

C.N.R. PRESIDENT'S ORDER CREATES A STORM

ORDER FOR EMPLOYMENT PAID FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRADES AND COMMERCE

NATIONAL RAILWAY HOLDING OFFICE IN STRONGLY RESENTED

Women and Children First

Too many of us are apt to think that conditions in Europe are grossly misrepresented. That nations starved in Central Europe is a chimera of the press; that conditions amongst the liberated people on the confines of the enemy countries and in the enemy countries themselves are not in an appalling condition; that Europe today faces a situation that is without parallel in the history of the world.

THE "SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND" APPEAL FOR \$500,000 FROM CANADIANS BY CHRISTMAS



In Europe alone, cruel cold and famine are stalking amongst millions of hopeless wretches and stricken mothers who are without food, without fire and without shelter.

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famine diseases now prevalent in Vienna now reports that 50 per cent of the patients are suffering from rickets and bone-softening, all due to lack of nourishment. In Austria millions of little children are starving, and we see no means of alleviating the situation unless by relief from the rest of the world.

REFINERY WORKERS PAYING THE PRICE OF MARKET MANIPULATION OF THE SUGAR BARONS, SAYS TOM MOORE

When Sugar Refinery Workers Attempted to Better Their Conditions They Were Stubbornly Opposed and Told to Increase Production—250,000,000 Pounds of Sugar on Hand—Workers Thrown Out of Employment.

President D. H. Hanna of the Canadian National Railways has issued an order forbidding any employee of the Canadian National Railways from holding an office in the House of Commons or in any of the Provincial Legislatures.

they possessed in taking part in the constitutional government of this country. Senator Robertson is reported as saying that the C.N.R. system is free from Government control and a separate corporate entity.

are needed hundreds of hospitals and scores of doctors. In Ukraine alone 7,000,000 of the population—men, women and children—have perished since the commencement of the war. It is reported by the Swiss head of a sanitary mission, that in all the Ukrainian frontier districts there is not a child living under seven years of age, and this in a country from which heretofore Canada received some of her best settlers.

Canada's Opportunity. It is a wonderful opportunity. In our comfortable homes here, we never know the sting of hunger or the pangs of cold, we never know the account of starvation and depravity and because we have never known such horrible conditions, we scarcely believe.

LABOR CHAPTER LEAGUE OF NATIONS LABOR'S "BILL OF RIGHTS". Resolving to a question from Winnipeg, a Labor Chapter League of Nations, as advocated by the American Federation of Labor.

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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT MAY TRY PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

Proportional representation may be tried in Ontario on a small scale at first, at the southeastern election in the recent general elections in that province, according to the consensus of opinion of the members of the committee for an legislature appointed to look into the matter, as expressed at a meeting at Toronto last week.

Western Miners Set Increase Of \$1.15 a Day

Wage increases for day wage men in the Alberta coal fields amounting to about \$1.15 a day more for each man were granted to the United Mine Workers of America men by the coal operators on Saturday afternoon at Calgary last week.

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Start a Label Campaign

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WESTERN CANADA LUMBER WORKERS FORSAKE O. B. U.

Month of October Bad, One For Rainbow Chaser in Canada. Some few weeks ago the Canadian Labor Press stated that the lumber workers' delegates had withdrawn from the Port Arthur convention of the One Big Union.

BELGIAN TRADES CONGRESS FAVORS SOCIALIZATION

The Belgian Trades Union Congress last week unanimously passed a resolution urging the socialization of various industries. The commencement of the socialization would be with the railways, ship building, coal mines, insurance companies, credit and banking institutions, and light and power organizations.

TIPOS WILL FIGHT FOR A 44-HR. WEEK

Appointment of a committee to carry on the fight of the International Typographical Union for a 44 hour week in the southeastern section of the United States was announced at New York on Monday by the executive council of the union.

NEGOTIATIONS OVER WAGES TO C. N. R. SHOP EMPLOYEES CONCLUDED

Negotiations regarding the distribution of the wage award granted to station, shed, shop and other employees of the Canadian National Railways, which have been proceeding in Montreal for the past two weeks, have been completed.

ADVERTISING ALBERTA COAL IN MANITOBA

The Alberta Mines Branch has arranged to open a demonstration plant in Winnipeg for the purpose of trying out different grades of Alberta coal and showing the Manitobans how to use them.

IF COAL SHORTAGE RESPONSIBILITY CANNOT BE LAID AT DOORS OF MINERS

Production Has Increased by Over Fifty Million Tons—Miners Have Just as Deep an Interest in the Public Good as Any Other Class. In Canada as in the United States we are frequently told by the daily press and public speakers that it is a coal shortage.

TRADE UNIONISTS OPEN OWN SCHOOLS

A trade union school for trade unionists has been organized by the Chicago Federation of Labor and the Women's Trade Union League in co-operation with the Chicago Board of Education.

SEEK LEGISLATION FOR IMPORTATION CHINESE COOLIE LABOR INTO U.S.

A. F. of L. Legislation Committee Draws Attention to Campaign Carefully and Insidiously Laid For This Legislation—Canadian Watch Events. The American Federation of Labor legislative committee has drawn to the attention of its membership a most serious menace which faces the people of that great republic.

1914-15 STARS

Officials of the militia department stated recently that the department has in its possession a considerable number of undistributed 1914-1915 stars, the majority of which have been sent at least once but have been returned through the mails.

A WORD ABOUT THE FEDERATED PRESS

E. J. Costello, managing editor of the Federated Press of Chicago, has been arrested in England and ordered deported. The Federated Press, a news agency, was established last year. At the annual convention of the International Labor Press of America, held in Montreal in June of this year, "Comrade" Costello appeared before that convention and addressed the members to endorse that agency, attacked the Associated Press.

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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

Truth must be approached from many angles and whilst the Canadian Labor Press at all times will guard its columns from insidious propaganda it must be realized that the publishers do not hold themselves responsible for the views of the individual whose name is attached to any article that may be published.

The Canadian Labor Press is desirous of receiving articles of general interest and fictional stories, and will be pleased to consider such matter as may be submitted for publication. All contributions should be addressed to THE CANADIAN LABOR PRESS, Journal Building, Ottawa, Ontario.

TYPOS' HOME.

HIGH cost of living is no respecter of persons. It has reached out in all directions and institutions, however high their humanitarian objectives have felt the strain of the time in requiring an added income to cope with the situation, not in attempts to raise the standard, but in the actual maintenance of conditions of the pre-war period.

