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and Employee Absolutely Necessary to Industrial Peace.

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After a decline in membership for three years the Labor unions in Canada saw a slight increase last year, according to the report of the Labor Temple recently soon as they reached either St. Catherine: Labor Temple recently soon as they reached either St. Catherine: Labor department. In 1919 there were 378,047 members in to take part in the 22nd annual conall clasters of organized Labor but the number fell to 276,621 in 1922. and last year rose again to 278,092, which is just 100,000 less than it. was four years previous. This loss was due to disruptive forces in the Labor movement, to the less prosperous times, and in a measure success. Many important questions and shoes 'had been imported into to the drift of Canadian workers to the United States. The heaviest were considered, the various resolu- Canada, which had been bought in as was registered in 1921 when there was a drop of 60,000 in the tions were given careful and thought- Germany at 52 cents per pair by cer-Labor organizations of the country. After serving as president since 1918,

The international unions still represent the great bulk of Labor's strength in Canada. In spite of a loss of 2,307 last year, their mem-James F. Marsh, international representative of the United Brotherhood bership wes 203,843, or 73 per cent, of the total for all Labor organ-izations. The "nun-international" unions, including those in the from the presidential contest. James Canadian Federation of Labor (as distinguished from the Canadian A. Sulliven, ex-organizer of the In-Trades and Labor Congress), reported a membership gain of 11,342. Independent unions, chiefly the O.B.U., had an increase of 871, making a total of 9,934 members, while the "national and Catholic" unions, which exist mostly in Quebec, suffered a loss of 3,335, bringwill be held at Kitchener. ing them down to 30,000.

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It will be seen that the main features of the year were the large gain by the purely Canadian unions and the the serious loss by the the election of officers, which result that recently he received a communinational and Catholie" unions. The slight increase in the total ed as follows: President, James A. membership for all Labor organizations, in spite of the exodus to Sullivan, Hamilton; vice-president, the United States, which was still in progress, was apparently due to | Walter Harrie, St. Catharines; secreincreased organizing activity. tary-treasurer, Joseph T. Marks, Toronto; executive council Larry O'Con-

Among the cities, Montreal heads the list with 152 local branch unions, of which 97 reported 37,771 members. Toronto and Vancouver follow, and Winnipeg stands fourth with 73 branches, of which 59 reported 7,143 members. The next eities in order are Ottawa, Hamilton, Edmonton, Calgary, London, Victoria, Quebec.

Benefits totalling \$24,176,941 were paid out by 62 international organizations operating in Canada during 1923. This included \$11. 883,222 for death benefits, \$1,328,633 for sick and accident benefits, \$2,338,795 for old age pensions and other benefits, and \$8,542,000 for strike benefits.

Not only was the Dominion Govern These strike, benefits were partly paid, of course, by United ment's immigration policy under five States members of the unions affected. But on the other hand, Canment's immigration policy under five adian members contributed to strike benefits paid in the United Secretary in Premier MacDonald's States Government, was taken to task for his reported statement in the London

### **Overtime Pay and** the Minimum Wage advantage if longer hours could be Canada is not adequate. worked in some instances, but the em-

### Employee and Employees Not **Responsible** for the New Legislation

Calgary, Alta.-Taking the stand that the receipt amendment to the ing so. Minimum Wage Act, which allows the

board to fix the rate for overtime pay, was not brought in through any re-invited to attend a conference after the Labor Educational Association of ployers told the minimum wage board house recently, that it was for those, who nendment, to explain the reason for

As it was finally agreed that the

board itself was responsible for the board itself. amendment as passed at the last session of the legislature, the meeting adjourned until afternoon. The adjournment was necessitated by the absence of Judge Carpenter, chairman.

James Kellas acted as chairman in the absence of Judge Carpenter and penter, chairman of the minimum Walter Smitten and Mrs. Harriet In-White, M. L. A., represented the trades felt that it would be useless to proand labor council.

ployers were not asking for that. St. Catharines Trades and Labor What they did think, however, was Council, started the Immigration disthat people who were responsible for cussion when he submitted the folgetting the amendment placed in the lowing resolution, which was unaniact should explain their reason for do- mousl carried by the delegates. **Inaccurate Statements** The employers had certainly had

as could be expected. It would be an Times that the supply of Labor in

presentations made by them, em- the amendment was passed by the Ontario depreciate the statements accredited to Hon. J H. Thomas, which Fred White said he wanted to make must have been made without fall were responsible in advocating the it clear that the amendment was not knowledge of the facts and heartily introduced as a result of representa- endorse the statements of Mr. Thos tion by the employers. He understood Richardson.

