

GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT DURING THE PRESENT SESSION

Some Important Changes Contemplated, Including An Increase In Indemnities—Twenty-five Hundred Maximum Will Be Removed—Children's Allowance Will Be Increased.

(By Our Own Correspondent)
The government have introduced a measure to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act. The proposed amendments will undoubtedly improve the act. Dependents' indemnities will be increased from twenty to thirty dollars per month; children's allowance will also be increased from five dollars to seven dollars and fifty cents per month. The maximum indemnity which is now twenty-five hundred dollars will be removed.

There are still a number of improvements that can be made to the Alberta Act. We understand that an effort is being made to have a uniform act for the western provinces. Another amendment is in effect to permit the Compensation Board to include any number of workmen who express a desire to come within the scope of the Act. Last year the board asked to be allowed to determine who should be protected by the act, but the legislature refused on the grounds that it gave them judicial powers. If this amendment is approved by the House, any group of workmen can secure the protection of the act by making an application to the board. The board will have power to refuse an application but such a contingency is extremely unlikely as the greater the number of persons insured the more economically can the act be administered.

It is also rumored that the Workmen's Compensation Board will be entrusted with the administration of the Factories Act, at least that portion of it which deals with the proper protection of machinery, sanitation, etc. This change will also make the Factories Act more effective. The protection of machinery is fast becoming a part of all modern compensation acts, as it is now found to be more economical to prevent accidents than to pay for them. Another feature of the modern Compensation Act which is not so well known is the retraining of industrial cripples. The U.S.A. federal government has set up institutes for the ex-

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF LABOR CHURCH PROMISED SUPPORT

Question of Housing To Be Taken Up By Executive of Labor Party

The Labor Party meeting on Tuesday evening was rather interfered with by the fact that the Co-operative Society was meeting in the next hall and did not reach the Labor Party meeting until around 8:45.

However quite a lot of business was transacted. The party promised support to the W.A. of the Labor Church who are organizing a tag day on Saturday, March 27 in support of the families which are in hard circumstances in Winnipeg. On the question of sending representatives to the proposed Defense Committee there seemed to be much misunderstanding and the matter was eventually left in the hands of the Executive.

The reports of the Paper Committee and the Treasurer showed that the party was keeping up its line with its plans.

The Executive Committee was instructed to meet with the Labor representatives on local elective bodies and take up a number of questions, including that of housing, that are agitating the minds of Edmonton citizens at the present time.

The MacDonald-Cooper Letter Its Revelations and Motives

By The Editor.

It is doubtful if very great surprise has been occasioned by the statements contained in the letter of the MacDonald-Cooper Company to the Canadian Board of Commerce. But while the person is naive indeed who today believes that competition exists in the sphere of big business, some of the assertions of the local firm are worthy of note; not because they are in any sense surprising, but because of the source from which the information is obtained.

"We are not willingly a party," the letter reads "to any arrangements as to prices at which we shall sell; but we are compelled to take profits greater than we consider fair, reasonable or necessary, for the reason that if we sell these controlled lines at figures less than the prices fixed by the manufacturers, the latter refuse to supply us with their goods. In some instances we are compelled to take almost double the margin of profit on which we could operate successfully."

We are not dealing just here with the cause of this seeming rebellion of the MacDonald-Cooper conscience. There is no reason, however, to doubt that the firm is relating a significant fact in the above quotation. When the reader makes his purchase of this week's supply of groceries he is likely to remember with a pang that "in some instances we are compelled to take almost double the margin of profit on which we could operate successfully."

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IS SOCIALISM A MENACE TO FAITH BROTHERHOOD TOPIC

The Men's Brotherhood of First Baptist Church will continue its discussion on "Is Socialism a Menace to Faith," on Sunday afternoon, March 14th. E. E. Roper, editor of the Free Press has been invited to take part in the discussion on Sunday. The meeting takes place in the church auditorium at 3 o'clock.

CONVENTION OF A.F. OF L. WILL BE IN MONTREAL

Headquarters in Windsor Hotel and Meetings in Craig Street Drill Hall.

Frank Morrison, Secretary of the American Federation of Labor, was in Montreal last week, completing preliminary arrangements for the annual convention of the A. F. of L. which is to be held in that city in June.

When Montreal was first suggested as the seat of the next A. F. of L. convention, the project was in danger of falling through, as it was thought impossible to secure the necessary accommodation in the city. This has now been obtained, and it is announced that the headquarters will be at the Windsor Hotel, and the meetings will be held at the Craig Street Drill Hall.

A large number of delegates are expected to attend coming from all over the world, and the convention will probably be the largest ever known.

Montreal Trades and Labor Council have selected a committee to act in preparation capacity, etc., for this convention. The committee is composed of J. T. Foster, President; Gus France, Vice-President of the Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada; Jos. Gauthier, Vice-President of the Montreal Trades and Labor Council; Alphéus Mathier and A. Bastien, general organizers for the American Federation of Labor for the province of Quebec. In addition to this committee, all local unions have been invited to appoint a delegate to the convention, to complete a reception committee for the convention.

WARREN S. STONE BEING BOOMED FOR PRESIDENT

Admirers Say He Is Logical Man To Lead Non-Partisan Movement in U.S.

It is rumored that Warren S. Stone, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and President of the Plumb Plan League, may become a candidate for the United States Presidency.

Admirers in the northwest and middle west are starting to boom him for the White House job, according to a private letter received at Washington recently by a Labor leader. The writer, a Labor man and a warm friend of the Brotherhood chief, says he is being suggested as the logical man to head the Labor ticket or to lead a non-partisan movement supported by liberals, farmers and laborites with a platform declaring for government control of the railroads and announcing a practical program for reducing the cost of living. Stone began the agitation to reduce the cost of living that led President Wilson to call the first industrial conference.

According to one of his associates, he has no presidential aspirations.

MANCHESTER BUILDING TRADES PROPOSAL TO SOLVE HOUSING QUESTION

The bricklayers' union of Manchester, England, has secured the co-operation of all the other unions engaged in house-building and has proposed to the Manchester council that the workers be given the contract to build 2,000 houses as an experiment. They believe that, working under their own leaders, responsible legally and financially for the output, and with the "team work" engendered by the knowledge that the whole return on the project will go to the workers and not to any contractor, they can do more and better work than any private contractor. The Manchester council has accepted the offer and awaits formal approval from the British government.

Manchester needs 20,000 workers' homes at once, and 50,000 within a short time. Private enterprise has failed to provide the houses. If the experiment succeeds the workers in the building trades industries propose to expand their committee into a national guild, which shall build houses all over England.

The union label stands for morality, cleanliness, honesty, civility toward woman and protection of the young.

In the Legislature

An interesting and exclusive feature contributed to the Free Press by Mr. Alex. Ross, M.L.A. for Centre Calgary

The third week of the session came to a close with but little material evidence that progress has been made. The many bills which are now printed lie in a state of neglect on the desks awaiting the mental pruning knife of Alberta's legislators. The skill with which the said weapon is used, like other instruments depends largely on its temper. Unlike many other instruments, however, it is very sensitive. This year it seems to have a premonition that it will soon be replaced by something more suitable. It has lost its edge. It also moves rather slowly under certain climatic conditions and can always be seen at its best if the weather is nice a few days prior to Easter.

Just why the legislature is always summoned in February is a cabinet secret but secrets sometimes escape. February is the most suitable month for the farmer members; it is also the most suitable month for cabinet ministers who are not farmers. They know that the farmer member likes to get back to the plough about Easter, hence if a long session is desired which few of them like, the legislature is called early in February. If a short session is desired then it is called late in February. It is a simple but effective method of determining the length of the session without appearing to be unduly autocratic. This year the session will be short because Easter falls early in the month. It may be that next year the session will be still shorter as some of the cabinet ministers at times display an inclination to abolish the legislature altogether. They seem to be quite satisfied with their ability to legislate if left alone, and often regard the legislature as something designed for no other purpose than to interrupt their benevolent yearly program. Fortunately the private members are beginning to chafe at the restraint imposed upon them as a result of the implied power in the cabinet. Three resolutions were disposed of during the week all of which might well be regarded as a protest against our system of government, which in the last analysis is government by cabinet in council. The finest resolution by Turgeon was a plea for the private member to be allowed to vote as he pleases on a government measure, without the government in the event of an adverse vote regarding it as a vote of no confidence. The resolution was ruled out of order because it interfered with the King's prerogative, as it has always been the King's prerogative to call for the resignation of a premier whom he thought had lost the confidence of a constituent assembly. The second resolution was from Davidson, who asked for the abolition of the senate. The resolution was defeated, the front benches of both parties arguing that it was a federal question which ought not to be discussed by a provincial legislature. The front benches' argument was not very convincing. While it is true that the Federal government appoint the Senators, it is equally true that the senate by virtue of its constitutional power exercises an influence on provincial legislation. An influence that can always be relied upon to retard or block any departmental measure, without the government minister with a trade, it is much better for employers and employed to make up their minds as to what they really want," said Lord Askwith.

