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#### A SPLENDID EXAMPLE

We are much gratified over the result of the convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress just concluded in Vancouver, B.C., where the sane element of labor completely carried the day when Mr. Tom Moore and Mr. P. M. Draper were again elected President and Secretary respectively.

Both of these men are splendid examples of the Canadian Workman, and are fully qualified to handle the big task that presents itself in the managing and directing of an Association representing the majority of labor in Canada, and we feel confident of Mr. Moore's ability to place organized labor on a safe and sound basis. Labor the world over has had a hard siege these past few years and Canadians have had their full share, and it takes a man such as Mr. Moore to keep the ship steered in the right direction. It would indeed have been a fatal mistake if Tom Moore had not been returned to office for this year, as he is the most capable man we know of to take care of the huge problems which confront Canadian working men today.

#### RADICALISM IN CANADA.

By the words of one of its spokesmen, the so-called Workers' Party of Canada should be discredited in the eyes of loyal citizens of the Dominion. One Morris Spector, who, we are told unofficially represented the communist movement in Canada at the last Congress in Moscow of the Third Internationale, is reported to have described the Workers' Party as a "revolutionary political organization and part of the world movement directed from Moscow." Such an avowal should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. Mr. Gompers, the veteran president of the American Federation of Labor, not long ago asserted that emissaries of the Soviet Government of Russia were carrying on propaganda intended to disrupt the organized labor movement of the United States and to promote a communistic revolution against the constitutional government of the country. Morris Spector, if he is correctly reported, gives a very clear warning that the objects of the leaders of the Workers' Party in Canada are the same as those of the individuals of whom Mr. Gompers complains. With its motives revealed the Workers' Party will find its attempts to win proselytes opposed by the sane majority of the workers of the Dominion. Sovietism and communism have not brought such peace, prosperity and happiness to Russia as to lead Canadians to desire their introduction into this country. Neither will a political party which confesses itself the tool of revolutionary agencies in a foreign land commend itself to patriotic citizens of the Dominion.

#### TEACHING PATRIOTISM IN THE U.S.A.

(I.F.T.U. Press Service.)

The steady increase of armaments in the United States has not excited unqualified approval among the American people. In particular, the necessity for the increase in the air fleet is not always fully recognized. In order to teach a proper appreciation of the armament efforts of the United States Government, certain of its members have had the brilliant idea of giving object lessons on the usefulness of the air fleet. Hence, sham attacks are to be made by aeroplanes on American coast towns, a fleet of 27 planes visiting one town after another. For the benefit of New York special arrangements have been made; an artificial darkness is to be induced, which can be penetrated by no single ray of the brilliant August sun. Possibly there is some symbolism in this; men's understandings must be physically darkened before they can fully appreciate the heroism of Government efforts for their protection. Even in this physical and mental darkness, the Americans may well ask themselves against whom these elaborate preparations are being made. Against South America? Surely not. Against Europe? Europe needs all her explosives for her own countries, for the last war, terrible as were its devastations, has not completed its work of destruction in that continent; Europe therefore has no occasion to go to America for the satisfaction of her lust for destruction.

The American Legion (association of ex-soldiers) has sent an invitation to Mussolini to address its conference at San Francisco next October. His reply is that he has nine revolutions brewing; after they are over, he may accept the kind invitation.

Increase of Child Labor. The employment of child labor has increased since June, 1922, by about 57 per cent, according to statistics furnished by the United States Children's Bureau.

#### TRADE REVIEW

Although weather conditions in certain sections of the west have necessitated some modification in the unusually favorable crop reports of a month ago, the general outlook is still better than the average. Cutting commenced in Alberta during the second week of August, and, despite a few serious hail storms, which fortunately covered only limited areas, it has been estimated that the wheat crop will average 25 bushels to the acre. In Saskatchewan, a slight reduction in yield is expected, as a result of the extreme heat which affected the crops over large areas during the early part of August. Rust and hail were reported from many points but taking the province as a whole, neither has affected the yield materially, nor has insect damage been serious this year. According to estimates, the wheat yield will be above normal. In Manitoba, the extreme heat during the latter part of July caused considerable damage, particularly in those sections where the earlier rainfall had been light. Frequent showers, combined with extreme heat, caused rust to develop in many districts, principally in the southern parts of the province. The net results of these factors is a marked lowering of the grades. Present indications are that this year's western crop will be approximately the same as that of last year.