The International Typographical Union members were recently called upon to vote on a proposal to increase their monthly contribution to their Home Fund from the present rate of twenty three cents, and the withholding of asking for an increase to this late date of cost upheaval contains in itself one of the best commendations on the manner in which the institution at Colorado Springs has been conducted, that could possibly be presented.

The Home is, or should be, a matter of pride to the general membership, leaving aside the personal touch of what benefit may be obtained thereby, as it is now considered a monument to the International Trade Union movement, in the general concern taken in its membership by this organization, affording to other branches of the trade union family not so fortunately placed in this respect, a branch of splendid endeavor and success to be attained.

Comment on this referendum has been purposely delayed until after the actual vote was recorded, so that eulogistic comment on the Home and its necessities lends no part in (to be pointed) showing the interested members their duty in endorsement of increased financial support. It is our opinion that the result of the ballot will be an emphatic positive record and if unfortunately this advance prediction is not correct, then there may be no question that the claim for added support to the Home is misunderstood.

Bearing on this subject, responsible officials submitted to the membership the following pertinent queries, under a caption of "Vote for the Increased Fund for the Home:"

- "Do you believe it is worth thirty cents per month to you to provide a home where the sick members of the Union may be properly cared for and restored to health?"
"Do you believe that the International Union should continue to care for its aged and decrepit members in the manner in which they have been cared for during the past twenty-five years?"
"Do you believe that the scope of the Home should be extended so that at no time will there be any question as to there being sufficient facilities to care for all members of the union who may require treatment in that institution?"
"Do you realize that at any time misfortune may overtake you and that some indisposition may make it advisable for you to enter the Home and partake of its wonderful curative qualities?"
"Do you realize that through this institution you may be able to protect your family for many years more than you could had you not something of this kind to fall back upon?"

FOLLOWED A MAXIM.

BREAKING into the direct representation game in mild manner, the laborites of New Brunswick may be perhaps pardoned, remembering their close connection with the fishing industry. In this regard it is common parlance "that two at a time is good fishing" and this adage was followed in the election of two labor members to the Provincial Parliament.

Across the Atlantic.

What Our Brethren in the Motherland Are Doing.

OUR WEEKLY BRITISH LETTER.

WESTMINSTER, England (Saturday)—Something must have happened to the House of Commons during the recess. It seems to have disappeared, and has not been seen since. A strong sense of responsibility pervaded the House and moulded every speech. The president of the Board of Trade, Mr. Robert Horne, put the case against the miners' wild demand for 2s. with such effect that William Bruce, the miners' leader, who followed him, was forced into a defensive attitude at once, but, none the less, he argued ably for recognition of the fact that if the miners were not entitled to 2s. unconditionally, they were still entitled to 2s. on a bare showing of the cost of living, which was plainly true.

The combined effect of these two speeches was to make each appreciative to the other, and so it was natural for every one to say "the lobby and elsewhere" that "Bruce and Horne could settle it." To Mr. Lloyd George was left the ungrateful task of reminding the House of certain hard facts which even his favorite Minister, Sir Robert Horne, could not ignore, but he conveyed the reminder without his wonted magic, almost harshly indeed, and thus earned for himself not too good a press on the following morning.

Debate on Ireland.

The Irish debate of Wednesday night was one of the air and heat of party. Mr. Herbert Asquith, Greenwood, for the Government, did anything to set a high tone in the discussion. Indeed the official attitude was quite devoid of effectiveness or candor. The demand made of the Government was a searching inquiry into the series of "official" acts called "repulse" in Ireland. It was refused. The refusal itself was bad enough, but it was boldness itself compared with the justification of "repulse" given first by the Prime Minister in his Carnarvon speech, and then by Sir Hamar Greenwood, and Mr. Bonar Law this week.

For small-mindedness, Mr. Bonar Law stands out in giant and unenviable prominence this week, when a certain large-mindedness seemed to be the prevailing quality in the House. By contrast, Herbert Asquith's speech was powerful and sincere. There is a distinct rally in Mr. Asquith's stock at the moment. At this point in the debate, the temperature rose suddenly. Lord Robert Cecil was discoursing at large on the foundations of freedom which are laid in respect for law. An excellent discussion which would have lacked savor had he not given really good point to it by the remark, flashed out in passionate feeling, "Mr. Churchill, there is something for law nor for freedom." Thereupon cheers and countercheers rolled round the House and shouts of "that's the spirit" began to be heard. Lord Robert did withdraw the phrase, though not before saying that he could not withdraw a "truth."

Thursday was spent on unemployment, which threatens industry this winter. Upon the debate of the Home, Mr. Churchill, whose speeches are few and hard, with pleasure, and whose party admiration no one has yet discovered. If during the short, but crowded, session of about seven weeks, the House maintains the promise of its opening days this week, there will be memorable developments before Christmas. Meanwhile there is some talk of a general election during the next three months.

From Many Sources.

Democracy, far from being played out, is as yet a long way from being played in. "The truth is that education (a question-begging term, by the way) is a gigantic hypocrisy."—G. B. S. "Words awake imagination. Pictures kill it."—Thomas Burke.

"The theory of democracy, as I understand it, is to assume that every man is a good fellow until the reverse is proved."—E. J. Hogan.

"The Russians were better off under the old regime of 70 roubles a month than they are today on 70-800 roubles a month under Bolshevism."—H. V. Keeling.

"Drink is Scotland's greatest sin, said a prohibitionist speaker at Glasgow. The gentleman does not seem to have heard of haggis."—"Punch."

"Prospective employer: 'How old are you?' Applicant for post: 'Fourteen—and unmarried.'"—"Punch."

"We understand the 'shrewd' division of financiers is buying German marks. It's so patriotic and it pays."

"Our existing civilization is an unscientific struggle in which we deprive ourselves of liberty through lack of organization."—Chiozza Money.

"National organization means the simplification of control and the enlargement of organizing power."—Chiozza Money.

"The worst of all economies is economy in the payment of teaching profession."—Dean Well-ton.

"We pray for rain, but we pray for lower rates."—Rural Guardian.

I. L. P. AND ONTARIO MEMBERS HOLD IMPORTANT CONFERENCE AT TORONTO

Meeting Held in Private But According to Report Harmony Prevailed—Decided that the Eight-Hour Day Was a Question For Federal Government.

