

## STRIKE IN EASTERN COAL FIELDS PENDING

### WAGE EARNERS SEEK ESTABLISHMENT OF BANKS TO PREVENT MANIPULATION

**International Association of Machinists Has Bank of its Own Which Has Already Proved Useful to That Organization During An Industrial Dispute—Vote on Co-operatives.**

"Organized labor in Canada is seeking to establish banks with the object of preventing manipulation of the private banks to the detriment of labor," said James Somerville, of Moose Jaw, International organizer of machinists, in an interview last week at Winnipeg. He had just come from Rochester, where he attended the convention of the International Association of Machinists.

Commenting on the proceedings at the Rochester convention, Mr. Somerville said the association had taken a forward step in the matter of handling financial matters by establishing a bank of its own in Washington, D. C., and a strong desire was shown for the extension of the bank movement, so that in addition to labor looking after the savings of workers it would be in a financial position to protect them from a line of attack which, he said, was often adopted.

"That bank," Mr. Somerville stated, "has proved extremely useful already. In a certain town on the Atlantic coast various firms de-

### Bakers Define Philosophy Of Trade Unionism

In their report to the convention of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union, the executives of that organization expressed the following statement on trade union philosophy:

"The trade union movement can not rest any longer and fast line for itself. It has to reckon with the workers as they are and not as it would wish them to be. The growth and expansion of the trade union movement are apace with the growth and advancement of the wage workers' movement, and will continue to be a result of necessity and experience.

"Any propaganda aiming at the destruction of a movement which has taken generations to build up is fallacious, injurious and reactionary.

"We do not venture to say the A. F. of L. represents the finality in the evolution of unionism—no more so than anything else in the course of human progress over and over again, but we do maintain that through the trade union movement, properly conducted, we can secure the complete fulfillment of our desires and aspirations."

### LABOR NOT A COMMODITY THAT CAN BE BOUGHT AND SOLD, SAYS FORD

**Employer of 70,000 Workers Says Wage-earners Should Get Enough to Keep Body and Soul Together, Educate Children and Provide for Old Age.**

Henry Ford believes the labor problem cannot be solved until the world ceases to look upon labor as a commodity that can be bought and sold, according to Dr. S. S. Marquis, of the Ford Motor Company, and official spokesman for Mr. Ford. Dr. Marquis made the statement in an address to the Vortex Club, Detroit, last week.

"Dr. Marquis' position is one that requires daily dealings with 70,000 people employed by the Ford Motor Company. Through the homes of these workers his influence extends to 250,000 people.

"In my talk with Mr. Ford about my work," Dr. Marquis said, "we discussed the minimum wage scale inaugurated six years ago. Mr. Ford explained he was not the owner of the factory in which he works. His time after he leaves the factory should be his own. He should not be confined; he does not want to be confined."

### O. B. U. Receives Another Hard Blow in Alberta

The death of the One Big Union has been sounded in Alberta, according to mine officials who are in a position to know. The absolute failure of their efforts to hold work in the Drumheller mines, and in the mines of the Crow's Nest Pass, has resulted in the loss of prestige which the organization commanded from certain elements prior to the strike.

According to Senator Robertson, Minister of Labor, who was on the scene of the strike, it is thought it cannot recover.

### WORKER'S RIGHT TO ORGANIZE IS FUNDAMENTAL IN PRESENT STATE OF SOCIETY, SAYS PRESBYTERIANS

**General Assembly Commends Moves to Give Workers a Voice in Industry, An Equitable Share in Wealth Produced, and the Securing of Hours of Labor As Will Afford Leisure for Self-improvement and Service to Their Families and the Community.**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has issued a pamphlet containing its policy on "Social and Industrial Problems" which was adopted at the General Assembly of that church this year. As it contains constructive suggestions the Canadian Labor Press reproduces it in its entirety.—Editor.

Social and Industrial Problems.

The General Assembly recognizes the prevailing current a sign of the vital effort of the nation to adjust itself to new and changing conditions. It also recognizes that constructive suggestions have been advanced in the necessities of life, the public indifference toward the conditions in which many of our people live and toward the wrongs they suffer, and they call earnestly for extensive reforms of the abuses complained of by parliamentary action.

### DEATH OF WAR BOOM BRINGS PRICES DOWN

**Average Fall in Prices Said to Be 30 Per Cent.**

The high cost of living in England is at an end. The "war boom is over," according to the London newspapers, who announce the fact with prominently displayed streamers across their front pages. They indicate that the English are optimistic of giving the knock-out blow very soon to the remaining high prices.