#### The World Wheat Situation.

As harvest operations proceed, economic conditions throughout the Dominion rest in the balance pending the crop outcome here and abroad, and wheat, as usual, holds the centre of the stage. More keenly than ever before the Canadian producer keeps in touch with world wheat statistics. A radical readjustment is taking place in the relative importance of wheat producing countries, and this has a vital bearing upon the future of the Dominion. War and post-war conditions and the Soviet experiment have at least temporarily eliminated as large exporters such countries as Russia, Roumania, and Bulgaria who collectively used to export nearly one-third of the wheat exported by producing countries. To meet the deficit, the wheat acreage of large producers such as Argentina, Australia and India was noticeably increased. It was the North American continent, however, that really filled the breach. This required a substantial annual expansion of wheat acreage which is strikingly illustrated by the following figures for pre-war acreage, war peak acreage and acreage at present.

United States: Pre-war, 1909-13, 47,097,000; war peak, 1918-19, 67,437,000; Present, 58,253,000 acres.  
 Canada: Pre-war, 1909-13, 9,945,000; War peak, 1918-19, 18,240,000; Present, 22,165,000 acres.

As will be seen the reduction in the acreage of North America from the war-peak has only been 6 per cent, a considerably smaller reduction than might have been expected under the circumstances. In fact, Canada has increased her acreage since 1919 by 22 per cent. Mean-

while, the abnormal demand occasioned by war conditions has passed, and European agriculture has more or less become normal, agriculture, obviously, being less affected by chaotic political and financial conditions than other lines of industry. Present prospects indicate an increase in the wheat production of Europe, not including Russia, as compared with last year's yield, of slightly over one hundred million bushels. Against the increase which is anticipated in Europe, it is now estimated that production in the United States will show a decrease of about seventy-five million bushels as compared with that of the previous year. Outside of the United States and Canada, the important wheat shipping countries are the Argentine and Australia. The total exportable surplus of these and other exporting countries in the southern hemisphere, harvested early this year, showed no increase.

#### THE EIGHT HOUR DAY

At "home work" one night, Henry Smith, Jr., was assigned to tussle with one of those eternal problems beginning, "If it takes five men working ten hours a day to complete a certain piece of work..."

Next morning the answers to all the other problems were neatly written out. In place of anything in the blank space under that particular one, however, was a brief note from Henry Smith, Sr.

"Esteemed Madam: I refused to let Henry do the sum you gave him yesterday because it looks to me like a slam on the eight hour day. Any sum not more than eight hours a day he is welcome to do, and if he gets it wrong I will put in the extra hours licking the stuffing out of him. Yours truly, H. Smith, Sr."

American Rule in The Philippines. General Wood, Governor-General of the Philippines, has subordinated his government to the interests of American Big Business. He has tried to abolish the public ownership of the Philippine railways, to secure all the sugar business for the American sugar trust, and to suppress the National Bank so as to bring all credit under the control of Wall Street.

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#### ONTARIO JOCKEY CLUB.

The race meetings of the Ontario Jockey Club, whether in May or September, are not only tests of speed of the highest order by the best horses, but they furnish the chance for a reunion of admirers of the thoroughbred horse, from the length and breadth of Canada.

How often does one hear the remark, "I only go to the races twice a year. To 'Woodbine' Spring and Fall. I see all my old friends, the best horses running for the best purses, and leave after a most enjoyable week," and more than this the ordinary individual cannot ask.