Contrary to expectations, the conference held at Toronto on Saturday between the labor group in the Legislature and the executive committee of the Ontario Independent Labor Party was a love-fest. Instead of a fault-finding affair, it had been anticipated that Hon. Walter Rolfe, Minister of Labor, and Hon. Harry Mills, Minister of Mines, particularly the former, would give a hot time, but according to statements given in the press afterwards, both ministers were complimented on the manner in which they were conducting their departments. Hon. Mr. Rolfe will continue as leader of the labor group in the Legislature. There was only one absence from the gathering of Labor M.P.'s, Karl Homish South Waterloo. The reason was the death of his father. President J. W. Buckley, of the Independent Labor Party, who presided, said in his opening address that the meeting was to obtain closer cooperation between the Labor M.P.'s and the rank and file of the Labor Party, and he intimated that the government would keep the executive and the Labor members in closer touch.

After this they are to meet "as occasion arises." The Mothers' Pensions Bill was one of the matters discussed. It was decided to hold another conference on November 20th. In a solid block R. H. Palmer, a member of the executive committee, said he expected that the meeting would be stormy, but instead harmony reigned. They have agreed to go back in a solid block behind Hon. Mr. Rolfe. He said according to Mr. Palmer, Mayor M. M. McBride, of Bramford, did not raise any serious point during the conference, but claimed that the Labor group had not secured sufficient legislation during the last session. Mayor McBride's threat to leave the Labor group in the house and sit as an independent member was dealt with, and while no definite statement as to the outcome of the discussion was given out, it is understood that Mr. McBride led his fellow members to understand that he would not make a further move until the Labor group's programme for the next session was drafted. The eight-hour day question was broached by President Buckley, but not discussed. He claimed that the Ontario government should have appointed a commission to look into the matter, yet he took the ground that it was a question for the Federal parliament to deal with.

CAUSES FOR BRITISH MINE STRIKE.

A nation-wide strike of miners followed a referendum rejection of a demand for a 10 per cent. increase in wages. The vote was 181,428 for, to 825,998 against. The miners' officials, the government and coal owners. The vote was 181,428 for, to 825,998 against. The miners' officials, the government and coal owners. The vote was 181,428 for, to 825,998 against.

The miners went into the last conference with nothing but a wage demand. They abandoned other issues and presented the one claim that, an increase of 2 shillings (50 cents) a day is necessary to meet a 10 per cent. advance (government estimate) in the cost of living. From the beginning of the war to date, miners' prices have been advanced 125 per cent.

The conference, which was rejected by the referendum, provided for higher rates if more coal is mined. The miners agree that greater production is desirable, but they do not accept the theory that a living wage should be regulated by output. They insist that the coal industry should assure them a living wage, and that, in exchange, they will agree to produce as much coal as the industry can afford to increase.

Behind this strike is the usual story of exploitation and enormous profits by the coal owners. Recently the government appointed the Sankey commission to investigate the coal industry, and its findings would be the basis for remedial coal legislation. Several reports were made, and all of them indicated dissatisfaction with the present conditions. The miners' representatives favored nationalization of the mines, while other reports declared for state control. Nothing came of the recommendations.

THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION.

There are two phases of the immigration problem which are becoming more acute. A few weeks ago, the number of immigrants reaching the port of New York was so great, that it was impossible for the immigration officials at Ellis Island to handle the new arrivals. It was necessary to order some ships bringing immigrants, to anchor in the lower bay for forty-eight hours or more. Immigrants are arriving in overwhelming numbers at a time when some of our industries have shut down their plants, claiming that there was no market for their goods. Whatever the reason for the shut-down, the fact remains that while workers in this country were being laid off, thousands of immigrants were arriving on our shores each day, seeking employment. When labor is not fully employed in the United States or Canada, emigration should not be permitted from any country.

The second phase arises through the conditions created in California by Japanese. Other orientals are excluded from America, the Japanese are only restrained through the social and political welfare of our civilization demands that no immigrants should be permitted to come who are unwilling or unable to become as much a part of the community as those who have already built up our present form of civilization.—Moulton's Journal.

The March of the Hungry Men.

In the dreams of your downy couches, through the shades of your pampered sleep, Give ear; you can hear it coming, the tide that is steady and deep— Give ear, for the sound is growing from desert and dungeon and den; The tramp of the marching millions, the March of the Hungry Men. As on the red-brown Spanish hills, the Spanish Legion, As William's Norman legions through Sussex meadows went, As Wolfe assailed the mountain, as Sherman laid the way From Fulton to Savannah—as they, and more than they. So come another army your wit cannot compute, The man-at-arms self-fashioned, the man you made the brute, From farm and sweatshop gathered from factory, mine and mill, With lever and shears and sapper, dibble and drift; and drill. They bear no sword nor rifle, yet their leaders are on your walls, Though the boubeek is turned to a jumper, the jambouek to overall; They come from the locomotive, the cab and the cobbler's bench; They are armed with the pick and the jack-plane, the sledge and the saw, and the wrench. And some come empty-handed with fingers gnarled and strong— Some come with their hands full of sorrow, and some away drunk with song. But all that you thought were birds are stirring and hiss and quick, And they carry a brass-bound sceptre; the Brass composing stick. Through the depths of the Devil's darkness, and the distant stars for light, They are coming the while you slumber, and they come with the might of Right. On a morrow—perhaps tomorrow—you will wake and see, and then You will hand the keys of the cities to the ranks of the Hungry Men. R. W. K., in Life.

Here's To Woman.

Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal.—Cain.

CHILD RIGHTS GUARDED.

In a survey of juvenile court legislation in America the United States children's bureau calls attention to the new viewpoint of society toward future citizenship. Twenty-one years ago the relation of the father to his child partook of the nature of a property right. The courts could enforce this right, but on the other hand they were powerless to enforce the duty of the father to his child. Since 1893 every state has passed juvenile court laws except Connecticut, Maine and Wyoming, and these three states have legislated on questions usually included in juvenile court laws. The extensiveness of this legislation is the children's bureau's estimate of the best evidence of the previous unsatisfactory viewpoint of the law. Under the old law the delinquent child was dealt with in the same manner, with certain restrictions of age, as the adult offender. He was tried before a criminal court with a jury, and testimony and confessions were given. If found "guilty" the child suffered the penalty. If "not guilty" he went free. In no case did the law extend any constructive help. Recent years, however, have recognized the right of a child to a reasonable minimum of care, of education, and of well-being. Consideration has been given the natural impulses of youth and to the adverse conditions under which the child may have been reared.

