lack of building material.

These hints are found tucked away in the financial sections of newspapers, while the front pages and editorial columns continue the bluff that "high" wages is responsible.

"The question in the public mind today is: 'What is making the price of building material higher?'"

"The case of common brick is fairly typical of the market. Banks in manufacturing districts are disturbed by constant extortions to the effect that a condition exists in the Hudson river brick industry of conspiracy, combination and illegal control of distributing markets in violation of the law. These allegations have never been judicially affirmed, yet the banks, acting conservatively, and being guided by natural business prudence have, by their attitudes discouraged loans to operators or of leased yards."

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### NEW ANTI TRICK

Richmond, Cal.—Anti-union elements are urging the passage of a city ordinance which would prohibit any one from going on premises where a building is under construction. The building trades council is objecting to the proposal.

### WANTS MANY JOBS

Washington.—W. K. Vanderbilt, of New York, has asked the intricate commerce commissioner to permit him to hold his present office as director in 22 different transportation companies. The law prohibits interlocking directorates unless the interstate commerce commission finds this compatible with public interests.

### TORONTO EMPLOYMENT OFFICER SEES DISTRESS SIGNAL

Although conditions at the present time are an improvement over conditions which have prevailed for the past year, Capt. J. A. Hayden, Superintendent of the Toronto office of the Employment Service of Canada, described them as superficial and predicted the appearance of unemployment and distress as serious as last week at the first spell of cold weather.

"There are 10,000 men out of work in Toronto at the present time and their numbers are being augmented by at least 100 fresh applications for work daily from men who want to go to the harvest and others who are drifting in from Ontario farms and from seasonal work," he said.

"We are sending out more than 100 men daily, but they are going to construction work which will cease as soon as the cold weather sets in."

Captain Meath said the building trades industry was the only industry showing any activity at present. He based his prediction of distress and suffering upon the fact that a greater number of wage-earners would have no resources to rely upon as soon as they were thrown out of work.

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A further amendment was moved to the effect that the Relief Committee be instructed, in considering the amount of adequate relief, to take into consideration a supply of coal and the payment of rent.

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—CARDINAL O'CONNELL.

Boston.—The strike is natural right; it is man's natural defense; it existed prior to the state itself, and is a right which no society can annul, said Cardinal O'Connell, of this city, in a pastoral letter.

The reasoning of this church man is a contrast with the claim of "can't-strike" advocates, that strikes should be outlawed when they inconvenience the public—or, in other words, that a right can be set aside when it discommodates society; and that the state, created by man, can deny rights inherent in man.

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### PREFER WOMAN LABOR

Washington.—Women carrying lumber is depicted in a pamphlet, "Health Problems of Women in Industry," issued by the women's bureau of the department of labor.

Under the picture is this information: "One employer said he preferred women to men because the women always carried two planks at once if they could manage it."

The pamphlet makes this reference to footlockers under which many women are forced to live:

"Long hours in the factory are not as serious for the man, who is through work when he leaves his job at night, as they are for the woman, who has several hours of household work to do after she gets home. The married woman in industry, who is forced to work because of economic necessity, brought about by her husband's death, incapacity, or inability to care an adequate wage for himself and his family, must usually take whatever job she can get without much question of wages or hours."

"But she is the one worker in all the group who must suffer in proportion to the man, for the rate of her children's and household work is many hours and much strength, and her health will suffer if hours of work

### START MUNICIPAL STORE

Lewisham, England.—Public officials and the unemployed throughout England are watching the progress of Lewisham's municipal store.

Disappointed with the exchange value in goods obtained by the unemployed on their credit relief slips, local authorities opened the store to give the best possible value to the needy.

A saving of 30 per cent is claimed, representing \$1000 a week to the taxpayers, and incidentally increased supplies to the workless.

Some shopkeepers have two sets of prices—one for the unfortunate arm of only with the municipal credit slip, and another for the cash customer.

### MORE WORKERS EMPLOYED

Albany, N.Y.—The state department of labor reports a 2.1-2 per cent. gain in employment from September to October. Although increases among the individual industries were not as large as some of those reported in September, they were more general.

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GROWTH OF TRADE UNIONISM

With the wish father to the thought writers and speakers claiming the decadence of Trade Unionism have perhaps full and sufficient answer to their imaginations in the "International Labor Review," the monthly magazine issued by the International Labor Office, contains some remarkable figures showing the huge development of trade unionism since 1913.

Table showing growth of trade unionism from 1913 to 1920 for various countries including Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, etc.

