

REPRESENTATIVES OF ALBERTA FED. OF LABOR SUBMIT PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO PROV. CABINET FOR CONSIDERATION

Program Laid Before Cabinet Is Compiled Under Thirty Distinct Headings and Embraces Some Fifty-five Amendments as Well As Five New Acts.

Representatives of the Alberta Federation of Labor waited on the members of the Provincial Cabinet, on Monday and Tuesday of this week, for the purpose of submitting for consideration certain proposed legislation and amendments to existing legislation, as are approved by the Federation.

Those representing the Federation were Frank Wheatley, Bankhead, Alta., President of the Federation; Walter Smitten, Calgary, Secretary; R. Levitt, Bellview, representing the U.M.W.A.; G. H. Geary, Edmonton, representing the Amalgamated Carpenters, and also Vice-President of the Trades and Labor Council; J. Thompson, Edmonton, representing the Journeymen Barbers; J. Barnett, and H. C. Newlands, representing the Alberta Teachers' Alliance, and A. Farnilo, Vice-President of the Alberta Federation of Labor. The entire cabinet was present.

The program of legislation laid before the cabinet is compiled under thirty distinct headings and embraces some fifty-five amendments and suggested measures for government action as well as five new acts prepared and submitted by themselves. The program is as follows:

To Premier C. Stewart, and the Honourable members of the Cabinet Council of the Legislature of Alberta.

We, the Executive Officers of the Alberta Federation of Labor, do hereby submit for your consideration the following memorandum of proposed legislation and amendments to existing legislation.

1. Amendments to the "Workmen's Compensation Act" (as submitted).
2. Amendments to the "Coal Mines Act" (as submitted).
3. Amendments to the "Travelling Shows Act" (as submitted).
4. Amendments to the "Factories Act" (as submitted), and further that the Government assume all responsibility for its enforcement; that the number of inspectors be increased; that the administration be removed from political influence. With the elimination of all night work in bakeries.
5. An Act respecting "Allowances to Parents and Children" (as submitted).
6. Amendments to the "Health Act" (as submitted).
7. An Act relating to Printing, Bindery and Stationery Work (as submitted).
8. An Act respecting Inspection in Trade Disputes (as submitted).
9. Model License Law for Barbers (as submitted).
10. Mechanic's Lien Act (to be submitted later).

11. We urge the Government to place the administration of all legislation directly affecting Labor under the Workmen's Compensation Board until such time as a Department of Labor is created.

12. We request legislation that will permit Civic Employees (exclusive of heads of departments) to run for and hold elective civic offices without forfeiting their positions.

13. We request legislation that will provide that the current rate of wages be paid on all public works and buildings.

14. We request legislation that will

HALIFAX MINERS SECURE A NEW WAGE AGREEMENT

Wage Standardization Involves General Increase for United Mine Workers.

An agreement between the Dominion Coal Company at Halifax and the representatives of the United Mine Workers of that district on the standardization of wages in the different mines has been signed. The standardization will involve a general increase for the miners. The agreement will stabilize the industry for a year but guards the interest of the miners by making provisions for a revision at stated intervals.

Discussion between representatives of the Dominion Coal Company and the miners began early in December and as over 300 different classifications of wages were involved this meant strenuous work. However a conciliatory and amicable spirit shown by representatives of both sides has resulted in the agreement being unanimously signed.

The Swedish Parliament has sided with ship owners and against seamen who demand higher wages. The seamen say they will paralyze the overseas trade of the ship-owning profiteers unless the demands of the union are complied with.

compel operators of industries (where towns and houses are owned exclusively by operator) to provide sufficient housing for at least seventy-five per cent of their working force and rooming accommodation for the balance with not more than two men to one room.

15. We urge that the minimum wage of \$1,200 per year requested by the Teachers' Alliance be recognized; that the model form of contract be adopted and that provision be made for teachers to consult with school boards on educational questions.

16. We request legislation that will provide for a maximum 44-hour week for all workers in the province with

HALIFAX TYPOS HAVE SECURED NEW WAGE AGREEMENT

Every Newspaper Office in City Has Signed Up Contract in Force Until April 30, 1920.

An agreement which practically concludes the closed shop in Halifax in the printing craft has been signed up between the representatives of the Halifax Typographical Union and the newspaper publishers of that city. A substantial increase in wages is embodied in the new agreement, which will remain in force until April 30, 1921.

Every newspaper office in the city has signed up, including the Halifax Herald, the Morning Chronicle, the Evening Mail, the Daily Echo and the Academic Recorder, and the proprietors of the principal book and job offices have also signed the contract.

As it is well known in the printing fraternity this is a consummation that that union has struggled for years to attain, but it has been a hard task, and up to the present been attended with but little prospect of early success.

However, the typos kept right on with their agitation. The union has grown strong, here and there an office has been won over from time to time, until finally the publishers were willing to discuss the entire situation, and as a result the right to collective bargaining has been unreservedly conceded.

Much credit is due for this accomplishment to the good services of the Canadian representative of the International Union, James Drury, of Montreal, who was sent on to Halifax by international headquarters, and worked indefatigably with the local committee until the agreement was secured and signed.

The best of feeling prevails between the employers and the employees in the city, a spirit of mutual good-will and co-operation being everywhere apparent as both parties believe the new arrangement will prove to be in the best interests of the trade, and will be fully justified by results.

TO CONSOLIDATE ALL N.Y. CENTRAL LABOR UNIONS

The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has instructed Samuel Gompers to appoint a committee to sound the unions in New York City on the plan to consolidate the central labor bodies of Greater New York into one organization and "thoroughly to investigate the New York situation."

Officially it is stated that the action of the council was taken simply in response to a demand for a new consolidated body, but in Labor circles it is reported that the appointment of the committee is in line with the movement to dissolve the Central Labor Union of New York as punishment for supporting the secessionist printing pressmen and press feeders.

PRESIDENT McCREATH ATTENDS MEETING FACTORY ACT COMMISSION

In connection with his duties as a member of the Edmonton Factories Act Commission, President Robert McCreath of the Trades Council was in Calgary on Wednesday. The commissions from the four Alberta cities decided to hold a joint conference before proceeding with their enquiries, and the Calgary meeting was for the purpose of outlining the commission's procedure.

REGULAR WORK IS MAIN WISH OF MINE WORKERS

Public Has Wrong Impression of Miners' Demands For the 30-Hour Week

To President Wilson's coal commission, in session for the purpose of adjusting conditions in the bituminous mines, John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, has given a statement that the miners' demand for a 30-hour week will have no less than thirty hours of steady work each week in the year.

"The public has the wrong impression on that subject," Lewis said, "because they were led to believe that the miners were opposed to working more than thirty hours a week. The fact is the coal miner cannot earn a living for the whole year by working only a part of the time, no matter how many hours a day he may work. But if he can be assured of not less than thirty hours a week throughout the year he can make a living for himself and his family."

It is the inability of the miners to get regular work that makes them require the 60 per cent. increase. No coal miner can tell whether the mine is going to work the next day or not, and for these reasons the 30-hour week and the 60 per cent. increase are necessary to even things up.

CONGRESS PASSES SCHOOL TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BILL

Congress has passed a school teachers' retirement bill for the District of Columbia. Teachers shall contribute not to exceed 8 per cent of their basic salary. Any teacher who has reached the age of 62 years may be retired upon his own application of by the board of education. At the age of 70 he is retired automatically unless three-fourths of the members of the board of education believe he should be retained. Any teacher who reaches the age of 45, who by reason of accident or illness has become physically or mentally disabled, may retire, provided he has taught ten years in the public schools.

FEDERAL BOARD IS READY FOR REHABILITATION

What To Do With Industrial Victims One of Chief Thoughts of Labor.

"One of the chief thoughts that affect Labor at this time is what to do with industrial victims who, through perhaps no fault of their own, become crippled."

This is a recent utterance of Otto Nichols of the United Garment Workers of America. He has a remedy in mind. He says that the worker receiving injury through an industrial accident should "be rehabilitated so that he can take care of himself in the future just as was and is being done for the crippled soldier of the world war by the United States government."

The federal board for vocational education is the agent of the United States government in the work of the rehabilitation of the disabled veteran. It is expected that the board will be commissioned to take on the rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry as soon as a certain bill before congress becomes a law. The bill provides that the state boards for vocational education shall co-operate with the federal board in this new work.

PICOTU COUNTY, N.S. MINERS WILL ERECT \$10,000 MONUMENT

The miners of Pictou County, Nova Scotia, are instituting a campaign with an objective of \$10,000, for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of those 88 miners whose lives were snuffed out in one of the worst disasters in the history of coal mining—that of the second Allan Shaft disaster, which occurred on January 23rd, 1918. The monument will also serve to commemorate those who lost their lives in the Flood Pit, November 12, 1880 and the A'nan Shaft, first disaster, December 20, 1914.

REGULAR MEETING TRADES COUNCIL MONDAY EVENING

The next regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council will be held on Monday, February 2. All delegates are urged to be in attendance.

NATIONALIZATION OF CREDITS SUBJECT OF GOOD ADDRESSES

G. Bevington and Alderman Jas. East, Address D.L.P. Meeting.

A very successful propaganda meeting was held by the Dominion Labor Party on Tuesday evening. Mr. G. Bevington of the West Edmonton U.P.A. and Alderman James East were the principal speakers, taking as their subject the "Nationalization of credits." Both speakers gave a very lucid and interesting explanation of the evils of the present financial system. They showed the immense advantages in the way of economy and service that would accrue from the nationalization of the credit system.

The speakers were closely questioned at the close of the address, and readily replied to the satisfaction of their auditors. Messrs. Ball, Barclay, Latham, Williams and Barnett were among those who joined in the discussion.

UNITED MINE WORKERS GAINING GROUND IN ORGANIZATION WORK

A conference was held in the office of the director of coal operations at Calgary last Monday, between the representatives of the Western Coal Operators and the United Mine Workers of America and Coal Director W. H. Armstrong, at which misunderstanding regarding order 141 was discussed.

