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## Hot Shot from The Gun Fired Socialists

TORONTO, April 3.—"SOCIALISM IS AUTO-CRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC."

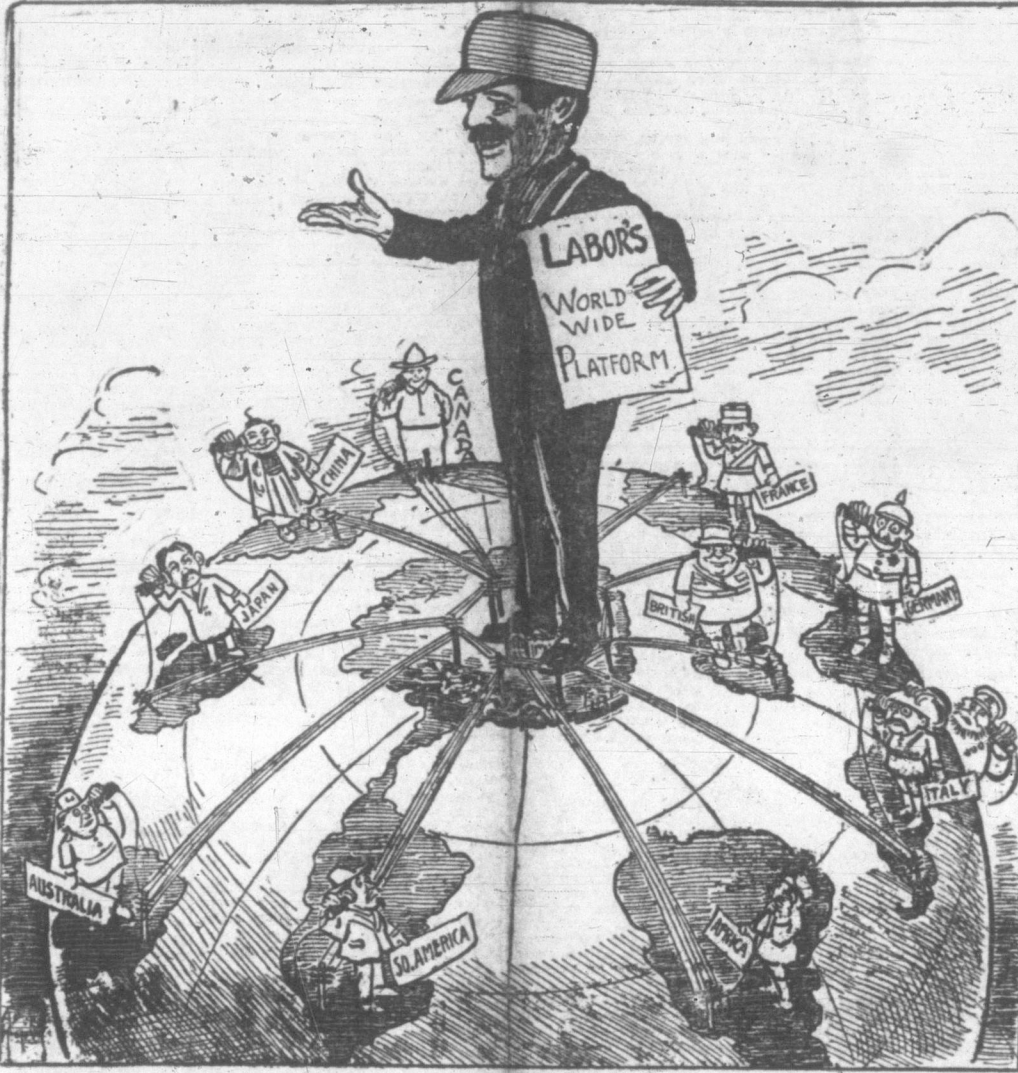
Mr. James T. Gunn, speaker recently in the Open Forum at Toronto, in his address on "Socialism and Democracy," the speaker divided socialism into the theory of economics, its philosophy and as a living movement. He endeavored to show that the Socialist movement, since its inception, he declared, has been oligarchical and autocratic. In a large number of years it had been ruled by the Socialist majority. Mr. Gunn did not refer to Socialism in Canada, which he said was so insignificant that it had not any definite effect, but to Socialism in Europe, where, he claimed, it had been in the hands of a few. Mr. Gunn read several extracts in support of his argument, and accused Marx and others the working class were repudiating the Socialist movement, many leaders in which, he said, had submitted to corruption to suit their own ends. Of such alleged corruption Mr. Gunn gave a few instances.