that it had been brought about by the be instructions to the secretary to im-Then, said Mr. Hanna, the board mediatel cable to Mr. Thomas protestought to explain its reason for the ing against his alleged inaccurate

change. statements, and that a communication As Judge Carpenter was not prebe sent to the Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay sent it was agreed to adjourn until he MacDonald, prime minister of Great could attend. Britain, pointing out the labor situa-

Owing to the fact that Judge Car- tion in Canada. **Colonial Secretary Critized** wage board, will be unable to attend re that time, the meeting called A number of employers of labor were in Calgary for a discussion of the that he was surprised to read Mr. present at the meeting, which was amendment to the act, has been post- Thomas' statement. After saying that province which is endowed with naheld in the school board offices. John poned until another date. Judge Car-Hanna, secretary of the board of penter was unable to attend the raised laughter when he said: "Mr. it is criminal to bring people into tural resources to the extent with s trade, spoke for the employers. Fred meeting called for recently and it was er raised laughter when he said: "Mr. This prairie province alone has Thomas got into office with a type- 72,000,000 acres of agricultural lands writer and stenographer, and not of the Dominion and more than any ceed unless he was present in order to Working Conditions Mr. Hanna maintained that condi-ing for the amendment which allows (Mr. Thomas) has been using them to be added and the possesses 1,625,629 million tons of boundary incomparison in the possesses 1,625,629 million tons of the p knowing what to do with them he other province of the Dominion. It broadcast inaccurate statements."

Unfair to Canadalan Workers "We should place the blame where rightly belongs," counselled Dele-**Under Fire** gate E. W. O'Dell (Hamilton,) who added that it is manifestly unfair to Canadian workers for the authorities to bring immigrants to this country. Mr. O'Dell stated that a Governmen Immigration Agent in Manchester told

two machinists who recently visited Il over the province assembled at the the Hamilton Labor Temple, that as vention of The Labor Educational As- would be waiting for them. In clossociation of Ontario. In every parti- ing, the speaker said that recently cular the convention was a decided 70,000 pairs of German-made boots ful consideration by the delegates. tain large depatmental stores.

#### **Urged** Caution

Delegate Bert Furey (Hamilton) urged the delegates to be cautious in of Carpenters and Joiners, withdrew their criticism of the Motherland's Labor Government. "We must remember that Mr. Thomas is only one ternational Cigar-makers' union, was cabinet minister, and that the Canunanimously chosen president for the adian Government rules this country." ensuing term. The 1925 convention emphasized Mr. Furey. ties. 4,000 Hairdressers

Hearty laughter followed when Delegate Leo Worthall, International Delegaate E. W. O'Dell conducted Journeymen Barbers' organizer, said cation from the editor of Hairdressers' Journal, London, England, which enquired: Is there & possibility to place 4,000 hairdressers in Toronto? Flooding Canada

noll, Toronto; William Abey, St. Delegate John Taylor (Hamilton) Catharines: E. W. O'Dell, Hamilton: declared that the "worst immigrants C. L. Sevigny, Brantford; W. H. Stedon't come from the British Isles. wart, London; F. Ackernecht, Kitch-We want immigration on a quota ener; B, R, Wharren, Windsor; Wilbasis," said Mr. Taylor, who added liam Stokes, St. Thomas; Colin Cashthat a deliberate attempt is being a wartime duty. ore. Owen Sound; James F. Marsh, made to flood Canada with surplus Toronto, and E. J. Follwell, Belleville, labor,

A STATE ment will be enjoyed by all, but even

Foreign Exchange Rates and Cheap Labor conditions are causing the ruin of Canada. **Proper Tariff Protection will provide** the strong bulwark we need to fight off this death-deailng enemy.

