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ADEQUATE NOT HIGH PROTECTION

Portage la Prairie, Man.—Digressing for a few minutes from his avowed intention of not discussing politics while on his present visit to his constituents of Portage la Prairie, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen turned aside to answer a criticism of previous utterances on the tariff. He declared that he had never advocated a tariff brick for brick with that of the United States, except in relation to farm produce.

Mr. Meighen, in opening his remarks, said that he had been warned against accepting the Portage la Prairie nomination by his friends and allies in the Conservative party. No triumph of the election was greater than that of Portage, and no single event had done more to strengthen his hand than had his election to represent the constituency.

There was no statement, he continued, he had made during the election that he wished to qualify or retract.

"I have never," he said, "used the expression of a tariff wall brick for brick with the United States, except in relation to farm produce. They shut out our produce from their markets and we should shut out theirs from ours. For manufactured goods there should be a policy of protection, not brick for brick, but sufficient to stop the emigration from our land, assist our industries, and enable them to exist. By that principle I stand and that pledge I repeat. The people of Canada voted overwhelmingly for protection. The people of Quebec did not vote for low tariff, nor did the people of the Atlantic, he said. There was a verdict about the issue about which there can be no mistake. The people of Canada would prefer to have a protection policy put into force by those who preached it rather than by those who derided it throughout the country."

Joseph Bernier, M.P.P., made a plea for tolerance with the people of Quebec. The people of Canada, he said, would not be discouraged with the people of Quebec or believe that they were antagonistic toward Mr. Meighen. He declared that the Quebec majorities of the Liberal party had been cut 50 per cent. at the last election. He said the people of Quebec admired Mr. Meighen as a man who was not afraid to say in Quebec what he said in Portage la Prairie, and predicted that the time was coming when they would support him.

A MOST MERRY CHRISTMAS- AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



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FAILURE OF THE CO-OPERATIVE STORES

In the Toronto "Mail and Empire" of Tuesday, December 15th, appeared an advertisement notifying the public that under the bankruptcy act, there would be exposed for sale by tender, all the assets of the Guelph Co-operative Association, Guelph, Ontario, which for some years has done business in that city, retailing groceries, butcher meats, bakers' goods, gentlemen's furnishings, drygoods, hardware, crockery, toys, fancy goods, coal and coke.

When the success of the British system of retail co-operation is considered, it engenders some reflections upon the failure of co-operation in Canada. Analysis shows that the conditions under which the British co-operative movement has grown up cannot be duplicated here. There you have a largely industrial country forced by the pressure of population to secure a great portion of her foodstuffs from other sources. Here can be grown and manufactured practically everything necessary for human sustenance and comfort. In Britain huge store combinations, such as the British Argentina Meat Company have been able to exercise such an influence as to set the price of meat. Here the individual retailer is greatly in the majority. These facts have mitigated against the success of the Canadian co-operative movement and there seems no probability that it will ever become successful. The losses as published at the annual meetings of the United Farmers' Co-operative Society need only be recalled to amplify this fact, and the losses suffered by the Labor movement of Toronto in several successive attempts to found co-operative stores furnish further proof.

Any working man or woman who is induced to take shares in any proposed new venture on these lines is very likely after a year or two's operation to find that they have invested their money in a losing concern and be painfully impressed with the futility of the co-operative movement in Canada.

The one salient fact that stands out clear is that the individual retailer is a permanent fixture in the trading life of the country and has done his job remarkably well with efficient operation, cheapness to the consumer and benefit to the community. Investigation has shown that no combines exist in foodstuffs but on the contrary every effort to give the consumer the economies of modern production accompanied by the ideal of service.

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Russia Unable to Provide Work for over 1,300,000 Unemployed

Moscow.—The experience of the Soviet Union in the matter of unemployment up to the present time would seem to indicate that a change of social system does not necessarily involve a solution of all social problems. The problem of finding work for idle hands is quite as sharp in Russia as it is in the countries of western Europe.

Up to Sept. 1, 1925, 1,100,000 unemployed were registered on the labor exchanges of the cities and towns: and it is calculated that there may be at least 200,000 more who are not registered. This gives a total figure of 1,300,000 for the urban unemployed, out of a city population of approximately 2,000,000.

The union of the batraki, or agricultural workers, further reports that 200,000 of these laborers are out of work in summer and 700,000 in winter. Still another angle of the unemployment problem is represented by peasants who are unable to till their land effectively for lack of horses and working animals.

