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THE PROSPECTS FOR LABOR DAY

Baby Show Promises to be a Big Attraction of the Celebration—Contest for the Other Cups to be Keen.

Weather conditions being guaranteed right on September 7, on Labor Day, of this year, and the celebration will not take a back seat from any of its predecessors. In spite of one or two hard knocks which some of the unions have received this year, the union spirit is stronger than ever, and will be able to assert itself in defence of the principles for which trades unionism stands with as proud a bearing as any army that ever battled for right and justice.

Undoubtedly a popular feature of the day's doings will be the "Baby Show." There are as few babies born today as ever were born, and why should not a pride be taken in showing them? They certainly mean more to the future of this country than all the valuable prize-winning horses, cattle, and dogs that will attract, and deservedly so, the attention of the thousands of visitors from all over this Dominion next week. Babies are valued in this country, where we refuse to allow them to be put into factories and mills to bring on us the disease of child-labor, as it exists in some of the States across the line. Therefore, it is deemed not amiss to award prizes to the finest babies.

What the Labor Day Committee having this delicate matter in charge propose to do in the matter of prizes will be seen by an inspection of the special prizes which the committee has placed on exhibition in the window of the Star office, at the corner of Yonge and Adelaide streets. The show case in which they are exhibited being furnished by the Canada Show Case Co., 124 Richmond street east. The prizes are very handsome, and of considerable value, in nearly every instance representing an actual cash value of from \$15 to \$25, apart altogether from the added value of articles won under such circumstances as these will be won under. The chief prizes consist of a very handsome baby carriage, a cot, and a number of other useful articles, including three magnificent babies' robes, to describe which would require a more facile pen than mine. The idea of the committee has been to make the conditions for the Baby Show such as to command genuine respect and admiration, by offering nothing of a cheap or ridiculous character. Every prize will be worth the winning.

The competition will be in three classes, a one year old and under class, a two year old, and a three year old. The entries will be entirely open and free, no restrictions or fees whatever being allowed. All that is required is for everybody to be interested, and for the babies to be produced. The judges will do the rest.

In this latter connection an important and delicate point for the committee to settle is as to whether ladies could be complete judges at a baby show. Two doctors were decided upon, and the question was as to whether a lady should be appointed as the third judge. One objection urged was that in the matter of babies, a woman's judgment is too apt to be influenced by a sweet and winsome baby face, which at once captivates her sympathies and admiration, regardless perhaps of the fact that the baby with the pretty face may be flat chested, poorly developed, and in general physical points not a prize-winner. I believe the objection weighed with the committee,

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THAT COMMISSION'S REPORT ON LABOR

What it Does Not Know About the Labor Conditions Would Make a Much Larger Report Than the Present One.

The Globe's Ottawa correspondent furnishes the readers of that paper with a summary of the report of the commission to investigate the labor conditions of the west. If the correspondent's summary be at all correct, the commission has evidently investigated something upon which they were in no way competent to pass judgment.

When this commission was appointed it was pointed out by labor men that there was considerable inconsistency upon the part of the Government in appointing a commission which did not include at least one labor man, and the finding of the commission will convince any who are at all conversant with the facts that there was very little wisdom or common sense shown in the selection of the commissioners. It was another of those intricate political dodges to fool the people.

What we would like the commission to explain is how they arrived at the conclusion that it was in the power of any one or two individuals to fool any large body of men to the extent of placing them upon strike without their knowing of any just cause why they should be there? It does seem that the following summary from The Globe of what the

commissioners found out was just about what any commission whose sympathies were with either side could find out, and they were not in close enough touch with social questions to understand them.

Here is the summary:

"In the case of the strike at Union the officials of the Western Federation of Miners were proved to have been guilty of deception in dealing with the local unions, who still should have possessed their utmost confidence. The Federation were prepared to organize the Japanese and Chinese laborers in the Dominion to effect their purposes, and their chief representative in Canada did not respect his oath as it should have been respected in giving evidence before the commissioners.

"It is evident a crime to organize the strike at Union was not due to any real feeling of dissatisfaction among the miners in regard to the conditions of their employment, but to a carefully contrived and skillfully executed intrigue on the part of persons acting as part and parcel of the Executive of the Western Federation of Miners at Denver.

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CONCLUSIONS.

"In the conclusions of the commission on the problems to which the relations of organized labor and organized capital have given rise and more particularly the matter of industrial disputes and questions incident to them are carefully reviewed, and the rights and duties of the respective parties in relation thereto set forth. The right of workmen to combine is defended, but the sympathetic strike, the boycott, intimidation, black-listing and picketing, as commonly practiced, are condemned.

"The strike for recognition, according to the report, should not be declared unlawful, but it is specially incumbent on the authorities when such a strike takes place to see that no illegal or criminal methods are used to gain reinforcements.

"With respect to international organizations, it is pointed out that the chief objection is the liability of Canadian workmen to interference by officials in matters of contract and in settlement of differences with their employers. In this connection, if Parliament would declare that, notwithstanding anything contained in the constitution or in the rules of the international bodies, any agreement arrived at by an employer with his employees in settlement of a dispute should be valid and binding, the most formidable objection to these bodies would be removed.

"The report draws a sharp line of distinction between the legitimate trade union and a class of so-called union which is not really a trade union at all, but a secret political organization. To the latter class are assigned the American Labor Union, the Western Federation of Miners and the United Brother-

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does not lead us to the conclusion of accepting the report of this commission as "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." They will have to go deeper into the question than they are capable of if this is the best they can give us, or be discharged as incompetent.

The labor difficulties of the west are not all brought about by these "secret political organizations," but are largely due to the men who have been given the robes of the west for a song.

The politicians are to blame for the condition of that section of the country, and the commissioner; if it had told the truth, would have said so.

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Editor Toiler: In answer to Paul Lincoln in Aug. 7th Toiler, will say that if a man cannot work at will and own his own property, he is a "wage receiver."

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