Reports received from different parts of district 18 show that the U.M.W.A. are steadily gaining ground in their work of organization. Organizers in the north report steady progress at the different camps. Mountain Park camp which was partly on strike, is now wholly for the U.M.W.A. At Drumheller with the exception of two camps are now solid for the International. The Lethbridge district continues to improve as does Fernie. Corbin mine in that district is 100 per cent U.M.W.A.

The union label guarantees full return on the outlay in the form of increased business and employment.

NEWS OF THE LOCAL UNIONS

CIVIC SERVICE UNION No. 52

We regret to have to report the death of the infant son of Bro. A. Spiller. Our sympathies are extended to him in his bereavement.

"The occupational group principle is sound, it does not need to be endorsed... but may stand on its own merits." U.F.A. convention, Calgary.

The girl that diligently searched for the scales to balance the cash with deserves commendation for the energy displayed, anyway.

The necessity for periodic adjustment of wages is caused by the absence of any means to standardize the cost of the essential thing of life.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS, LOCAL No. 685

There was a well attended meeting, January 29, but on account of so much business the secretary was instructed to arrange for a special meeting which will be held Friday, February 13, to hear the report of the delegate to the Alberta Federation of Labor and also to have a further discussion on the agreement.

Any members at outside points wishing information, the secretary will be glad to receive a letter from them in regard to same.

The information cards for membership in this local from James Scott of Biggar, and J. F. McDonough, D. McCulloch and H. B. Leeder of Calder were accepted.

We also received a circular from headquarters asking each local union to take a referendum vote of the membership on the question of holding the regular triennial convention of the united association on the third Monday in September at Providence, R.I.

In case the majority of the membership vote to hold this convention it will be necessary to levy a four dollar assessment on all members to cover expenses of same.

This local would be entitled to send a delegate who would receive his wages and five dollars per day as expenses as well as railroad fare.

All members at outside points will send in their votes as soon as possible.

CIVIC UNIONS MEET CITY COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS AGREEMENTS

A delegation from four civic unions met the city commissioners on Tuesday evening to discuss the proposed new agreements. The discussion was an informal one and its purpose was to deal with matters that were of common interest to all four unions. The agreements will now be taken up by the commissioners with each of the organizations separately.

Representatives were present from Civic Service Union No. 52, Civic Employees' Union No. 36, Street Railwaymen and Electrical Workers.

PIONEER UNION SECURES INCREASE AND 8-HOUR DAY

Dates Back Before A.F. of L. or Dom. Trades Congress Were in Existence.

Iron Moulders Local Union No. 27, London, Ont., have announced a twenty-five per cent. increase in wages and an eight-hour work day.

This local is one of the oldest Labor Unions in the Forest City, a recognized pioneer among the trade organizations of the Dominion, and can trace its activities way back to the days long before either the American Federation of Labor or the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada were in existence.

It has put up many a hard battle in the past, and had to fight strenuously for its existence, especially in the days when Trades Unionism was a weak and struggling institution, and the black list faced the man who might be marked out as an agitator, but in spite of it all the local never gave up the fight nor went out of existence, though at all times it had barely enough members left to hold its charter, and more than once had to meet under cover in the old days.

It was never dismayed by defeat; always held its ground, and has never yet entered upon a struggle, even when marked with apparent defeat, in which it has not ultimately won out. It has put up many a hard battle for both the nine and eight-hour work day, and it has richly deserved the new success that has come to it.

It has been announced that the special International Machinists Union assessment of \$6 has been carried by a majority of 15,864. The levy will provide \$2,900,000 for a strike and lockout fund.

C.N.R. MACHINISTS

The regular meeting of Lodge 817, I.A. of M., was well attended and lively debate was the order of the day. The shop committee's report, of a successful and satisfactory finding in the case of Bro. C. Smith, was most optimistic. Summerville who was present at the meeting spoke on several matters of interest to the membership, and while his views did not meet with the approval of all he was supported by many who thought it was in the interest of organized Labor generally and the I.A. of M. in particular to follow the official decisions in all matters of policy; that there is constitutional machinery for the rectification of all unfair laws and rulings.

Two members are on the sick list, brothers! What are you going to do about it?

We note that Bro. Findlay has been appointed to the Hospital Board. Bro. Jim will now have the opportunity to educate the board along the lines of unionism.

FIREMEN'S LOCAL 209.

No, Bro. Young. There are very substantial and well recognized reasons why a resolution in the direction of this Union. Why the present conditions of high living are causing natural concern to every member on the department. Extravagance has not been made possible. We have not acquired luxurious habits of living, and our earnings have never been dissipated or placed in reserve for a rainy day. Bro. Steel, I move the resolution out of order.

Bro. Jamieson: I second the motion. Carried unanimously.

Faults innumerable have been found with the weather, but no fireman complains he is not getting enough of it. Bro. Lucas of No. 1 and Bro. Brownley of No. 5 both had their feet frozen on a 966 call, while Bro. Young and McLellan of No. 1 exhibit signs of extreme cold, having enlarged cheeks, chins, and ears. They have not been laid up but are not in the "we should worry class."

INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONGRESS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS, WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS AT PARIS

Complete Harmony Decided Factor Throughout Entire Session; German Delegate Against Six-Hour Day For Miners If Production Is Decreased.

The International Labor Congress opened in Paris Monday, and continued in session for four days. Complete harmony of action was a decided factor throughout the entire session. The Congress consists of representatives from the workers, the employers and the governments of the different nations. Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades Congress, represents the workers of North America at this conference.

Rudolph Legien, president of the German Federation of Trades Unions, and delegate of German workers, addressed the meeting.

Herr Legien, who had not taken exception to a single decision reached during the day, following the majority in each vote, declared the economic situation of the world had convinced him that a six hour day for miners should not be declared at present if it would decrease production.

"It would be premature to give my impressions of the work done by the peace conference at this time," he said "but I feel confident a great step has been made in dealing with the welfare of workers. I have come here with the firm intention to collaborate with my colleagues on the international bureau. No matter to what nationalities they belong, I wish to give them my hearty support. I am not here as a German delegate but as a delegate of the international workers' unions and I am looking at questions, not from a German, but an international point of view."

"I had intended to make reservations relative to the eight-hour day concerning miners in Germany, who are demanding a six hour work period, but I have refrained. Coal is a vital question to the world at present, and if a six hour day cannot be granted without decreasing production, I am against it."

The labor council discussed an eight-hour day for sailors and decided to hold an international sailors' conference at Genoa, Italy, June 15, at which the questions of hours of work, the number of sailors aboard ship according to tonnage, control of contracts between sailors and shipowners and work for children under fourteen years of age will be discussed.

The principle of the eight-hour day in all trades was discussed, but it was decided this matter must be left for the workers' unions to arrange with the employers' delegates.

WAR VETERANS OUTLINE STAND TOWARD LABOR

Nova Scotia Provincial Command Draft Resolutions Regarding Organized Labor.

At a recent meeting of the Provincial Command, G.W.V.A. of Nova Scotia, a resolution was drafted to be submitted to the Dominion Command for its consideration in which the Provincial Command re-affirms its stand towards organized Labor.

"The resolution reads as follows: 'Whereas the Dominion of Canada has taken her place amongst the nations of the world in the peace negotiations which resulted in the League of Nations, and became a signatory of said League:

"And, whereas the provisions of the League of Nations have recognized in a generous measure the rights of Labor, including the eight-hour day;

"And, whereas the representatives of the Canadian Government at the Industrial Labor Conference recently held at Washington maintained and supported the said measures with regard to Labor embodied in the said League of Nations;

"And, whereas the people of Canada view with an increased alarm the revolutionary methods promulgated and adopted by the ultra-radical wing of organized Labor in Canada;

"Therefore be it resolved that the Provincial Command of the G.W.V.A. place itself on record as favoring the recognition of organized Labor in Canada by an enactment of the Dominion Parliament, and that such an enactment should contain at least the following provisions:

1. The right of Labor to organize.
2. The recognition of organized Labor and its right to negotiate with its employer.
3. The right to strike within the constitutional authority of the Dominion of Canada.
4. That all Labor organizations be incorporated.
5. That all contracts entered into between employers and organized Labor organizations within the constitution of the Dominion of Canada shall be legal and binding upon the contracting parties or organizations.
6. Reasonable trade tests for candidates to trades-unions so as to protect employers and the general public from "incompetence" and "inefficiency."
7. That in order for a "strike" to be lawful, it shall be necessary that a majority of the employees affected thereby shall have declared by ballot in favor of such strike.
8. That such legislation should not, in any way circumscribe the objects of labor or dictate its policies but should regulate only its methods.

And, be it further resolved that, so long as organized Labor in Canada pursue its aims and objects by constitutional methods, the Great War Veterans' association may aid, assist and support their legitimate undertakings for the improvement and advancement of Labor as a class.

And, be it further resolved that in the event of organized Labor pursuing illegal and unconstitutional methods, the Great War Veterans' association will consider it their right and duty, as Canadian citizens to oppose and assist to repress such illegal and unconstitutional methods.

The union label makes woman the strongest as well as the gentlest of God's creatures.

SAMUEL GOMPERS CELEBRATES 70TH BIRTHDAY AT OFFICE

On Tuesday, January 27th, Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, celebrated his 70th birthday. Mr. Gompers, while old in years, is still able to carry on, as is evidenced by the fact that he spent most of his 70th anniversary at his office.

RUBBER COMPANY'S EMPLOYEES GO ON STRIKE AT TORONTO

Employees of the Gutta Percha Rubber Co., Ltd., at Toronto, are on strike. Dissatisfaction with their wages and working conditions are the causes of the strike. They demand an increase of 30 per cent in their pay. Four hundred employees are involved.

MACHINISTS STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES AND EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Machinists at St. John, New Brunswick, have gone on strike for 68 cents an hour and the eight hour day. Some 150 machinists in five plants in the city have walked out.

LABOR MEETINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday
Mass meeting of miners in afternoon, at Labor Hall.
Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, No. 99, in Alexandra Block.
Commercial Telegraphers, Local No. 105, in 202 Balmoral block.

Monday
Trades and Labor Council regular meeting.