It might seem a strange order and an undue interference with individual liberty to enact that persons must belong to a union or association if they were to take part in a trade, said the speaker, but he pointed out that nobody might practice at the bar unless he is a member of one of the Inns of Court, and nobody might practice as a solicitor unless he was on the solicitor's roll.

He instanced the agreement which he managed to effect between the coal owners of South Wales and their employees as an example of the successful working of the principle. The employers recognized the advantage of the men belonging to a union, and they said that, though they did not care to compel the men, they would use their best endeavors to see that persons working in their mines were members of a union. In a short time there was not a non-unionist in South Wales. A hint had only to be given by the manager that a man had better not come from England unless he became a member of the union, and that the whole of the mining industry in the district must not be disturbed because a non-unionist came in. He believed that agreement was doing more to maintain peace in the mining industry in South Wales than almost any agreement made during the war.

The discussion on proportional representation showed that a great many members of both sides of the House were quite satisfied with the present electoral system. The member for Medicine Hat thought we could become too democratic, and that the whole discussion was a waste of time. He wants a more business-like form of government. But as the present legislature is composed of business men it is difficult to see how he could improve it from his viewpoint. He ignores the fact that the vision of the majority of business-men is limited to the environs of a block or a peanut stand. There are some evils in his city which he thought we might discuss to advantage rather than waste time on an abstract question like proportional representation. Medicine Hat is evidently suffering from an evil which proportional representation might eradicate.

The opposition precipitated a debate on Mr. Gariy's right to occupy a seat in the House because he is now a resident of the province of Quebec. There

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ALL DEPENDENTS OF DECEASED SOLDIERS TO RECEIVE INDEMNITY

All dependents of soldiers, sailors or airmen killed during the war have been notified by the board of pension commissioners that, under the terms of the peace treaty, all pensioners of the deceased men are to receive indemnity for their loss.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION IS ADVOCATED

Labor Member Presents Resolution Calling for Change in Electoral System

(By Our Own Correspondent)
The Labor member for Centre Calgary moved a resolution on Thursday afternoon for the appointment of a special committee to investigate and report on how the provincial electoral system can be best improved. His plea for a special committee was based on the claim that any change to our electoral system should be preceded by an educational campaign. He was in favor of proportional representation which if adopted would involve redistribution and that the whole question could be best examined by a committee vested with power to issue periodical reports. If the government undertook to carry on a campaign of this nature, their reports might be given a party bias which would render the whole campaign ineffective, he asserted. He described the Calgary system the single transferable vote as the best system now in operation. He thought if proportional representation was adopted it would not materially effect politics in the province as all that it could claim to do was to guarantee a more representative legislature. A lengthy discussion followed on the merits of proportional representation. The mover finally withdrew the motion as a result of a statement made by the Premier that he would appoint a special committee at the next session of the legislature. This committee would be assisted by the clerk of the council who is at present engaged in collecting data relative to the question raised.

More than 1,000 exhibits were filed by the government in the trial of seven labor men charged with seditious conspiracy in connection with the big 1919 Winnipeg general strike.

DEFENCE CHARGES CITIZENS' COMMITTEE AS BEING REAL INSTIGATOR OF ANY RIOTS

(By Gordon Cascaden)
(Special to The Free Press)

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WAGE WORKERS SHOULD ALL BE TRADE UNIONISTS

Industrial Courts Bill Provides for Settlement of Industrial Disputes Without Jail Sentences.

Every wage worker should be a member of a trade union, declared Lord Askwith, in speaking on the industrial courts bill, which provides for a settlement of industrial disputes without resorting to fines or jail sentences. Lord Askwith was chief Labor conciliator under the Asquith government, which was succeeded by the present Lloyd George ministry.

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EMPLOYEES DENOUNCE POLICY OF CANADIAN WESTINGHOUSE CO.

Steam and Operating Engineers' Union at Hamilton, Ont., report trouble with the Canadian Westinghouse plant at that city. It is stated that the firm is firing union men, and the company's policy was denounced at a recent meeting of the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council.

PRINTERS' HOME AT COLORADO SPRINGS FINE INSTITUTION FOR RECOVERY OF TRADESMEN WHO HAVE LOST HEALTH

Fred McCreath Receives Breezy Letter From Harry W. Falconer, of Moose Jaw, Who Is Endeavoring to Regain His Health At The Home

Harry W. Falconer, of Moose Jaw, President of the Western Canada Conference of Typographical unions, suffered an attack of flu last year and found it difficult to recuperate following his illness. He decided to take an extended vacation and chose the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs as the place to spend it. The following extremely interesting letter to President McCreath of the Trades Council, gives a fine description of life at the printers' big institution:

Union Printers Home, Colorado Springs, Colo., February 14, 1920.

Dear Friend Mac:
Have had you in mind a very great deal of late, and have been trying to get around to writing you a few lines,

GOVERNMENT FILES MANY EXHIBITS IN WINNIPEG TRIAL

Defence Charges Citizens' Committee As Being Real Instigator of Any Riots.

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The other exhibits are made up of letters seized in the homes of these unionists as well as permit cards, copies of the Strike Bulletin, photographs, wage contracts and other documents in some way connected with the strike.

One hundred and thirty-five witnesses also gave evidence for the crown, five of them, however, not appearing in person. They are in sunny California, the balmy Florida or sanatoriums outside Canada's boundaries, but each tells a story of the awful conditions which existed here when the workers decided they would all take a holiday at the same time.

The Defence did not put on any witnesses or file any exhibits. Following introduction of this mass of evidence the jury retired while the Defence and Prosecution battled for more than two days regarding the subject matter of the appeals to the jury. The defence fought strenuously for admission of everything within the covers of the exhibits, declaring it did not have anything to fear from a thorough examination of everything connected with the strike of the Labor movement in general. It also wanted the scope of the trial broadened so that it might include an inquiry into every cause of the tie up. It charged that the employers' organization, which masqueraded under the sweet sounding name of "Citizens' Committee," really was the real instigator of any riots.

A. J. Andrews, K.C., one of the principal spokesmen for the so-called "Citizens' Committee" during the strike, and who has sworn, as crown prosecutor, to see that "even handed justice" is received by the men on trial, and the battery of the legal fraternity at his command, fought successfully against admission of all this evidence, Judge Metcalfe upholding their arguments.

They filed certain books and certain volumes of the Western Labor News and the complete files of the Strike Bulletin, for example. But they marked only little parts from this article or that article and read them to the jury. They objected resolutely to the Defence being permitted to read other parts of the same articles or from other articles explaining the marked passages of the Strike Bulletin. "We are not afraid if everything is put before the jury," the defendants said. Judge Metcalfe refused, however, to let the defendants read what they desired, himself marking, with a black pencil, parts which they might use.

Efforts to settle the strike after it once began and any activities of the so-called "citizens' committee" would not be considered in this trial, Judge Metcalfe said, following lengthy arguments.

It would therefore seem very appropriate indeed that this year's convention is to be held in the same city and in the same assembly hall in which scarcely three years previously the question of forming such a political organization was first discussed.

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Railway Clerks and Freight Handlers No. 648.
Canadian National Railway Federation.
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Dunvegan Carmen No. 550.
Retail Clerks Association No. 1176.
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ONTARIO ANNUAL CONVENTION I.L.P. TO BE IN LONDON

In Same Hall Where Question of Political Organization First Discussed 3 Years Ago

The Ontario Annual Provincial Convention of the Independent Labor Party will be held in London on Good Friday, April 2nd and the following Saturday. The London branch of the I.L.P. has appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the holding of the convention.

The splendid auditorium of the Masonic Temple has been secured for the event, being centrally located and convenient in every particular. It would seem an appropriate place, says the Industrial Banner, in which to hold the annual gathering, for delegates who attended the annual convention in May, 1917, of the Labor Educational Association of Ontario, will remember it was also held in the same hall and it was at this convention that the incoming Executive Board was instructed to call a meeting in some central point in the province as soon as possible for the purpose of forming a Labor Party and that all bodies favoring the taking of independent political action, should be invited to send representatives to the same.