It is calculated that the expansion of the industries and the transportation system will require the services of 100,000 new workers and employees during the next year. As against this favorable factor in reducing unemployment, it is reckoned that the natural increase of the population will amount to 300,000, and that there

will be an influx of 250,000 peasants into the cities.

A sum of 50,000,000 rubles has been appropriated for the construction of roads and other public works in the country districts. These public works will give employment to 100,000 people for eight months.

Efforts are being made to organize the nomadic casual village laborers. It is pointed out that there is a considerable need of unskilled labor in the forests of the Urals and the far east, and the suggestion has been made that it would be worth while from the social standpoint, for the government to stand the expense of transporting these men to where they are most needed.

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1. The "Canadian Labor Press" strongly condemns and continually opposes all forms of Communism and Radicalism in Canada.
2. The "Canadian Labor Press" endeavors to present all labor and industrial problems from a commonsense point of view with the idea of closer co-operation and a better understanding between employer and employees.
3. In the interests of the Canadian Worker, The Canadian Labor Press believes that Canadian industry needs adequate tariff protection.
4. The Canadian Labor Press advocates fair play to employer and employee.
5. The Canadian Labor Press stands for the betterment of Trade Union conditions in Canada and the welfare of our country at large.
6. The Canadian Labor Press is independent in politics and free from any political influences.

Merry Christmas

WE sincerely wish to all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Whilst this seems a formal and stereotyped formula, yet we all realize that this Christmas promises to be the happiest one for a great many families since 1921. Trade is improving, unemployment is decreasing and its effects are slowly being ameliorated.

These considerations should give us all a feeling of optimism and enable us to face the coming year with confidence that Canada has turned the corner and is faced with an industrial expansion that will turn the eyes of the world to the Dominion as a land of opportunity for investing capital and man power.

We reiterate, may this Christmas be a merry one for all our readers.

Labor and 1926

ONCE again the beginning of a new year approaches and it is worth while to take a look backward over the mistakes and successes that are now past. Labor especially should spend some time in retrospection and the lessons of the past year are bound to prevent mistakes and excesses in the future.

One lesson that has been deeply impressed on the working class mind is the futility of industrial violence.

The Nova Scotia coal strike alone is an enduring example of the fact that finally employers and employees must co-operate for the benefit of industry. In the field of politics Labor has earned that the country intends to return to the two party system and the end of group parties is in sight. These facts are bound to make for sanity and clearness in the year to come and there is no doubt that if Labor adopts an attitude of co-operation with those who control industry it is sure to win greater success during 1926.

Municipal Elections

AROUND these time elections for civic office are taking place all over the country and it is to be hoped that the citizens generally are taking more interest than has been displayed in the past. Municipal government touches the life of the ordinary citizen at every point and for that reason alone should be carefully considered by the electors. In Toronto, the principal issues before the citizens are the control of the city-owned radials and the recent audit of the Gas Company.

Anyone who has studied these questions will agree with the view that the Toronto Transportation Commission should operate and control the radials and that is the only way to reduce the deficits at present existent, due to Provincial Hydro operation.

Everyone who reads the report of the recent Gas Audit fully realizes that the money expended on that report was a foolish waste. No new information being obtained, and, in fact, was all available at the City Hall. These facts should urge every elector to see that men are elected to office who will look after the citizens' interests and see that the affairs of the community are wisely governed.

Moscow Government Due for a Change

Moscow.—Highly important state matters will come before the congress of the Russian Communist party which began its sessions here recently. The congress promises to be the most interesting political event of the year. The Communist party rules Russia, and its illusions therefore have a much more vital significance than those of an ordinary party convention.

The failure of the government's grain export plans for this year and the crisis in the supply of textile and manufactured goods for the internal markets will form the chief economic topic before the congress. Plans will be discussed for relieving these acute conditions, which have profoundly affected the prosperity of the country, ways and means will be devised for rehabilitating the economic productivity of the country and efforts will be made to bring it up to the pre-war volume. The executive committee will propose that the party name be changed to "Pan-union Communist party."

There is much talk in Communist circles of the expected rise to commanding power of Leon Trotsky, the former war commissar, who since his dismissal from the war department

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GREETINGS

"THE CANADIAN LABOR PRESS" EXTENDS TO ALL ITS READERS, BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The Canadian Labor Press is optimistic of Labor's position in the industrial world and feels that it has been strengthened during the past year. Whilst the financial prosperity of Labor has not been as good during 1925 as it might have been, we feel confident that better times are close at hand and this, coupled with the fortification of our walls against the many disadvantages from which Labor suffers, is bound to bring about a state of solid prosperity such as Canadian Labor has never experienced. Let us therefore, look ahead to the year 1926 with a spirit of optimism and good will which is half the battle toward bringing about that happy condition for which we all strive and hope.