Estimated total 16,152,000 48,029,000
\*Estimates based on partial information. †Figures not available.
It is interesting to note that of the total of 42,040,000 members in 1919, 34,061,000, or 80 per cent., belonged to European countries.

REFLECTION OF THE UNION LABEL

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THE REAL CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Why unemployment? asks the Oklahoma Leader in a recent editorial, after recognizing that men and women are starving because they are out of work.

Staring in the midst of plenty. Staring because our complex society is arranged with such faultiness that there is no place for them. They are not included in society's budget.

This hideous fact is not a novel one. For more than a century, the seasons of severe unemployment have recurred in this country at somewhat irregular intervals.

During the past 30 or 40 years there have not only been recurring seasons of severe unemployment, but there has been constant unemployment of a little less severity, except when we are at war or until we "return to normal" after the war.

Except in those years, there have been more than a million men and women out of employment the year around—and there have been many more during each winter season.

What is the cause of this tragedy? It is due to the nature of the industrial system under which we live. They use the industries to make profit for themselves.

When they cannot sell all of the products they shut down some of the industries—or run an part time—and throw men and workers out on the street.

That is the real cause of unemployment. Other alleged causes that are sometimes mentioned are either merely incidental causes, or else they art no causes at all. The fundamental cause is as above stated.

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PRES. MOORE WINS POINT AT GENEVA

A Router cable from Geneva says that as was expected the question of a reform of the constitution governing the body of the international office provoked considerable discussion at yesterday's session of the International Labor Conference.

After the representatives of Japan and India had dwelt on the need of more adequate overseas representation, Delegates Crawford of South Africa and Tom Moore of Canada followed in the same spirit.

The Japanese amendment providing for at least four government delegates from overseas countries and at least two from each in both the employers' and workers' groups was defeated, but an amendment moved by Tom Moore of Canada providing at least one delegate each in the employers' and workers' groups was adopted by a vote of 56 to 15.

The International Conference reached a compromise in the fight of several days' duration on the use of white lead in the manufacture of paint.

The compromise was obtained in a proposed convention, providing that the ingredients of paint to be used for exteriors, that white lead be prohibited entirely for the paints for interiors, that women and children under 16 years of age be not employed where white lead is used in the manufacture of paint.

A letter from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was read at the session, urging the question of unemployment. Such action was strongly supported by M. Jouhaux, delegate from France.

SHOP CRAFT RULES FOR U. S. RAILROADS

The United States Railroad Labor Board announced that new working rules for the six shop crafts probably will be completed and issued in time to become effective December 1.

The Board, it was indicated, will next take up for consideration the rules and working conditions for the maintenance of way employees.

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IS TRADES UNIONISM PLAYED OUT

By Joe Turner. The question "Is trade unionism played out?" was one which was frequently debated early in this country. It is sometimes querulously put today.

There are even working people who declare that trade unionism is no good and has done no good. Even a few Communist friends of mine keep on saying so, especially those of the S. L. P. school.

I can overlook the sayings of the ignorant, but the statement of the studious men and women in the S. L. P. and Communist movement need denying and disproving.

Late in the '90s there were even men and women of the I. L. P. saying similar things, and somehow every few years the cry is restated—probably because trade unionism has not come enough, or because the statements of objects in trade union rules are not what they think they should be.

Trade unions are nearly always better than their rules; always broader in spirit than the dogmas put forth.

But, while every trade union and every trade union official should welcome constructive criticism, it is not just or wise on the part of our extreme friends to condemn in bitter and violent language all others who do not accept their faith or to term every trade union official a labor faker or twister or something that sounds equally bad.

If they tried to convince they might convert, but violent diatribes against officials, clever but wicked cartoons against labor officials, condemning labor and its policy day by day, more vicious than they do man's real enemy, capitalism, is not the way to bring harmony into the world or show a trade union official where he is wrong and point out to him a better policy.

I wonder if many folks realize what trade unionism has really done for the workers. In my 40 years' activity in the movement I never knew any body of employers advance wages voluntarily or propose a shorter working week on any day. They have always opposed such propositions.

I never knew any body of employers welcome trade unionism until the unions were strong enough to command.

Textile workers 30 to 40 years ago worked 56 1/2 hours per week. The men's wages in Yorkshire mills were about a guinea a week, the women's 9 to 12 shillings. They are far from good today, but excluding cost of living bonus (which more than doubles the wages), they have now

a standard of 32 shillings for men and 18 shillings and sixpence for women, with higher standards for many sections of the mill workers.

In these days expectant mothers worked up to the last day of confinement. Men worked until two o'clock on Saturday afternoons in many cases and women until one o'clock. Many men worked 60 hours a week with unchecked overtime in addition.