Tuesday
Federated Association of Letter Carriers, Local No. 15, in St. Andrews Society Club Rooms, Jasper avenue.
Painters, Decorators, and Paperhangers, Local No. 1016, in Labor Hall.
Sheet Metal Workers, Local No. 371, in Labor Hall.

Wednesday
Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, Local No. 2607, in Labor Hall.
Plumbers and Steam Fitters, Local No. 488.
Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, Local 514, in Labor Hall.

Thursday
International Association of Machinists, Local No. 559, in Labor Hall.
Railway Clerks and Freight Handlers, Local No. 648, in Labor Hall.

Friday
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Local No. 1325, in Labor Hall.
Printing Pressmen and Assistants, Local No. 255, in Labor Hall.

Saturday
Typographical Union, Local No. 604, in Labor Hall.
Bakers and Confectionery Workers, Local No. 276.

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SAN FRANCISCO MAN CALLED ON CARPET FOR BEING RADICAL

The San Francisco Trades and Labor Council is endeavoring to keep their house cleaned of radicals, as is indicated by their account of a statement made before the council of one T. A. Ryan, delegate from the Brotherhood of Teamsters, in which he emphatically stated that he is a radical and declared that he desired to be known simply as "a good American citizen, loyal to my country and its flag." He said that he did not aspire to any office in the Labor Council, but stood ready to do what he could to help organized labor.

VOTES FOR BERGER PROTESTS AGAINST CLASS ANTAGONISM

Some 14,000 Non-Socialist Voters Imbued By Spirit of Protest Against Certain Policies.

In regard to the unseating of Victor L. Berger in the United States House, the Nation, writing editorially, has the following to say:

"The House of Representatives has again joined in the game of making additional Socialists and increasing the popular unrest by once more refusing a seat to Mr. Victor L. Berger, on the ground of his 'disloyalty' during the war. Just what would happen to that contention if the Circuit Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court should differ from Judge Landis, is an interesting speculation.

"At present it is sufficient to observe that 24,000 American citizens voted for Mr. Berger, and that a highly dangerous precedent has been established in excluding Mr. Berger from voicing opinions nearly three years ago which the courts have not yet finally declared to be disloyal. The result is that Mr. Berger returns to Milwaukee certain of re-election if the Governor will call another election; while if a new election is not held, Mr. Berger is probably in a fair way to become Governor of Wisconsin.

"Meanwhile, one of the Milwaukee newspapers which fought Mr. Berger's election most earnestly has come out and told the truth about the vote. An editorial in the Wisconsin News declares that the 14,000 non-Socialist voters who cast their ballots for Mr. Berger did so not because they wanted bolshevism or in any degree favored socialism, but because they were imbued 'by the spirit of intense protest against certain policies, activities, and conditions born of the war which they hold hostile alike to their Constitutional guarantees, to their personal liberties, to representative government, and to the common welfare.'

"They protested, the News asserts, against the policy of 'intimidation, coercion, and repression practiced by both officials and private agencies during the war'; against the 'espionage to which a loyal and law-abiding community was subjected,' and against 'the propaganda of racial and class antagonism.'

Just as a matter of sportsmanship, please, dear brethren and sisters, don't run around lying about us.

ULTRA-RADICAL LAWS URGED BY GOVERNOR OF N.Y.

Recommendations for State Control Over Private Industries Has Not Aroused Disapproval.

Governor Smith, of New York, in his annual message to the Legislature, just published, proposes the following ultra-radical laws: (1) a minimum wage; (2) the eight hour day for all women workers; (3) maternity insurance for expectant mothers; (4) the extension of workmen's compensation to cover occupational illnesses and accidents; (5) the appointment of State physicians and nurses in rural communities now destitute of medical aid, in co-operation with those communities; (6) the ownership, development, and operation of all waterpowers by the State; (7) State owned and operated grain elevators in three cities after the manner of the Nonpartisan League experiments in North Dakota; (8) the recognition of the production and distribution of milk as a public utility, subject to the control of the State in all details; and (9) the municipal operation of public utilities.

These recommendations for the extension of State control over such private industries as grain storage and the production and marketing of milk coming from the Governor of New York, seriously enough, do not seem to have aroused the chorus of disapproval in the daily press which would have arisen had a Western Governor urged, for instance, the socialization of the milk supply.

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provisions that will grant at least one day's rest in seven.

17. We request a new Provincial Election Act which will provide for the proportional representation system of voting with grouped constituencies. That election deposits be abolished and that provision be made so that persons whose occupation requires them to be absent from their electoral district on election day can exercise their franchise.

18. We request that before legislation is brought down to enact a Shops Act that organized Labor through this federation be given an opportunity to examine and discuss same.

19. We request legislation that will legalize the profession of Chiropractors and that the privilege of a representative of Chiropractors on the Board of Medical Examiners to examine all Chiropractors coming into the province be granted.

20. We urge that the Department of Education take immediate steps to organize and assist in the creation of continuation classes and other classes which will give those who are compelled to leave school at an early age a second chance in life.

21. We urge the Government to make provision for the administration of the fund provided by the Federal Government for the building of homes for workers.

22. We request legislation that will prohibit the use of air or electric hammers in the fabrication of cut stone.

23. We request legislation that will prohibit the operation of any passenger carrying vehicle carrying twelve or more passengers unless at least two men are in attendance.

24. We urge the Government to amend the School's Ordinance making it compulsory for all children to attend school until they reach the age of eighteen years.

25. Fortnightly payment of wages for all wage workers throughout the province.

26. We request legislation that will prevent the use of films in bad physical condition.

27. We request the Alberta Legislature to assume financial obligations in connection with the promotion and maintenance of the educational facilities of the province with provisions that all school supplies be furnished free to all school children, that a system of free Medical, Surgical, Dental and Optical treatment to all school children be put into operation.

28. That provision be made for inquests, by jury, being held in all cases of sudden death, where registered physician has not been in attendance a sufficient length of time to establish cause of death beyond doubt, and further that at least three of six jurors shall be persons who have had practical experience with the occupation, machinery, and with whatsoever circumstances death was caused.

29. We request that a Commission, composed of a representative of the Department of Education, a representative of the Allied Printing Trades, and a representative of the Employing Printers, be appointed; said commission to collect data as to policies, relative to printing of readers and text books, adopted in other provinces or states, or under consideration, and to secure estimates of cost with a view of determining the feasibility of the Government printing all readers and text books required for the promotion of education in this province.

30. In connection with the administration of sanitariums for the care and treatment of consumptives we request that provision be made that will guarantee that the treatment and care given in these institutions shall be free to all.

Respectfully submitted,
 FRANK WHEATLEY, President.
 W. SMITTEN, Secretary.

ANOTHER PIONEER UNION HOLDS THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION

The twenty-third annual convention of the International Seamen's Union of America was held in San Francisco on January 12th. President Purseuth in his report pointed with pride to the fact that the convention was being held within sight of the lumber pile around which thirty-five years ago a group of heroic men organized the Coast Seamen's Union of the Pacific, from which ultimately sprang the splendid organization which now embraces all of America, and has affiliations with other similar organizations throughout the world.

CANADA'S AFFAIRS AS VIEWED BY AN OUTSIDER

The Nation Points Out Some Factors in Canada's Political and Economical Unrest.

Canada's political and economical affairs, as viewed by outsiders, is clearly depicted in the following article from the editorial columns of The Nation:

Canada, like the rest of the world, is disturbed by the mutterings of political and economic unrest. Sir Robert Borden's extended leave of absence probably wards off for a few months the inevitable Dominion election, but the recent changes in the Ministry do not strengthen the Government. The Unionist party is discredited; the Liberals, even under the able leadership of Mr. Mackenzie King, find themselves between the devil of reaction and the deep sea of excessive radicalism; while the Farmers, who scored so signal a victory in the provincial elections last fall, are apparently gaining ground under the leadership of Mr. T. A. Crerar, formerly Minister of Agriculture, and a coming man in Dominion politics.

Mr. Crerar, like Premier Drury of Ontario, is an uncompromising advocate of free trade; the Farmers' platform substitutes for protection direct taxation and income and inheritance taxes. In addition to the steadily increasing Farmer vote, the Labor party is now a force to be reckoned with. In the recent Winnipeg election, although the Citizens' League claimed a sweeping victory over "Bolshevism," meaning the Labor party, the Labor candidate for Mayor polled nearly three times as many votes as last year, and the City Council is about evenly divided between Labor and "loyal citizens." Even the formation of a new government, however, will not at once end Canada's troubles.

The political differences which have long made the Province of Quebec a tender spot in the Dominion are still sharp; the exchange situation is bad, and industrial unrest is prevalent everywhere. It will be interesting to see whether Mr. Mackenzie King's political tour of the Provinces will revive the Liberal strength that of late has been declining.

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ORGANIZED TWO WEEKS AND GET WAGE INCREASE

Question "Does It Pay To Join the Union" Answered In Affirmative by Toronto Carpenters.

The question "Does it pay to join the Union?" has been answered in the affirmative by Local Union 1826, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, at Toronto.

The membership of this local, which is composed of shopmen and inside millmen, is at present putting up a live organization campaign for the purpose of bringing every available non-union craftsman into the union. The first of January the organizers succeeded in getting into line the employees of a big plant, who have for some time been endeavoring to secure an increase in wages, but were not making much headway, but after organizing the shop within two weeks, a signed up agreement was reached which included an increase in wages of 20 cents an hour, to be retroactive back to July 1st, 1919, which means a lump sum of \$250 in back wages.

There are some people who continue to ask if it pays to organize, but to the employees of this particular firm the question is no longer debatable. To secure a lump sum in back wages of \$250 and a regular increase in wages of 20 cents an hour, after only being organized a couple of weeks is mighty good evidence that it certainly does.

CALIFORNIA STATE FED. OF LABOR ENDORSES AMERICAN LEGION

Unanimous endorsement of the American Legion was given by the executive council of the California State Federation of Labor at its quarterly meeting held in San Francisco last week, when a resolution commending the American Legion and urging all ex-service men who are members of organized labor to become active members of the legion, were unanimously adopted.