WOMEN IN INDUSTRY.

Approximately 2,400,000 women and girls are employed in industry in the United States, according to a report by the federal board for vocational education. Since 1916 women in the iron and steel industry have increased 49 per cent, in the automobile industry 300 per cent, instrument making, 200 per cent, wood working, 100 per cent. The number of girls between 14 and 16 is between one-third and one-half of the total number of employed youth. The federal board says: "The public needs to understand the facts of the presence of large numbers of women in industry." The report shows that women and girls are going into these industries without sufficient training. Under the federal vocational education law of 1917 every state has an appropriation designed to be used for the training of industrial workers for women and girls and men and boys. It is stated that the Labor organizations of southern California are responsible for the training of industrial classes in factories under the direction of public school authorities.

WOMEN MAGISTRATES.

Women magistrates for courts dealing with children's cases are advocated in a report issued by the British Board of Education. Juvenile offences against the law are on the increase in England. The old methods of punishment by whipping and imprisonment have failed. In 1910 the number of young persons sent to prison totalled 2,890. Of all those who were punished by detention one-sixth were back in the court within a month. Whipping has proven even more of a failure, one-fourth of the offenders re-appeared in court within a month. The English magistrates, it is stated, have not had a sympathetic understanding of child life and their work has not been to avail themselves of the many facilities for considerate treatment placed at their disposal by the Children's Act of 1901. The principle of rehabilitation is recognized in law, but the practice has been neglected. The report recommends that every court should have a children's probation officer. His duty would be not only to supervise cases himself, but to secure the co-operation of teachers, scout masters, officers of boys' and girls' clubs and other social organizations so that every child in charge should be introduced to one or more of these agencies.

REINSTATE "NERVY" WOMEN.

Trustees of the public library at Cincinnati, Ohio, have reinstated seven women employees who were discharged because they asked for wage increases and then refused to apologize to the little upstarts who are temporarily occupying these positions. Organized labor took up the cudgels for the women, as did civic organizations. The principle of rehabilitation is recognized in law, but the practice has been neglected. The report recommends that every court should have a children's probation officer. His duty would be not only to supervise cases himself, but to secure the co-operation of teachers, scout masters, officers of boys' and girls' clubs and other social organizations so that every child in charge should be introduced to one or more of these agencies.

TRADE UNION SCHOOL FOR WOMEN VOTERS.

What is believed to be one of the first trade union schools for women voters is to be started soon, according to report, in Cleveland, Ohio, by the local union of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union. This local has about 1,500 members. Evening lecture classes in civics and political methods have been announced. Instruction will be given not only to women of the cloak and suit industry, but to wage earners, women in other trades, organized or unorganized.

HIGH-SPEED TYPING.

I do not know that the manager of any office is banking for a girl typist who recites poetry while she is typing the copy of a letter at full speed, or who will carry on a conversation with another person while she is typing. Miss Woodard, who is a quite young girl with ten years' typing experience, gave an interesting exhibition of her proficiency at a West End office yesterday. Using a typewriter with disintegrated keyboard she wrote to dictation at a rate that would test the average shorthand expert severely. When finished she was surrounded with extraordinary rapidity, and she finished by typing a memorized sentence repeatedly at a rate of 250 words a minute. The manager of this office is a typewriter expert, and this typist might stand such a speed for a few minutes, but she said she would not make one thousand words a minute. The manager of the ordinary office typewriter, it was however, an extraordinary demonstration of typist and typewriter efficiency. —Moulton's Journal.



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LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

PREDICT PLENTY OF EMPLOYMENT IN N. S.

Mine Workers' District President Sees No Cause For Alarm.

That there should be ample employment for all workers in the mines of the Province of Nova Scotia, not alone this coming winter, but in the next two or three years to come, was the prediction made recently by Robert Baxter, president of the U.M.W., in commenting upon the statement made by Roy Wolvin, president of the Dominion Steel Corporation, on his recent visit to the Cape Breton coal fields.

OTTAWA.

INSIDE WOODWORKERS LOOK FOR BETTER THINGS.

Our reports for the next few months will not be so favorable as some of the members who joined us during the strike are willing to say, but we will have with us the real union men. The old guard is on duty and will keep the ranks moving and preparing for the winter next spring.

HAMILTON.

MACHINISTS PERFECTING THEIR ORGANIZATION.

The amalgamation of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers and International Association of Machinists is proceeding very satisfactorily, stated Business Agent R. Riley today. He mentioned that at last night's meeting of Local No. 414 the A.S.E. was held last week, when the going over to the I.A.M. was decided upon.

B. C. VOTES FOR GOVT CONTROL OF LIQUOR

Reaction of Prohibition Results in Big Win For "Wets."

British Columbia declared strongly "yes" in favor of more lenient liquor legislation. The Prohibition Act, which has been in force for the past three years, was overwhelmingly defeated in the provincial referendum vote in practically all parts of the province. In the cities, the vote was over to the I.A.M. was decided upon.

TORONTO.

TRADES COUNCIL.

There was more of the voice of reason to be heard throughout the deliberations of the Toronto Trades Council last night than has been heard for many a long day. This was due to the presence of a heavy representation of sound Internationalists, who did not allow the proceedings to be turned into a Red carnival by the radicals.

SASKATCHEWAN LABOR GETS CONCESSIONS

Makes Strong Protest To Civic Income Tax.

REGINA, Oct. 29.—Four members of the Saskatchewan Trades Congress executive council were received at the Parliament buildings by Premier Martin today. They made a strong protest against the income tax and the proposed amendments to the Pastors' Act and the Cities Act.

EASTERN CANADA.

SE. JOHN REFINERY CLOSED.

The closing of the sugar refinery at St. John, N.B., has established hardships upon the many employees, the full extent of which is beginning to be realized, says The Standard. The five hundred or more men employed at the refinery were given notice that information on the work would be shut for not more than two weeks in order that needed repairs might be made.

WESTERN CANADA.

LONDON TRADES COUNCIL.

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ELECTION OF MONTREAL CIVIC EMPLOYEES.

The Mutual union of Montreal Employees at their last meeting elected the following officers: President, J. P. Girard, vice-presidents, A. Filiatreault and J. Couture; recording secretary, A. Lacroix; corresponding secretary, C. E. Courchesne; financial secretary, J. Pepin; treasurer, H. Viau; auditor, A. Fallaireault; J. Archambault and A. Paquet; and J. Michers, C. Forget and A. Martineau.