New hours are 48 per week for both men and women, and if the men do work overtime in busy periods it is limited and they are paid for it at extra rates.

Factory inspection was at that time irregular; inspectors were limited in number, women inspectors were unknown, and the weavers had no legal right to have particulars shown on tickets in order to check their wages. Sanitation was a very back number, dining rooms were unknown; compensation laws were very minor things; safety appliances were few and were often discarded as being inconvenient. Moreover, men were afraid to let it be known they belonged to unions, and independence of spirit inside a mill was not up to the measure of the times.

Men and women went to work scantily dressed; at home there were pots for tea in place of cups and saucers. Then the table tops were bare; later they were covered with oilcloth, and now there are white tablecloths for tea time. For the whole standard of living has now changed for the better.

Then Saturday afternoon was a slow afternoon, pleasure being difficult to secure. Travelling facilities were very much more limited than now.

It is a long way from what it should be, but I know from experience that the standard of living and personal ideals have risen—through the efforts of trade unions.

True, the unemployed question has not changed; it is an evil arising from an evil system of commercialism. But who attacks this system more than trade unions? Who promotes measures to alleviate the distress from unemployment? Who helps to save the lives of the children? Who won the Paving of School Children Act, and the Old Age Pensions Act? Who originated, promoted and pushed these matters into and through Parliament? The trades unions.

I could continue such examples indefinitely, but a little reading and thinking will prove that trade unionism is essential as long as the wage system lasts, and that organization of labor is imperative if we are to have a proper standard of civilization. To attack trade unionism is folly. We should rather uphold

and help to improve and strengthen it.—London (England) Herald.

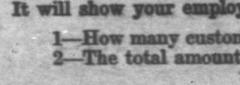
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## AUSTRALIANS OPPOSE PIECE WORK PLAN KANSAS MINERS

Adelaide, South Australia.—Trade Unionists in this state declare that the piece work order by the commissioner of public works is the thin edge of a speed-up system that produced the New South Wales upheaval a few years ago.  
"The proposal," says the Daily Herald, "bears a close relationship to the Taylor efficiency scheme, which had its origin in the United States of America, where even now, the workers are engaged in a heroic effort to convince their employers that they are creatures of flesh and blood and not mere dividend-producing machines, with no more soul than the commodity they manufacture. Under such a scheme as that proposed the maximum standard set up soon becomes the minimum allowed and all who fall beneath it are flung on the scrap heap, like many of the commodities which capitalist maladministration sabotages in order to keep up the price of goods when there is a danger of profits descending through over-production."  
"But there is absolutely no necessity for such a practice in a government department, except in the direction of providing an iniquitous example for private employers to follow in the direction of imposing harsh and onerous conditions on the workers."  
"As is pointed out by those who have gone into the question, in theory, piece work and payment by results are quite attractive systems. But they fall far short of the promise."  
"A basis time for a job is fixed, and a bonus offered for jobs completed under this basis time. As soon as the worker promises to draw high wages, the tendency to cut time and prices down commences, until they fall below a reasonable minimum which the trade union assures."  
"It is the application of the system by unscrupulous employers that has caused the unions to fight the question of payment by results and similar systems."  
"Another factor which has carried great weight with the workers is their fight for a standardized wage is that the bonus system means that while the physical gain might earn a living wage, the weakest employees must go to the wall."

## ONTARIO BOARDS OF TRADE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

As a solution for the unemployment problem, the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario, which held their eighth annual convention at Brantford, Ont., will suggest to the Dominion government the working out of some big national scheme, to be shared by all the provinces, cities and towns, and municipalities interested, by which industrial activities would be reopened and public works would be undertaken, with a view to spreading the work over the Dominion evenly; in such a manner that the greatest amount of employment would be given in those localities where the unemployment problem is the most severe. At the same time, the members of the 56 boards of trade went on record as being opposed to the dole system of handing out charity.  
It was felt that some systematized method of investigation should be carried out.  
The matter was brought to the attention of the convention by Frank Cockshutt, of this city, who pointed out that Brantford has recently put into operation a charity board which holds regular sessions, before which all cases for relief are brought for investigation, and he had confidence that this scheme for solving the unemployment problem would work but successfully, if speedy steps could be taken to bring the big national organization into existence.  
As an organization, the delegates went on record as favoring the electrification of such branches of the Canadian National Railways as could be operated in this manner efficiently and economically.