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UNIFICATION OF CANADIAN LABOR LAWS IMPORTANT

Provinces Slow in Making Appointment to Board Provided By Industrial Conference.

The unification of Labor laws in Canada was the most important question discussed at the National Industrial Conference which met at Ottawa last September, says the Canadian Railroad Employees' Monthly. At that time the absolute necessity of such a move was acknowledged by all and the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

At this conference a resolution was adopted which suggested the appointment of a Board, whose duties would be to bring to the attention of the Governments of the Dominion and of the several provinces, the advantage of uniformity in the laws relating to the welfare of those engaged in industrial work. The Board is to be composed of a representative of the Government, a representative of the employers and a representative of the employees, both as respects the Dominion and each of the provinces. It was also asked that the Dominion Government be requested to ask the Government of each of the provinces to select or have selected representatives in respect of the provinces as set forth in the resolution.

This was in September. As yet no conference of the various representatives has been held. Some of the provinces have not yet made the necessary appointments. The Dominion Parliament has assembled and if we are to have the draft conventions adopted at the International Labor Conference, and embodied in the Treaty of Peace it is absolutely necessary that the various governments make the appointments at once and the conference immediately assembled.

Canadian workers have been tolerant for a long time. Government officials have stated that Canada, having ratified the Peace Treaty, the Government intends to carry out the Peace Treaty obligations in spirit as well as in letter. Organized Labor, through its recognized mouthpiece, the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, has stated that it will co-operate with any government in having the Labor legislation contained in the Peace Treaty carried into full force and effect.

Do the various provinces intend that our peace treaty obligations be carried out or is it merely a "scrap of paper"? Industrial unrest is just as prevalent in Canada today as it was at any time but the Canadian workers are anxiously awaiting for the oft-heralded new day when Labor will no longer be considered a mere commodity and that social justice will be more than an idle dream. Undue delay on the part of the various governments is little encouragement for the men and women employed in industry who have given, and will continue to give, the best that is in them. When amendments were being made to the Immigration Act there was no talk of delays or "due consideration." Let there be none in the drafting of uniform Labor laws for Canada.

PRINTERS' HOME AT COLORADO SPRINGS FINE INSTITUTION

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is the only way to keep a bunch of printers in line. I mean, of course, the kind of printers one would expect to find around a place of this kind—most of them sick and disgruntled. The discipline is really wonderful. In the dining-room, for instance, one never hears a loud word. There is no horse-play of any kind allowed anywhere on the grounds, no loud singing or whistling. There are lots of cards and other kinds of games played, but gambling is absolutely barred. Smoking is also against the rules, but occasionally a few will take a chance with Lady Nicotine. The food is very good. The milk especially, as might be expected from that prize herd of Holsteins, can always be depended on.

Description of Sanatorium.
Although the main building is all one, so far as the residents are concerned, it is divided into two sections or classes—sanatorium, and aged and infirm printers. So far my remarks have referred only to the sanatorium side. Being barred from the old men's side owing to lack both qualifications—age and infirmity—I have so far been domiciled on the sanatorium side, so will give you a few more particulars on this section. I am stretching this out more than I had intended when I started. However, Bob, it has occurred to me that, if you think it worth while, it might interest your members at a union meeting.

At the present time there are about two hundred and thirty residents, about fifty-fifty, old men and sanatorium. There is very little communication of any kind between the two classes. There are two dining-rooms, and separate assembly rooms, the library being the only place where there is any mixing. A newcomer on arriving is taken in charge by a nurse, assigned a room, given a book of rules, etc. It makes no difference how well one feels, he must stay in bed until the examining doctor has had a chance to examine and diagnose the case. If the patient is in bad shape he is kept indoors altogether. If it is a tubercular patient it depends on the condition he is in as to where he is assigned. Some are given rooms that open out onto large porches, so that if they desire to sleep outdoors they can run their bed out on the porch. Others go to the tents, of which there are twenty, all steam-heated and electric-lighted, and electric bells connected with the main building, so if anyone takes a bad turn during the night (or day) they can ring for a nurse. Then there is the pavilion, which will accommodate thirty patients. The lower part of this building is devoted to an assembly room for reading, writing, games, also baths, lockers, etc. On the east and west sides are what are called wings—just lean-tos, the part facing the south being open save for a wire railing. There are ten beds in each wing, and you can quite understand that patients assigned these berths get plenty of medicine, especially when the mercury hits around the twenty-seven below mark, as it did one night early in December. Some mornings they wake up with snow on their beds. The upstairs will accommodate ten. One large room with ten beds in it. Lots of light and air, as a part of the windows cannot be closed. There is also a comfortable sitting-room, bath room, etc.

Once a week the doctor examines temperature and pulse charts. From these he decides the amount of exercise for each patient. Owing to the high altitude (6,100 ft.) new-comers must be careful not to walk far nor fast until they become seasoned or climatized. After three weeks I was started off with fifteen minutes, and at the end of two months have one hour and a half.

Now for a few rules and regulations, and penalties. Breakfast 7:30-8; dinner, 12-1; supper, 5:45-6:30. Beefsteak, mutton chops or eggs may be had at any meal in lieu of the regular bill.

All patients are required to rest in bed from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m., also a half hour after supper. During these rest hours patients are not allowed to read, write or engage in conversation. Of course the latter restriction is violated pretty regularly, and occasionally someone is caught reading. All sanatorium patients must carry sputum cups. Great emphasis is laid on the importance of avoiding promiscuous spitting. In this connection I am going to dare suggest to your local that if you have not a law against the filthy habit of spitting here, there and everywhere around the shop, adopt one with a stiff penalty, and for God's sake enforce it. There are many tubercular people in the world today as a result of that abominable habit. The sputum is the greatest source of infection. It is harmless in the moist state, but dried sputum will float in the air and may be inhaled.

Sanatorium patients, by securing the permission of the doctor and superintendent are allowed to go to the city for four hours one afternoon in seven days. They must remain in the grounds between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. In addition to the four hours, anyone desiring to attend church may get a pass good for

DAILY HERALD EDITOR IS IN RUSSIAN CITY

George Lansbury in Wireless Message Tells of Conditions in Russia

(By Federated Press)

London.—The first private wireless message that has come from soviet Russia has been received here. It was a description of Moscow by George Lansbury, editor of The London Daily Herald, now in Russia.

"The churches are all open, and people going in and out," he said. "The magnificent shrine in the Kremlin was being visited as of old. All classes are in the streets. All suffer hunger, cold and sickness, due entirely to civil war, aided by foreign gold and arms."

"As to peace with our neighbors, there is no obstacle on this side. All Russia demands from her neighbors is friendship. Poles, Ukrainians—in fact, all peoples—can have peace if they will treat Russia as a free nation."

"I am struck with the calm confidence with which all officials face the future. It is their faith which keeps the masses with them. . . . People are badly dressed, but are looking remarkably well considering their privations; but the outstanding fact is that the blockade and civil war have let loose disease and want of every description. Yet these millions of human beings desire only to be allowed to live."

"Atrocious mauling is played out here and in Petrograd. I am as free and safe alone in the streets as in London; indeed, more so. True religion is untouched; true marriage is as sacred as ever. The churches are being restored at the public expense. There is nothing here worse than in other capitals; there is much, very much that is better."

Two hours. Lights out every night at 9:30 o'clock. The penalties for violations of any of these rules are as follows: First offense, remain within the limits of the residence grounds for a period of two weeks; second offense, four weeks; and a third violation means immediate expulsion. No sanatorium patient is allowed off the grounds during his first thirty days' residence, no matter how well he feels.

Old Men's Department.
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superintendent for which they receive a small remuneration, and were beside anyone who butts in. There is one chap here 92 years of age. He can still kick over his head and delights in taking a fall out of some of the younger fellows. He has been here 27 years. Of course there are a lot of very fine gentlemen among them.

Fine Library

The library is one that is certainly a great credit to the institution. It contains nearly 15,000 volumes of carefully selected books, besides numerous monthlies, weeklies and dailies. On Sunday evenings this room is filled with camp chairs and a moving picture put on, which is much appreciated. A four-piece orchestra furnishes music. There is also a tenorist artist at our service to the extent of two free shaves a week and one hair cut a month. Laundry is free, and all kinds of clothing is furnished as required. Besides all this every resident receives a pension of fifty cents a week. Altogether, I think the Home is a splendid institution, well and economically managed, and is doing a grand work, not only in caring for aged and infirm members but also in assisting many of the younger members to regain their health.