"Socialism is oligarchical, dictatorial, autocratic and not democratic, and for this reason could not progress," was an expression of opinion by Mr. Gunn. A wealth of denials and mild abuse came from the dyed-in-the-wool Socialists present. In his short address, Mr. Gunn tore to shreds present-day Socialism as he understood it. When it came to heckling, Mr. Gunn was informed bluntly by more than one speaker that he did not understand Socialism, while other accused him of simply revealing the 99 per cent. of the dirty linen which had troubled Socialism since its inception.

Mr. Gunn endeavored to show that the failure of Socialism caused the birth of syndicalism, and syndicalism was not any more democratic than Socialism. For three reasons he did not believe in Socialism. First, because of its economic; second, because of its system of philosophy, and in the third place because it was not a democratic movement and had not been consistent from 1840 to the present day. Expediency, and not democracy, and opportunism in every form, Mr. Gunn believed ruled the Socialist movement. The rising in Russia provided one instance of the method of expediency and in Canada there were better men who could achieve the same end without adopting the Russian way.

Dealing with the outcome of the present-day Socialism, as he viewed it, Mr. Gunn stated that if political democracy meant anything it meant control by the many, in theory each man equal before the law, but in the Socialism of today, there was a tendency to a perpetuation of capitalist society by collectivist thought that would make the chains of ownership stronger than ever. Socialism, Mr. Gunn admitted, had been of advantage in some respects. It has at least shaken society into remembering that the weaker brethren had to be provided for.

During the question hour, Mr. Gunn was accused of not having attacked the real Socialism at all, but had dealt with the kind of Socialism dabbled in by the ignorant who desired to bring the Socialist movement into discredit. Replying to the individual who accused him of washing dirty linen, Mr. Gunn said it was not a matter of dirty linen at all, but a question of whether he was to be compelled to accept something without being allowed to use his own judgment. If he was not to be allowed his personal liberty, then he would fight against Socialism, and until Socialism turned round and gave liberty to the people it would, he said, not make progress among the working men.



## B.C. MEMBER WANTS ALIENS DEPORTED

In the Federal House, recently, H. H. Clements, M. P., of Comox-Alberni, it was expedient that the policy of the Government in relation to the internment of alien enemies, deportation of undesirable persons and the treatment of soldiers be clearly defined.

He said the House should make itself heard with its own personal opinion in regard to the alien enemy question. He said every interned alien was just as much an enemy today as he was yesterday, and he should be deported at the earliest opportunity. The authorities should not wait for patrol ships to take them away from Canada; cattle ships were good enough.

Mr. Clements said there were aliens in Canada—who had been naturalized in Canada for personal purposes, and they were not true Canadian citizens. From the time the Liberals came into power until 1914, he said, it was their desire to populate this country no matter who came. The riff-raff of Europe were brought into Canada and given the right to become citizens with the true Canadian citizen but with the alien who became a citizen for a purpose, such as the I. W. W. Bolshevism, for example, was causing strife and trouble in British Columbia.

Mr. Clements said he desired to see the immigration law amended. The bars had been put up against labor coming into British Columbia; ninety-nine per cent. of the men available for service went to the front; labor became scarce, and an urgent call went out for men. The bars were let down, and there came into British Columbia a big influx of undesirable.

Mr. Clements suggested that the Government would be wise to have the photographs of aliens placed upon their naturalization papers. He declared that some people of this class remained in Canada as naturalized citizens until they had made enough money to return to their own country. Then they returned to the place they had come from and handed over their naturalization papers to some other alien who wished to come to Canada. The second man took the name on the naturalization papers when he came to Canada and was not even on his own country. Then they returned to the place they had come from and handed over their naturalization papers to some other alien who wished to come to Canada.

The Franchise Act should be amended so as to require a certain standard of education for voters, and the education should be in the language of the country. There were thousands upon thousands of aliens employed throughout Canada who were entitled to a certain consideration by their employers. Sedition was talked by these people and the situation required an immediate remedy.

The Government, said the speaker, was facing the problem of securing employment for thousands of Canadian soldiers who were returning throughout the country who had not their part. The situation could be handled. He was in hearty sympathy with a resolution of the British Columbia branch of the Great War Veterans Association, protesting against oriental immigration into Canada. He also made a plea for technical education for boys of sixteen and up who had interrupted their studies to go to the front.

Mr. Clements closed with an appeal for unity throughout Canada, and as a step in this direction, advised the formation of a national non-sectarian schools.

## Would Home Seem Like Home—Without Taxes?

IDEA FROM ONTARIO IS WORKINGMEN'S HOMES WITH PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTIONS.

Would home really seem like home without the regular call of the humble and unassuming tax collector?