Labor Too High For the Farmer

edited. Above all the jokes must be clean; the best rule is to remember Ottawa, Ont .- "Fundamentally ther that this paper is to be read by the is nothing wrong with our prairie whole family,

provinces, but temporarily there is a great room for improvement," said M . Fred V. Seibert, of the Natural urces Intelligence Service, before members of the Topographical Surveys Society at their regular open meeting in the Topographical Surveys' quarters. " Take the case of the

province of Alberta," Mr. Selbert

what can be seriously wrong with a

which Alberta has been endowed?

coal reserves, 14 1-2 per cent, of the world supply, 21 per cent. of North

America; 72 per cent. of the British

If Alberta's agricultural industry

alone was developed as intensively

as that of Denmark she would be cap-

able of supporting a population of

"On the other hand there is much

wrong which time and perseverance

will eradicatae. The farmer in the

west is at present suffering from a financial burden incurred during the period of high prices and easy credit

and at the same time he is very sertously handicapped in atten

make ends meet by the lack of proportion between the prices he has to

pay for those things he must buy and

the price of those things he sells.

Farm labor and manufactured goods

are altogether too high for the price

Ottawa .-- The employees of the Ot-

of wheat, oats, hutter, pork, beef."

considerably over 20,000,000 people.

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Safety and accident prevention are into subjects pertaining to the produc-, explain frankly the real ideals of the abjects not to be overlooked in the tion of raw materials, tools, etc., pur- management in employee matters and + organ. The greatest annual loss to chased and used by the company. The industry is through accidents. To're-duce accidents is to lessen the cost of doing business and to increase the ited and depends to a considerable exwages it is possible to pay the work- tent upon the readers.

ers. Great care should be exercised General news articles or stories lest these subjects be overworked and may concernitions of community inthe employees become "fed up" on terest complete Eactivities, plant ex-

propaganda. Articles telling of accidents to employees can be carefully methods or new processes. In stories written to point out the economic loss pertaining to new machinery, autothrough accidents in industry, and to matic parts, new methods of processshow the advantages to all through es, and attempt must be made to ans. Ald. MacDonald brought up the mata reduction in the number of casual-

A worthy aim of any publication is to increase thrift, savings, home- history of industry records the sub- derstanding should be arrived at with building and wise investments, and to point out the value of insurance.

In a diplomatic manner the organ should attempt to quicken the patriotism of the readers. The duties of citizens should be called to the attention of the employees through the columns of the paper. The publication which anxiety of the men is important. fails to endeavor to raise the standard of citizenship is overlooking a duty not only to the company, but to the nation as well. This is not merely

perly and sincerely handled, will at-A "humorous" column or departain results.

lication may be one of the undertakings of the employee association. In fact publications so conducted are very successful, as the employees feel that such a paper is their own and any suspicions as to management dictation is eliminated to some extent. (The writer then devotes consider-

space to the general make-up and typographical features of employee magazines: the selection of a printer, and other similar details not necessary to reprint at thise time.) He continues:

In the final analysis, a great deal depends on the editor. He must be the final judge and jury of each and every item and article that goes into the publication, and it is his brain the conditions affecting the welfare that must produce many of the ar- of mothers in Great Britain. Althis department must be carefully ticles and editorials, which will be though the infant mortality rate in far-reaching in effect. His is no small England and Wales has been reduced task and the individual selected for during this century by over half, the the position must know and understand his readers. He must keep in ed practically stationary. About four close touch with them. The editor should not be hampered by any petty

Educational articles may show emcensorship of the management. It is ployees how to do their specific tasks the duty of the management to exerbetter. inspire them to read or study, cise great care in choosing the editor, and may cover a wide field, extending and once having made a selection, to stitute for sole leather is the tele-

theu leave the responsibility of edit ing the publication entirely in the hands of the editor.

### **Compensation Board** and General Hosp't'l.

One Not Living up to Contract, While Other is, it is Stated

Prince Rupert, B. C .- At the meeting of the hospital board recently wer the question which immediately ter of payments to the general hos enters the minds of the employees as pital by the Workmen's Compensation to how it affects his well-being. The Board. He considered a definite unstitution of machine methods for hand the compensation board as to the labor, but always the ultimate result exact amount they are expetced to is that the worker's position has been pay for hospital treatment of workbettered. Nevertheless, the question men According to a section of Workcontinues to be asked by the employee | men's Compensation Act the compenwhen changes are made, of the na- sation board provided from crutches ture mentioned above. To meet these to serums but they did not provide for question and to relieve the mental any such thing. They provided \$2.50 per day only. The hospital were liv-The editorials must be broad- ing up to their part of the agreement gauged, liberal and fair. Attempts at but the government and the compen "high-brow" writing will not meet sation board were not living up to with success. The "we" attitude, pro- theirs.