In the stakes which have just closed, to be run at the Autumn meeting of the Ontario Jockey Club, quality and quantity are both much in evidence. In the two ten thousand dollar stakes, namely, Toronto Autumn Cup, a mile and a quarter, to be run on the opening day, Saturday, September 22nd, and the Ontario Jockey Club Cup at two and a quarter miles—the longest flat race of the year on the Canadian turf—to be decided on the last day of the meeting, Saturday, September 29th, the best horses of America are entered as well as the stars of the Canadian circuit.

The entries in these two races number fifty-three in the former event and fifty-one in the longer distance race.

Canadian owners and breeders are also well provided for and the stakes confined to Canadians show a most gratifying response in the quality and number of entries, but if "Woodbine" has an especial feature aside from long distance racing, then it is leaping, for it is here that the best leapers of America are to be found.

Much of the success of the revival in cross country racing and steeplechasing is due to the persistent encouragement given the sport by the Ontario Jockey Club. Little wonder then that the Triple Event, which consists of three Five Thousand Dollar steeplechases, in addition to a plentiful sprinkling of overnight jump events throughout the meeting, should attract to Woodbine the last week in September the best steeplechase horses in training on the American continent.

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 Ontario Jockey Club Cup. Handicap, \$10,000 added, for three-year-olds and upward. Two miles and a quarter.

Durham Cup. \$7,500 added, for three-year-olds and upward, foaled in Canada. One mile and three-quarters.

Seagram Cup. Handicap, \$5,000 added, for three-year-olds and upwards, the bona-fide property of owners resident in Canada, one mile and a sixteenth.

Rothschild Cup. Handicap, \$3,000 added, for three-year-olds and upwards, foaled in Canada, six furlongs. Horses are only eligible to enter in this race which during the years 1922-23 have not run upon race courses in Canada which are not under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Racing Association.

Landsdowne Nursery. Handicap, \$5,000 added, for two-year-olds, foaled in Canada. Six furlongs.  
 The Grey Stakes. \$5,000 added, for two year olds. One mile.  
 THE TRIPLE EVENT.  
 Woodbine Autumn Steeplechase.

Handicap, \$5,000 added, for five year-olds and upward. Two miles.  
 Coventry Steeplechase. Handicap \$5,000 added, for four-year-olds upward. Two and one-half miles.  
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## CAUSES OF INFANT MORTALITY

Results of an extensive investigation into infant mortality and its causes in Baltimore, Maryland, have been made public by the U.S. Department of Labor through the Children's Bureau.

This study is the latest and "in my respects the most important" of the Bureau's infant mortality studies. Previous investigations have been made in Johnston, Pa.; Manchester, N. H.; Waterbury, Conn.; Brockton, Mass.; Saginaw, Mich.; New Bedford, Mass.; Akron, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Gary, Ind.)

The Baltimore study is especially important because Baltimore is the largest of the cities studied, and also because it is, in its population, the city of its industries, and the rate of infant mortality prevailing, a typical American city.

Overly, employment of mothers outside the home, housing below the proper standard, short intervals between births, and the death of mothers at or soon after child-birth were among the conditions causing high infant mortality rates among certain groups of mothers. Similar conditions were found elsewhere for high infant mortality rates in other cities.

A summary of the findings of the Baltimore report is as follows: The mortality in the entire group of 10,797 legitimate births studied was approximately the same as the infant mortality in the cities of the United States birth registration area the same year.

Mortality rates markedly above average for the entire Baltimore group occurred among the colored babies, foreign born Polish families, and the very poor native white families.

Low mortality rates—approximately those in New Zealand, which has the lowest in the world—were found among the babies of foreign-born Jewish mothers and in families of the highest earnings group.

Breast-fed babies in every group of the population had lower mortality than artificially-fed babies in the same group.

New evidence is afforded by the Baltimore study that poverty is an important factor in infant mortality. Eliminating differences in color and nationality and considering only the babies born to native white mothers, the facts showed that infant mortality rose as the fathers' wages fell. In the poorest families studied about one baby in six died within the year; in the most prosperous families about one baby in twenty-six died within the year.