It would take some time getting used to it. Might as well take away the family wash boiler or the backyard fence. There are many plans afoot to help solve the troublesome housing problem of the working man. Everybody has a suggestion.

Down in the Provincial Legislature, in Toronto, the law-makers have come forward with the intimation that the new spring style of workingmen's home may be a home, with part of the taxes cut off. It is said that the Ontario Government has under advisement legislation designed to provide for a partial exemption from assessment and taxation of workingmen's homes. It was intimated by the Premier when the Assessment Act Revision Committee completed its attention in December last that the Government would give its particular attention to proposals in this direction in the hope of improving the housing situation. Since the presentation of the Housing Bill, ordered for final reading recently, there has been considerable speculation as to the fate of this suggestion, to set which speculation at rest, the Premier's announcement is made. The Government's proposals in this connection are looked for when the report of the select special committee is laid before the House.

**Manitoba Too.**

Manitoba is not to be left behind in the housing movement for workingmen, for if Winnipeg plans slowly forming, materializing that city will have six hundred new houses this summer, costing \$2,500 each, and aggregating a cost of \$1,500,000. Hon. Edward Brown, Provincial Treasurer, moved in the Legislature recently, a bill in regard to participation by the Province in the Federal housing scheme, which means \$2,000,000 for expenditure in Manitoba for new homes.

Formation of a Federal or Provincial Commission on the lines of the Halifax Relief Commission to handle and administer all housing funds voted by either Government, is demanded in a resolution by the Nova Scotia Provincial Executive of the G. W. V. A., who say they are unalterably opposed to allowing this work to be carried on by municipalities or private companies.

The resolution also demands that such houses shall not be segregated nor standardized, excepting in so far as to obtain proper sanitation and fire protection. They ask that the design and location be left to the applicant within the limits set for individual costs.

**CAPITAL VENUE FOR IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.**

A meeting is being held in Ottawa when representatives of 18 Canadian shipbuilding concerns will meet representatives of the Federation of Shipping Employees to discuss questions of wages, hours, general working conditions and other matters of mutual concern.

The shipbuilders arrived in the Capital and had a long conference with Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor. The representatives of the workers including Secretary J. March are in attendance.

Mr. Robertson will be present at the conference and it is expected that as a result of a heart to heart talk an understanding will be arrived at between the shipbuilders and the workers which in addition to being satisfactory to both sides will set an example to labor and capital throughout the Dominion in respect to the benefits to be derived from a disposition to get together and learn some things of the difficulties and grievances on both sides.

**TRINITY OF COUNTRIES FORM FEDERATION**

Mr. Geo. Gunderson forwards to the Canadian Labor Press, a statement that all civic workers of Denmark, Sweden and Norway have formed an International Union. Some 25,000 men are affiliated. This including city street railway men and men incidental to civic work. Decided to ask for an eight-hour work day. Four days holiday in the year and sick and disability benefits.

**SYDNEY MINES MOURNS LOSS OF LABOR WORKER.**

Organized labor, especially at Sydney Mines, mourns the death of Franklin Condit, a prominent and active worker, who died on Thursday after an illness of one week, of pneumonia, following the influenza. The late Mr. Condit was the financial secretary of the local branch and was also identified with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada movement, through the executive.

**BRANTFORD BAKERY WORKERS PRESENT AGREEMENT.**

Brantford local union of Bakery and Confectionery Workers, have forwarded to headquarters for sanction a new agreement, to be presented to the employers during the present month. An increased rate of pay with shorter work day are the chief items to be called for. General Organizer Walsh was in attendance and gave an appreciative address.

**KINGSTON AMUSEMENT HOUSES NOW SOLD.**

Through the work of W. P. Covert, member of the general executive board of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators, the amusement houses of Kingston are now unionized. For some time past there was in evidence some difficulties, but these have now been eliminated by Officer Covert, who is the business agent of the Toronto movie men.

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**PRESIDENT MOORE ON HIS BUSY ROUNDS**

"I find a keen and gratifying interest in the cause of organized labor everywhere I go," said Mr. Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, on his return from Toronto and Almonte, where he addressed large and representative meetings on subjects connected with the labor movement.

A Toronto meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, before which the technical organizations, which meeting was held in Toronto University. At that meeting, which was largely attended he advocated the six-hour working day as a certain development of the future, pointing out that already its adoption had met with much success in England.