Harry Birch, secretary to the hospital thought the board should get to-In some instances the employee pub- | gether and thrash these things out. People were under the impression that the W. C. B. should do things which they do not do. Ald MacDon ald stated he was in correspondence with the Workmen's Compensation Board authorities in Vancouver and expected further word from them After further discuss on the matte was left over until the next board meeting when further correspondence will have been received from the ompensation board.

### Welfare of Mothers and Babies in G-B.

An important report just published by the Minister of Health discusses maternal mortality rate has remainmothers lose their lives for every thousand children born

So far the most satisfactory sub-

stions for working were as satisfactory them to set the rate for overtime pay.

Toronto and the **Postal Strike** 

One of the most curious developments of the postal strike was to the United States. The only wonthe attempt made by the Ottawa Journal to prolong it. On June 28 son the very eve of settlement, the Journal put forward the plea that only Toronto was suffering, that Toronto deserved to suffer because its press had not denomeed the strikers, and that Toronto should therefore be left to suffer a while longer. The Journal went so far as to remind the government that nothing was to be lost politically by keeping Toronto "in a mess." It commented sareastically: "If the King government isn't careful, Toronto will refuse to vote Lib-eral at the next general election." The Journal's references to the general aspect of the strike in Toronto were as follows:

"A great many people in Canada will be disposed to let Toron-seto stew in its own juice...... Has anybody outside of Toronto suf-arrived in the Mayflower. "You can fered very much because the mail service in Toronto has been upset sthrough a stupid strike! Let those who directly or indirectly en-couraged public servants to adopt an intolerable course stew for a onus is on the Dominion Government while in the mess that has resulted."

These quotations are presented as an example of inter-city malice There should be a quota system in and envy rare in the Canadian press. They are perhaps equally in-teresting as an example of fallacious reasoning. The strike at Toreasting as an example of failations reasoning. The strike at 10-fronto and Windsor deprived one-fifth of the province's population of postal facilities. To argue that none among the other four-fifths suffered as a result is to display a curious ignorance of the inter-related complevities of provincial business and provincial prosperity. onus is on the Dominion Governmens agine fine dwellings all over it.

Something Wrong Proceeding to quote statistics Dele- Empire, 87 per cent. of Canada and gate Inglis stated that for a period of more than any other country in the 50 years at the end of 1921, 1,117,000 world except the United States, native born Canadian people had migrated to the United States. Mr. In-

**Election** of Officers

**Government Under Fire** 

"And be it further resolved that it

glis added that it had cost the country \$86 a head for every immigrant coming into Canada . "There is something wrong somewhere. I am given

to understand that there are \$2,000 people in Canada waiting to migrate derful possibility for immigrants is the We can not be too strong in our con-

Onus on Dominion Government Delegate H. S Mitchell Hamilton) sai that immigration had been a sub-ject of discussion since the pilgrims

rave and rant," asserted the speak tawa street railway have signed a and not on the British Labor Party. two-year agreement with the company with wages at 49 to 50 cents an hour.

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### Paper Companies Plan Wage Cuts

Only Way, They Feel, to Meet Demands of Publishers for **Cheaper** Paper

Montreal,-The newsprint paper companies are taking steps to set their in order to meet conditions in the industry. One move that has been instituted, and which had already which include a large degree of la- waterfront workers must pass to ob- union act.

bor outside the mills, . coming from Northern Ontario to the scabs against the carpenters. Buile

effect that pulp and paper companies tins are placed on the boards inside was denied. od in that district have the hall stating that so many men are been reducing their bids for pulpwood required and when the men are se-

bought from settlers and others. cured they are herded to some ship Workers in the woods have also been where the strike is on and put to notified that the wage scale is due for work as scabs. Many workers how downward revision. And it is learned ever refused to serve as strikebreak-that many of the larger mills are discussing with their representatives of largest of the shipyards and marine adoption of a progressive platform and their workers a scaling down of wages contractors have been compelled to a determination to launch a vigorous in order that labor may do its share to keep the mills operating. Strikers are holding out for their de-closing of the harmonious third party

present situation in newsprint is wages from \$7.50 to \$8 and the pros- June 19. bringing demands from publishers for pects of victory are excellent. ower prices for the product. Lower prices, the mill heads say, are an im-

a reasonable basis of discussion between the operators and the workers can be reached. From Northern Ontario, however, there is a feeling against lower wages, and any reductions will be met with much resistance.