### SOCIALISTS OF CANADA TO VOTE ON MOSCOW AFFILIATION

The Winnipeg local of the Socialist Party of Canada at its meeting last week declined to entertain the proposal for affiliation with the Moscow third international. It was decided to submit the question to the Dominion executive committee in Vancouver for referendum vote of all locals in the Dominion.

### O. B. U. STRIKE IN DISTRICT 18 FIZZLES OUT

Miners Remain Loyal to the Only Organization That Provided Protection.

After almost two years of agitation the One Big Union called a strike in the mine fields of Western Canada on October 1. Few of the miners responded to the call, and latest advice reaching the office of the Canadian Labor Press state that practically all of the mines are in operation and that only a few men remain idle.

The United Mine Workers of America have a two-year agreement with the coal operators in Western Canada and this agreement does not expire for some time. It provides for a "check-off" and it was this the One Big Union protested against. A strike was called to force its abolition. The strike has failed and another dream has gone.

### SEE CONSPIRACY TO BOOST COTTON

DALLAS, Texas, Oct. 15.—(United Press)—A conspiracy extending through several States to force up the price of cotton by burning glass and cotton gin burnings, in the south.

### PRESSMEN DECIDE TO ADD CANADIAN TO E. C.

**Over 200 Delegates Attend Annual Convention.**

The annual convention of the International Printing Pressmen and Amalgamated Union, which recently held its sessions at the Pressmen's Home, Tennessee, was one of the most important in the history of that organization. About 200 delegates from all over the world, all parts of Canada and the United States, very local in Canada being represented.

### STRIKE PENDING IN COAL FIELDS EASTERN CANADA

**Eleventh Hour Conference Being Held in An Endeavor to Prevent Tie-up.**

A delicate situation has arisen in the coal fields of the East. A strike is pending. At the time of writing it is impossible to make any definite statement as to the outcome of the eleventh hour conference that are being held in an endeavor to prevent a tie-up in District 26 of the United Mine Workers of America.

### Production for Service

The General Assembly draws attention to the fact that selfish and vulgar parade of wealth, at a time when all our resources are required for the benefit of the world, is one of the chief causes of discontent, and calls on our people for the self-sacrifice and earnest service that is shown by all classes during the war.

### A Better Life

The General Assembly sympathizes profoundly with the efforts of organized labor to secure conditions for a more abundant life for the great mass of our people, and is anxious to co-operate with all interested bodies to that end. At the same time the Assembly would point out that organized labor is now and must continue to be only a part of the world's workers, and that the success of their efforts depends on their winning the sympathy and assistance of the people as a whole.

### GET THE RIGHT BRICK

In the "Report on Reconstruction" of the British Labor party is stated in magnificent words the ideal for civilization, "without which humanity will be disappointed."

### MEN ACQUITTED OF KIDNAPING P. M. CHRISTOPHERS.

The five men charged with kidnaping P. M. Christophers, organizer for the One Big Union, at Estevan, Saskatchewan, were on Tuesday acquitted by Mr. Justice Brown.

### CHILDREN GO TO WORK

Within a year after they were legally permitted to do so, a child out of every four in Connecticut left school for that purpose, reported the Federal Children's Bureau.

### BRITISH FOOD DEARER

The Ministry of Labor of Great Britain reports that the price of all foods increased 19 1/2 per cent. between July, 1914, and September, 1920.

### EASTERN MINERS PROTEST INCREASED MEDICAL FEES.

Because the coal field doctors are asking an exorbitant increase in rates, the United Mine Workers of District 26 have decided to import medical aid from other districts, set them up in business and start a community drug store for the mutual benefit of the newcomers and the old.

### TEXTILE PRESIDENT ATTACKS RADICALISM

John Golden, president of the United Textile Workers of America, in his annual address at the organization's convention in Manchester, N. H., recently, attacked the open shop as an attempt to kill trade unionism and to create a "wildcat radical labor union."

### BACK PAY AND RAISE FOR C. P. R. WORKERS.

Negotiations completed by the system board of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers and Express and Station Employees, have secured for 2,000 employees on Canadian Pacific Western lines increases in back pay and raises.

### PROSECUTION OF LABOR FEDERATION.

Although the prosecution of the Confederation Generale du Travail, of France, which is held to be an illegal association, proceeds slowly, it is nevertheless, not abandoned, and an attorney of Leon Jouhaux, secretary of the federation, has taken place.