At Almonte, a meeting was held in the Town Hall which proved inadequate to accommodate the audience. There Mr. Moore spoke of the aims and objects of organized labor, emphasizing the necessity for the formation of joint councils after the fashion of the Whitley councils in England and the suggestion that an employee could get together to discuss matters of mutual importance. He looked forward to the formation of such councils in Canada, but said that in every case of industrial dispute strenuous efforts should be made to arrive at a settlement by the arbitration route before proceeding to strikes. His sentiments found enthusiastic support in both Almonte and Toronto, although, as he himself pointed out, the Almonte Toronto people were not quite prepared for the idea of a six-hour day.

**LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR RETURNED MEN**

The Grain Growers' Guide strongly commends the soldier land settlement proposals and thinks it wisely administered they should succeed in placing a large number of returned soldiers upon the land under the most favorable circumstances. The Guide adds:

"Soldiers desiring to locate in each province will be examined by a qualification board as to their fitness for farming. A returned soldier who has previously had good farming experience will have one of the best opportunities ever afforded to a soldier going to the land under the settlement scheme. It is very generous there is a great danger that the soldier may not plan as wisely as farmers have to do in order to make a success of their industry. The farming industry only permits success, generally through the greatest industry and frugality, and the future will find it harder than ever for the farmer to strike a proper balance at the end of the year. In addition to this generous financial treatment, the soldier settlers should be given every assistance in the way of practical advice and information. This is where the farm neighbors and local grain growers' associations can render the greatest aid to their new neighbors. It is at once a privilege and an obligation to render service to those who have rendered service to us greater than can ever be repaid."

**LONDON, ONT., ST. RY. MEN ASK INCREASES**

The employees of the Street Railway have submitted a request for an advance of 15 cents per hour to 40, 45, and 45 cents, according to the length of service. The agreement with the company will expire on May 1.

The men are not asking for an eight-hour day in the renewal, but will join with other unions throughout the Dominion in asking the minimum for eight-hour pay legislation to be made applicable to all electric railways.

**WINNIPEG TAILORS IN THE FASHION**

Shorter hours and more pay was the demand reached at a meeting of the Tailors' Union held in the Labor Temple. The new terms demand a 44-hour week and 20 per cent. advance in the pay rate. At present the men are working a 42-hour week and earning \$22. The decision was unanimous, and it is to be presented to the Master Tailors immediately.

**GLACE BAY AND UNION RECOGNITION.**

The question of recognizing the Clerks' Union of the Dominion Coal Company, was for the present, at least, been withheld. A grant of comfort is given in that the matter of increased wages will be with

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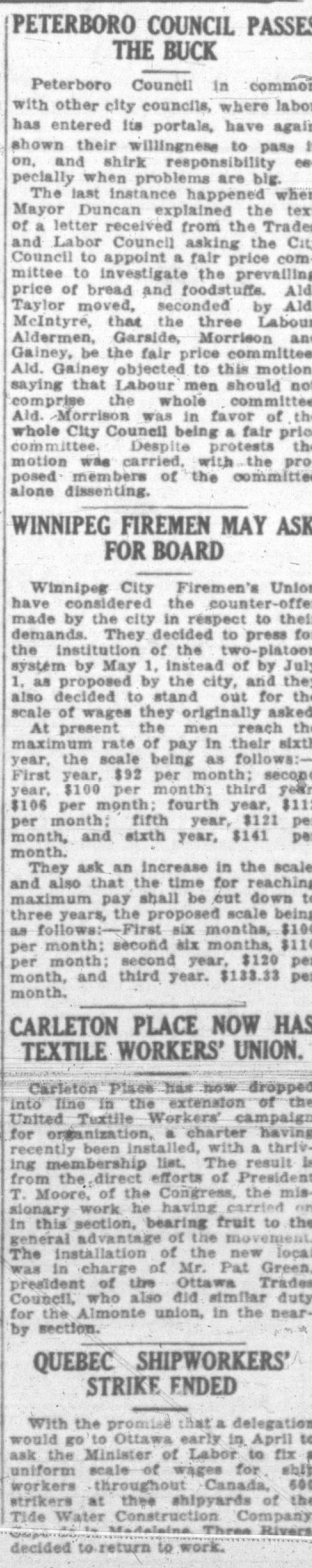
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MONOTONY.

It is monotony that makes men restless. But there is never any monotony in a speech by Tom Moore. Tom Moore goes deeply into the problems of Labor, and every time he speaks there is a something new for thinkers to discuss.

The old-fashioned blacksmith under the proverbial "spreading chestnut tree" worked long hours, but he enjoyed a great variety of employment and he had the satisfaction of finishing the job, taking it through every step of the process.

The modern blacksmith today is a union-metal worker who performs the same operation over and over again—perhaps making only one tedious part of the job to be finished by other workers.