HARRY W. FALCONER.

ST. THOMAS, ONT. GAS EMPLOYEES GET INCREASE

St. Thomas, Ont. Gas Works' Employees have been conceded a twenty per cent increase, retroactive to January 1st. Under the new schedule all employees work on straight time basis, the committee refusing to consider the men's demand for time and half for overtime, Sundays and legal holidays, which was in effect last year. The fifteen strikers under the new system will receive 55 cents an hour, on an eight-hour day, in place of 46 cents, while the yard men, meter readers and trouble men were increased from 35 cents an hour, ten-hour day, to 45 cents an hour, nine-hour day.

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FORCED STRIKE FOR EXCUSE TO BOOST THE PRICE

Strike Leader Declares Big Lumber and Paper Company Created Trouble

(By Federated Press)

International Falls, Minn.—The Backus-Brooks Lumber and Paper mill interests here forced a strike in their logging railroad in order to take advantage of the strike clauses in their paper contracts and raise the price of paper, it is charged by H. J. Ratelle, one of the striking trainmen, in an open letter to Horace G. Whitmore, state adjutant of the American Legion.

In the letter Ratelle charges that as soon as the strike had begun, the Backus interests gave wide publicity to false stories of riot and disorder. The company was thus enabled to abrogate the old contracts and make new ones, charging higher prices for paper, he said.

"The Canadian government's answer to this was to take over the Canadian mill, but the governor of Minnesota didn't even nibble, but swallowed the bait and the hook and put the onus of the whole affair upon the innocent worker," said Ratelle.

For many weeks the strike-bound district has been occupied by state troops, at a cost to the state of \$157 a day.

The Backus interests own two large paper mills, said by paper men to be making profits of 400 per cent, or a minimum profit of \$70 a ton. They also own lumber, telephone, coal, electric and other companies.

It is well known here that Backus had the 1919 legislature create a judgeship, to which the governor appointed Backus' private attorney.

BALTIMORE WORKERS ARE ORGANIZING A LABOR COLLEGE

Baltimore, Md.—A labor college to bring education to the worker in the shops is being organized here by the unions. Courses in public speaking, economics, current events and English will be offered for the first. Lecturers will be obtained from Johns Hopkins university, Goucher college, and other institutions in the vicinity.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE A.F. OF L. IN SESSION AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

The executive committee of the American Federation of Labor began a lengthy session at Jacksonville, Florida, on Tuesday of last week. It is expected that the convention will last till the latter part of this week. The political situation and other urgent questions will be considered, and the action of the committee, it is thought, will stimulate the labor movement for the battle which it must fight on the political and industrial fields in the immediate future.

TEACHERS CAN PROTECT IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY

By Affiliating With Trade Unionism Which Stands For True Democracy.

Teachers affiliated with trade unionism can protect the ideals of democracy, declared Dr. Harry E. Overstreet at a meeting held under the auspices of the Public Education Association in New York.

"The traditional unwillingness of teachers to align themselves with so-called 'partisan' Labor has actually delivered them into the hands of partisan interests," he said. "The schools and the colleges are not public spirited in the sense of being above all partisan attachments. They are flagrantly partisan, being governed in large measure by the ideas and interests of the dominant status quo."

"Radical, even progressive social and educational thought, has little opportunity to express itself. Our 'public spirited' teachers are compelled to teach doctrines which are really in the interest of a very special class."

"Affiliation with Labor connects teachers with one group that is consistently fighting for a real democracy—that is, for industrial democracy. The great need of teachers today is for security of tenure, freedom of thought and speech, the right to a voice in the organization of their work. Affiliation with labor subjects teachers to the danger of incurring the enmity of the forces of autocracy and junkerism in education. This should be enough to bring out heroic response from the teachers, to save themselves and education from

CORRESPONDENCE

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Edmonton, March 9, 1920.

Sir: In an article by Alex. Ross, M.L.A., appearing in your issue of March 6th, I find the following in regard to the agitation for increased seasonal indemnities:

"The civil servants are largely responsible for this agitation; they prepared a chart showing the increase in the cost of living during the last five years and incidentally the need for increasing their own salaries. The charts were distributed wholesale to the members of the members seem to have impressed one another favorably with the necessity of raising their own indemnities so the chart has at least served a good purpose."

The facts of the matter are as follows: A chart showing the increase in the cost of living was prepared by the Civil Service Association for use in taking up with the Government the question of increased salaries or bonus based on the present cost of living. The chart was prepared from official figures issued by the Dominion Labor Bureau. One of Mr. Ross' constituents, who is also a civil servant, mentioned in conversation to Mr. Ross that such a chart was in existence, and Mr. Ross expressed his desire to have a copy for his own information. This was given to him, but so far as any member of the Executive of this Association is aware, no copy was given to any other member of the Legislature.

The matter of increased remuneration is at present being taken up with the Government by the Executive of this Association, and an attentive hearing has been given to our representations. The Executive has not approached the members of the Legislature in any way in this connection.

I trust that you will give to this letter the same publicity that was given to Mr. Ross' article.

Yours sincerely,
A. M. KNIGHT,
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The Locals' Page

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A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Get out of the danger zone. Do you know that 20% of the members who attended the half yearly meeting of the Edmonton Co-operative Association were members of your union?

At your union meeting tonight, Friday, Bro. McCool will present, for your approval, the social committee's report of the whist drive and dance. It is gratifying to know how completely successful it was.

Someone, these days, is the proud possessor of a box of snuff which when passed around causes to be displayed a variety of sneezes. When "Branny" sneezes he shakes the door and 'tis to be hoped the cold too.

Printing Pressmen Saturday evening, April 10th, is a date worth noting for remembrance. On that date the Printing Pressmen will make merry, and the method of their celebration will take the form of a whist drive and dance.

The Executive Committee of the Union was instructed at the meeting on Friday last to prepare a report on a proposed joint conference of employers and employees in the local printing business.

Brother Tommy Williams of the E.P.P. is recovering slowly after a severe attack of flu. Vice-President Tompkins has had an exceptionally hard time with sickness.

It was decided to discontinue the payment of the international war assessment which was to run until six months after peace was officially declared.

Fire Fighters' Local No. 209 The first week in March suggesting the raging fury of an angry lion, was a very busy one for the Edmonton Fire Department.

A goodly number of the men who were stricken with influenza have returned to work; others are convalescent and hope to return in a short time.

Bro. Young, who is well known among the members, and whose serious condition caused much concern, is, we are glad to report gradually improving.

Owing to illness in his family, Bro. Fraser, No. 6 Hall, resigned from the department and left with his family for another climate in hope of gaining relief in this way.

Ornamental Iron Workers at Montreal, who have been on strike for three weeks, have finally secured concessions. An increase in wages, an eight-hour workday and improvement in working conditions has been granted by the employers.

At your union meeting tonight, Friday, Bro. McCool will present, for your approval, the social committee's report of the whist drive and dance.

BOILER MAKERS AND IRON SHIP BUILDERS OF AMERICA

The usual meeting of No. 279 was held Monday night, and although there was a fairly good attendance, still it might have been better.

Monday, March 22nd, is next meeting night, and the entertainment committee will be on the job. If you want to miss a good time stay at home.

A move in the right direction. No. 279 has decided to affiliate with the Alberta Federation of Labor.

A communication from the Building Trades Workers of Edmonton was ordered filed.

Boilermakers and Helpers are wanted at Regina. Lots of work.

Good news comes from Edson; everybody staying with the International. It's good enough for me, says Bro. Sheppard.

Don't forget Bro. Tansley, boys, remember he is in hospital here, and needs somebody to cheer him up.

C.N.R. MACHINISTS. Regular meeting of Local 817 I.A. of M., Friday, March 12th at 8 p.m.

Did you ever try to figure out just why C.P.R. stocks are quoted on the market at such a premium?

Brother Wm. Hawker, being the only nominee for district representative for this M.M. district, is declared elected by acclamation.

Government Files Many Exhibits in Winnipeg Trial (Continued from Page One)

by counsel on both sides. "We charge that another institution created those riots and we ask the privilege of proving it."

"If we try to show that others, by newspaper advertising, set class against class should that not be considered?"