MINERS PLANNING TO PRESENT INFORMATION AS TO LIVING COSTS

When butter was selling in Chicago at 80 cents a pound it was selling in some of the Illinois coal mining towns at 90 cents a pound. It is said at the headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America in Indianapolis, that the cost of living in mining communities is higher than anywhere else in the country. This statement is based on figures and reports received at the headquarters from many mining towns. Coal miners say that they are at the mercy of retail dealers who charge what they please for the necessities of life which the miners must buy, because there is no other market in which they can obtain the goods.

This is pointed to by the miners as one of the strong reasons why they are entitled to a substantial increase in wages at the hands of the commission appointed by President Wilson to investigate the bituminous coal industry, its wages and working conditions and the selling price of coal.

The miners are planning to present to the commission full information in regard to the increase in the cost of living as it affects the miners and their families. They will base their showing wholly on the prices that are charged in mining camps and mining communities, and they declare that the figures will be a revelation to the public.

LEMIEX ACT TO RECEIVE EARLY CONSIDERATION

Revision of the Industrial Disputes and Investigation Act (the Lemieux Act) is to receive early consideration. In past years the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has opposed the act and demanded its repeal. Lately, there has been a shifting in the attitude of organized labor toward the act. At an interview between representatives of the government and of organized labor recently, complaints in regard to the act were again submitted, and the Labor men offered to participate in a joint conference with a view to revision. In reply, the government invited the Labor men to submit concrete proposals of amendment for consideration.

SOCIALISM WAS ISSUE AT STAKE IN RUSSELL TRIAL.

Socialism As Presented By Crown Lawyers Evidently Too Much For the Jury.

The weakness of the case against R. B. Russell, convicted for seditious conspiracy in connection with the general strike in Winnipeg is pointed out by a New York paper. The Nation, in its article, points out "the fact that the case for the prosecution was so weak as to require on several occasions the moral support of the Dominion Government in the form of visits to Winnipeg by the Minister of Labor."

It goes on to say that "the evidence indicates that the fundamental issue was not seditious conspiracy at all, but socialism. To a farmer jury there were presented for the first time, as a part of Russell's testimony, the time-honored doctrines of socialism, and it was those that apparently had weight with the jury. It was incumbent upon the Crown to prove its charge of seditious conspiracy in its general strike; instead, it spent valuable time in proving that there had been a strike and that many people had been greatly inconvenienced thereby. The defence freely conceded both of these contentions, but denied that the general strike was unlawful."

From the beginning the case was mainly one of fact versus emotion. On the one side were "law and order," horror at the suggestion of a change in the existing form of government, and a suffering public deprived of its milk and eggs; on the other, evidence showing that a large majority of the workers had voted for the strike, and after the first excitement was over every effort was made by the strike committee to preserve order and occasion as little suffering as possible, and the denial by the strike committee of any attempt on its part to establish a Winnipeg soviet form of government.

"But Mr. Russell was a socialist, and socialism, as presented by the Crown lawyers, was evidently too much for the jury."

ONLY BONA FIDE TRADE UNIONISTS MAY EXPECT ASSISTANCE

Only bona fide trade unionists who may be prosecuted under the so-called criminal syndicalism law for expounding the principles and policies of the American Federation of Labor need expect assistance from the California State Federation of Labor.

This was the decision reached at the quarterly meeting of the executive council of the California State Federation of Labor, which refused to endorse the Labor Defense League or any other dual organization which has for its purpose the raising of funds with which to defend anybody and everybody arrested and prosecuted under the criminal syndicalism law.

When a "real trade unionist" is prosecuted under this law for "bona fide trade union activities" the California State Federation of Labor will issue a call for funds for the defense of such trade unionist.

SPANISH WORKERS LOCKED OUT BY EMPLOYERS ASSO.

While Spain generally was celebrating the Christmas and New Year's season, workmen at Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia and other industrial centres were seen on the streets begging for pennies for food. This condition of affairs has been brought about chiefly because of a general lockout declared by the Employers' Association "to show workmen the advantage of order and discipline and to avoid a condition of anarchy."

Never, according to the citizens, have there been more mendicants on the streets of Madrid than there were on December 25, while their more prosperous neighbors were dining in luxury in their own homes or in the big hotels which made the celebration of Christmas eve an imposing occasion.

In a manifesto the employers declare that "as soon as the general syndicalist organization is dissolved the lockout will end, and employers will resume the system of private contract."

There is something wrong with the woman who says there isn't a spark of jealousy in her makeup.

CORRESPONDENCE

EVERYBODY'S VIEWS

The Free Press takes no responsibility for any opinions expressed in letters to the editor. No letters can be accepted for publication, and will not be printed unless accompanied by name and address of writer.

The editor is in receipt of a number of letters from correspondents which deal with religious matters. Believing it to be inadvisable to lend the columns of the Free Press to a religious discussion, we would respectfully request that our correspondents deal with topics other than religious.

IRISH WORKERS WILL SOON HAVE LABOR COLLEGE

Ireland is to have a Labor college. Since November 2, when the founding of the James Connolly Labor college was decided upon at a conference of trade union, co-operative and Socialist party delegates held in Dublin, a management committee has been at work raising funds, developing courses, and making propaganda for the college among the working class organizations of Ireland.

The purpose of the enterprise is "to commemorate James Connolly by carrying on his work of educating the Irish working class to win and hold social freedom, and by the promotion of lectures and study classes to fit working men and women for the service of their class."

The constitution places the governing power of the college in the hands of the annual conference of delegates from all bona fide working class organizations in Ireland, which are affiliated to the college. One-half of the management committee will be elected by the conference and the other by the students of the college.

The college has already begun its definitely educational work in Dublin, and has sought to awaken interest in the country by offering to trades councils and trade union branches its aid in setting up educational classes in their district, supplying tutors, lecture outlines and special lecturers.

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JACK ELLIOTT OPENS ANOTHER BILLIARD ROOM

Proprietor of Eskimo Has New Billiard Hall Second to None in the City.

Jack Elliott, proprietor of the Eskimo billiard parlor on Jasper avenue has opened up another business at 10144 101st street (the old Northern Billiard parlor).

The new parlor was open to the public Saturday and from the constant stream of players it was evident that the new parlor bids fair to be as popular as the well-known Eskimo. Mr. Elliott has spared no effort to make this billiard hall second to none in the city, a complete new outfit being installed, including fourteen English Billiard or Snooker tables equipped with every modern convenience.

The premises are also fitted up with all the latest devices for not only the convenience of patrons playing the game, but also for the comfort of those looking on, and those visiting this new venture of Mr. Elliott's are assured of the comfort, accommodation and courtesy that has always been accorded them at the Eskimo rooms.

Soap making, which is dependent upon the olive oil industry, is the principal industry in Tunis.

ESKIMOS AND C.C.'S PLAY AT ARENA FRIDAY NIGHT

Two Edmonton Teams Will Endeavor to Duplicate Monday Night's Victories.

Friday night at the Arena will see the Eskimos and C.C.'s again matched in the great game of hockey. The Hustlers' journey to Calgary to play the Wanderers. Should the two Edmonton teams succeed in duplicating the stunt they pulled off on Monday night, the Eskimos and Wanderers will be tied for first place in the league standing, with the Hustlers holding next place.

It looks as though the last half of the schedule is going to provide the hockey fans with some interesting games, and at the rate the Eskimos and Hustlers are advancing in the games, the Calgary teams are going to have to do some hustling to head them off from the two top notches.

The game between the Hustlers and Wanderers here Monday night was one of the best yet seen at the Arena, while the one between the Eskimos and C.C.'s at Calgary was rather rough, stick-handling (!) being one of the outstanding features.

RETAIL CLERKS GET \$18 PER WEEK AS MINIMUM WAGE

A minimum wage of \$18 per week for saleswomen after six months' experience is provided for in the new wage scale and working agreement of Retail Clerks' Union No. 432 here.

As a result of the recent campaign of organization among the retail clerks employed in the downtown stores, it is said that there are a large number of saleswomen included in the membership of Retail Clerks' Union No. 432 who will be greatly benefited by the new wage scale adopted by that organization.

The early closing of stores every day in the week is also another benefit to saleswomen which has been secured through the activities of the Retail Clerks' Union.

INDOOR BASEBALL OPENED AT ARMORIES WEDNESDAY EVENING

The opening games of the Indoor Baseball League was played at the Armories, Wednesday evening, when the Rotarians defeated Woodland Dairy 24 to 6, and the Alberta Government Telephone won from the Firemen in a closely contested game by a score of 11 to 9. Judging from the attendance at these games, Indoor Baseball promises to become quite popular this season.

BERNARD SHAW TAKES A WHACK

"Yet it was in the United States of America, where nobody slept the worse for the war that the war fever went beyond all sense and reason. In European courts there was vindictive illegality; in American courts there was raving lunacy. It is not for me to chronicle the extravagance of an ally; let some candid American do that. I can only say that to us sitting in our gardens in England, with the guns in France making themselves felt by a throb in the air is unmistakable as an audible sound, or with tightening hearts studying the phases of the moon in London in their bearing on the chances whether our houses would be standing or ourselves alive next morning, the newspaper accounts were passing on young girls and old men alike for the expression of opinions which were being uttered amid thundering applause before huge audiences in England, and the more private records of the methods by which the American war loans were raised, were so amazing that they put the guns and the possibilities of a raid clean out of our heads for the moment. "The Christian priest joining in the war dance without even throwing off his cassock first, and the respectable school governor expelling the German professor with insult and bodily violence, and declaring that no English child should ever again be taught the language of Luther and Goethe, were kept in countenance by the most impudent repudiations, of every decency of civilization and every lesson of political experience on the part of the very persons who, as university professors, historians, philosophers and men of science, were the accredited custodians of culture."—Exchange.

Mount Hamilton, Ont., Labor Party members have decided to start a Labor Church. The members also have formed a club with headquarters in the old Mission hall, Concession street, which will be under the direction of the Westworth County I.L.P. District Council. Tom Fagan is president of the club.

DOUBLE HEADER IN MERCANTILE LGE. GOES TO RAILWAYS

C.N.R. and Calder Victorious Over Soldier Settlement Board and Esdales.

Wednesday saw victories for the C.N.R. and the Calder teams in the Mercantile Hockey League. A double-header was played at the South Side Rink between Canadian National Railways and Soldier Settlement Board and between Calder and Esdales teams.