The problem is not an easy one. Re-construction calls for even greater production. The world is short of nearly everything we can produce. Some manufacturers claim that new and improved machinery may take up the strain.

LABOR'S NEW POSITION.

LABOR has assumed a new position in the life of our country—our Empire—and in the world as a whole. Although we hear mainly about the problem of wages and hours, yet the real problem is the new position of the workers in our social as well as industrial life.

The human element in labor asserts itself. Departing from its commercial aspect as a commodity, labor is linked with the worker, the needs of his family, the right to enjoy comforts, to take part in the affairs of living, and to share in the enjoyment of social progress.

Canada's big men are turning their thoughts to devise means to remove the hardships of the jobless workers. Idleness is no longer regarded as a matter of choice. Rather it is believed to be a social wrong.

The old law of supply and demand as the basis of fixing the standard of living for the worker is not accepted as the proper measure of determining wages, or, in other words, regulating the education, the amusement, the course of life of the worker, his wife and children.

Labor must have steady employment at wages that will at least ward off the constant cares of want, of suffering for his family, in a land of plenty and in a nation that common war sacrifices have made much nearer the great goal of Brotherhood.

LIBERTY DAY.

The member of the House of Commons from South Renfrew suggests that the anniversary of Armistice Day be celebrated on November 11th each year. The Halifax Chronicle adds an excellent suggestion that the same day be celebrated each year among the Allied nations as "Liberty Day."



"The Berlin Conference of 1878," its Causes and Effects, was the subject of a most able address given to the members of the Independent Labor Party at its meeting on Sunday afternoon by Mr. J. S. Ewart, K.C. In the course of his comprehensive discourse Mr. Ewart made a plea for a better understanding of European affairs by Canadians.

AS LABOR VIEWS PARLIAMENT.

The need of Labor representation in the House of Commons was emphasized by the debate on daylight saving. The question was discussed by fifty speakers and only one of the fifty speakers had a word to say for the effect on labor. It was discussed from the standpoint of the farmer and the city clerk, but not a word as to labor. The only man who pretended to look at it from the standpoint of labor was Major G. F. Andrews, D. S. O., member for Centre Winnipeg, one of the largest constituencies in Canada.

In connection with the Daylight Savings Bill the Government adopted a plan which might be well followed in other cases where a year is put in the principle at stake. Instead of making the measure a party one and forcing its supporters to vote for the bill or else run the risk of losing the Cabinet, the subject brought up as a non-party one and the debate was carried on in a more friendly way.

Hon. A. R. Maclean, acting Minister of Trade and Commerce, made the interesting announcement in the Commons last week that it is proposed to introduce legislation to amend the Income Tax Act. The measure is intended to give the Government the right to tax the earnings of a man who holds a high position in Canada who gets money that he did not earn or obtain money he has not earned.

THE REPORT CRISP. After a grand review of German troops at Potsdam the Kaiser called for to the officer commanding the Prussian Guard in a voice loud enough to be heard by the distinguished guests who were grouped in front of the palace. "Pick me out a hundred men from the Prussian Guard whom I wish to see."

A NON-UNION CLOCK. Pat Rafferty: "O! won't have a clock like this in me house. Give me back me tree dollars—and here's yer old clock."

EAST AND WEST DIVISIONAL POINTS.

Parliamentary correspondence of the Toronto Star views the East and West situation in the following terms: Practically unrelieved neglect of labor problems continues to mark the present session of Parliament. Parliamentary indifference towards the Minister of Labor sits in the Senate, but that body doesn't appear to be "bothering its head" about the situation.

Churches are Active. This neglect by Parliament is thrown into more unenviable prominence by the interest in labor problems and social conditions being taken by the churches. The Social Service Council of the Presbyterian Church has just issued a challenging radical statement, calling for fundamental changes in industrial relations.

Difficulties in the Way. "What is the solution?" asked the Star. The genuine collaboration by all classes in the community, East and West, who do want to see reform, but who want it to come through a process of education.

Industrial efficiency from the laborer's standpoint and industrial relations from the employers' standpoint, formed the topics of two exceptionally interesting addresses by Mr. Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, and Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, formerly secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, under the auspices of the joint committee of technical organizations in the Physics Building of Toronto University.

Shorter working hours and more human treatment of employees, in the opinion of Tom Moore, would greatly increase the productivity of the worker and help to bridge over the ever-increasing gap between Labor and Capital.

Mr. Moore contended that the employer treated the average worker solely as a machine, and while he agreed that it might temporarily increase the production of a plant, it did so at the expense of the next generation, so much did it take out of the worker.