"The Court of appeal has already dealt with the matter," Andrews for the crown, replied.

"We are not supposed to bring an indictment against the 'Citizens' Committee' or the newspapers—that surely should be the duty of our learned friend (Andrews) and of those in charge of the administration of the laws of the country," McMurray answered.

Socialist Party of Canada Regular Propaganda Meeting, Sunday, 8 p.m. in Bellamy Block, corner of Howard and Rice. Subject: The Class Struggle

REPORT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF TYPOS NO. 604

Well Attended Meeting Handles Large Agenda of Important Business

The regular monthly meeting of Edmonton Typographical Union, No. 604, was held Saturday evening, the 6th inst., in the Trades and Labor hall.

The Sick Committee reported the flu busy at work, no less than 11 members had been off in the Journal through being with this mysterious malady.

The regular monthly meeting of Edmonton Typographical Union, No. 604, was held Saturday evening, the 6th inst., in the Trades and Labor hall.

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The regular monthly meeting of Edmonton Typographical Union, No. 604, was held Saturday evening, the 6th inst., in the Trades and Labor hall.

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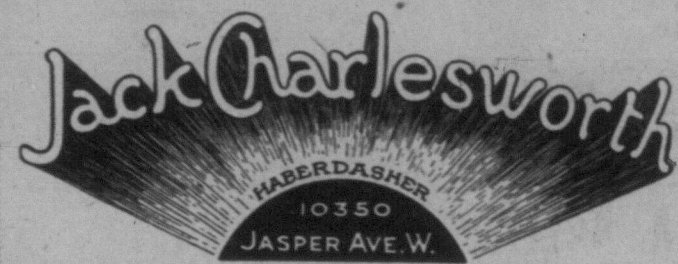
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THE MACDONALD-COOPER LETTER; ITS REVELATIONS AND MOTIVES

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"Extravagance and Inefficiency." We quote one more significant part of the letter: "With the competitive factor replaced by absolute assurance of large efficiency of operation is removed; and a gross profit the chief incentive to efficiency in the wholesale grocery business might be operated extravagantly and inefficiently and still show a favorable balance at the end of the year."

While the underlying motive of the MacDonald-Cooper Co. in "spilling the beans" does not minimize or alter the facts contained in their letter, there is naturally some speculation as to why such action was taken.

How Long Will They Last? The MacDonald-Cooper company have been very frank in exposing the condition of the wholesale business, and it is possible that we may accept the firm's own explanation of their action.

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Table with 2 columns: Position and Salary. Includes Junior Assistant, General Assistant, Stenographer, etc.

CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH INSTEAD OF MEN IS URGED

"Instantly on the declaration of the next war, Canada should conscript all businesses engaged in the provision or transportation of war supplies," said Arthur Hawkes, editor of the Toronto World, addressing the Independent Labor Party in that city recently.

"No concern, in the event of another was financial or otherwise, should be permitted to retain more than five per cent on the capital actually invested and the heads of these concerns should be conscripted into anti-air service and receive exactly the same remuneration as a colonel on the actual fighting front."

IN THE LEGISLATURE

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seems to be little doubt that although Mr. Gariepy is now residing in Quebec he is legally entitled to his seat. But morally we fail to see his claim, if as stated he intends to reside there. It is but another demonstration that ethics and law are two different things.

The Edmonton City Charter amendments are again under review. There is not such a formidable array of them as in former years. The City Council asks for permission to continue the iniquitous civic income tax.

The Chiropractors bill was voted down in its second reading. The Medical Act will be amended to enable the chiropractor to qualify and practice in this province.

Who owns the government and the C.N. Railways? In other words, what about the organization already established for the political advancement of Labor ideals? Are you helping? Do you care? Get into the Dominion Labor Party and do your bit.

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The Woman's Page

MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE
MAKES CLEAR SOME OF OBSCURITIES IN
WORKING OUT OF NATURALIZATION LAW

Mary P. McCallum, Associate Editor Grain Growers' Guide Takes
Opposite View of Question of Personal Naturalization
to That of Mrs. Root.

In our issue of February 28th, appeared an article by Mrs. Geo. F. Root, of Wetaskiwin, on the subject of "Personal Naturalization." The above mentioned article has received the attention of Mary P. McCallum, associate editor of the Grain Growers' Guide, who has written the editor of the Free Press as follows:
Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith an article regarding "Personal Naturalization." I note that Mrs. Root of Wetaskiwin has written an article in your paper taking the opposite view of this question to what I do, and what the Council of Agriculture does. I believe her contention arises from an ignorance of the working out of this act in conjunction with the Elections Act which is likely to be passed at the session.

I would be glad if you would give this space in your paper. This is a very important question, and one in which, as Mrs. Root says, labor women are as much interested as farm women.

Yours very truly,
MARY P. McCALLUM.

Following is the article referred to in

the above letter:

(By Mary P. McCallum, Associate Editor Grain Growers' Guide)
The recommendation of the Canadian Council of Agriculture that a new plank be added to the Farmers' Platform to the effect that all naturalization shall be by personal application only, seems to have met with general favor and approval. Occasionally one does hear a protest against the proposed plank however, but this arises from an ignorance of the present naturalization law and its working out rather than against the principle of personal naturalization.

This article is written for the purpose of making clear some of the obscurities in the working out of the act. The writer is a member of the Council of Agriculture and was in a measure responsible for the recommendation.

In 1914 a new naturalization act was passed which replaced the old act under which an alien might secure naturalization if he had resided in the country for three years and took the oath of allegiance before a commissioner of oaths. In 1919 the existing naturalization act was made to conform to the British Naturalization Act, and under it a person who has resided for five years in Canada, who is of good character, who has an adequate knowledge of French or English, who expects to reside for some time in His Majesty's Dominion, and who has satisfied the secretary of state of these qualifications may be naturalized, that naturalization to be effective throughout the whole British empire.

Naturalization falls into two classes, personally naturalized persons, and persons naturalized by operation of law. All persons who personally satisfy the secretary of state that they are qualified as above stated and receive a naturalization certificate are personally naturalized. Those persons who are naturalized by virtue of their relationship to a British subject, such as wives and minor children are naturalized by operation of law.

The act of 1919 it is true, has widely extended the classes of persons who may seek personal naturalization. But the act does not go far enough. The alien-born wives of British subjects may not receive personal naturalization papers. The only possible way in which they may become naturalized is by operation of law, that is through their marriage to naturalized British subjects. This cannot be discussed in its entirety without discussing enfranchisement and this will be done later in the article.

Under the clauses dealing with the national status of married women it is clearly explained that the wife of a British subject shall be deemed to be a British subject and that the wife of an alien shall be deemed to be an alien with three exceptions. The first exception is that the wife of an alien, that is a man who is not a British subject, may if she chooses take out personal naturalization papers. To do so she must have

the same qualifications as are required for a man who seeks naturalization. The second provision is that where a man has ceased to be a British subject his wife may declare that she wishes to remain a British subject and the secretary of state may grant her wish. The third provision is that if an alien be a subject of an enemy state, his wife, if she were at birth a British subject, may have a declaration that she desires to resume British nationality, and if the secretary of state is satisfied that such is desirable he may grant her a certificate of naturalization.

Some persons are under the impression that under the new act a British subject, if she marries an alien may choose and remain a British subject, and that an alien, when she marries a British subject may choose and remain an alien; that is, that women on their marriage to a man not of their own nationality may choose their nationality. Such is not the case, and what may be considered the only possible exception is the third provision which was quoted above.

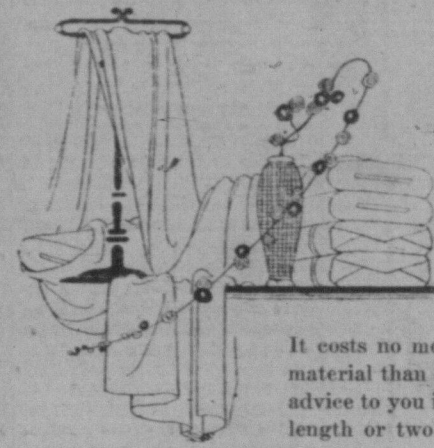
There is no provision for the personal naturalization of the alien born wives of British subjects. The act distinctly states that "Except as provided by this act a certificate of naturalization shall not be granted to any person under disability." The provisions or exceptions are stated above, while "disability" is defined as meaning "the status of being a married woman, or a minor, lunatic or idiot."