## ORDERED TO RETURN TO WORK

A show-down in the Kansas coal fields loomed at Pittsburg when an order by representatives of the International Mine Workers Union became effective, directing all strikers in the fields go back to the pits. Failure to obey the edict will bring revocation of local charters and automatic suspension of the members, the order says. It was impossible early to determine how generally the notice was being obeyed. Representatives of the International at Pittsburg, and spokesmen for the operators were declaring that most of the men would return. While officials of the administration of Alexander M. Howat, president of the Kansas district, reported recently on order of John Lewis, international president, said that few of the men would obey.  
About 12,000 miners went on voluntary strike several weeks ago, when Howat and August Dorchy, vice-president, were sent to jail for six months for violating the Industrial Court law. Since that time, many have returned to work but it is said the large majority have remained out. Several days after Howat and Dorchy went to jail the order suspending the administration was issued by Lewis. The suspension order also created a provisional administration to replace them. Van A. Bittner, of Pittsburg, Pa., came here later as special representative of the International and issued the back to work order.

## JAPANESE LABOR MOVEMENT MAKING PROGRESS

There is much alarm in Japan at the increasing number and intensity of strikes.  
The growing boldness of the workers must be suppressed, says one school of the nation will be improved.  
Others maintain that out of the turmoil Japan will profit by reaching a mutually satisfactory and advantageous status between labor and capital and, eventually, a more generally representative government.  
But at present there is no prospect of a solution. The workers are acting with more and more assurance, becoming more and more threatening. Capital yields reluctantly, and, until recently had been forced to yield scarcely at all.  
Of course, the labor movement is still in its swaddling clothes—or kimono—in Japan. But it is kicking and squalling most lustily for an infant, and one who had been spanked and suppressed a good deal, at that.  
The most encouraging development to the workers was the recent success of shipyard strikers, in Yokohama. They threatened sabotage, and demanded a 40 per cent. wage increase. They got it. The news stimulated the labor world of Japan as nothing else has. A number of small strikes broke out within a few days. Even the sake workers in a plant near Tokyo were emboldened to walk out, demanding more pay.  
Sake is a rich wine, the national drink of Japan, and a few years ago the idea of workers at the honorable industry quitting their jobs in a huff would have been ridiculously preposterous. It is this spirit of daring, of toppling over traditions, that is so flaming, to everybody except the laboring people themselves.  
Public declaration by the Yokohama shipyard strikers of their intention to use sabotage was an unprecedented thing. Those who have watched the labor movement develop with the spread of industrialism in Japan regard it as astounding, and possibly as the presager of many serious future struggles.

## FRENCH WORKERS TAKING SIDES

Paris.—The split in the French trade union movement is growing wider.  
Already there are two Federations of Railway Workers, one "Red" (or revolutionary) and the other "Yellow" (or Reformist). The Reformist minority of the northern railway systems have now decided to secede from the union, which is affiliated to the revolutionary body, and to form a rival union.  
In other industries where the Reformists are being expelled by the Revolutionaries.  
The revolutionary minority in Paris is the dominant one of the General Confederation of Labor to urge the convocation of a special National Congress to consider expulsion and the question of trade union discipline.  
It is possible that if the C.G.T. Executive refuses to intervene against the Reformists, the minority itself will convene a conference.

## BOSSES IGNORE LAW

Denver.—The Pikes Peak Consolidated Fuel Company and the Keystone Mining Company of Colorado Springs are so accustomed to forgetting the laws of the state and nation that they overlooked a hearing set by the state industrial commission to consider their miners' wages 30 per cent.  
The state law provides that the companies must appear before the commission before they can reduce wages. The miners were unorganized when the cut was made, but they have since joined the United Mine Workers of America, and announce that they will endeavor to compel the companies to pay \$18,000 back wages under the terms of the government's bituminous commission, which has been ignored by the companies.

## STRIKEBREAKER ON TRIAL

Richmond, Cal.—J. C. Emerson is on trial for setting fire to a warehouse owned by the Associated Oil Company. Employees of the concern were on strike at the time and Emerson was employed as a watchman. When the fire was discovered the accused said he saw a man escape in a boat. The company offered a reward for the fire bug, but when Emerson was arrested the authorities were amazed when they discovered that no one connected with the company would swear out a warrant against Emerson. The grand jury was convened to probe the matter and an indictment was handed down against the alleged "watchman."  
Recently Emerson was arrested in Stockton with a suit case filled with dynamite.

## RAIL INCOMES GAIN

New York.—Railroad incomes are increasing; ditto railway road poverty is being banished. The September net operating income of 197 of the class 1 roads amounts to \$82,707,607, an increase of 11 per cent, compared with \$74,493,573 reported for September, last year.

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