Mr. Moore made reference to Henry Ford's experiment of six working hours and facilities that were afforded the employees to relax and enjoy themselves after the business day.

LOUIS POST FORESEES PROSPERITY

OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK OF THE UNITED STATES ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR.

Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of Labor in the United States, looks through the turbulent and trying period of reconstruction, in which we are now struggling, and sees golden sunlight just ahead.

The demands for labor, if it does become greater than the supply before the war, will at least absorb all the supply. Unless our demand for production has permanently increased, there will be a demand for more labor than we ever had before.

Unquestionably the labor surplus is slowly increasing. I have to have a small house and garden and not be "warehouse" under a roof so that he would be ready for his morning. His work of the opinion that if the question of shorter hours and proper housing were taken up by the proper authorities, a great deal of the surplus in the labor ranks would be eliminated.

In reference to the unemployment situation in Toronto today, Mr. Moore stated that there were thousands of people walking the streets who were willing to work now as they were in 1914 and 1915; what they were told it was a crime not to work.

That one of the greatest drawbacks to efficiency was waste, not only in material, but in human life, was one of the points in Mr. Moore's address. He stated that many lives have been lost in the construction of ventilation, and lack of safety devices on machinery.

Ontario Furniture Workers Covered by Award. A change in working conditions and wages in furniture factories throughout Canada is forecasted by the report of the Conciliation Board which held sittings at Toronto, Stratford, Kitchener, Hanover and Montreal in an effort to get such information about the furniture trade as would enable it to settle a dispute which arose between furniture manufacturers of Stratford and their employees.

STEELE BRIGGS SEEDS FOR BIGGER AND BETTER CROPS

Table listing various seed types and prices, including BEANS, CORN, CUCUMBER, and others. Includes contact information for Steele Briggs Seed Company Limited, Hamilton, Toronto, and Winnipeg.

Advertisement for Canadian Labor Press, 246 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Canada. Enclosed please find \$1 for one year's subscription.

# Labor Items of Interest From the Capital City

## CARPENTER MILLMEN GOING STRONG

Under the energetic guidance of the Carpenters' Council, Business Agent Pat Green, the millworkers of the city are almost reaching the height of their scope in adding membership to the new local, there being now so few outside the ranks of the workers in the saw-mill factories. The last meeting which was just prior to the closing of the charter filled the large hall of the Carpenters' Council. The number was over 100 new comers, who joined up, and were afterwards initiated.

There was a very prevalent feeling in evidence throughout the evening's discussions, that better times are in store for the factory workers in the new year. It was acknowledged that they were amongst the lowest paid men in the city, as well as working the long hours, and the Carpenters' Council, of an hour or so on Saturday afternoon or a nine-hour day. With the new organization, this condition of affairs, wages and hours, is to be remedied, and it is surmised that the employers are in a reciprocal mood for this advancement.

This meeting was in charge of Pat Green, business agent, and those attending had the advantage of hearing Tom Moore in his usual logical and forceful presentation of the organized movement. To his address can be attributed much of the evening's accomplishment, as his convincing arguments were chiefly addressed to the non-members. The meeting will be continued every Friday evening at the Carpenters' hall.

## DOUBLE INITIATION FEE

Cost of living is not the only item that comes along; others follow in train, and the Motor Vehicle Operators got aboard, when they decided the fee for new comers in future would be \$50, an increase of \$25. The boys think that the new era of the best locals, not only in the city, but on the continent, and to become members thereto, is worth while, and they are glad to be initiated. This brings the Picture Operators up to the same level as the Motor Vehicle Operators, and it is to be noted that the high fee is not paid with an indifferent membership, but to be a member is prized working to the advantage of the members.

The Motor Vehicle Operators are in the amusement house managers and the operators.

## CONVENTION ADVANCE GUARD

Coming events casting shadows of the convention of the Theatrical Stage employees and Moving Picture Operators, is to be seen in the nature of a visit from General Organizer Jas. E. Matthews, from New York. As Brother Matthews goes over to the city, he carries the shadow of an enormous size and is busy himself to see that the local committees were on the job of making the arrangements. "Everything seems set," said Brother Matthews, admitting that his trip up must have been to the order of the night, but that was a minor detail.

President Jack Campbell showed the visitor around the city, and that in a brief and efficient manner. He didn't miss much, neither of the beauty spots of the city or its surroundings. That Ottawa was able to do justice to this important convention was the decision reached by our New Yorker, and that the boys from the north and west had listened when they struck this northern spot, expecting to find Indian tribes, with all that goes with western and northern make-up.