The first game was extremely rough and the penalties were bestowed thick and fast, each team seemingly trying to excel in the rough stuff. The C.N.R. line-up was as follows: Alton, Borden, Tidbury, Koch, Weeks, Waters, Pa-cand, McRae, Weaver and Storry, while the Soldier Settlement Board was represented by Hardisty, Day, Lundy, Daddell, O'Leary, Hepburn, and Millen. The score was 4 to 1 in favor of the C.N.R. The second game was an opposite exhibition to that of the preceding one, being notable for clean play and but few penalties. However, the Esdales boys were a wee bit too slow for the Calder team and the end of the third period found the score 7 to 5 in favor of Calder.

TRADE UNIONS NOT NARROW; DOOR OPEN TO EVERY WORKER

Unionists Neither Fear Nor Shirk From Those Who Hold Adverse Opinions.

Dreamers serve a good purpose in the trade union movement because they assist in stimulating thought and counter-acting inertia, writes President Perkins, of the Cigarettes' International Union, in the official magazine of that organization.

The cigarmakers' executive well says that trade unionists "neither fear nor shirk from those who hold adverse opinions," and that the door of trade unionism is open to every man and woman who works for wages.

"No organization, including Labor, is perfect or can become perfect," he continues. "In the process of evolution that which seemed an ideal organization or state, if reached, would become old-fashioned and unsatisfactory. It is well

that this is true and it will always be true so long as hope and ambition last, and both will probably last forever. The natural evolution brings with it new ideas and increased intelligence and fresh hopes."

President Perkins then gives this advice to those who would divide workers through secession or dualism:

"The real red-blooded man gets in-side and stays inside of the ranks of organized Labor and there fights man-fashion against what he thinks are wrongs, and in advocacy of his ideals. The self-styled progressive is often too short-sighted and impatient with the evolutionary process and what he thinks is slow progress and is inclined to rush off and start something new—a dual organization. This something new invariably fails, chiefly because it attracts the erratically inclined who never want to stay hitched, and they then start out with something new again, while the solid, substantial, plodding, evolutionary, constructive trade union movement continues to improve. The constructive trade union is always reliable, ready to sacrifice, willing to meet the other fellow halfway, and always ready to fight for principle, justice and right. Courageous men stand up and fight within the organization along constructive, evolutionary lines; the coward runs away. He labors under the mistaken idea that the way to build up is to tear down."

VARSITY AND C.C.'S WON FROM SOUTH SIDE AND FT. SASKATCHEWAN

At the Arena, Wednesday evening, a double-header in the city league was staged. Varsity won from the South Side team 4 to 2 in a slow game not up to the usual standard of both teams. Knights of Columbus won from Fort Saskatchewan, 5 to 2 in a game equally as slow as the preceding one. Attendance was small.

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TWO BILLS WHICH IF PASSED WILL GIVE WOMEN SQUARE DEAL

A bill to enlarge the United States Civil Service Commission to five members, not less than two of the commissioners to be women, has been introduced in Congress by Representative Fess of Ohio. Direct representation of women by women on the central administrative agency of the civil service has for some time been urged by women's organizations as necessary to insure to women equal opportunity for appointment and equal compensation with men in the federal service doing the same comparable work.

The Fess bill is a companion measure to the bill recently introduced by Senator McLean of Connecticut, providing that appointing officials shall not discriminate as to sex unless sex is a physical barrier to the performance of the job. The two bills combined, it is stated at the headquarters of the National Women's Trade Union League, are looked upon as guaranteeing to women at least a square deal in the civil service.

The Woman's Page

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS SECURE \$1200 MINIMUM

Also Two Members From Alliances Will Attend Board Meetings in Consultative Capacity.

Edmonton public school teachers have won out in their demands for a \$1200 minimum and representation at school board meetings. Last week the Public School Board, with only one dissenting voice, passed the minimum salary of \$1200 for grade teachers with the proviso attached that less might be paid to inexperienced teachers.

Teachers from the Teachers' Alliance are to sit on the Public School Board in future, in order to assist with the business and deliberations of the Board. The resolution embodying this decision was as follows: "That two members from the Alliances, one from the Edmonton High School Teachers' Alliance and one from the Public School Teachers' Alliance, be invited to attend the meetings of the Trustee Board in a consultative capacity, and be notified by the secretary of time of meetings, and that the bylaws be amended accordingly."

Trustee Rea was the one member not in favor of the above resolutions. Trustee Dr. McPherson said that they were always largely guided by opinions of the members, and he considered it would be an advantage to have the opinions of the teachers.

Trustee Scott said that he considered it would be one of the finest things going to have the teachers represented on the board and committees, and he believed that they should be the elected representatives of the teachers. He said teachers were in a different class and they had wakened up to the fact that they were in the wrong case.

On the resolution being put to the vote, it was carried. Trustees Barnes, Scott, McPherson and Duggan, and the chairman, Dr. Craig, being in favor, and Trustee Rea voting against.

At the meeting of the School Board Tuesday evening two representatives of the teachers' alliances were given seats at the table and the discussion of the teachers' salary schedule was taken up. The minimum of \$1200 for grade teachers having been decided on at the meeting last week, the subject of a maximum for grade teachers was taken up and discussed.

The following scales were unanimously decided on: For teachers with first class certificates: \$1200, \$1275, \$1350, \$1425, \$1500 and \$1600. This gives the maximum in six years. For teachers with second-class certificates: \$1200, \$1250, \$1300, \$1350, \$1425 and \$1500. This gives a maximum of \$1500 in six years.

A special resolution was put through that second-class teachers now on the staff, after ten years' service, should receive a maximum of \$1600.

Objection was made to the teachers' alliance representatives having seats at the board table by Trustee Rea, who said he regarded placing them on the board, whether elected or not, as the first example of the Soviet system in Edmonton. His objection was overruled by the board.

SCOTT NEARING WILL ADDRESS W'PEG AUDIENCE

"International Capitalism" is the subject on which Scott Nearing will address a meeting held under the auspices of the Dominion Labor Party at Winnipeg, on the evening of Thursday, January 29th. Scott Nearing is a university professor who was dismissed from his position on account of his advanced views and has had a more or less interesting time since then, having been before the courts on occasion.

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL W.C.T.U. COMMEND U.F.O. GOVERNMENT

The Ontario provincial Women's Christian Temperance Union, held its annual convention recently in Guelph. Among other things it passed a resolution of commendation and support to the U.F.O. government in Ontario. The resolution is as follows:

"We welcome to power the combination of political forces that now govern Ontario. While the conflict raged, we said to each other, every U.F.O. man that gets in will be a friend to prohibition, for they were the only party with a straight prohibition plank in their platform. We wish the U.F.O. government a career of great usefulness, and a record of unbroken pledges, both along moral and material lines."

WOMAN SUFFRAGE MAKES DIFFERENCE IN PARTY POLITICS

All Criticism About Their Use of Franchise Is Superfluous and Undeserving.

That woman suffrage has made a difference in party politics is proved by the Referendum victory in the recent Ontario elections. The fact that thousands of women gave all their spare time and energy to the campaign for informing the bulk of women and men electors of this great issue, and so well did they work for this that it was impossible for them to devote any time to the election itself, goes to show, along with the result they obtained, just how much difference it has made in party politics.

Since the Ontario elections, women have been forced to hear a good deal of criticism and croaking about their use of the franchise from various men and journals. One says, "So far as party politics go, women have proved that they will follow their husbands or fathers."

That they did not in many cases follow husband or father is proved by the fact that rather than vote blindly, many of them returned the election ballot unmarked. For this they deserve praise, not blame. Moreover, women's organizations everywhere are recognizing the lessons taught by the election, and now that the Referendum work is over, many of these are taking active steps for the education of the women voters. It might be well for men's organizations to follow suit, since everyone knows of the ignorance of many men voters who have exercised the franchise for years.

This particular election is no criterion for the future; since very little time for preparation was given between the fixing of the date and the election itself. Moreover, it is well recognized that the Referendum issue overshadowed every other consideration.

ONLY ONE WOMAN ON THE DOMINION COUNCIL OF HEALTH

Should Have Representatives from Medical Women and Trained Nurses.

"'Twas Ever Thus'" says the Woman's Century about the recently appointed Dominion Council of Health, which is to act in an advisory capacity to the Federal Department of Health. The Council is composed of fourteen men and one woman. Most of the men are doctors, although one man represents agricultural interests and the woman has done excellent patriotic work.

But amongst them all, not one medical woman nor one trained nurse—and Canada can contribute many medical women and graduate nurses of high attainments.

Woman's Century also comments upon the fact that none of the larger federations of women's societies, which have specialized on matters of health, were not consulted in the appointments, neither are they represented on this Council of Health, although they claim that it was the National Council of Women who first urged the formation of the department.

We had entertained the vain hope that our government had at last recognized the value of women, and that at least in 1919 they might realize the valuable contribution which trained women could make to a department which so vitally concerns women as that of Health. But apparently it takes more than a world war to convince some people and we wonder what sort of explosion will be necessary, in order that Canadian women shall be given their rightful place by those in authority at Ottawa.

The mistress of the household represents the "purchasing power." She can not go on strike, but she can obviate the necessity of striking by demanding the union label.

The union label directs and concentrates public sentiment against the evils peculiar to many industries.

QUESTION OF BRITISH FARM GIRLS IN CANADA

Woman's Century Says Canada Needs These Farm Women in Her Industries.

The December issue of Woman's Century, the official organ of the National Council of Women, dealing with the question of British Farm Girls in Canada has the following to say:

Considerable indignation was recently aroused by the publication of a cable in the Toronto Mail & Empire of an interview with Col. Obed Smith in which the statement was made that "the women of the Dominion will not allow British Land Army girls to come to Canada, and that there is a determined opposition of women's associations in Canada to female farming."

The statement was immediately challenged by a number of prominent women, members of large organizations, who, one and all, expressed their objections to the statement and their convictions that no organizations of women had in their knowledge expressed such opposition.

It is now understood that the authorities in Ottawa have taken up the matter, and that an explanation and contradiction will be made.