Negro Labor Conference in Chicago

In spite of the fact that the South side of Chicago has a negro population of approximately 100,000, and although it had been advertised in every part of this country, the Negro Labour Congress did not manage to fill the small hall in which it was held. The instructions adopted by the Congress for the guidance of the negroes show that the "new policy," i. e. the postponement of destructive work in the "reformist" unions, is to be pursued in America also. The negro workers were advised to enroll in the American Federation of Labor unions wherever the colour line is not drawn. If the colour line exists, they are to agitate to have it removed, in the same manner as the colored freight handlers agitated at the recent Atlantic City convention of the A. F. of L. In the meantime, they are to form their own unions, with a view to joining the A. F. of L. in a body as soon as permitted. For the rest the speakers restricted themselves to their usual high-falootin' talk, which is not likely to be of much use to either the coloured or the white workers of America, a fact, which, as the above decision shows, is probably being gradually realized by the communists themselves.

Union Official Is Expelled

Expelled from the union because of conduct unbecoming officers of the organization," was the decision made public by the General Executive Board of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union in the cases of H. Lynch, Toronto, and R. I. Bradley, Winnipeg, both officers of Canadian National Telegraphs Division No. 43.

The investigation, which had been in progress at the Prince George Hotel since Monday, is the outgrowth of efforts on the part of Lynch and Bradley to set up a dual organization of telegraph workers in Canada. Charges were laid by Roscoe H. Johnston and heard by Executive Board Members William J. McMahon, Milwaukee, chairman; J. G. A. Decelles, Montreal, and Calvin McMahon, Saskatoon, Sask.

Need for Protective Tariff

Eggs from far-off Japan have been offered on the Toronto market. The venture was regarded as "something in the nature of an experiment." Results have not yet been given out. If the venture has proved to be a financial success, no doubt the car-load acknowledged to have arrived here has or will be followed by as many more carloads as the local market will absorb at a profitable figure. These Japanese eggs are classed as "fresh," less than four weeks old, the shipment from the Orient having been accomplished in record time.

It is only a comparatively short time since the Canadian poultry organizations were compelled to lodge vigorous protest against the flooding of the markets of this country with Chinese eggs. Now comes the threat to accomplish the destruction of the poultry industry of the Dominion by flooding it with eggs from Japan.

This new effort may prove a much more difficult problem to handle than the former one created by the introduction of eggs of the Chinese brand. It was not difficult to arouse the prejudices of the Canadian people against eggs coming from a country of unsanitary practices which were common knowledge. Con-

ditions of filth such as have been associated in the people's minds with China have never been charged against the Japanese as a nation. Then there was the fact that the Chinese eggs were largely the canned product suitable only for bakeries and like uses. The Japanese hen fruit is being served in the shell labelled "fresh" and perhaps even ticketed "new laid."

This matter of the importation of Japanese eggs should be taken up by the Central Poultry Council without delay so that the effort to flood the Canadian markets with hen fruit from the Flowery Kingdom may be nipped in the bud.

immigration. The provisions of this Bill have been drawn up by a commission consisting of representatives of the Ministers concerned, and of the employers and the workers, special consideration being given to agricultural interests.

Immigration From Great Britain

London, Eng.—Emigrants of British nationality from the United Kingdom to places outside Europe during the first nine months of 1925 exceeded immigrants into the United Kingdom from those places by 58,583. The outward totals for the corresponding period of 1924 and 1923 were 33,159 and 149,292 respectively.

Grouped according to countries of destination, the movement showed a balance outward of 26,317 passengers to British North America, 27,796 passengers to Australia, and 7,743 passengers to New Zealand. The movement between the United Kingdom and the United States showed an outward balance of 14,665 British passengers, as compared with an inward balance of 2,955 in the corresponding period of 1924.

As regards the movement of aliens between the country and non-European countries, an outward balance of 16,138 is recorded, as compared with an outward balance of 26,114 during the corresponding period of 1924.

France Decides to Regulate Immigrat'n.