It is impossible to discuss the effects of the proposed plank that all naturalization be a personal affair without at the same time considering the relationship to enfranchisement. The War Times Election Act ceased to be effective last summer. For the purpose of the by-elections which were held at the end of October, it was necessary to pass a special elections act to govern those by-elections. News dispatches and rumors of the new elections act which the speech from the throne promised at the present session of parliament indicate, almost beyond conjecture, that the new act will incorporate the features of the by-elections act. That act provides that all alien-born women who are the wives of British subjects, no matter how long they have resided in the country and no matter how long they have been naturalized citizens by operation of law, must personally appear before a judge of the district court and secure from him a certificate that they are qualified to take out naturalization papers were machinery and means provided for their doing so. When this is presented to the enumerator he may add their names to the voters' lists.

The plank that it is proposed to add to the platform asks that only personal naturalization shall obtain. Naturalization by operation of law, that is an automatic naturalization of women and minors on the taking out of naturalization papers by a husband or father is a special privilege. The proposed plank asks that all children not born in the British empire and all alien born women should take out personal naturalization papers.

Whether there are those who object to personal naturalization or not, citizens naturalized by operation of law, when they discover that such naturalization does not include the right to the franchise are themselves going to force the hand of the government to establish personal naturalization for all and so make that naturalization the basis for enfranchisement. The whole difficulty arises from the fact that qualification for naturalization and for enfranchisement are not the same. For women the anomalous position exists of being a British subject and yet of being refused the franchise on the ground that she

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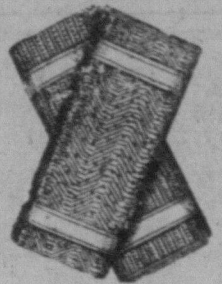


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may not be fully a British subject; for a woman who comes to this country from another today and marries a British subject tomorrow is on her marriage automatically a British subject, yet she may not vote until she can satisfy the secretary of state that she had resided in the country for five years, has an adequate knowledge of English or French, is of good character, etc. Then she does not get personal naturalization papers but a certificate stating that she had satisfied the judge of her qualifications for being added to the voters' list.

Granting the franchise to women has changed the entire aspect to the question of naturalization. It is proper that women should not vote until they have become qualified as men must. But it is equally fair that they should qualify as men do for naturalization. By making the qualifications for naturalization and enfranchisement the same all discrimination and unfairness is eliminated. To make a person a British subject and yet refuse that person what should be the inalienable right of every British subject to his or her franchise is surely not a fair proposal to the women who come to this country from other lands. Now much better than an alien born woman understand that when she has resided for five years in this country, has an adequate knowledge of English or French, is of good character, etc., that she may herself go to the judge of the court and receive from him after due procedure a personal certificate of naturalization which settles for all time to come her right to the franchise.

Objection has been made on the ground that it is no small inconvenience for many women to travel to the district court and make personal application for naturalization. It should be pointed out that if the features of the by-elections act are embodied in the new act, and there is every reason to believe that they will be, then the alien born wives of British subjects will have to appear personally before the judge to get his certificate that they may be added to the voters' lists, and after all that fuss they are not any more effectively naturalized than they were by operation of law. It is said also that naturalization in Canada now carries with it naturalization throughout the British empire and that this will cease to be of uniformity again. To make the plank effective throughout the British empire of course the parliament of Great Britain and those of the various dominions would have to enact similar legislation. However, we are trying to prove to ourselves and the world that Canada is an autonomous nation, and



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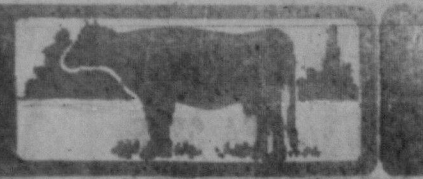
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The Farm Page



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LATEST RULING OF WHEAT BOARD ON SEED PRICES

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The latest ruling of the wheat board on seed wheat prices states:

Until March 31, 1920, the price of wheat grown in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, sold locally from country elevators in the said provinces, for use as seed therein, shall be \$2.45 per bushel, basis 1 Northern in store public terminal elevators, Port William or Port Arthur and licenses of the board selling such shall pay to the board the sum of 30 cents for each bushel of wheat as sold.

Licensees of the board selling wheat grown in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, said provinces for use as seed therein, shall in making returns to the board, pursuant to the regulations of the board, report all sales of wheat so sold and shall with each report remit to the board, the proper amount required by this regulation.

Carrying charges in accordance with Regulation No. 10 of the board or such other regulations as may be substituted therefor, will be paid to licensees of the board on the street for wheat sold for seed in accordance with this regulation until the date on which the wheat is so sold.

TWO STATEMENTS OF INTEREST TO ORGANIZED LABOR

Disintegration of A.F. of L. Aimed At by Both Lenine and Steel Trust Bolsheviks.

Two statements which appeared in print simultaneously recently cannot fail to be of particular interest to organized labor.

One was the statement of Isaac E. Ferguson, general counsel of the Com-

UNION BOYCOTTS POTATOES AND SUGAR TILL PRICES LOWER

Local Union No. 3133, U.M.W.A., Blakey, West Virginia, have taken up the fight against the high cost of living by pledging themselves not to buy any potatoes or sugar until potatoes come down to \$2 a bushel and sugar to 12 1/2 cents per pound. The union will also assess a fine on any member who fails to abide by this ruling.

Communist Party, and editor of its official magazine. During test proceedings held by Secretary of Labor Wilson, on the platform and principles of the Communist Party, Mr. Ferguson said: "We are quite frank about our revolutionary purposes. We want a new social system."

He added later that securing of this new social system involved the overthrow of the American Federation of Labor and the abolition of its system of organization of labor, i.e., the one big union. The American Federation of Labor, he said, was "not effective," "too shallow," "without general political viewpoint." He favored organization of all workers into general industrial groups, and ultimately into one union. This one union could then run everything to suit itself. But the American Federation had to go. He was sure of that.

The other statement comes from a corporation president. Said Samuel Harden Church of Pittsburgh, President of the Carnegie Institute, in a letter to Attorney General Palmer:

"The time has now come when the American Federation of Labor ought to be dissolved, and when it should be made unlawful for two or more unions to amalgamate. Not until this is done can the life and liberty of the nation be made secure."

It is noteworthy that the aims and methods of the Lenine bolsheviks are identical with the steel trust bolsheviks. Both demand the disintegration of the American Federation of Labor. Both overlook the fundamental principles of freedom and action and opinion which are the bulwark of democracy.

Organized Labor cannot but look with scorn and aversion upon the declaration of both.

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ACT REGULATING BUTTER PRINTS BEING ENFORCED

Use of Dairy Butter Prints Containing Less Than 16 Ounces Is Prohibited

An act regulating the use of dairy butter prints, which was passed in 1914, but which has been more or less neglected ever since, is now to be enforced. This is expected to cause considerable trouble as a lot of the prints now in use and being sold do not contain the full 16 ounces that is required by the Act.

Fines have already been levied and several narrowly escaped by those who were found to have dairy butter prints on sale or in their possession. There will be a great many innocent butter makers who are contributing to the offense. They have secured prints which are supposed to hold 16 ounces of butter and they have been selling them to the country stores for pound packages. He in turn has been shipping in bulk to the produce dealers and getting paid for actual weight and not for such a number of prints which are supposed to contain a pound weight.

In Edmonton some retail dealers have been summoned and fines imposed for having butter on sale which did not come up to the standard weight. In Calgary the inspector found one large shipment from a country store in the northern part of the province in which there was a very large number of short weight packages. This stock was permitted to be removed to a plant where, under the assurance that it would be remoulded into pound prints, action was not taken, otherwise information would have been laid and the whole shipment confiscated.

It is a very difficult matter to judge the amount of butter which will be required to show a net weight of 16 ounces. The moisture content and the quantity of salt which the butter contains being factors which vary considerably. In this way a print which for some buttermakers would turn out a full pound, for others would give a print under weight.

The law in the matter is very strict and dealers will find it necessary to exercise the greatest care in the butter they are handling. If the retailer is summoned he will naturally feel that he has a grievance against the jobber who sold him the stock.

It is hoped that the enforcement of the act will not be made too rigid until the fact is better known, for though the act has been on the books for a long time, it is only comparatively recently that its enforcement is being carried out. The act also provides that the wrapper must state whether the package contains dairy or creamery butter.