It is most important that this should be done speedily. Bad news travels proverbially fast, and we fear that by such a mis-statement of facts, Canadian women will stand in a most unfavorable light towards their British sisters, and that much discouragement and perplexity will obtain amongst the many women of the British Land Army who had looked to Canada as the "Land of Promise" to which they could turn for a career at the end of their splendid war service.

It must be well understood that these are no giddy girls, but women who have submitted during several years of war to hard work and severe discipline, that they stood the test and made good is a matter beyond question and doubt.

Canada needs such women, for, as pointed out by Miss Straith of Toronto, an expert in agricultural matters, "there is a dearth of workers in Canada in certain lines of suitable work for women, fruit growing and poultry raising, for example. The most effective blow that can be aimed at the high cost of living is to increase the number of farmers, men and women. What justification can there be for discouraging the immigration of a desirable class of citizens who stand ready to help solve one of our greatest problems?"

Just recently some of our agricultural colleges have opened their doors to women for the full course. Such a concession shows the trend of the times. Women have now a recognized place in this useful and interesting occupation?

We understand that there exists a Board of Women in England whose duty it is to make the most careful selection of any women land workers wishing to emigrate, that only those qualified by training, health and character would be allowed to do so. Canada cannot afford to close her doors upon such. Indeed, by doing so, she would be guilty of the gravest ingratitude.

The fortitude of those British women who held the Agricultural Trench during nearly five years of war, not only helped to feed Canadian men overseas, but contributed to keep from Canada herself those privations which Great Britain suffered so bravely.

We would like to see these British girls come to our country districts, with their ideals, their courage and their enthusiasm. A sprinkling of such in any community would be an asset; in those sections where the foreign born have not yet absorbed our traditions of British freedom they would be a benediction!

But before they come, every preparation should be made for them. The agricultural colleges might well give them the privileges of short course training to fit them for local conditions. Our governments might commence a propaganda amongst the farmers on their behalf, and since they have played a man's part, indeed, a soldier's part, we would wish to see them come under the advantages to be derived from any farm loan scheme, which would enable them to settle perhaps in groups, upon farms of their own in suitable localities.

In 1916 there was a case of five young Scotch women, who having lost all their male relatives in the war, came out to Saskatchewan after their farm experience at home, hired out on equal terms with the men and "made good."

There are many like them, and Canada will be the richer when she opens her welcoming arms to them.

HAMILTON WOMEN TEACHERS GET A \$200 INCREASE

At a largely attended meeting of the members of the Hamilton Women Teachers' Association, held recently, it was unanimously decided to accept the \$200 per year increase recommended by the Board of Education Internal Management Committee. The recommendation of the committee provided for a \$200 increase for 1920 over the 1919 rates—initial salaries of \$750 and \$850, with a maximum of \$1,400 to be reached in annual progressions of \$100.

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Canada Needs More of Spirit Which Dictates That To Wear Costly Clothes is Bad Form.

"Old Clothes Leagues" have been formed in England, in various cities and towns to combat the cloth merchant and tailor. Such leagues are badly needed in Canada, not only to combat the High Cost of Dressing, but the High Selfishness of the Dresser.

Suitings and coatings, it is said, have advanced 50 per cent. Judging by the cost, women's clothing has gone up 100 per cent., possibly more, and apparently women—many of them—are gaily buying over-costly furs, and cloth coats of an outrageous price just as though there were no returned men needing pensions, no widows, no orphans.

Cloth wraps with fur collars and cuffs of simple—once expensive—fur fetch as high as \$350 to \$450, the cost a few years ago of a handsome fur coat. With Hudson Seal coats at \$700 and more, where must Alaska seal be today!

What we need in Canada is less luxury, less extravagance, less vanity and selfishness, and more of that spirit which in Great Britain dictates that to wear expensive clothes at this time is "bad form."

CANADIANS MUST LEARN TO SAVE TO MAKE PROGRESS

Canada Is Prosperous But Too Many of Her People Are Spending As Fast As They Earn.

Canada is prosperous. Everybody knows it, for wages were never as high before nor have merchants ever done as much business as they are doing today. The point is, what are we doing with our money? Unfortunately, too many are spending it quite as fast as they make it.

Spendthrifts do not make a country they never have and never will. Nor do those countries become wealthy or

of, ready money that have brought France successfully through her many costly wars. The average Canadian has little trouble in making money, but he very much needs training in saving, and out of regard for himself and the country he can't begin too soon.

The Illinois State Federation of Labor's Weekly News Letter quotes a statement by President Woodrow Wilson, in a recent address in which he declares "The masters of the government of the United States are the combined capitalists and manufacturers of the United States," and pertinently asks the question "Who is Bolshevik now?" Go ahead with the building of homes.

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FLAX CROP BRINGS RECORD SMASHING PRICE AT \$180 ACRE

What is claimed to be a record, smashing any per acre return in dollars for a grain yield, is reported from the Coaldale district by H. A. Suggitt, the pioneer irrigation farmer of that district. Mr. Suggitt has just completed threshing a 35 acre field of flax which will yield him a return, he figures, of about \$180 per acre. More than 900 bushels were threshed off the field. This is worth \$5 per bushel for ordinary commercial purposes at present; he could sell every bushel of it at \$6 per bushel for seed right now, and as there is very little flax seed available in Southern Alberta right now he expects to get even more.

The big money yield per acre is not the only interesting feature of this flax crop. It is not generally accepted that irrigation is applicable in the case of flax, but Mr. Suggitt has disproved this theory. Last spring the land on which the crop was grown was timothy sod. It was broken up and the flax sown about the middle of June. There was not enough moisture in the soil to germinate the flax, so early in July Mr. Suggitt turned on the water from the ditch. At that time the field was as dry as a board and as bare as the road. Wonderful growth followed and early in October in time to avoid the frost, the crop was cut and stacked. Threshing was just finished on Thursday with the above result.—Lethbridge Herald.

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The Farm Page

UNITED FARMERS OPPOSE CLAUSE IN STOCK CONTRACT

Would Hold Railroads Liable For Injury To Attendant of Livestock.

At the recent convention of the U.F.A. in Calgary the following resolution was introduced by Percival Baker, of Ponoka, and George F. Root, of Wetaskiwin, and unanimously carried:

Whereas the railway companies require that all live stock shipped any distance over 100 miles be accompanied by the owner or his nominee.

And whereas compensation for possible injury of attendant is waived in live stock special contract, Form 10, used by the C.P.R. and which reads as follows:

"In case of the company granting to the shipper or any nominee or nominee of the shipper a pass or privilege less than full fare to ride on the train in which the property is being carried for the purpose of taking care of the same while in transit, and at the owner's risk as aforesaid, then as to every person so travelling on such a pass, or privilege less than full fare, the company is to be entirely free from liability in respect of his death injury or damage, and whether it be caused by the negligence of the company, or its servants or employees or otherwise howsoever."

And whereas their transportation of an attendant for less than full fare should not relieve them on public carriers of any responsibility or liability in respect of death, injury or damage of shipment or their nominees.

Therefore: Be it resolved that the executive of the U.F.A. use every effort to have this objectionable clause eliminated from all livestock contracts and demand that no form of restriction of companies liability be permitted to be substituted for it.

Construction work on the new Pantheon theatre in Hamilton, Ont., which will be begun in the near future, will be strictly union. This important fact was disclosed to the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council when Secretary Towler read the news contained in a letter from Thomas W. Lamb, architect, of New York City, which stated the theatre would be built by "union labor."

JAS. McCAIG WILL ATTEND WOOL GROWERS' CONVENTION AT TORONTO

Jas. McCaig, Edmonton; A. W. Sharp, Lacombe; J. Wemyss Renton, Calgary; Levi Harker, Magrath, will be the delegates representing the Alberta branch of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers' association, the selection having been made at a meeting which was held in Calgary last week. The annual meeting will be held in Toronto during the first week in February.

At a recent meeting the best method of handling payments for the wool as quickly as possible after the sales are made was discussed and will be further entered into at the annual meeting.

Mr. Spanfield, who represents the association on the Boston market, who has been addressing several meetings of the wool growers in the west was in attendance and explained the details of handling the wool on that market.

MANY UNEMPLOYED IN WESTERN STATES SAYS TACOMA PAPER

"Unemployed, and plenty of them, many ex-service men who were made so much of once upon a time, are walking the streets of Tacoma these days," says the Labor Advocate, published in that city.

"The employment offices, public and private, admit that jobs are not any longer looking for men, but quite the reverse, and conditions are not likely to improve in the near future.

"The unemployed are also even more strongly in evidence in Seattle, and reports from Oregon and California show that conditions have been worse there for some time.

"The cry for increased production that has been in evidence in the newspaper article here and elsewhere have suddenly vanished with the arrival of the unemployed, the grotesque insincerity of such a campaign already being too obvious.

"When the working men walked out on strike to better their condition it was insisted that the only salvation was to produce more instead of striking, but with the men being laid off and works closing down, the production cry has lost its force and is not to be employed against the men who own the plants."

Poker chips have gone up until it is said to be impossible to play penny ante any more.

H. W. WOOD IS RE-ELECTED PRES. UNITED FARMERS

Convention Held at Calgary Was Largest Ever; 1,386 Delegates Being Present.

At the United Farmers Convention held at Calgary last week, H. W. Wood, of Carstairs, was again elected to the presidency of that organization, defeating Archie Muir, of Provost, Vice-President of the provincial political executive.

The convention which was held on January 20-23, inclusive, in the First Baptist church, was the largest yet held by the U.F.A., there being 1,386 delegates present, with twice that number of visitors.

Much business was gotten through with by the convention including resolutions pertaining to the Wheat Board, the Political Situation and co-operation between Industrial, Labor and other workers and the Farmers' Political Association.

Seed Grain Commissioner A. E. Wilson of Regina, spent an hour on the platform under a barrage of cross-questions in respect to the probable prices for seed wheat, which southern farmers will have to purchase, these prices now being advanced by the action of the Wheat Board. Mr. Wilson said he desired to see the wheat resold for seed at the lowest possible margin, telling the convention that the department had 327,000 bushels on hand at the present time. A resolution was subsequently passed asking the minister of trade and commerce to have the seed wheat price to farmers fixed at \$2.40 Fort William basis instead of \$2.70 as at present, freight to be paid by the department.