The French Minister of Labor has brought in a Bill for the regulation

To Grow Silk in State of Oregon

Portland, Ore.—Silk production has been found to be practicable in Portland, according to tests which show all conditions favorable. The climate here is similar to that of Japan and tender mulberry tree foliage can be grown. This is stated by Harry A. Crawford and Fred Gifford, who conducted an experimental farm on seven acres near the city.

The two men fed more than 20,000 silkworms last summer and produced about 100 pounds of silk material from which garments of high grade can be manufactured. Next summer they will feed more than 400,000 worms on the same farm and will have the production of silk in Portland on a paying basis, they declare.

Congress and American Federation of Labor stand for.

The union has been compelled in self-defence to take a determined stand in dealing with the red element. Other craft unions affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress will find themselves forced to do the same thing very shortly, or else be rendered impotent as true representatives of constructive trade unionists.

Lynch and Bradley have been convicted of using their offices within the Commercial Telegraphers' Union to propagate revolutionary socialism, destruction of the American Federation of Labor, overthrow of democratic institutions and finally establishment of a so-called 'workers' industrial republic.' For the time being the secession leaders are cloaking their real aims with a mantle of respectability by appealing to Canadian national patriotism. That, of course, is an old trick of the red borers from within."

President Johnston's statement is characterized as "the bunk" by Henry Lynch. "All I know," he says, "is that I'm a member of the Socialist Labor Party of the United States, which believes in the abolition of the capitalist system and brought about by the ballot and the education of the Working classes."

Mr. Lynch added that self autonomy was desired in Canada with no ties to the international union.

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Of silver, the production in 1924 was 3,961,315 ounces, or over fifty per cent of that from all Canada. The Cobalt silver mines have been in operation for over twenty years, and to the end of 1924, along with outlying areas such as Gowganda and South Lorrain, have yielded over 350 million ounces, worth approximately \$290,000,000. The yield is now at the rate of about 10,000,000 ounces per year.

Ontario is the only producer of nickel in the Dominion, and supplies ninety per cent of the world's requirements of this metal. Post-war depression has passed away, and in 1924 the nickel mining industry functioned on better than a pre-war scale. The nickel deposits of Sudbury yield large quantities of copper as a by-product, also important quantities of platinum metal.

Of gold, Ontario's production in 1924 was over ninety per cent of the entire output of Canada, and had a value of \$25,669,262. The increase in output over 1923 exceeded 3/4 million dollars. At the present time the yield is approximately 2 1/2 million dollars per month, principally from Porcupine and Kirkland Lake or more than one-half that of the entire United States.

The metal mines of Ontario occur in the pre-Cambrian formations which cover seventy per cent of the entire northland. Only the southern fringe of these formations has been peat-traced. The development of new mining areas means the expenditure of money for supplies and labour, and the new wealth created is gradually distributed to all classes of the community.

The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway represents an asset of 23 million dollars, and the Ontario Government shows its faith in the north country by providing branch lines where business warrants. In 1924 the Larler Lake Branch 22 miles and South Lorrain Branch 17 miles, were completed. Mine production represented last year 22 per cent of the railway tonnage.

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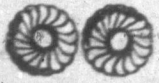
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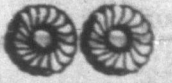


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Victoria, B. C.—The second session of British Columbia's Sixteenth parliament prorogued. At the final session final passage was given the Pacific Great Eastern Railway bill and Minimum Wage Bill. The latter applies to workers in all industries except fruit picking and to farm laborers and domestic servants.



OUR HOME PAGE



SISMAN SHOE COMPANY BANQUETS THEIR EMPLOYEES

Aurora, Ont.—Frivolity and good fellowship reigned supreme recently at a banquet tendered the employees of the T. Sisman Shoe Co., with an attendance of about 300 persons. The affair was held in the Town Hall, which was resplendent with many colored decorations and Union Jacks. Mr. Sisman, head of the concern, did not address the gathering owing to his health, but he sat at the head table.

Chairman Col. T. C. Lennox, M.P., elect for North York, and vice-president of the company, acted as chairman. In his opening remarks he outlined the tremendous growth of the company from its inception in 1910 to the present day. "In 1910 when the company dissolved partnership with Underhill we started with 30 employees, today we employ 194," he stated. "With a capital of \$40,000 the company has multiplied to the large sum of \$500,000. At the present time between 1,800 and 2,000 pairs of shoes are turned out each day," he said. This wonderful success Col. Lennox attributed to the co-operative feeling prevailing between employe and employe.