### FEW LABOR DISPUTES IN UNITED STATES.

Labor disturbances in the United States are now practically negligible, according to information made public recently by the commission service of the Department of Labor, which announced that only 73 disputes were handled last week by the service and that only 11 of these were strikes.

### HOOVER EXPECTS DECREASE IN LIVING COSTS.

The apex of the high cost of living has been reached in the United States and from now on prices will undergo a continuous downward readjustment, Herbert Hoover declared at Toronto, Kan., last week.

### SAYS B. C. LEADS IN SOCIAL LEGISLATION.

Judge Helen C. McGill, of the Juvenile Court of Vancouver, B.C., addressed the University Women's Club at Toronto recently and stated that British Columbia had the most advanced social legislation in any of the provinces.

### SUGAR REFINERIES HAVE CLOSED DOWN

The sugar refineries are marking time, pending the Government enquiry and are neither manufacturing nor selling. The Acadia, of Halifax and Atlantic St. John, as well as the Canada and the St. Lawrence refineries of Montreal are closed, and say they have decided to discontinue business for the time.

### RAILWAYMEN PROTEST C. N. R. PRESIDENT'S ORDER.

Announcement by President D. B. Hanna, of the Canadian National Railways, that employees of that system should get a 10 per cent. raise for political reasons, has provoked a storm of indignation and protest.

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### MANITOBA'S NEW WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW EFFECTIVE JAN. 1.

The new Workmen's Compensation Act passed at the last session of the Provincial Legislature will come into force January 1, 1921, according to notice sent all employers of labor by Nicholas Fielder, secretary of the board.

### BIG DAMAGES UNDER COMPENSATION ACT.

In the Supreme Court at Montreal, recently, Mr. Justice Surcouer handed down judgment awarding Emil Belanger \$17,500 damages in his action for \$25,000 against the Co. Limited, for injuries received in an accident which employed in the service of the defendant.

### LABOR'S STANDARDS NOT STATIONARY.

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### TOM MANN TO RETIRE AS SECRETARY OF BRITISH A. E. U.

The following appears in the last number of the Amalgamated Engineers' Union Journal:  
The Executive Council have had under consideration a letter from Bro. Tom Mann (General Secretary) announcing that in April next he would, therefore, in accordance with rule, terminate his official connection with the union.  
He suggested that it would be advisable to proceed with the appointment of his successor at once in order that whoever was elected might take up his duties immediately on Bro. Mann's retirement.  
The E. C. has therefore, decided that branches should be asked for nominations for position of General Secretary, in accordance with rule 16, such nominations to reach the General Office 119 Peckham Road, not later than October 22, 1920.

### DEARER BREAD FOR LONDON, ENG., CONSUMERS.

The English working class and small salaried people are faced with another crisis in the cost of living. The London Master Bakers' Association has announced that beginning Monday, the price of bread will be increased from one shilling to one shilling and fourpence for a four-pound loaf, and it seems probable that the rest of the country will follow suit.  
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# LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

## OTTAWA.

### TRADES COUNCIL.

Much of the time of the last meeting of the Allied Trades and Labor Association was taken up in the discussion of the purchase of the Ottawa Street Railway. The executive brought in a report to the effect that the situation in connection with the acquiring of the Ottawa Electric Railway by the city was available. It was decided to be left over till something more definite was available.

which Delegate P. M. Draper took a leading part. He said that labor, not in Ottawa alone, but organized labor as a whole, was committed to the public ownership of public utilities. However, that does not mean that we will push a white elephant on the municipality. He cited the case of the American railroads, where millions of dollars have been under public ownership. He did not think it advisable to place labor's seal on the project until we know what the proposition is.

Controller Cameron explained the proposed plan to the meeting, telling of the legal technicality which threatened making Ald. Ellis' proposal impracticable. He said that when the matter of taking over the railway was first considered it was decided that it should be administered by a commission of three practical men, one of these to be a member of street railway-men's union. He still thought this plan was the right one. He was of the opinion that if the railway could be secured at a reasonable figure, that it would be a good thing which might result to the extension of the service into Ottawa East. He said he could see why the present company did not want to go to the expense of building into that district. It was because their charter was just about to expire and they did not know where they were at. He stated that efforts were now being made to secure from the company a good plan of the value of the plant, and if it is secured it may be included in the bylaw submitted to the ratepayers.