WESTERN FARMERS ARE MORE ALERT THAN EASTERNERS

West Appreciated Possibilities of Scientific Farming Before It Was Accepted in East.

Perhaps it was the more fertile soil of the west that caused the Western farmers to awaken before their eastern brothers, or perhaps, as some claim, there is something in the atmosphere of the Western States that leads people to be more alert and progressive; but it is undeniable that the Westerners appreciated the possibilities of scientific farming before it was generally accepted in the east. Now the easterners are beginning to get their eyes opened to the advantage of this method.

It is now getting pretty generally noised around among Eastern farmers that any poor piece of land can be turned into a fertile and profitable area in a very short time by the inexpensive and practical method of sowing it to inoculated legumes such as hairy vetch or soy beans. The preparations for inoculating the seeds can be obtained at any seed warehouse, and cost but the merest trifle. The hairy vetch can be sown with rye. The soy beans make a valuable crop of hay aside from the worth of the seed beans obtained.

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SUSAN B. ANTHONY FIRST AMERICAN SUFFRAGIST ARRESTED

Susan B. Anthony, whose centenary is about to be celebrated, was the first American suffragist to be arrested for her principles. In order to test the Fourteenth Amendment, she cast ballots at the state and congressional elections at Rochester in 1872. She was indicted for illegal voting and a fine imposed. She defiantly refused to pay the fine and was never jailed.

NATIONAL FEDERATION NON-MANUAL WORKERS COMPLETED IN BRITAIN

(By Federated Press)
London.—An epochal organization of all the non-manual workers in Great Britain has been accomplished here in the establishment of the National Federation of Professional, Technical, Administrative and Supervisory workers. Its purpose is to federate all the societies representative of salaried workers not engaged in manual toil.

More than 40 of these societies sent delegates to the inaugural meeting over which G. D. H. Cole, well-known Guild Socialist, presided.

BIG CO-OPERATIVE UNION FOR B.C. IS TO BE ESTABLISHED

As a result of the Co-operative convention held in Victoria last week, a big Co-operative Union for B.C. is to be organized. Delegates from 30 co-operative institutions were in attendance as the result of the efforts of C. E. Whitney Griffiths of the Farmers Institute. The organization of the "Co-operative Union of B.C." will be open to all existing consumer and producer societies run on the Rochdale plan in British Columbia. The union will carry on the work of organizing new societies and helping those who need assistance. A bulletin will be issued monthly and all the societies kept posted on the development of the movement.

The convention also elected a committee to take up the matter of collective buying and the establishment of a Co-operative Wholesale Society. Another convention will be held at a later date.

TWO YEARS BEFORE BUTTER PRODUCTION BECOMES NORMAL

London Paper Says Prices Will Rule Much Above Those of Pre-War Times

"Although British butter has been decontrolled and big prices are mentioned as being required by sellers, it is not likely that such prices can obtain for long," says the Grocer, London, Eng.

"Supply and demand will tell their own tale. The butter position, however, will remain very awkward for a considerable time. It is possible that two years may elapse before the production of butter regains its normal condition, and prices will inevitably rule above those of pre-war times."

"As the result of the war all commodities have been forced to a higher level of cost in all countries, and butter seems to have fared very badly. We are deprived of supplies from Siberia through the devastation of civil war in Russia. This source of supply alone had a material influence in pre-war times in keeping down prices during the summer. In the autumn and winter, liberal imports from Australia and New Zealand exercised considerable effect in preventing prices from advancing. Unhappily, this year drought and other unfavorable weather conditions in Australia and New Zealand have been most disastrous to production. Imports from that quarter of the globe have not been so small for many years as they are this season."

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Marshall Neilan, one of the most famous directors of the day, personally supervised the production of this big feature and it is admittedly his triumph achievement. The picture combines all the spectacular splendor of the "Birth of a Nation" with the excitement and thrills of a Pearl White serial. There are hundreds of actors and hundreds of horses taking part in the picture and those who are at all familiar with the story of this famous melodrama will realize the advantage of the silent drama over the noisier variety. What could only be indicated on the stage is now re-lived and acted in the big out-of-doors where the scenes of the picture are made.

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"Few people pause to realize how slight, as a rule, are the costs of their most beautiful and enduring pleasures, particularly their music and books. Money runs like water when procuring the day by day recreations and pleasures; pleasures which, as a rule, only serve to break the stress of monotony of life. With those pleasures over, one is apt to hurry on to the next, chiefly because such temporary happiness is so brief and so impermanent.

"There are numberless instances of men engaged in the business of life whose homes and ways of living are simple and unpretentious. Sometimes by circumstance, sometimes by choice, life to them is difficult and strenuous, and costly pleasures are impossible. Towards the end of a day, in such a modest home, someone sings a song, or, maybe, plays an instrumental piece—a little two-shilling piece of paper and ink. But what magic to the ear and heart. Quite a new world is revealed; something which seems to renew and inspire the listener. It is heard again on other occasions, until it becomes one of the permanent joys of the home.

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WONDERFUL GROWTH OF GERMAN UNIONS DURING PAST YEAR

Berlin.—The German trade unions began the year 1919 with 1,600,000 members. At the end of the year the membership was 7,000,000. The growth was especially rapid during the first quarter of the year.

Of the 52 unions 12 have more than 100,000 members, and compose 82 per cent of the total membership.

At the labor congress recently held in Nurnberg new lines of policy and plans for further organization were laid down. The convention united hitherto loosely connected unions into a firmer organization.

ALL LOCAL MAIL NOT PROPERLY ADDRESSED WILL BE RETURNED

Postmaster Armstrong has handed out the following for publication:

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This procedure should appeal to the public and business houses generally, as it is bound to ensure the safe delivery of their mail with the least possible delay.

NEWLY FORMED MUNICIPAL BAND WILL GIVE CONCERT

This Band Is Result of Amalgamation of the 49th and Citizens' Band

The newly-formed Municipal Band will give a concert in Pantages theatre on Sunday evening. This band is the result of the amalgamation of the Citizens' and 49th bands, and judging from the programme below will be well worth hearing, there being between 50 and 60 instrumentalists.

March—"Belphegor".....Brepant
Overture—"Fingal's Cave".....Mendelssohn

Paraphrase (air varié) on the well-known hymn "Sun of My Soul" for brass instruments only.....Ritter
Selection—"Oh, Chin Chow".....Norton
A Summer Idyll—"Hiawatha".....Moret
Selection—"Old English Song".....Langley



Miss Zara Clinton as Boy Blue in "Red Riding Hood," which returns to the Empire theatre for a three-day engagement starting Monday, March 15.

"BLIND HUSBANDS" AT THE REGENT ALL NEXT WEEK

Dr. Armstrong, famous American surgeon, arrived at a fashionable tavern in the Tyrolean Alps. With him was his beautiful wife, Margaret. The doctor was fatigued with his professional activities and desired to relax in the awe-inspiring grandeur. He loved his wife devotedly, but like many Americans he let his wife take it for granted.

Arriving in the same conveyance with the Armstrongs was an Austrian officer, Lieutenant von Stueben, who was quick to make known that he was a hero and a victim of shell-shock.

Women and wine were his chief diversions in life. In beautiful Margaret Armstrong he saw an opportunity for conquest. He loosened on her all the amorous wiles of a professional libertine.

At first the true womanly instincts of the girl rebelled and she repulsed the suave attacks of the Hun lecher, but as his courtesy glariously emphasized the neglect of her distinguished and pre-occupied husband she yielded, to a degree, to his advances.

Then on the top of the Pinnacle, where men's souls are laid bare, Dr. Armstrong made a discovery that scorched his very spirit. There on the footstool of the Creator, von Stueben, the perfidious intriguer of woman, spoke a lie that would have destroyed a woman's honor. Would you do what Dr. Armstrong did? You can only answer this question after you have seen "Blind Husbands," Universal's wonder picture, which comes to the Regent all next week, with Eric Stroheim, the hated Hun officer of "The Heart of Humanity," as von Stueben and beautiful Francis Billington as Mrs. Armstrong.

ANTI-LABOR PICTURES ARE PROTESTED

Chicago Operator Will Not Show
Pictures Attacking Organized Labor

Chicago.—Because union operators in the moving picture houses here have demanded that no pictures attacking the principles of organized labor or the American Labor party be shown, they have been informed that a war to the finish not only on the operators' union, but on those of the bill posters, the theatre janitors, the cashiers and the ushers, has been declared by Samuel Atkinson, manager of the Allied Amusement Association.