## GATINEAU POINT MAYOR IS UNION PRESIDENT

Can you beat this? To organize a local of laborers at Gatineau Point, numbering in the hundreds and to select the Mayor of the Burg their first president has been actually accomplished. Thus the Quebec Province has its first labor Mayor, and he is fully qualified to membership under the charter of the International Laborers.

A party from Ottawa, including President T. Moore, J. Robertson, President Pat Green, of the Council, and others, made the journey by motor and boat, to arrive in the morning at the town hall. That their efforts were fully repaid was signified by a general round-up into the hundreds of men, who gathered in the laborers' union. Dr. Lafontaine as well as Mayor Morin, also urged the organized movement.

## TYPES' NOTICE OF MEETING

May I remind you that at the above regular monthly meeting the proposed new scale of wages that will obtain in the city of Montreal, Toronto, and Ottawa for the next two years will be considered. And the status of the membership at present employed in the Government Printing Bureau will be reviewed with special reference to the recent Presidential strike. If there are beholders every member to be present and assist in his advice and wise counsel in reaching a fair and just settlement of these vital questions.

Absence from meetings of the Union coupled with advance criticism (teleshop talks) of the speaker taken thereat afterwards does not make for success and harmony in the Union. It is to be desired that if No. 12 is to continue to serve the best interests of all its affiliated members, let us have a "full house" on Saturday evening next.

## STREET RAILWAY MEN PREPARING NEW AGREEMENT

With the termination of agreements in eight both divisions, Hull, Arnyer, and Ottawa are busily engaged in deciding upon the new agreements. It goes without saying that wage boosts will be the order of the day, and the necessity of forming new organizations.

The Hull and Arnyer Division terminates with a thirty days' notice on May 15, and the Ottawa Division is to be terminated on May 25. The committee to be formed is composed of Messrs. J. E. Seguin, J. Noel, and J. B. Gaudin. It is representative of all the interests involved.

## THE OTTAWA AGREEMENT TERMINATES

The Ottawa agreement terminates the last day of June but grass is not to be allowed to grow under their feet.

**FEDERAL UNION NO. 13.**  
By "PROGRESS"

Now the reconstruction period is with us, we are waiting for the improvements that are to take place, economically and industrially. Something that will improve the lives of the workers in general. However, the 44-hour per week or call it the 8-hour day, if you wish, is now in sight.

Reviewing the present situation regarding the high cost of living, it appears to be still creeping up higher. Then there is the rent; every worker is not so lucky to be the owner of his own home, with the result, today, he has to face an increase anywhere from \$2 to \$5 per month. The property owners and real estate men will tell you that they must increase the rent to meet the increased taxation. Caused by the Government's new tax system, and the rise of the cost of living. It is the increased taxation. Caused by the Government's new tax system, and the rise of the cost of living.

We can very well say the same as Mr. Guin Franchise, in the "Writing on the Wall." However, the 44-hour per week will be given to the employees of the City of Ottawa as a matter of course. There are many cities in the Dominion, and even farther afield, where the 44-hour week is in effect. The people governing these concerns have studied and given this new move the go-ahead, and are planning or embarking into new fields of social welfare to its workers. We must acknowledge that the worker can do more work in eight hours than in ten, and that is a fact. Evidently we hear that some one says that it is not logic. The contention generally, is that a man will concentrate all his efforts and power and thought, be what it may, on his work, when he knows the end of the matter and his time for recreation and amusements are lengthened. He starts to work in the morning full of vigor, and finishes his daily task having executed or completed his work. On the other hand, when working long hours, the result is different. Man as a rule, conserves himself to live the long hours, and he does exertion. He knows that this has to be done, to do himself justice. It is a very large body of labor who have adopted the 8-hour day, and many who are. He stated at a large public gathering at Birkhead, Eng., before the Premier of England, (Lord Lloyd George), as soon as peace was declared, and the boys came home from the war, he was going to adopt the six-hour day for all of his employees. He had that full confidence the scheme would work out to turn out more and better production, also employ a larger body of workers. If this be true for one, why not for all. Again, what do we find in the States? Henry Ford, who at present, one of his factories trying to get the six-hour day, and if it proves a success, he will adopt it immediately in all his factories.

What has been so far shown, regarding the eight-hour day, we cannot understand why any fair-minded employer for their families, or even after the above brief evidence. There is another phase which we must point out. There are some employers who, about seven hours per day and about three hours on Saturday. They receive an annual summer holidays, Saturday holiday, and all public holidays. They work practically in comfort, be the weather what it may, and the other way, when the "Princess Patricia" arrives in Ottawa a civic holiday was proclaimed, but as far as can be ascertained, none of the industrial staff, we presume, were imbued with that loyal patriotic spirit, to be allowed to join and enjoy with the throng; to give the boys a rousing welcome home. We have been continuously asked why the difference. Yes, among such a lot of preaching and platform oratory, it makes one think of "plagues and plagues."