Vice-President Baker, on behalf of the executive, submitted a resolution proposing in effect that in view of the anticipated dissolution of the present Wheat Board during the next year or so, that the matter of maintaining a permanent national marketing organization should be discussed throughout the locals of the U.F.A. during the present year, as it might be through other organized farmers units in Canada, so that an intelligent expression of opinion might be obtained by the council of agriculture in the event of prompt action being demanded by future

LABOR-FARMER UNITY TO MAKE PRICE REDUCTION

By Co-operation With Labor the Farmer Can Break Through Embargo of Middlemen.

"Many of the editorial writers for America's plutocratic press," says the Seaman's Journal, "are working overtime just now to prove that there can be no effective alliance between the farmer and the city industrial worker."

"Nevertheless, it is an absolute fact that one of the things the farmers and workers can get together on is co-operation—co-operation in buying and selling. It is called 'consumers' co-operation in Europe. And the co-operative societies in England, Scotland, Denmark, Germany, Russia, France and Italy contain millions of members. Their transactions run into hundreds of millions of dollars annually. They control their own banks, manufacturing establishments, wholesale establishments and thousands of retail stores for supplying their wants.

"Surely America is ripe for a nationwide co-operative movement. The farmer is robbed by the grain, butter, egg and poultry speculators; by the millers of the northwest and by the warehouse men. The prices they receive for cattle are fixed by the buyers of the packing house monopoly, who act as a unit. Other prices are fixed by the buyers in the same way. The farmer must break through the embargo of middlemen which surrounds him. And he can do this by co-operating with the ultimate consumer—the industrial worker.

events. It was pointed out that the financial aspect of the farmers' movement must be faced, and that while in theory a national marketing agency might be advisable there were serious difficulties to be met with, especially in the marketing of wheat in open competition on the world market.

A resolution proposing that scriptural character study be incorporated in the supplementary literature course in the schools was submitted and carried in the face of much opposition.

The convention declared in favor of class organization, President Wood's stand in this case being in favor of class organization but against class domination in any form. The convention took the stand that political action as a paramount issue should not be allowed in the U.F.A. as a social and industrial organization.

Resolutions were passed urging steps for closer co-operation between industrial labor and other workers, and the farmers' political associations. In other resolutions newspapers charged with



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being of the "Party" press were censured. One resolution expressed confidence in President Wood and his stand on political action.

A short address on "group organization for political purposes," was given by W. S. Henry of Bow Island, who warned against selfish group organization and action which would destroy itself in the end. Although excellent in theory it was not practical that classes could organize and then effect an amalgamation at the top. Water would mix but ice would not and to perfect political groups was to repeat party organization and get a result of compromised legislation.

A resolution endorsing chiropractic was passed by a majority of from 800 to 900.

Congressman Blanton of Texas, through his attacks on President Gompers and his fight against the appropriation for the United States Employment Service, is receiving publicity that some newspapers accord to real statesmen.

U. S. GOVERNMENT FAILS TO REDUCE COST OF LIVING

Efforts of the United States government to lower the cost of living have been unsuccessful, it is shown by figures gathered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics from 50 principal cities.

It costs Mr. Householder more money today to feed, shelter and clothe his family than it did in midsummer, when President Wilson asked railroad shopmen to defer a threatened strike until the government had an opportunity to bring down prices, figures show.

Up to November 15th, which is the latest date for which exact figures are available, retail prices of 22 staple commodities had risen approximately 2 per cent, since the president issued his letter to the railroad men. The index number stood at 192 for November, compared with 188 for October—prices in 1913 being figured at 100. Since November, unofficial data shows the rise has been continued.

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As producer of "Bound and Gagged," George B. Seitz hired George Brackett Seitz as star, and the two of them decided to let G. B. Seitz do the directing. In his triple capacity Mr. Seitz, it would seem, would be busy enough, but he isn't. During a rush day at the studio, he enacts the role of carpenter, camera man, film cutter, title writer and general all-round fixer. This is not because there aren't plenty of other people in the big Seitz organization to do the work, but because George himself likes to work and knows how to do all these things.

With such a dull and drab existence ahead of him, Mr. Seitz decided a few months ago that he must find something to do in his spare moments so he became half owner of Fred Jackson's successful musical comedy, "La, La, Lucille!" That seemed to fill the bill, but along came the actors' strike and closed the show for ten days or so, and George again pined for something to do. Before he had time to find it, however, the actors and the managers got together and settled the strike. It was a good thing for the entertainment business as a whole, because if Mr. Seitz hadn't got back his job as half owner, he might have opened a correspondence school, or launched a chicken ranch, or run for congress, or something just to keep going.



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OFFER CLEVER PANTO.
AT EMPIRE MONDAY**

Canadian interest in things theatrical is now centred upon Mr. F. Stuart-Whyte's spectacular extravaganza, which surpasses in merit and magnitude the three preceding pantomimes staged under the same auspices. Many thousands of theatre-goers have already seen "Little Red Riding Hood" and are enthusiastic in their praises of the wonderful spectacle which Mr. Whyte has prepared for the present season. "Little Red Riding Hood" is a feast for both eye and ear. It is a series of beautiful stage pictures, glowing in rich colors and with lighting effects skilfully used in bringing out the beauty of the settings. No more charming investments have been seen in any production than are offered by this attraction, which comes to the Empire theatre for the first half of next week.

The story of Red Riding Hood is developed along the usual pantomime lines. There are all the characters of nursery days, Mother Hubbard, Little Bo Peep, Boy Blue, Old King Cole and all the other celebrities of the story books, cleverly worked into an extravaganza that is full of melody and mirth. Variety is a feature of the performance. There are songs, dances, specialties in rapid succession amid beautiful settings, and with costumes that are the last word in richness and charm.

Lavish as were "Aladdin," "Robinson Crusoe" and "Cinderella," under Mr. Whyte's direction, the present production far outshines these three successes. Mr. Whyte has given "Little Red Riding Hood" a splendid cast of British artists. Miss Zara Clinton, charming as ever, is again the principal boy and she makes "Boy Blue" an outstanding feature of the production, both by her singing and her histrionic ability. A new comedian is Mr. Johnny Osborne, late of London and the Folies Bergere Paris, who invests the part of "Mother Hubbard" with a rich vein of humor and who is sure to be a pronounced favorite. The favorite J. V. Jarret-Lennard, long an able assistant of Mr. Whyte's in "Old King Cole" and is as amusing in this part as in the others in which he has been seen here. Two old members of Mr. Whyte's earlier productions, who have been absent,

**DOOLEY EXPLAINS
THE "OPEN SHOP"**

"What is all this talk that's in the papers about th' 'open shop?'" asked Mr. Hennessy.

"Why, don't ye know?" said Mr. Dooley. "Really I'm surprised at yer ignorance, Hennessy. What is th' 'open shop?'" Sure, "tis th' shop where they kape th' doors open to accommodate th' constant stream av min comin' in t' take jobs cheaper than th' min what has th' jobs. 'Tis like this, Hennessy,—suppose wan av these freeborn American citizens is workin' in an open shop f'r th' princely wages av wan large iron dollar a day av tin hours. Along comes another son-av-a-gun an' he sez t' th' boss, 'O! think O! could handle th' job nicely f'r ninety cints. 'Shure, sez th' boss, an' th' wan dollar man gets th' merry, jingling' can, an' goes out into th' cool world t' exercise his inalienable rights as a freeborn American citizen an' scab on some other poor devil. An' so it goes on, Hennessy. An' whoo gits th' benefit? Thru, it saves th' boss money, but he don't care no more f'r money than he does f'r his right eye.

"It's all principle wid him. He hates t' see me robbed av their independence. They must kape their independence, regardless av anything else."

"But," said Mr. Hennessy, "These open shop min ye menshon say they are f'r th' unions by properly conducted."

"Shure," said Mr. Dooley, "No strikes, no rules, no contracts, hardly any wages an' 'dam few minbers."

The tickets are going fast for performances so do not delay in ordering yours. Phone to the theatre for them at once. The attraction is being given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

**THREE TWINS
MUSICAL TREAT
OPENS TODAY**

The Three Twins, the big local musical treat of the season opens at the Empire theatre for three days commencing today with a special matinee Saturday. No time has been spared by Producer Ray Spencer, Conductor Jack Oliver, and Business Manager Mrs. Charles Bradley, to make this one of the big musical treats of the season. Mrs. Clifford Brown has given all her professional talent in training the chorus to perfection. Some of the best local artists has the principal roles, including Miss Jessie Potter, Miss Marion Seymour, Mrs. Ray Farquharson, and Miss Doris McCarter.

Miss Nora Potter will be seen in Bessie McCoy's big song and dance number namely, The Yama Yama Man, and is certainly a hit. Mr. Ray Farquharson has one of the leading comedy roles and will keep the audience in a steady roar of laughter. Mr. Jack Pennock, Mr. Harold McKenna and Mr. Ray Spencer will be seen as the Twins and are a serenade. Messrs. Tremayne and Ellsworth Seymour both have the other two male roles and handle them to perfection.

The chorus are a treat to look upon, the bewitching songs and catchy dances and splendid costumes keep one guessing whether they are looking upon a Broadway chorus or not. Mr. Jack Oliver has spared no time in the musical end of the programme. There will be a sixteen-piece orchestra to render the catchy musical numbers in the Three Twins. The tickets are going fast for all performances so do not delay in ordering yours. Phone to the theatre for them at once. The attraction is being given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

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The keenest lover of progress, if a close observer of life, will be ready to admit that, however gloriously an individual career may improve upon its first promise, or how grievously far it may deteriorate from it, human experience travels in a circle, and that the highest maturity—and, alas! the deepest degeneration—dates from the earliest years of advancing intelligence when character is in the making and inherited race qualities are being tested in a new form. To what we originally were, to that we return, though the revolving world brings its many changes; and idealistic as the principle may sound, the working out of it depends not upon blind destiny, but on the prerogative of the human will that makes or mars the purposes for which it was created, by bending with or diverging from the divine plan.