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At a meeting of the Montreal Trades and Labor Council held last week, it was reported that the matter of unemployed stationary engineers was being considered by the N. B. Compensation Board with a view to having the law changed back to what it used to be to make the employer liable as well as the employee for every day an unemployed engineer is employed. It appears that now only the employer is liable to the fine of \$5 dollars for each day the law is violated, and complaints must be laid in the name of the factory inspector.

COBALT CARPENTERS ADVANCE DESPITE OPPOSITION.

The O. B. U. is still persisting in its efforts to obtain new members in this district, but as you will notice, we are still obtaining the carpenters for our local—Bernard Marker, President Local No. 384, Cobalt, Ont., in Monthly Trade Report of the Ontario Provincial Council of Carpenters, (U. B. C. & J. of A.)

MONTREAL CITY CARPENTERS WANT MORE CONTROL.

The Administrative Commission last week received two agents of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners who pointed out that while the recognized scale of pay for their trade was 75 cents an hour the city was only paying 67 cents an hour. They asked that this scale be rectified, and the commission promised that the matter would be given consideration in connection with the budget now being prepared.

RENEW ORGANIZES TRADES COUNCIL.

Little over a year ago there was such a thing as a trade union in Renfrew. However, organizers went in there, and some four or five local unions were established. Rapid progress was made, and the textile workers were successful in securing increases in wages and a reduction in the hours of labor. The carpenters, bricklayers and laborers did likewise. However, the workers in the Creamery Town have learned the necessity of a central labor body where the common interests of all could be discussed, and this week made application for a charter to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

EASTERN MINERS MUST ACCEPT DOCTORS' SCHEDULE.

With reference to schedules statements published about their difference with the mine workers as to medical fees, the C. B. miners' leaders state that they are not negotiating with the U.M.W. regarding this question. It is up to the latter either to accept or reject the doctors' proposal. In case of rejection there is nothing for the doctors to do but refer to private practice, says the Glace Bay Gazette.

MONTREAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES WAGES.

The Municipal Employees' Union will in a few days present to the Administrative Commission its claim for higher wages, says Arthur Bouchard, president of the organization. Information from the various departments has been collected, which will be used in supporting the request for consideration. Mr. Bouchard, who is also president of the Federal Workers' Union of Policemen, declares that it is merely the low wages paid that makes it difficult to fill the vacancies in the Montreal police force.

of Agriculture. The householder will be required to deposit the sum of five with the department to pay the transportation of the girl from England. This amount may be deducted in instalments from the girl after she has entered the employ of the householder. The department undertakes to keep a watchful eye on the girls to see that they are well treated by their new employers.

SLEEPING AND PARLOR CAR EMPLOYEES GET INCREASE.

Dining, sleeping and parlor car employees of the Canadian National Railway have been granted an increase of 10 per cent. as a result of negotiations with representatives of the road which have been concluded at Toronto. The increases date back to May 1. While the percentage of increase is not so large as that granted to other employees on the road, it is quite satisfactory to the men. In view of the fact that they were already receiving more than men employed in similar capacities on other Canadian railways and have better privileges.

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CANADIAN SHIP BUILDING ADVANCES.

A sudden increase in shipbuilding activity in Montreal is indicated in the announcement made by the Canadian Vickers Company, Limited, namely that another 3,400-ton vessel, the Canadian Communist, will be launched October 30. The new freighter is built for the Canadian Government Merchant Marine.

LONDON STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES TROUBLED.

Legal action against the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board on the grounds that it has failed to keep its wage agreement may be taken by London street railway employees, it was stated this week. Color is lent to this by the admission of the board that it is retaining part of the September surplus in order to meet possible deficits in the winter months.

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MAKE IT DOMINION-WIDE.

The following editorial from the columns of the Civilian is self-explanatory. Sufficient evidence is submitted to convince anyone of the urgent necessity for all civil servants to join in the movement that stands for the progress of all wage-earners.—Editor.

Three groups of federal employees in Ottawa have organized and affiliated with Labor. Already results show the wisdom of the move. Complex problems have begun to be solved, cruel discrepancies and injustices to be eliminated, the just demands of civil servants to be hearkened to with more than mere politeness. But this is only Ottawa. What about every other city, town and hamlet from coast to coast where there is a handful even of Government employees? Have you considered the tremendous energy for right action that would be generated by Dominion-wide organization and federation—federal, provincial, municipal? Have you compared your present state of futility and weakness with what such a future might bring? Have you thought of the privations, present and future, that loom so large before you with hitherto apparently no way of escape, and that might be averted by the gradual, inexorable, steady, but sure, advance of the class of Labor, built gradually, inexorably, stone by stone, solely for the noble purpose of self-defence against the insupportable enemies of humanity? Men and Women of Canada, remember, scattered and helpless you fall; united and powerful you stand! Life's tragedies have proved this! Let Life's future prove that we have profited by the past!

Bankers Should Not Control Credit.

Credit is the life-blood of modern business. At present, under the control of private financiers it is administered, not primarily to serve the needs of production, but the desire of financial agencies to levy a toll upon community activity as high as "the traffic will bear."

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THE MINIMUM WAGE LAW.

By Rev. Peter Bruce.

This Bill, Number 224, is an act to provide for a minimum wage...

The law is designed to protect women and girls in industry...

The Act will be administered by a board composed of five persons...

The board shall possess all powers that may be conferred upon a commissioner...

completely until recent years. The question is now within the realm of practical politics...

The hearings before the committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives...

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Twenty Minutes Late

By Kennedy Cross.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week, the 5:15 Grand Transit, with her load of perhaps 400 commuters...

One little girl at play was responsible for the whole remarkable incident...

The men of the freight train were already on the track, hard-handed...

She had been playing with her brother on the track, this child of four with golden hair and broad forehead...

The act does not apply to farm laborers or domestic servants...

A similar act is in force in Manitoba, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Quebec...

The labor of women outside of the home constitutes one of the vital problems in Canadian life...

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If the working classes attempted to improve their own conditions by striking or forming unions...

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FRENCH TRADE UNION FEDERATION REPUDIATES THIRD INTERNATIONALE

Leon Jouhaux Attacked Most Vigorously the "Dictatorship of the Proletariat" and the E. C. Was Upheld in its Action Regarding the International Labor Office and the I.F.T.V.

In a recent issue of the Canadian Labor Press we made mention of the fact that the French Federation of Labor had repudiated the Third Internationale of Moscow...