A recommendation protesting against high medical fees was referred back to the executive.

President Frank Lafortune and ex-President Pat Green, who have recently been appointed organizers, were congratulated by the Central Labor body on their promotion.

A grant of \$10 was made to the Institute for the blind.

The Allied Trades and Labor Association reiterated its previous stand on Proportional Representation and a copy of the resolution was sent to the special committee of the Ontario Legislature, which is investigating this important question.

### FIREFIGHTERS' ECHURE.

The third annual echure of the Ottawa firefighters, to be held in St. Anne's Hall, on Monday evening, October 25, promises to be the usual grand success. The arrangements are under the direction of J. Wilton, general secretary, and the committee is composed of representatives from each fire station. Through the generosity of merchants and the public generally, over 50 prizes, have been secured and a special door prize of a course in La Saucie Extension University has been arranged. The first prize is a half ton of coal.

## HAMILTON.

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### COURT SETTLES WAGE CASE.

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## WESTERN CANADA

### CALGARY MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED.

The honor roll of the Calgary Musicians' Association was unveiled on Sunday afternoon, October 19, at 6 o'clock, by Brigadier General H. Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O., assisted by Rev. Dean Paget, in the main lobby of the city hall.

The memorial bears the names of 2000 men who served in the great war, and the design and coloring of this particular memorial is a work of art. Of the 2000 men, one major, three captains, four lieutenants, two warrant officers, and seven bandmasters, while one member was awarded the distinguished conduct medal for bravery on the field.

### LETHBRIDGE RETAIL CLERKS TO AFFILIATE WITH TRADES COUNCIL.

At a well-represented meeting of the Lethbridge Retail Clerks Association, held in Harper's Hall last week, it was decided to become affiliated with the Lethbridge Trades and Labor Council. The meeting went on record as being unanimously in favor of the Wednesday half-holiday, and a committee was appointed to visit the stores in the city declared in opposition to the holiday in an endeavor to line them up. Another meeting will be held shortly in the Labor Hall, when representatives of the Trades Council will be invited to be present.

Secretary Collins, of the Retail Clerks' Association states that as a result of the meeting of a letter is being forwarded to the chief inspector under the Factory Act, asking why Lethbridge and Medicine Hat clerks are not being given the same hours per week under the Factory Act as the clerks in Calgary and Edmonton, where a half-holiday prevails the year round.

### WINNIPEG LABOR TO NOMINATE CIVIC CANDIDATES NOV. 3.

At a recent meeting of the Winnipeg Branch of the Dominion Labor Party it was announced that the party's convention for the nomination of candidates for the civic election would be held on November 3. A lengthy discussion took place respecting the manner of conducting nominations this year. The consensus of opinion was decided in favor of a straight party convention and that the system of nomination would be radically different to that employed last year. T. J. Murray and F. Nicka were appointed to vacancies recently effected on the executive.

Approximately 200 applications for membership were submitted to the meeting. This is a record number of applications for the party and is the result of recent membership campaign instituted by a party.

### MANY ACCIDENTS REPORTED IN MANITOBA'S INDUSTRIES.

With accidents taking place at the rate of 220 a month, which has been the average for the first nine months of this year, the total figure for 1920 will exceed 2,600. It was learned at the offices of the Manitoba Workmen's Compensation Board last week that the Workmen's Compensation Act will be more than \$100,000 in excess of any other year. Accidents in industrial plants included under the provisions of the act total 2,579 for the first nine months of the year. Accidents are increasing in proportion to the increase in industrial activity in the province, said Nicholas Fletcher, secretary of the board.

Under the Overseas Settlement Scheme, 150 men who served in auxiliary forces during the war left Liverpool for Canada. — Daily Sketch, London, Eng.

## TORONTO.

### TORONTO NEWSY BRIEFS.

The new agreement granted by the Builders' Exchange provides a wage scale stipulating 75 cents an hour for foremen, 65 cents an hour for roofers and 50 cents an hour for helpers, and is satisfactory to the Felt and Composition Roofers Union.

President J. Munroe, of the Machinists' Union, stated last week that he would not be opposed to night shifts for factories providing that there was an actual shortage of power.

An aggressive canvass and speaking campaign for James Higgins, nominee of the Independent Labor party and various soldiers' organizations for Northeast Toronto, is being planned for remainder of campaign.

The financing and recording secretaries of Local 21 International Union of Metal Polishers are respectively John Walker and T. H. Milk.