Employment of the mother away from home during pregnancy (which was chiefly in factory work) was accompanied by a high percentage of premature births and high infant mortality, especially from the causes peculiar to early infancy. Employment of mothers away from home during the first year of their babies' lives also markedly increased the hazard to the baby. Room congestion and lack of sanitary conditions in the house were accompanied by death rates above the average.

First-born babies had a mortality slightly higher than second and third babies, but among the later orders of birth the mortality rose steadily.

Babies of mothers under twenty and of mothers of thirty-five years or older showed higher mortality rates than other infants.

Births following a preceding birth by an interval of less than two years

## THE COMPANY UNION AND ITS RESULTS

By ROD. PLANT  
Treasurer Allied Trades and Labor Association

The Company Union, that pet scheme of the anti-union employer, has failed him. Not only has it proven disastrous, as intended, to the workers, but also has it proven so to the employer in many instances.

The hostile employer apparently considered that all of his troubles would come to an end if he could but rid himself of trades unionism, whereas it has been shown that on various occasions, this decision having been made, was but the starting point from which an endless chain of trouble began. Here is a case in point, and I could cite others which would bear out my assertions.

A certain employer decided that the trade union within his plant must



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be destroyed. He succeeded in convincing his workers that the company plan of organization was best for them. Many were the golden promises he made them, in fact, a most beautiful picture of the future was painted for their benefit, the result being the acceptance of his plan.

This so called union, however, did not function very long, the golden promises were broken one by one, the dupes who had so graciously accepted them were in time discharged in like manner, and a spirit of ill-will and mistrust arose amongst those who still remained in the employ of he who had so broken faith.

How could it have been otherwise? How could any intelligent man or woman retain faith in one who would destroy their only means of protection, and whose promises were but empty phrases. That spirit of co-operation which is so essential to the welfare of any business was therefore lost to him.

This is but one of the manners in which the company plan has redounded to the detriment of the employer himself. There are others also.

The organized workers decided to refrain from purchasing the products

had a higher mortality than births occurring after a longer interval.

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of the plant until such time as the employer would again deal with his workers as members of a trades union. The results of their decision were unmistakably disastrous to the business, sales decreased immediately and continued to decrease at such conditions under which "bargains" to reduce the price of the product, in the hope of regaining lost trade. Again this employer erred in judgment, for the organized workers and their friends still withheld their patronage, and although many were the means devised by which he hoped to regain the trade lost, his plant, the largest and most modern of its kind in the district where it is located, is not now producing anywhere near its capacity. In this case the greatest hopes of a supposedly great business man were blasted by that very object which he had endeavored to destroy.

Employers of labor must realize that whilst trade unionism is not always essential to the successful operation and expansion of their own particular industry it is not at all undesirable, and that once it has been established therein, that to endeavor to destroy it is bad policy to say the least. They should also realize that other workers who form the larger proportion of the consuming public, whose goodwill is a great contribution not only is the good will of their own workers necessary, but also that of the ing factor to the success of every business.

The magnetism of the "bargain price" is not always sufficient in itself to attract the purchaser, there are always those who consider the conditions under which the "bargain" is produced, employers should take cognizance of these facts, and endeavor to win the favor of all classes, and antagonize none.

The right of the worker to organize for her or his protection, is a right given through legislation, it is recognized in the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles, that instrument which terminated the greatest slaughter of human life in the history of the world; it is also a moral right, and no employer, however powerful financially he may be, can expect to infringe upon those rights without suffering proportionately to his offence, for "The way of the transgressor is hard."

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## PROTECTION OF EYESIGHT OF THE WORKERS

In recent years technicians and students of hygiene have again given much attention to the problems of industrial lighting and the protection of eyesight in industry. Even before the war much study was devoted to these subjects by the competent associations in Great Britain and America.

The problem of industrial lighting is not only connected with industrial hygiene generally and with the protection of eyesight, but also has a direct bearing upon the important questions of output and of vocational guidance.