### **Strike for Higher** Wages in B.C.

legal" organization at common law, and could not recover \$4,000 taken Vancouver, B. C .- The shipping bosbeen mentioned in these columns has ses of this place are cooperating with by an official named Starr. The Brobeen a slowing down of production at marine contractors and shipyards in therhood appealed to the Manitoba many of the mills. Now the mills are an effort to break the strike of the court of appeals, and won a decision endeavoring to get their costs down carpenters on the waterfront here, there, sustaining its right to recover by striking at the all-important ele- The Shipping Federation has loaned even though unincorporated or unregment of labor charges and wood costs, the "Fink" Hall through which all istered under the Canadian trades

supreme court at Ottawa. His appeal

> **Unanimously Adopt Progressive Ideals**

St. Paul, Minn.-The unanimou closing of the harmonious third party The workers are being told that the mands for an increase in the scale of nominating convention at St. Paul,

> The platform declares that American plutocracy nullifies the Declara tion of Independence and calls for

prices, the milt nears say, are an any possibility without reduction in labor There may be no harvest moon for widespread public ownership of incosts. Hence the present discussions, the wild out crop, but there is plenty dustries, transportation and banking. Among the mills it seems apparent of moonshine. \_\_\_\_\_ fit The right of labor to organize on

abolition of labor injunctions and the this time of the year for more than a tains B. of L. E. use of the police and militia against mere handful to be walking the labor. It declares that the police and streets looking for a job. But this

soldiers should help and not hinder year unemployment is postively on the Cleveland.-The Dominion supreme increase.

ourt of Canada sustains the Brother- labor. Child welfare legislation is declared that the number of families in receipt nood of Locomotive Engineers, acord-ing to a telegram received by the Grand Office in this city, in the Starr case which has been fought bitterly the for and maternity benefits, insurance for sickness accidents, old age and death, to be paid for by a tax on tory of the sity of the sity hood of Locomotive Engineers, acording to a telegram received by the tor the past year through the courts wealth. A minimum wage and resi-

Judge Galt of the Manitoba supreme court held the B. of L. E. was an "ilincluded.

> for the users of land, government marketing and distribution and goverment loans to the farmers without interest. Economic and legal equality of the lodges not possessing sufficinterest. account and the econ-is demanded for women and the econ-ient members to hold further meet-omic and political emancipation of the ings. Negroes.

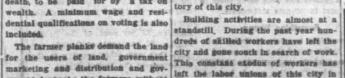
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HEALTH TOPICS

By Dr. Emerson, Professor Public

Health Columbia University

worry is about the best friend disease

Get plenty of fresh air and plenty

Go to the doctor at the first indi-

Petage Au Fromage De Gruyere

Live within your income

Don't worry about yourself.

such a delicious first course.

Keep a cheerful spirit.

Don't hate anybody.

isn't working right.

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of aleep

Eat sensibly

Work hard.

HOUSEHOLD NOTES

There is such a thing as thinking half a loaf of bread into very thin

too much about one's physical con-slices, remove crusts and cut into

dition. It perhaps is productive of as small squares; make a layer of them

much ill health as is thinking too at the bottom of the soup tureen. Now

little about it. It is responsible for put a layer of Gruyere cheese shaved

many of the nervous troubles which thin, then another of bread, then more

affict millions of Americans and cheese, and finally a layer of bread.

which often lead to dreadful things. The whole should come not quite half-

The first suspicion that something way up the tureen. Pour over it two

pretty liberal with her warnings and side of the fire till the cream has

to be consciously on the lookout for and serve at once. It is perfectly de-

them all the time. Mind and matter licious, and so different from the or-

are too closely connected for that and dinary run of soups that it is well

cation that something in your body of great use in preventing this. Take

This is a very famous French soup edges with ribbon or cotton braid.

soup tureen. That's not correct These need not be undone each time.

which has gone a little out of date Stitch pieces of the ribbon or braid

lately because it must be served in at each side to tie under the arms.

now, of course, but still, I don't see as the wrap should be made to slip

why an exception should not be made easily over the head. Another ad-

once in a while in order to secure vantage of this shampoo wrap is that

they should always be heeded prompt- soaked into the bread. Then add

But we do not believe it pays to about one guart of the boiling soup,

be wrong with the body shot?d cupfuls of cream, cover the tureen.

one to the doctor. Nature is and set it is a warm place at the

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Immigrants Arrive for Farm Work- | going out of business. Even with a Many Unemployed in Cities-Mixed Farmers Leaving Land

There is at least one section of Cnario in which no great shortage of yield. Of plums, the same may be farm labor is reported. This is in the Niagara fruit belt, and more particularly in the area of which St. Grapes have largely increased in acre-Catharines is the centre. "In fact," Agricultural Representative Van Ev- cared for than anything else, but it is ery says, "I have had more trouble just lately in finding jobs for men in this line. than men for lobs."