The Congress of the Confederation Generale du Travail de France at Orleans has been looked forward to for weeks as indicating how far the extremists had succeeded in penetrating the federations...

However, the struggle at Orleans was over the "Third Internationale" and the Bolshevik minority...

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CIVIL SERVANT'S VIEW OF WINDSOR CONVENTION.

For the first time in the history of service organization, Civil Service delegates attended a convention of the Trades and Labor Congress in force...

The great body of men and women representing Labor are being more fully informed today as to actual conditions in the public service...

On the other track the freight train backed until the tails of the two were within 50 yards of one another...

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THE LABOR MARKET

In these piping times of "reconstruction" we hear a lot about "the labor market" and notice is taken by the newspapers of the fact that "the labor supply is again normal," says the World.

These commercial phrases somehow have a too familiar ring. It appears that notwithstanding solemn assurances that "Labor is not a commodity or an article of commerce," they are up to their old tricks again. The saw with which we forget and slip back into well-worn grooves of habit and speech is truly appalling. But it would not be so bad if we stated in speech alone. It is the fact that these familiar phrases as applied to labor have an evil and a sinister portent that hurts.

Like "Slave Market." Somehow when men speak of "the labor market" we are reminded of "the slave market," "the sheep market," "the hog market," and other places, and conditions of commercialism. There is neither music nor poetry in such words treated with respect which is applied to the cause, work-a-day, soulless exchange of material necessities. There is little humanity or sympathy in them. The thing that pains us is that there is so little notice taken of the entire procedure. In spite of glib promises to labor during the war that labor would be treated with respect which in its due, we are witnessing a return to the antique phraseology of economics which we had reason to suppose was fast becoming obsolete. Treatment of labor as a commodity is as flagrant as ever.

The Vicious Circle.

By W. R. Dincox
When but a little boy was I
And joy was at my side—
When grizzly care ne'er ventured
My night about ten farms wide,
My share of wealth, a faithful dog,
Who ever at my side was found—
No, he was within the firm, instead
Of as a "mere commodity"—not
until the dawn of the new era for
which the world war was fought by
a majority of the men and women
who laid down their young lives—
not until labor is emancipated from
industrial servitude, will the world
be made safe for an enduring democracy.



The Wise Guy—No thanks! Too Busy!

Successful Plan to Combat H. C. of L.

(By F. A. Carman.)

There is one palliation of the high cost of living which has been resorted to on a large scale in England and in other European countries, but which has never been very popular in Canada. This is co-operation. There are, however, some places where it has been practised with success, and Sydney Mines, N. S., is one of them.

The British-Canadian Co-operative Society, Limited, has now completed fourteen years of operation. Its twenty-eighth half-yearly meeting was held on the 16th of September, when the report was received for the half-year ending with August 4. This report showed an increase of nearly one-quarter in the value of the sales for the half year; and it showed a trade balance of \$11,140. What is regarded by co-operators as more to the point it showed a return of twelve per cent. to members on general purchases and ten per cent. on purchases of meats. Customers of the stores who were not members of the society received half the percentage returned to members.

The explanation of these figures is this: Co-operative stores are operated on borrowed capital, the capital usually being loaned by members. On this capital a fixed rate of interest is paid. Goods in the store are sold, generally speaking, at current prices, though in some instances there are cuts in price. At the end of the accounting period, half-year or year, as the case may be, if a profit has been earned more than

sufficient to pay the fixed rate of interest on capital, it is returned to the customers as a percentage on their purchases. It is customary to give members a higher percentage of return than non-members. These percentage payments are frequently called "dividends on purchases," at the British-Canadian Co-operative they are spoken of also as "returns."

The use of the term "dividend" recently caused an incident in connection with the tax on the stock, the claim for which was not to be made. The office of the Inspector of Taxation at Ottawa got hold of one of the statements of the society, and jumped to the conclusion that there was a new source of revenue. So a statement was sent in to the co-operative asking for the payment of the tax on these "dividends." When it was explained, however, that they were not in the nature of "interest" on investments, but were merely a refund of part of the purchase price to customers of the stock, the claim for taxes was withdrawn and the principle of co-operation escaped a serious blow at one of its vital methods.

The secretary of the British-Canadian Society is Mr. W. C. Stewart, and he is a sturdy co-operator. In his view co-operation is "the only thing that will reduce the high cost of living." The returns on purchases are, he pointed out, a direct reduction in that cost. A member of the society, as he put it, "can live equally as well as anywhere else, and have the dividend to his credit."

Mr. Stewart was asked his opinion as to why co-operation had not taken hold in Canada as in England and Scotland. He put it down to the desire to "get rich quick." He expressed the view that the time has come when it will not be easy to make a fortune in the way that people would begin to settle down. These conditions would make for the popularity of co-operation.

"The labor market is growing," he said, "and co-operation is growing. I think the time is ripe for co-operation."

Regarding the general business outlook, Mr. Stewart said: "This is a time to be careful. Slack times in the United States and in Great Britain will affect us eventually. I have seen it come before."

The British-Canadian Co-operative Society was started by seven members. It was begun with a capital of \$242; today it has a capital of \$111,673 in share capital, and \$74,459 in loans. No member is allowed to hold more than \$2500 in mortgages upon it, although members holding that amount are allowed to subscribe to the society loans. The share capital is withdrawable at the discretion of the members, and there have been withdrawals; but in spite of the fact that the members were free to draw out their capital, the capital has grown until it has reached the present figure.

The "property account" of the society is worthy of attention. It includes six separate pieces of property, live and rolling stock, fixtures and bakery equipment. The total cost has been \$67,448; it is carried in the accounts at \$24,485; and there are no mortgages upon it.

While the British-Canadian Society has had a prosperous history, as the figures quoted indicate, it is not to be inferred that the winning of a co-operative store is always a straight sailing. There is, in fact, an example to the contrary in the neighboring town of Glace Bay. There the co-operative store has not been a success, and has just recently been taken over by the British-Canadian. The reason given by Mr. Stewart for the failure at Glace Bay is that the society there did not remain "true to Rochdale," the founder of all co-operatives. It was that the store at Glace Bay which failed had "fixed" capital; while the store at Sydney Mines, which succeeded had "withdrawable" capital. This was one of the points on which Glace Bay departed from Rochdale.

BRITISH LABOR LEADER ON PRESENT SITUATION.

Interviewed by a representative of a Prague newspaper, Mr. J. H. Thomas expressed the following opinion on various British and international questions of the moment (says Reuters):—

The Communist element in Great Britain was unimportant.