James Higgins, Soldier-Labor candidate in Northeast Toronto, is to have the assistance of Dr. W. Stevenson, Labor M.L.A., of London, in his campaign. Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, will also be asked to assist.

Local 235 International Association of Machinists resumed its social parties and dances in Oddfellows' Hall, Bathurst street, on October 15 and will continue them monthly until next spring.

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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

### Halifax Citizen Assisting in the Campaign of Destruction.

When the Canadian Labor Press a few weeks ago drew attention to an O.B.U. falsehood that found its way into the columns of the Halifax Citizen we were of the opinion that the official organ of the Halifax Trades and Labor Council had merely made a serious error. However, subsequent events would lead one to believe that the Halifax Citizen has joined the forces that seek to destroy the International Trades Union movement.

#### MORE O.B.U. YARNS.

In its last issue the Citizen published many stories emanating from One Big Union sources, namely, the B. C. Federationist and the Searchlight. For the benefit of the Halifax Citizen and some others we offer this information. The B. C. Federationist is the official organ of the One Big Union in British Columbia, and the Searchlight is the official organ of the miners' section of the One Big Union.

#### O.B.U. NEEDS FUNDS.

Readers of the Canadian Labor Press are well informed on the policies of the One Big Union. At the Port Arthur convention held in September of this year it was learned that the O.B.U. was a dead issue in the West. Its funds are exhausted and if it is to continue to preach class warfare it must secure funds. As the vast majority of its members refuse to contribute to its expensiveness it must seek new battlefields. Having a knowledge of recent events in the East it is natural that the O.B.U. would attack on this front.

In the last issue of the Citizen its editor states that it is a "free and independent paper," excusing the O.B.U. propaganda that appears in its columns. An O.B.U. falsehood, emanating from an O.B.U. writer, at Windsor, found its way into the columns of the Citizen a few weeks ago, and we drew attention to the fact. Apparently this was but the beginning for an almost every page of its last issue we find O.B.U. propaganda.

#### SECESSION!

Dangerous propaganda indeed is being carried on against the International Trades Union movement. In these stressful times of peace when we are preparing to combat the "open shop" campaign of the employers we have those self-styled leaders of the "working class" come forward, and preach secession. The Halifax Citizen is assisting in the campaign and submits a secession proposal from the Searchlight for the "careful consideration" of its readers.

Some few weeks ago the Searchlight was responsible for the statement that the Nova Scotia miners were ready to throw the United Mine Workers of America into disarray. The editor of the Searchlight is a former resident of Nova Scotia and the Citizen says he "is in touch with some of the leading officials of the Miners' Union in Nova Scotia." The story from the Searchlight is produced in its entirety and the Citizen submits it for "careful consideration" to its readers, stating that it is "home news from abroad with a vengeance."

#### MINERS IGNORED.

The office of the United Mine Workers of District 28 is within telephonic distance of the Halifax Citizen and it was the duty of the Citizen, as an International Trades Union newspaper, to communicate with the officials of that organization. If the Citizen still insisted on publishing the O.B.U. yarn then why in the name of all the International Trades Union movement stands for did it not combine with it a declaration from the officials of District 28?

We are co-located more than ever that Lenine has his agents in Halifax.

## LABOR'S POWER IN POLITICS.

In Canada the workers have an entirely different political policy than the American Federation of Labor. However, the following editorial from the columns of the Christian Science Monitor, an independent, international newspaper, gives an unbiased opinion of the political position of the workers themselves.

"A casual review of the activities of the American Federation of Labor in the present political campaigns in the United States must tend to convince even the most confirmed partisan, of whatever political faith, of the power of the great mass of American voters who maintain and exercise the right to vote as they see fit, despite the dictation in favor of one party. It is doubtful if ever heretofore in the history of national and state campaigns in the United States there has been a more unopposed effect of the election, so formidable and determined a non-partisan voting unit as that which now seems to be voluntarily committed to the purpose of defeating those whose records, in Congress and out, are not approved by the affiliated labor unions. The few conservative leaders who regarded the action of Samuel Gompers and other American Federation of Labor officials in refusing to co-operate in the campaign outlined by the Farmer-Labor Party at the bipartisan convention in Chicago as disloyal to labor, were almost unanimous in forecasting the failure of the non-partisan plans of the Federation. They were still apparently obsessed with the belief that partisan power is the only potent power in politics or at the polls. They failed to recognize the fact, perfectly apparent to Mr. Gompers and his immediate lieutenants, that in nearly every national election in the United States within the last quarter of a century at least, as well as in many of the state and congressional districts in the north-east and west, the results have been dictated by the unattached or non-partisan element. This unattached element has possessed an unascertainable power at the polls which has often been found to constitute the balance of voting strength.