Swiss Are Making Good This ondition is due in part to the arrival of a number of men from Eur- grape growers have decided to conpe These arrivals are made up of ne-fifth each of Swiss, Dutch and ization, and that the Niagara Penin-English, the remaining two-fifths being Scotch and Irish. Of the Swiss, only two could speak all three lan- plant in this city, also appears to be guages used in Switezrland. These in good shape for the handling of this people from Europe's "Sea of Moun- year's output of tree fruits. There is tains" have proved exceedingly satisfactorily. They have all remained on is being done through the office of the farms where they were first the Agricultural Representative with placed. On the other hand, some of the English arrivals have failed to stick. One is now on the point of 23 bags of certified seed potatoes have leaving his third place of employment. Wages for all these migrants are running from \$20 to \$35 per month with to-lay hens are also being used by the" board

Quitting Farm for Labor Wages In part the unusual labor supply in this section is due to an unhealthy omic condition. One auctioneer in the general farming area of Lincoln is reported to have averaged around five farm auction sales per. week from December to early spring. Fully 10 per cent. of these sales, in Mr. Ven Every's opinion, were "for-

ced sales." Fully half of them were Metal Workers by order of men who have since been looking for or taking work in urban

entres or on the canal. At one time 2,400 men were on the register of the vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, announ-ing for work On the casal wares are ing for work. On the canal wages are

ound hand and foot by the banks, mation regarding the local metal workers' unions in the Maritime Provinces.

> American Federation of Labor at the Mount Royal Hotel.

**Telegraphers** Aid Striking Miners dition

### **ROUND CORNER**

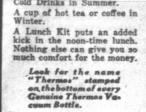
militants are determined to secure works have been laid off. At Inver- further sums of money. A resolution donating ten dollars towards the erection of another cenathousand Nova Scotia miners are now

with the prospect of their working



"Thermos" comfort for the man who carries his lunch to the job From the laborer to the

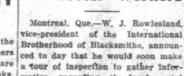
skilled mechanic — working-men of every trade have found how much comfort there is in a genuine THER-MOS Vacuum Bottle Lunch Vit Cold Drinks in Summer.







Harmony Among



stated to be from 35 to 50 cents an hour for men and \$6 and \$7 per day for man and team. Several farm ers are doing teaming work and will spend only part of their time cutting

He said that the metal workers and saving hay and scant grain crops were on agreeable terms with their on the farms on which they formerly employees and conditions good for them throughout Canada. Mr. Pow-all their time. "As a result of all this," Mr. Van Every says, "not a lesland is representing the Canadian little land will be out of cultivation blacksmiths at the conference of the altogether, and a lot more will be on ly partially cultivated."

> Abnormal Taxation a Factor More than one cause has contrib

uted to the bringing about of the conwhich exists. Those who bought land at high prices with little

experience and have since suffered Winnipeg, Man .- The Trades and from deflation in the prices of farm Labor Council of this city has donatproducts, form one of the chief faced ten dollars to the striking miners tors in the case. Even old timers of District 18 U. M. W. of A. A clause in the constitution limits such have suffered not a little. Growing tax burdens are also helping to drive donations to ten dollars but local

people from the land. In one extreme case the school rate alone in a rural section is 55 mills. The general run of local taxes for all purposes on farm lands near St. Catharines is placed at \$5 to \$8 per acre. One farmer is paying over \$1,000 a year in taxes on 125 acres of farm land and a not extravagant home in the city. The as seasment is said to represent very closely the forced sale value of some

urban area.



young farmers' organizations. Eight school fairs are planned for this year; been sent out for use in connection with these; 275 dozen eggs from bredschool children, and an equal number of settings from breeding stations have been sent out for the improvement of farm flocks. With the spirit of co-operation and improvement in both production and marketing, there seems to be hope of a brighter future for one of the districts most favored by nature in Ontario. W. L. S

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**COUNCIL DEMAND ACTION RE UN-**EMPLOYMENT

King and Murdock say No Good Can come from Labor Representation at Unemployed Conference.