They ask for your co-operation. Send your representatives to the Social Service Council. The Ottawa Health Society promote the aims of Canadian reconstruction.

In glancing through the aims and national programs of the Canadian Reconstruction Agency, we find a continual boost for the capitalists and manufacturers. We ask what about labor's viewpoint? Do they mention anything pertaining to the decrease in the cost of living, or aiding the workers to procure sanitary and heat homes for their families at a reasonable price, accessible to all grades of workers? Do they promise to free the land from the clutches of the monopolists? We cannot see much of it, again, glancing at the personnel of the executive. Are these gentlemen well-knight to all of us, as being filled with the true democratic spirit for the social welfare for the cause of humanity? It will be as well for us to be cautious, as we have seen what the profiteers made during the war.

We feel that we have enough to do in sweeping our own doorstep, before attempting to start a fire elsewhere. We must, therefore, take up the cudgels on our own behalf. Apparently the day will come when the only salvation for the worker will be "direct representation" from the ranks of labor, in every possible public place, such as the Federal and Provincial Parliaments, and Municipal Councils. May the dawn of the day that we are looking forward to, speedily come.

We are pleased that the new buttons have arrived, and to put it in the words of one of the Allied Trades officers: "It's a nifty button, alright."

Before your next issue appears in print, we hope that we shall be enjoying the Daylight Saving Scheme and the eight-hour per day.

## FIRE FIGHTERS' NOTES

Eighty per cent of the fires are preventable, was a statement made by Chief Graham, at Westboro. He said that the number of alarms in Ottawa had been cut in half since 1913, and this was due to co-operation by the citizens.

Major Woodside gave the fire brigade a word of praise for their good work at the G. W. A. club house fire. The Fire Department certainly did great work, and if it were not for them, the loss would be much greater.

## DOMESTICS ORGANIZE

Bravo, Hamilton domestics! At least some of them. They have actually had the temerity to organize. The event occurred last Friday night in Lapswood Hall, East King street, when twenty-five females assembled. Mrs. Demester, waitress' organizer, addressed the girls and she had no difficulty in stirring her enthused auditors to action. Controller Harry J. Halford did his share, too. Another meeting is to be held soon, and according to all accounts the organization will "carry-on" with fifty members to start off.

## ONTARIO LABOR PARTY CONVENTION GOOD FRIDAY

At a meeting of the Ontario Labor party executive committee held here it was decided to hold a convention in Toronto on Good Friday, May 2. The convention was held at the Hotel Temple on Good Friday, W. H. Rollo presided over the full turnout of members. With a view to building up the membership of the party it was resolved to recommend to the convention that a permanent provincial organizer be appointed. The convention will be held at the Hotel Temple on Good Friday, W. H. Rollo presided over the full turnout of members. With a view to building up the membership of the party it was resolved to recommend to the convention that a permanent provincial organizer be appointed. The convention will be held at the Hotel Temple on Good Friday, W. H. Rollo presided over the full turnout of members. With a view to building up the membership of the party it was resolved to recommend to the convention that a permanent provincial organizer be appointed. 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**T**HE Boat is the staunch Tradesman's Craft, speeding along in the great Stream of National Commerce, helped by the Current of Public Opinion and the swelling Tide of Opportunity.

**T**HE Stream Waters the lands of a vast Agricultural tract. Wealth of Forest, Farm, Fishery, Factory and Mine are on either hand. Raw materials in variety and abundance furnish the Cargo of the Boat. The Boatman is bending to the oars that he may speedily and safely deliver his cargo at the factories seen in the distance. Here the Canadian Raw Materials will be made by Canadian Labor with Canadian Money

into Canadian Goods to promote Canadian Prosperity. The landing of the Cargo depends upon the Man with the Two Oars. There are hidden rocks---treacherous undercurrents---dangerous little eddies---an occasional shoal---a perilous rapid---but as long as that Boatman keeps his grip on both oars he will "deliver the goods."

**T**HERE are those skulking in the shadow of the Thicket of Unrest who would rush out, seize and destroy one or both oars---and leave the Boatman drifting into the Rapids of Destruction. We on shore, who wait eagerly for the Boatman's arrival, must be keenly alert. We must baffle the designs of suspicious characters. The Boatman must retain Both Oars. He must arrive at his Destination---for All Canada is anxiously awaiting him there.