Ireland will probably get Dominion Home Rule.

Labor was inadequately represented in Parliament, but would shortly be admitted to take part in the government of the country.

The mines and railways would be nationalized, but compensation would be given to the owners.

The "Little Entente" (of small Central Europe States) was a good thing if it was intended to prevent war.

Not only Soviet Russia but also Polish imperialism was a European danger.

The best means of raising the value of the crown coin would be an international loan.

The miners' strike in Great Britain was of a purely economic character.

NEED OF SAFETY IN INDUSTRY

The State Industrial Commission has issued startling statistics on deaths of workers engaged in building construction. It is shown that there are four times more workers employed in factories than in building, but during the four years from October, 1916, more fatalities occurred in building construction.

Of the 1,641 fatalities during this period, 445 were due to falling, and of this number 154 deaths resulted from scaffolds and 29 from ladders.

The Industrial Commission has prepared a new building code designed to standardize construction apparatus, and to reduce the number of preventable accidents. The commission was assisted by representatives of contractors, workers, engineers, inspectors, insurance companies and manufacturers.

UNEMPLOYED IN BRITAIN.

"The problem of unemployment is daily growing more acute," writes the labor editor of Reynolds' Newspaper.

"Not only in dockland, but throughout the whole of industrial England an alarming situation has developed during the past two months. It is safe to say that such a percentage of out-of-works has not been reached since pre-war days."

Many schemes calculated to relieve the distress have been formulated by borough councils, but except in very few cases has any real attempt been made to cope with the problem. In and around the docks the pinch of poverty is being felt more and more."

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Blow piercing and cold;
When the Frost King swoops down
Like some demon of old;
When the mercury is dropping
To forty below,
And the whole earth is buried
In six feet of snow;
Just slip on your furs
And walk down in the yard,
And you'll find there the switchman
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When the hot sun in August
Is burning the earth;
When electric "breeze makers"
Are proving their worth;
When the ice-man is chucking
And counting his gains;
When to look out of doors
Gives your eyes a pain;
Then down in the yards
In the scalding heat,
There's a B. R. T. switchman
Patrolling his beat.

When the chill rains of autumn
Are drenching the ground,
And the most of the "public"
By breezes are found;
When the hall and the street
Cut the face like a knife,
And you feel to go out
Lest you shorten your life;
Walk down to the yard,
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—(W. H. Stober, Spokane, Lodge No. 351.)

THE TROUBLE IN A NUT SHELL.

(Sunday Pictorial, London, Eng.)
The Canadian Government is anxious to convince us that it really does want British emigrants of the right kind, in spite of the unfortunate nature of some recent registrations. Mr. Robert J. C. Stead, the writer of Wild Western novels, has just arrived in London on a special mission from the Immigration Department at Ottawa. Almost every rural district in Canada is calling out for labor. The trouble is that immigrants want to flock to the cities.

Is Your Home Safe?

Every year there are hundreds of citizens badly scalded by boiling water, and year by year the appalling total of children scalded to death grows. Put all hot liquids out of reach of the babies.

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Match another horrible fascination for children. Hundreds of fires have resulted from children playing with matches and many young lives have been needlessly snuffed out because someone was careless with matches.

Someone has said "An upturned ear is a proof of evil. Keep your house and property free from broken glass and boards with nails in them. Blood-poisoning and serious infections are often the result of stepping on nails or broken glass."

Keep all poisons out of reach of the children. Put a piece of tin in the cork of the bottle so you will know a poison bottle even in the dark. If you can do not keep any poisons in the house.

Figures show that falls are responsible for more accidents and deaths than any other cause in the home. Keep your stairs, especially the cellar steps, clear of boxes, bottles and other matters. Keep the steps in good repair. Keep dark halls free from obstructions that might trip someone. Train the children to put toys away instead of leaving them lying on the floor.

Nearly all of the cases of infection and blood-poisoning are caused by the neglect of small injuries. If you scratch or cut yourself use iodine to kill any possible infection. Iodine is clean and efficient. It is children of the community are the responsibility of the fathers and mothers. Parents are morally obligated to make their homes safe and to teach safety to the children.

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And see the gems that robe Eternity;
Hear the vast murmur of the distant sea;
The sounds of ghostly hoys upon the sea;
The tumult of the wind upon the sea;
Reading the aim with wild caecity,
The sound of myriad autumn leaves that perch.
Earth crumbles at the working of decay,
For Time has trod upon that rocky road,
And breathed the first chill blast of icy night,
Scattered like seed a few fair flakes of white,
Robbed the bright blooms of every fading ray,
And stripped the cypress of her heavy load.

WILLIAM WARRIS.
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BOASTED EFFICIENCY IGNORES MANY WASTES

Loss Through Labor Turnover Greater Than All Strikes.

The Federal Bureau of Mines says that more than 600,000,000 gallons of gasoline is lost by evaporation and that this loss could keep 1,300,000 automobiles in commission for a year if each car used 220 gallons of gasoline. The annual money loss is estimated at \$159,000,000.

The worst feature of this loss, says the bureau, is that the wasted gasoline is the most volatile and consequently the best quality of gasoline obtainable, and that the prevention of this loss, which is economically possible, would not only increase the gasoline supply materially, but would also increase the general standard of the gasoline.

Experiments in the principal fields show that a great quantity of the gasoline now escapes into the air. This can be conservatively estimated at about 26 per cent. of the gasoline in the crude oil. Probably half of this can be economically recovered, and this quantity will not only increase the supply but improve its quality.

The above statements are in line with similar declarations by other Government bureaus regarding the economic loss through a wasting of the country's resources.

The United States health service recently showed the appalling losses to this country because of diseases that can be prevented.

The forestry service has stated that for every four forest trees cut down by lumber men, but one is planted.

Secretary of Labor Wilson has stated that the loss through labor turnover is greater than all strikes and lockouts combined. Other losses include 200,000 babies under one year of age who die annually, 110,000 mothers who lose their lives because of improper attention at child birth, thousands of lives lost in industry and hundreds of thousands injured, and staggering losses because of faulty marketing systems, lack of proper storage, etc., etc.

The list could be continued indefinitely, and in every case shows the loss through strikes which statement was not, not by removing the cause, but by taking workers' rights from them.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NOW CANADA'S BEST CONSUMER

Philadelphia Trade Union News. From Ottawa comes the statement that the grand total for American trade with Canada for August was \$132,451,998. Imports from the United States were \$85,354,193 and total exports thereto \$47,097,805. The imports were \$1,300,000 below those for July, but \$23,000,000 above those for August last year.