Investigation has shown beyond all doubt that adequate lighting of the factory and of the post at which work is done is absolutely necessary to ensure cleanliness, the prevention of fatigue, the avoidance of accidents, discipline among the staff, economical use of raw materials, improved quality of the articles manufactured, and increased speed and better supervision of the work.

A new publication of the International Labor Office dealing with the protection of eyesight in industry aims at giving a general view of the various aspects of this extremely complex problem and the results of the investigations of scientific and technical experts.

The report is to a large extent based upon the conclusions of the International Illumination Commission which met in Paris in 1921, and upon the information collected by scientists in various countries. The first part gives definitions of photometric units and magnitudes, the various factors affecting natural and artificial lighting, and the quantity of light required for various kinds of work.

The following chapter contains a detailed study of a factor which is too often neglected in considering problems of lighting, namely the nature of the work to be done. The size, colour, and characters of the surface of the work are, of course, liable to produce either a favorable or unfavorable effect upon the eye. This chapter is devoted to the eyesight. There is also a special chapter dealing with eyestrain. Some attention is given to the importance of lighting in the prevention of industrial accidents and in avoiding eyestrain, and an account is then given of the legislative measures which have been adopted in various countries to ensure the proper natural and artificial lighting of industrial premises.

As regards the prevention of eyestrain, it should be noted that the interesting question of vocational guidance in its relation to eyesight is dealt with in detail, and that tables showing the demands made by different occupations upon the eyesight are given. This question deserves the special attention of those persons who issue certificates showing the qualifications of children for employment or who are responsible for the admission of adults to certain kinds of work which require specially good eyesight.

This interesting study of the question of the protection of eyesight in industry contains a large number of tables and illustrations. The notes in the appendix enable readers to follow certain technical details which are not strictly necessary for the comprehension of the questions dealt with in the report itself.

## TRADE REVIEW

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The estimates given above do not appear to justify the pessimistic outlook for wheat prices which seems prevalent at the present time, but on the other hand they do not indicate that any great improvement may be looked for immediately. There is no doubt that for some time past wheat has been selling at a relatively lower price than almost any staple commodity. It is obvious that this situation cannot continue for any great length of time, and its effect is already clearly seen in the situation in the United States, where the production of maize has shown an enormous increase coincident with a reduction in the wheat acreage. Where other agricultural products can be grown more profitably they will certainly replace wheat until the price of the latter comes into line with that of other commodities. In a country where consumption of agricultural products approaches or exceeds production, a change from one product to another can more easily take place than in the case of a staple commodity.

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## MINERAL PRODUCTION IN CANADA

The improvement in the mining situation in Canada and in the metal markets of the world is reflected in the remarkable recovery of mineral production in the Dominion during the year 1922. Preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Trade and Commerce, Canada indicate the extent to which the Canadian mining industry has recovered from the market readjustments of 1920 and 1921. The value of minerals produced last year, as reported by the Dominion Statistician, amounted to \$183,030,000, an increase of \$11,106,000 over 1921. The year's output was made up as follows: metallics, \$61,145,000; non-metallics, \$82,582,000; structural materials and clay products, \$39,303,000. In comparison with preceding years the 1922 mine yield may be considered very creditable and is only exceeded by records established in 1918 of \$211,301,000 and in 1920 when the peak of \$227,859,000 was reached. The increase in the value of metals produced, which was 23.9 per cent greater than the previous year, was largely responsible for the improved showing of mineral production in 1922.

The feature of the increase in the yield for last year was the gain made in the output of gold by the two great producing provinces, Ontario and British Columbia. Of the total of 1,263,364 ounces valued at \$26,116,050 produced in Canada, Ontario's mines yielded 1,000,340 ounces or 79.18 per cent, and British Columbia produced 263,024 ounces or 16.42 per cent. Silver recorded a substantial increase in both quantity and value over 1921, production rising 35 per cent and value increasing 46 per cent. Lead showed an even wider spread in its increase, the yield being 40 per cent in advance of the previous year while the prices received improved up to 52 per cent over the record of 1921.