H. Heaven, manager of the Anglo-Canadian Leather Co., compared the years 1920 to 1924, showing that in the shoe business in Canada, during 1924, there was a slight increase in the production, but a loss of \$1,000,000.

"There is no need to bring some \$3,000,000 worth of shoes into Can-

Canada Loses to the United States

Portland, Me.—Plans are under way for the erection of a 1,000,000 coal handling plant here by the International Coal Corporation, in order to enable the company to operate through this city instead of St. John, N. B. The new plant is expected to handle to Canada 20,000 to 25,000 tons a year.

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The Anthracite Coal Strike

Philadelphia, the anthracite strike has developed into a state of siege. John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, told the Philadelphia Real Estate Board. He added that the operators and "the financial interests behind them," were prepared to pay a billion dollars to crush the Mine Workers' Union, and that the miners had no alternative than to accept the challenge to a finish fight.

"Knowing the operators' plans," said Lewis, "the United Mine Workers of America is now organizing the defence of the anthracite mine workers in expectation of a continuance struggle to the Fall of 1926 or the Spring of 1927. Funds will be provided so that the hungry will be fed and the naked will be clothed. This statement does not constitute a threat; far from it. It is simply an expression of the unconquerable spirit of the men who labor in the collieries of the anthracite industry. Some well-meaning people bemoan the fact that there will be suffering and sacrifice. Let them carry such tales to the ears of the money-grabbing financiers, who sit in their counting houses and plot the enslavement of the workers in the great industry."

Newspaper Printers Given Increase

Toronto, Ont.—Printers in the Toronto newspaper offices have been granted an increase in wages. This has been decided by a board of arbitration consisting of Rev. Trevor H. Davies (chairman), J. R. Bone and George Scroggie, representing the publishers, and James Simpson and L. A. Lewis, for the printers. Members of the Typographical Union at a meeting accepted the award.

President Lewis of the union considered the result a forward step, and hoped the members would accept the new scale in a spirit of appreciation, and show this appreciation by their work during the term of the agreement. The new scale calls for an advance of 50 cents a week for the first year, with back pay from April, 1925; from April 1, 1926, until March 31, 1927, \$1 additional, and from April 1, 1927, to March 31, 1928, another \$1. It is a three-year contract, with the \$2.50 increase spread over the term. This will bring the weekly wage up to \$46 on the morning papers and \$43.50 on the evening papers.

The apprentices were financially benefitted to the extent that, commencing their fifth year, they will net an additional 50 cents a week, which will make their wage \$24.50 for the last six months of their apprenticeship an additional dollar over what they receive now, or \$28 per week.

May Limit Powers of Commonwealth

Melbourne, Australia.—Until the reasons for the decision of the High Court at Sydney releasing Tom Walsh and Jacob Johanssen, president and secretary respectively of the Australian Seamen's Union, from custody of the authorities who held them for deportation, have been announced, it is impossible to state what the Government will do in order to give effect to its policy. Premier Stanley Bruce said recently. The verdict of the court, he added, might indicate that the Commonwealth powers were more limited than was generally supposed and more narrow than what was essential to the welfare of Australia. If so it might be necessary for the Government to hold a referendum for an amendment of the constitution.



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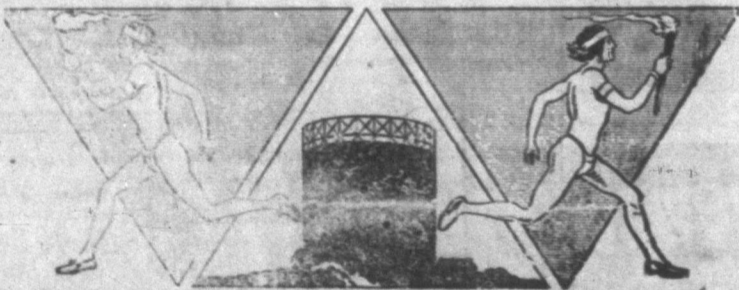
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CANADA

Quebec Shoe Strike.—Eighteen hundred people were directly affected and 38,000 indirectly by a strike which began November 16, 1925, in 14 of the 30 shoe factories of the City of Quebec.

DENMARK

Unemployment.—During the month of October, 1925, unemployment increased greatly in Denmark, the unemployment total at the close of the month having been 25,124, as compared with 23,412 at the close of September, 1925.