Atkinson's notice of a lockout of all union men who refuse to surrender as individuals to the managements, was followed by the threat of a boycott by film exchanges.

The union is planning to fight the battle out. Tom Malloy, business manager, went at once to New York to confer with officials of the international. Before leaving he announced that the union was prepared to start its own film exchange if necessary, and that it would stand firm in its determination to keep the Chicago theatres unionized.

Kirkintilloch, Scotland.—The establishment of the first municipal bank, of what it is expected will be a complete chain in Scotland is being accomplished here. The promoters are members of the Labor party. An annual turnover of \$250,000 is expected.

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A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE

Something new under the sun was the resolution of Messrs. Turgeon and Davidson in the Legislature last week, proposing that an adverse vote against a government measure should not be considered as a want of confidence vote. As Mr. Alex Ross put it in his article in the Free Press last week, the resolution was significant and was a plea for political freedom. It was, however, more than that. It was a peep into the political future, and revealed that the supporters of the motion had some vision of the inevitable change in the methods of government.

Even though the "King's prerogative" had not been endangered by the resolution, and it had been adopted, the immediate change might not have been very marked. In the future, however, the necessity for an understanding along the line of Mr. Turgeon's motion will be absolutely necessary. In the new group system—and it seems assured that future Canadian parliaments and legislatures will be composed of several groups—there should, and probably will, be an entirely different method of selecting an executive council. To ensure the proper working out of the result of an election by proportional representation, the elected body of legislators must actually as well as theoretically be the governing body. To ensure this the cabinet or executive council must be the executive body of the legislature and not of one party or group who happened to be in the majority. The cabinet or executive would be elected by the legislature, by the proportional representation method, thus assuring representation of each group. The executive so elected would then proceed to carry on the work of government, just as the executive board of a union or other organization would do. Between sessions it would perform administrative duties in the same manner as the union executive does between meetings, and would be responsible for its actions to the whole legislature and not to any one party. In connection with the introduction of bills or acts of legislation, the adoption or amendment of such would rest with the legislature and the rejection of an executive proposal should not be any more cause for the resignation of the cabinet than would the turning down of an executive suggestion be cause for a union executive to resign. Or, to suppose one more instance, by the democratic election of an executive, a member or members of such body could submit a minority report to the legislature as is done in other organizations. Under present conditions if a cabinet member disagrees with his colleagues, his only course is to swallow his objections or resign from the executive council.

The Free Press is of the opinion that the Ontario Farmers missed a very good opportunity to adopt the group method of government, and even though the "working majority" is still in vogue in the Banner province we believe that it is only a matter of time until a method of government similar to what is suggested herein will be established throughout Canada. It is a reasonable, commonsense and democratic plan. True, it will be necessary to smash some precedents established by our "imperial ancestors," and the Free Press parliamentary correspondent may not, five years from now, use the words "according to custom" so many times in describing legislative proceedings. But precedent must give way to progress and custom must stand aside when the people demand new and more democratic methods of government.

WHITE COLLAR UNIONS

One of the most remarkable, and at the same time gratifying and encouraging, phases of trade union development throughout the world, is the rapid extension of the movement among those workers who are engaged in clerical and professional occupations.

In Great Britain last month a National Federation of non-manual workers was formed. At the inaugural conference more than forty societies were represented, the great majority of whom are expected to join the new alliance. These included the National Union of Journalists, the Actors' Association, the Variety Artists, and the Law Clerks' Federation, as well as a large number of societies representing technical, clerical, and supervisory workers in various industries. Civil Servants, Local Government Officers and Teachers already have a federation of their own.

On this continent, too, the clerical and professional workers are becoming to realize the value of trade union organization. Civil and civic servants, office employees, teachers, actors and even university professors are combining for mutual economic benefit. The end, however, is not yet, and the spread of unionism among clerical and professional workers will continue to be a noticeable factor in the development of organized labor.

The position of these workers in relation to the manual workers' organizations is one that should be intelligently faced. The book-keeper, teacher or clerk must realize that his interests are identical with those of the machinist, boilermaker or printer. It must also be realized that the tradesmen has organization experience that has been gained through a century of struggle. There should be no hesitation then, on the part of the new organizations to affiliate with the old established trade union movement. Unions of clerical workers like, for example, civic employees have already demonstrated the value of association with the central bodies of organized labor.

KNOWLEDGE AND EFFICIENCY ESSENTIAL

The Edmonton Retail Clerks organization is fortunate in having an enthusiastic and thoughtful executive. President Taylor and his colleagues believe in efficiency of service as a factor in procuring economic betterment, and are planning a series of meetings of an educational nature in connection with the retail clerks' occupation.

This policy of trade education has been recognized by other trade unions in the past, and a number of international organizations maintain educational facilities for the benefit of their members. Some having established permanent technical schools where members may obtain special training, others supplying correspondence instruction. Union journals are also being used very extensively for the dissemination of technical instruction. The average trade-unionist has a pride in the industry in which he is employed, and is desirous of raising the plane of the industry by increasing his own knowledge and efficiency. The retail clerks are to be congratulated on having caught this commendable spirit.

EXISTS BECAUSE IT SERVES

The ability to serve the best interests of humanity is the only real justification for the existence of any social force or movement. Down through history we find thousands of organizations and movements of a social nature that have ceased to exist because their limited objective had been reached or because they were fundamentally unfitted to serve humanity. Some movements, however, have survived the vicissitudes and adversities of centuries, because their field of service has grown with the world's material progression. They continue to exist because they continue to serve.

Such a movement is modern organized labor. Conceived in the awful conditions that accompanied the industrial revolution; born amid the travail of misery and degradation, organization spelled hope and life and freedom to the industrial worker in the eighteenth century. Because it was fundamentally right the movement withstood the onslaughts of all the forces arrayed against it, until its ability to serve humanity is today more widely recognized than ever before. Today organized labor continues to serve the purpose which brought it into being, and until that purpose is achieved; until social justice and freedom are realized; this great humanitarian movement will continue to grow and serve.

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The Free Press has on some occasions criticised the O.B.U., but we have always endeavored to at least keep within the bounds of decency. Here is a quotation from the O.B.U. Bulletin and reveals the kind of propaganda that is being carried on against international unionism. An individual named Enright who, at one time had been more or less prominently connected with an International union, was murdered in Chicago recently. Note the insidiousness of the generalities used in the following reference to Enright, who had once been convicted of murder:

"The record of Enright throws a lurid light on the kind of unionism the A.F. of L. breeds in the large cities. Sam Parks

and Prince in New York, "Skinny Madden," Cornelius Shea, Maurice Enright and Co. in Chicago, are a few names which indicate the line of succession on the throne of A. F. of L. craft scabbery, sell outs, extortion and murder."

The fact that the trade membership in Germany increased during 1919 from 1,600,000 to 7,000,000, is a very reliable sign that the days of absolutism are over in that country.

The first step toward the democratic control of industry is by way of trade union organization.

CO-OP. SOCIETY
REPORTS SUCCESS
FIRST HALF YEAR

In Addition to Monetary Profits Name of Society Has Been Kept Before the People

The first half-yearly meeting of the Edmonton Co-operative Association was held in the Labor Hall on Tuesday evening, at which meeting there were quite a large proportion of the subscribers. Rev. F. E. Mercer, chairman of the trustee board, took the chair and was supported by Trustees Adshand, O'Leary and Mrs. Hall.

The Trustees were in a position to report that they had carried on the co-op business throughout the winter and had obtained sufficient profit on the sales that they now still had the money originally invested in the bank and in addition some profits on the business and all the property in the shape of shack and tools that had been bought for the co-op business. In addition to these monetary profits they had kept the name of the Society before the people through their advertisements. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the trustee board for their work.

The election of half the board is carried out each half year. On this date Mesdames Hall and Blakey and Messrs. Gregory and O'Leary retired but were re-elected to office with the change of Mr. A. A. Campbell for Mrs. Blakey who is now out of town. By notice of motion made at the meeting it will be possible at the next quarterly meeting to elect more than seven trustees in order to secure better representation of the combining bodies for co-operation.

The Society adopted the plan outlined by Secretary Owens of the Returned Soldiers committee on co-operation and will proceed to attempt the canvass of all districts of the city for members before opening up a retail store.

The whole meeting showed far more enthusiasm and get together spirit than former meetings. The Co-operative Society is booming. Hurry up and get into it.

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