August exports to the United States were \$33,800,000 in advance of those for July and \$2,900,000 over those for August last year.

United States exports to Canada in August were four times those of the United Kingdom, which stood at \$11,471,960. Exports to the United States also exceeded those to the United Kingdom by about \$11,000,000. For the eight months ending August, imports from the United States were \$454,315,000, or at the rate of \$17,000,000 monthly, while exports totalled \$342,851,000, or at the rate of \$12,000,000 a month.

During this period the United States sold to Canada commodities to the value of \$11,000,000 more than the United Kingdom did and bought \$11,000,000 worth more than did the latter.

Now Canada's Best Customer. It is quite probable that the United States has really replaced the United Kingdom as Canada's best customer, and that a return to normal conditions will show this. The change may be attributed to the rapid increase in exports of wood pulp and paper to the United States during the last two years.

The August trade returns gave another demonstration of the growth of the pulp and paper industry, the value of these exports for August, 1920, being about 120 per cent. in advance of those for August, 1919, in the case of the United States. These exports increased 137 per cent. in value during this period and for the year ending August, 1920, will be equal to 150 per cent. for the

MINERS PREPARE OLD AGE PENSION BILL

Wages and Hours Not All That Interests Labor.

A bill to provide Old Age Pension has been prepared by a special committee of the United Mine Workers of America, aided by Mr. A. W. Kerr of Springfield, Ill., chief of the legal department of the Illinois miners, that should be enacted into law and placed on the statute books of each and every state in the United States and Canada. While the bill has been prepared by the miners' organization, and has its unanimous support, it is not framed for the special benefit of its members, but takes the broad view that society in general should adopt a humane method of caring for dependent old age.

The main features of the bill are:

1. All persons sixty-five years of age and over who have been citizens of the United States for twenty years and resident citizens of the state for ten years, shall be eligible to receive a pension, subject to the provisions of the bill.
2. The claimant or applicant for a pension must be a person of good moral character.
3. The applicant's income from all sources must be less than four hundred dollars per annum.
4. The pension granted to any person must be so rated that the claimant's pension and income combined shall not exceed four hundred dollars.
5. Severe penalties are provided for fraud or attempted fraud by any claimant or any person in behalf of a claimant.
6. The management and distribution of the fund is vested in a commission to be appointed by the governor, aided by a county agent or deputy in each county, appointed by the commission.
7. The maximum amount granted to any claimant shall not exceed seventy dollars per month, payable monthly.
8. The bill as a whole is just and humane to dependent old age, protects the state against fraud, and is fair to the taxpayer.

We claim in behalf of the measure that society is compelled to and does care for its dependents.

That under existing methods the manner of caring for old age is cruel and degrading and does not measure up to the standards established by the following named governments: viz., England, France, Italy, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, and Germany, where pension laws have been established and have proven so satisfactory to all classes from every point of view that no man or party would dare advocate a return to previous conditions.

That the per capita cost of maintaining our dependent aged persons under the present system is unequal and in many states exceeds the amount of pension provided for in this bill.

That several of our states, notably Ohio, New York, Illinois, Massachusetts and California, have made exhaustive studies of the subject through regular advisory commissions and their reports prove beyond a doubt the feasibility and advisability of establishing old age pension.

That such a law has the approval of every labor organization in the United States, the endorsement of every woman's club who have read the matter under consideration, if it advocated by leading social reform workers and is endorsed by many of the leading journals of the country.

That actual experience of the Typographical Union has proved the pension system to be more popular, more economical and more humane than caring for dependents in institutions provided for that purpose.

The United Mine Workers are deserving of credit and commendation for their unselfish advocacy and support of so just and humane a measure, and in their behalf we respectfully ask the support and co-operation of all fair-minded men and women to the end that thousands of our aged citizens who are entitled to our care and respect be saved from the disgrace of a home in the poor house and a grave in potter's field.

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CANADA'S OCEAN-TO-OCEAN HIGHWAY.

Despite the tremendous influx to Canada every summer of thousands of American tourists (many by automobile), and that the returns from tourist traffic are estimated by the executive secretary, Northwest Tourist Association, to constitute the Dominion's fourth principal source of revenue, Canada possesses no transcontinental highway, in contrast to the seven separate coast-to-coast systems existing in the United States. Although Canadian highways and motor roads are admirable ones and receive continual Government and municipal attention, and are especially well maintained in such holiday-seeking centres as the National Parks, the playground of the Rocky Mountains, the Eastern Townships of Quebec, and the section between the Toronto-Hamilton and Montreal-Sherbrooke highways, there has been no single system whereby the traveller can journey throughout the whole Dominion. The project was mooted and strenuously advocated by the various provinces under different names, and especially well maintained in the stress of hostilities, proposed again as a permanent Canadian national war memorial, and is now likely to come into being very shortly.

The King's International Highway. The latest project which seems likely to be adopted is that of the "King's International Highway," the shortest and most feasible route between Montreal and Vancouver and the nearest approach to an all-Canadian highway. This has been mapped out and surveyed to pass through Ottawa, Mattawa, North Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Duluth, Winnipeg, across the prairie to Metchosin, Crow's Nest, Pass Fernie, Cran-

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NATIONALIZATION OF MINES INEVITABLE IN BRITAIN.

MONTREAL, Oct. 28.—"Nationalization of the British mining industry is inevitable," said Ben Spoor, labor member for Bishop Auckland in the British House of Commons while in Montreal, prior to sailing for England on the Metagama. Speaking of the miners' strike, he said: "This is not a wage dispute in the ordinary sense. It is rather an active protest against the Government's violation of pledges. The Government had promised to stand by the decision of Mr. Justice Sankey in the commission of 1917, who recommended nationalization of mines as the only practical alternative. The Government, however, refused to give effect to this recommendation."

Mr. Spoor does not think the strike will last long. The disposition of the whole nation would be so terrible that an early offer of terms by the Government was certain.

"The financial loss," he said, "will be incalculably more than the small advance in wages would be, so it would have been a better policy for the Government to have realized this and conceded to the men's demands."

WHAT WOULD CANADA DO?

A grim warning for Canadians lurks in the British Government's prohibition of the export of coal as the result of a domestic industrial crisis. The event happens across the ocean, but the lesson comes right to our doors.

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