**Non-Metallics**  
There was a slight decline in the production of non-metallics including coal which amounted to about \$5,260,343 in value, largely due to the loss of production caused through labour troubles. The output of coal, notwithstanding this loss of time, reached the encouraging amount of 15,045,286 tons with a value of \$66,486,025. The 1921 production was 15,057,493 tons. Alberta coal mines had the highest output with 5,991,000 tons and occupied second place among the coal producing provinces of the Dominion. British Columbia accounted for 2,927,000 tons.

The production of natural gas in Canada reached 14,954,097 thousand cubic feet, valued at \$5,468,963. Ontario retained the premier position and produced 7,800,000 thousand cubic feet, while Alberta followed with an output of 867,000 thousand cubic feet. About 753,897 thousand cubic feet were produced in New Brunswick. Asbestos mining in Quebec, in common with other asbestos-producing countries of the world, suffered a decline in 1921 which continued throughout the first half of 1922. In the latter part of the year there was considerable activity, the output reaching 163,700 tons of all grades, as compared with 92,761 tons in 1921.

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## INTERNATIONAL LABOR NEWS

(I.F.T.U. Press Service.)

### THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WORKING WOMEN.

The third congress of the International Federation of Working Women, which was held from August 14 to 18 at Schloss Schonbrunn, Vienna, was notable for the large attendance of British and American delegates. Sixty of these countries were represented by 10 delegates. France and Italy sent 3 delegates each, Belgium and Sweden two each, and Roumania 1. Guests were present from Argentina, Chile, China and Japan, and German, Austrian and Swiss women also took part in the Congress. All the delegates were representatives of trade union organizations. The International Federation of Trade Unions was represented by Sassenback.

The Congress adopted the report of the Secretary, Dr. Marion Phillips, for the past two years, and then proceeded to discuss the work of women for peace, for legislation for the protection of labor, for the regulation of homework wages, and for a family wage. In respect of all these questions resolutions were adopted, which were drawn up by special commissions. A point of special interest was the resolution respecting cooperation with the International Federation of Trade Unions. In this resolution the I.F.W.W. declared that it was prepared to transfer its work to the International Federation of Trade Unions on the following conditions:

- 1.—That a special Women Secretary should be appointed.
- 2.—That an International Women's committee should be appointed to cooperate with the I.F.T.U., and to arrange for a meeting with the latter whenever such meeting might be necessary, but in any case once a year.

September 3. All branches of Government service but one will be represented. The Federation includes government officials of all ranks from assistant secretaries to charwomen and messengers, and can boast of a large membership of scientists, nurses, librarians, lawyers, doctors, chaplains, engineers, economists, statisticians, etc. It also comprises clerks and accountants, customs officials, inspectors and mechanical workers. It is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

### RAILWAY SHOPS CONTROVERSY

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The A.E.U. would not agree to the proposal (continues the Lines Committee), and would only agree to joint negotiations with the Federation of negotiations conditionally upon the N.U.R. allowing the A.E.U. the right to negotiate for the skilled engineers who were members of the National Union of Railwaymen.

The Lines Committee goes on to say that "Had the A.E.U. agreed to joint Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades and the N.U.R. in January of 1921, when the question of determining shopmen's wages and conditions were in progress, the arbitration proceedings would not have been instituted, and the question of grading men would not have arisen, and the railway shopmen would have had an agreement similar to the agreement

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Coming to the present position the Lines Committee of the N.U.R. asks the A.E.U. Executive Committee to review the proceedings of the joint meeting held a fortnight ago in connection with the position on the Great Northern.  
To remove the obstacle in the way of agreement (says the Lines Committee) Mr. J. H. Thomas proposed at this meeting that a small committee be appointed representing the Federation and the N.U.R. to go into the points in dispute, and present a joint report to a further meeting of the conference.  
The N.U.R. representatives plainly told that the Craft Union of the conference could not entertain the N.U.R. proposal.

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