"It is no doubt, true that never in the history of American politics has this unattached, or non-partisan, element been so great, numerically, as at the present time. This increasing strength was apparent long before the enfranchisement of the women of the United States, though it will probably be proved that the addition of this great independent mass of voters has multiplied, many times, the power of the unorganized or non-partisan voting forces. It may be true, and probably is true, that while the appeals of so-called class voters in the past have frequently been unheeded by those who assumed the right to direct and dictate partisan politics and platforms, it is equally a fact that in the final analysis, especially in congressional elections, which in recent years have included the popular election of United States senators, the appeal for party solidarity and party loyalty has usually been effective. The time has come, in the estimation of labor, when this partisan appeal should no longer be heeded. Labor leaders point to a record of alleged broken promises, made in the name of the workers, and the great mass of voters allied with the labor unions have apparently become convinced that they have been unfairly dealt with by the national legislators. For the moment it is not to be considered whether their conclusion is correct or otherwise. It is sufficient to realize that in many pre-election contests it has been made apparent that those in whose behalf the claim has been made were satisfied that it was well founded. A recent indication of this sort, cited by labor leaders

## ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS FOR TEMPERANCE.

Present prohibition acts in Canada do not meet with the approval of the Dominion Command of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada. The national convention in session at Victoria last week declared that it was its duty to take steps to secure the liberty of the individual and that they are not British. It was unanimously resolved that the convention is not in favor of prohibition, but it is a strong advocate of temperance.

## QUEBEC APPOINTS FUEL ADMINISTRATOR.

Quebec is the first province to name a fuel administrator under the provisions of the recent order of the Board of Railway Commissioners, which make it optional for a province to take this step to provide for conservation of fuel. The administrator for the province is J. W. Lewis, who was provincial fuel controller before, when Dominion control was exercised by C. A. McGrath.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS HAS BEEN SUCCESS.

John W. Davis, United States Ambassador to England, declared in a speech at Cooper Union, New York, last week, that the League of Nations up to the present time has been entirely successful. "It was never designed to take over and solve by mere magic the multiplied troubles which the great war has brought," he said. "It has worked no miracles, but for an organization so newly born it has fully justified the highest hopes of its founders."

## SUGAR ORDER MADE PERMANENT.

The Government's order-in-council suspending the order of the Board of Commerce affecting the price and importation of sugar, issued October 13, the effect of which was to restrict the importation into Canada of cheap American sugar, has been made permanent. As a result, there is no barrier against buying sugar wherever it can be secured at the lowest price.

## CANADIAN PRINTERS' INCREASES.

(I.T.U. Journal.)  
Winnipeg, Man.—Board of arbitration has settled the wages of the job printers. The men are to receive \$44 a week for day work and \$41 for night work. This is an advance of \$9 a week over the old schedule and reverts to June 1. The 44-hour week is retained. Recently the newspaper competitors and the manufacturers decided on a scale of \$45 for day men and \$48 for night men.  
Sydney, N.S.—Newspaper, book and job—Handmen, operators, \$22. Eight hours. The contract covers a period of six months—July 1, 1920, to December 31, 1920. Increase—Newspaper, book and job—Handmen, \$7; operators, \$5.  
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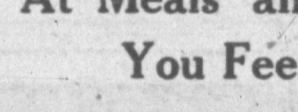
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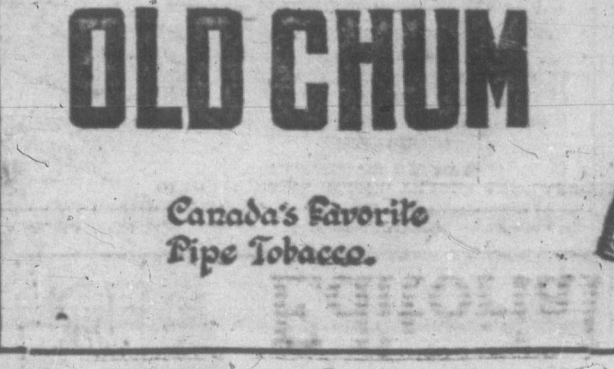
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