Increase of Membership in Germany

According to the quarterly statistical increase of Membership in Germany published by the General German Trade Union Federation, there has been a very satisfactory increase in membership during the first half of 1925. The 40 unions affiliated to the Federation had in all 4,152,957 members at the end of March, and 4,194,574 at the end of June, of which 77,230 were women. From the end of the previous year to June 1925 there was a total increase of 219,572 members. In view of the latest economic crisis, this recruitment of new members to the trade unions is

Red Flag Is Taken Down

London, Eng.—For the first time in six years the people of Battersea, in the southwest of London, saw the national flag floating from the flag-staff of their town hall. Battersea which is represented in Parliament by Shapurji Saklatvala, Communist, has a municipal council made up mostly of Socialists and Communists.

This body has steadily refused to fly the Union Jack since it has held power. Their plea is that it is a party flag and that they substituting for it the tri-colored 'national' ensign which alone was hoisted on occasions when the national flag was flown elsewhere.

Early Sunday morning members of a society calling itself the National Fascist, succeeded in running up the Union Jack and then cut the lanyard, so that it cannot be lowered without difficulty. The Fascists fixed a notice to the town hall door warning the council to the effect to fly the national flag, and, above all, not to attempt to hoist the 'red, white flag.'

Irish "Specials" Are Demobilized

Belfast, Ire.—Demobilization of the special constabulary began recently, several hundred men proceeding from all parts of the six counties to their homes with two months pay and leave. The demobilization is being carried out without incident, though the men have hope of getting better terms now that the trouble is over.

Pulp and Paper Mill Is Planned

Quebec.—It is learned that a final agreement has been reached between the Clarke interests and the Quebec Government regarding the construction of a pulp and paper mill in the bay formed by the St. Charles and the St. Lawrence Rivers, right at Quebec, and that work will be started early next Spring.

English interests are interested in the mills. At least one thousand men will find employment. The output will be shipped to England, and utilized by papers controlled by Lord Rothermere. The latter visited here a few weeks ago. Forecasts are that the new mills will be in operation in the Spring of 1927.

Plan More Vigorous Immigration Policy

Winnipeg, Man.—Plans are under

way for the carrying out of a vigorous immigration policy—covering the United States, the British Isles and European countries—and Canada can absorb 200,000 agrarian settlers per year," declared Hon. Charles Stewart, acting Minister of Immigration, interviewed here to-day. This is taken to mean that the Dominion Government will aim to bring in 200,000 settlers during the next year.

Mr. Stewart, while stating that the complete immigration policy would not be made public until the Parliament meets, intimated that railway and steamship companies would cooperate both in the Old Country and on the Continent, and that officials of the Immigration Department will interest themselves in securing United States settlers.

The Government's aim, he said, was to settle 90 per cent. of the newcomers on the land as compared with 25 per cent. so settled in the days of heavy immigration.



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The Darkness That Heralds the Dawn

Though Mussolini has not yet succeeded in suppressing the sun and immersing the whole kingdom of black-shirts in darkness, at any rate it has grown so dark in Italy that every conceivable crime can be perpetrated. All those who have no weapons—that is, those who are not Fascists—have to creep about like birds in the night, to save themselves from the Fascist weasels. The last nests of liberty have been robbed. The relief funds, co-operative societies, chambers of Labor and local union offices have been seized by the Fascists, and all the trade unions with international connections, i. e. all the "free" trade unions, have been dissolved. The pact which was recently concluded between the Fascist unions and the employers has been given the status of law, and the workers are being forced to join the Fascist unions. The Prefect of Milan has even closed down the popular libraries, and, in an age when even negro children learn two languages, has decreed that children in Italian elementary schools shall learn only the Italian language. But the more the Fascist Government suppresses political news from the outside world and gags the whole non-Fascist press (adversary or neutral), the keener is the interest taken in other lands in present events in Italy. As the news trickles through, the whole civilized world shivers with abhorrence of the Fascists and their ways, and with sympathy for the victims. It has grown so dark in Italy that surely dawn cannot be far off. And on laws or decrees, not even Mussolini's can avail to prevent the dawn of a new day.

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Beauty Parlors Are Only Barber Shops

Ottawa, Ont.—Officials of the local barbers' union are protesting to civic authorities against beauty parlors being allowed to remain open after 7 o'clock. They urge that beauty parlors are "barber shops" and should be closed according to the civic by-law which provides that all barber shops close at 7 o'clock, except on Saturdays and the nights before holidays, when they are allowed to remain open an hour later.

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