Whether carefully considered or merely accepted as a truism, the thought of a lifetime practically moulded in its earliest years should predispose us to try, by all that in us lies, to secure for the rising generation conditions favorable to development, not by persistent cramming but by free exercise of growing powers and reasonable latitude allowed for the expression of sheer joy in existence. Happiness is unconscious in children but, all the more for that, needs frequent outlet. It is an accumulating force that may not be repressed without danger and can be better expended in well ordered sounds—such as tuneful music than in vague cries—joyful shouts and happy laughter always excepted.

There is scarcely a child alive who does not respond to the rhythmic charm of music, and even if natural aptitude does not extend beyond the primitive, its appreciative capacity can be cultivated if its interpretative can not. Madame Clara Sumner, L.R.A.M., writing in the Western Woman's Weekly, is of the opinion that "even so-called unmusical children are attracted by the stirring strains of a military band; their eyes will shine and their hearts will beat with joy, and they will flock to hear the music from near and far, while tune and rhythm will be unconsciously assimilated. The next step will be for the children to sing melodies, and it will be found that very few are unable to reproduce the sounds they hear. If a child

has heard music constantly in any form from earliest infancy, it will sing at a very tender age—long before it is old enough to begin to learn notes. Always let children be encouraged to sing, collectively and individually." This is very sound and sensible advice; and would ease the situation considerably when it comes to the more public period of voice training in the schools. If happiness is the home note, as it generally is in this our favored land, here is an opportunity to start responsive vibrations in a sensitive string that will attract other lovely harmonies by a natural affinity and reverberate through a long life of musical enrichment right through to its close. Though modern hygiene may depose the cradle from its pride of place—except as a symbol—no science conceivable can deny the immortal beauty of the mother's lullaby—be it the softest croon or the most exquisite melody—that launches its tiny listener upon a sea of sound of which the waves continue to beat long after the voice that set them in motion is still.

Susceptible as each child must be to this love "motif," the next step in musical development must surely be to let the best proseable music be heard in the house—not necessarily of classic severity, but of genuine beauty and merit, although the much abused word "classic" will fit quite as descriptively the time-honored tunes of "Little Bo Peep" or "Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son," as it is appropriate to the highly specialized form of a Beethoven symphony—"classic" in each case simply meaning a form crystallized by custom that has stood the test of continual reproduction and is not merely a thing of a day. So why be frightened by a name? The nursery rhymes mentioned are not the most beautiful of their kind, but they are the common property of millions of people who know and love them. There is in them an element of drama which children love and if they can appreciate these miniature comedies, they can as easily be led to appreciate music of more symmetrical proportions—carols, hymn tunes, swing songs, light lyrics about trees and birds and flowers, of which there are myriads, easily and cheaply obtainable, from any music publisher. The greatest pity would be to let little people spoil their ear and poison their taste with inferior and vulgar rhythms. Out of tune pianos are also sources of danger. As nothing is too good for fond parents to provide for their children, it is only from want of thought or lack of warning that details of this kind do not always receive attention. It is no more expensive—rather less in the long run—to supply the right conditions than to permit a recklessness in the musical department of a home that would not be allowed in the kitchen.

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"PLAYING POLITICS."

The Edmonton School Board is to be congratulated upon its decision to pay the \$1200 minimum salary to the teachers in its employ. The sum asked for by the teachers' organization was a most reasonable one and by meeting the request of the Alliance the Edmonton board recorded its intention to deal fairly with the teachers. It was pointed out that the cost to the taxpayers, caused by the substitution of the \$1200 for the \$1000 minimum recommended by the old board, would amount to an average of one dollar for each taxpayer. In view of the fact that three of the four Trustees who were elected in December had the acceptance of the Teachers' request as one of the planks in their platform, the Free Press is confident that the citizens as a whole are behind the Board in its action of last week.

In deciding to have representatives of the teachers present at its meetings in a consultative capacity, the Board showed commendable wisdom. The presence of a representative teacher will be of mutual benefit to the Board and the teaching staff. Each will be familiar with the problems of the other and the citizens will benefit thereby. If "playing politics" means carrying out pre-election promises to the electors, then it would appear that Trustee Rea was justified in his accusation against his colleagues on the Board.

REASONABLE REQUESTS.

Agreements between the city and the several unions of civic employees expire on February 15th, and negotiations are now proceeding between the commissioners and the organizations affected. The city's work-people are certainly entitled to increased remuneration, and the adjustments proposed by the unions are in every way reasonable requests. Taking the case of a representative organization, Civic Service No. 52, the employees under the jurisdiction of that union have received an average increase since July, 1914, of only 8 per cent. If the union is successful in obtaining what is desired in the new agreement, the members will then have received an average increase of less than thirty-five per cent. over the salaries received in July, 1914. The union is not requesting an increase on a percentage basis, but is asking for a flat increase for all the members irrespective of the salary now being received. The demand for an increase of so much per cent. would mean that those receiving the highest pay would receive the greater increase. The union does not believe that to be a fair basis of adjustment, and so is requesting that all members should receive an equal increase.

A POLITICAL PRISONER.

Some weeks have passed since R. B. Russell was sentenced to imprisonment, and as yet, with diligent study, we fail to comprehend just why. We have read much of the evidence and the judge's charge to the jury and its effect on our mind has been more to discredit our faith in British justice than it has to impress us with the guilt of Russell. We have boasted of British liberty, but if Judge Metcalfe is correct in the things he has named as unlawful in Canada, then our boasting would seem to have been in vain.

We have considerable against R. B. Russell as a trade unionist and we have not hesitated to condemn his actions from a trade union standpoint. We cannot easily forgive the harm that he would have done to our movement. But—and our opinion should not have less weight because of our opposition to his policy—we believe that Russell today has no right to be in prison if British justice means anything at all. Furthermore, we are positive that no court would in Great Britain dare to send a man to penitentiary on the evidence that condemned Russell. It is plainly evident that Canada is abandoning the British spirit of reason and tolerance in an attempt to elaborate on the "big stick" methods which we have been wont to associate with countries other than our own. Russell is plainly a political prisoner and his incarceration creates a rankling sense of injustice in the breasts of true Canadians.

A SKIRMISH.

The steel strike in the United States is officially at an end, but the campaign for the emancipation of the enslaved steel mill workers is not to be abandoned. The odds against the men were too great for the latter to accomplish the end desired, but the fight is concluded without any dishonor to the unions. On the contrary the workers have greater confidence in organization than ever before. The strike is looked upon as only the first skirmish of a real effort to free the steel workers, and organization will go on until the men are in a position to enforce their demands for some degree of freedom.

The facts of the strike give room for encouragement. The great steel industry, the despair of unionists for years, was organized in the face of the most bitter opposition on the part of the trust. Every big mill came to a standstill on September 22nd, and the seemingly impossible was achieved. What has been done once can be done again and more effectively. We cannot but think of the old Norse King commanding the waves to recede when we see men of the Gary type planting themselves in the way of the workers' onward march to industrial freedom. They must fall back or be overwhelmed in the tide of human progress.

SELFISHNESS.

Organized Labor is the very antithesis of a selfish movement. "One for all and all for each" is the dominant spirit of trade unionism. The very nature of organization and the manner in which the unions function, entirely eliminates the selfish or personal consideration.

But how about the non-unionist? "I'm earning as much wages as if I were a member of the union," says one. But even allowing for the fact that such is the case because of the standard created by the union, what is such an individual doing to create a better standard of living for his fellow toiler? Suppose he can "get along without the union," does the non-unionist consider that his fellows are handicapped by getting along without him? Consciously or unconsciously the man who has the opportunity to join a union and does not do so, is by his selfishness retarding the progress of his fellows.

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT?

Canada is fairly well represented in legislative halls by lawyers. But our neighbors to the south seem to be even more horribly afflicted with lawyer rule. There are 435 members in the United States congress, and of this number 269 are lawyers; that is to say, the lawyers sitting in the present congress have a clear majority of fifty-two over all others combined.

Now we have nothing especially against the lawyers, but we certainly object to their exclusive right to govern. The lawyer is a valuable expert in a very narrow field and what this and other countries need is governmental representatives who have a practical knowledge of the problems with which the mass of people are forced to contend. With all due respect to the lawyers we would like to see about nine-tenths of them make way for legislators who have a better opportunity to know the needs of the people. The needs of the workers, for instance, require knowledge which the average lawyer does not and cannot possess.

One of the counts on which Russell was convicted was that of being a public nuisance. About the greatest nuisance to Mr. Average Man these days is the folks who are responsible for the H.C. of L. But we haven't heard that any of the newly made Toronto millionaires are serving terms on the nuisance count. That of course is different.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

Judge Metcalfe informed the jury in the Russell case that if a man advocated a change in government that would probably be resisted by the members of the jury, then the person advocating the change would be guilty of sedition because he openly favored something that might cause a breach of the peace. But, as a prominent member of the U.E.W.A. stated at the convention in Calgary, a noted general may advise us to get ready for another war and he is commended in some quarters for his wisdom in advocating that our boys should be trained to kill or be killed.

Time was when it was dangerous to admit to membership in a trade union. Today the trade unionist is proud to declare his association with organized Labor. A movement that is founded on principles of justice and right is bound to succeed in the face of any opposition.

The position of the teacher with regard to salary is very much in the public notice at this time. Would it have been so if the teachers had not expressed themselves through organization?

It would be childish to think that the war that is being carried on against the so-called radicals in the United States is aimed at them only. The whole Labor movement is the target of the big interests and the attack on the "reds" is very likely a preliminary skirmish preceding the real scrap.

What virtue is there in a bulkier pay envelope if it represents fewer necessities of decent living than did the thinner one of other days?

Inflated prices have had the one result. The rich have become richer and the poor poorer.

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We are told that Labor and Capital are partners. Now we know the meaning of a "silent" partner.

In November last five Socialists were elected to the State Assembly of New York and up to the present they have not been permitted to take their seats in the house. It would seem that the reactionaries in the States are endeavoring to kill the argument that wrongs can all be righted through the use of the ballot.

Exchanges from all over the United States report enthusiastic organization of the Labor Party.



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