The prediction was made at the July 4th meeting of the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council that the therefore be it coming winter will see more unemployed in that city than ever before in its history. Statements were made manufacturers.

A committee has been struck off to prepare a review of the existing state of affairs with a view to moving the local authorities in the direction of preparation for relief work The requests made to Mackenzie King and "Till Nell Sneezes" Murdock that representation be granted to labor organizations at the forthcoming Ottawa unemployment conference brought back opinions that no good could come from Labor being present. The delegates were not satis fied with this and are going to press for further consideration of the claims of the workers in this connection.

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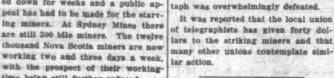
which can free the farmers from this exploitation is the working class; Resolved, that this convention of the Cape Breton section of the Canadian Labor Party appeals to the farmers of

that large concerns are laying off this Province to join their forces with men wholesale, and that a feeling of those of the industrial workers in mic hopelessness exists in the common political action against the breasts of the manufacturers. Large capitalists and their parties for the numbers are walking the streets at defense of their common interests the present time of workers, not and the emancipation of the working population from capitalist exploite-

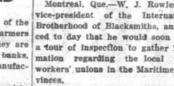
# **PROSPERITY IS YET**

tion.

of District 18 U. M. W. of A. New Glasgow, N.S.-Two thousand men employed in the steel and car ness there are at least 800 miners idle. The mines here have been closed down for weeks and a public appeal has had to be made for the starving miners. At Sydney Mines there are still 300 idle miners. The twelve







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# Labor News From Coast to Coast

### **"OUR OVERSEAS COLUMN"**

### Caucasus 95% Anniversary of Nor-

Moscow .- The trade unions of the On the 30th of March, the Nor-Caucasus at their annual session, held wegian Federation of Trade Unions weeks after ten years of service. this week, report that 95 per cent. of celebrated its 25th anniversary. The all industrial and office workers are Federation was founded at a congress organized, and 50 per cent. are work- held at Easter time in 1899. In the ing under collective agreements. The first few years of its existence it had trade unions have in all 230,000 mem- many difficulties to contend with, bers, of whom 103,000 are in industry, and the number of affiliated organiza-50,000 in transport, and the rest in of-fice employment.' Fifteen per cent. It has only achieved its present poswomen, the small number ac- ition after many a fierce conflict, but counted for by the fact that the main it can now look back upon much good industries are oil and manganese min- and successful work. The date of its ing, while the main population is Mo- jubilee coincides, however, with a time hammedan,

### The Sufferings of the Saar District

ments have hitherto failed. (I. F. T. U.) The "Ruhr Nemesis which is the name given by the "Sunday 'Times" to the fall of the franc. Workers' Holidays in has unfortunately not been limited to France, but has affected the Saar Districi also, where it is feit more acutely then ever in France herself. This German district which was handed employees could claim paid holidays. over to the League of Nations for 15 Since the war, however, there has years, is for the second time going been a great extension of the custom through the miseries of currency de- in some ountries, such as Finland, preclation Having drunk to the dregs Austria, Russia and Poland, there are the bitter cup of the inflation of the statutory regulations providing for mark, in common with its German paid holidays annually for all workfatherland, it is now suffering from ers. The following is a survey of the the agonies of the franc depreciation, present position in the various coun-

since it has changed its currency in tries with regard to this question: the mountime Finland-The Collective Agreement by the depreciation of the franc all Act grants every worker, who has the holders of French money and all worked for one year consecutively the owners of such capital, as ac- with the same employer, the right to cording to law must be invested in an annual paid holiday of 7 workingsecurities paying rate of interest in days. Those who have worked for francs, (as for instance trust-money half a year obtain 4 working days. No and the capital of the various funds agreements may be made limiting for old age and sickness insurance these rights.

Various Countries

Before the war very few workers

scept civil servants and municipal

etc.) have lost more than our-fifths Austria-The Workers' Holiday Act of the value of their investments. In provides for holidays for certain the case of cash, and also in the case, classes of workers. These may claim of investments in French government 1 week after one year's consecutive stock-the insurance funds of the work, and 2 weeks after 5 year's emmines under French management ployment. must be so invested—this loss on the Russia—All persons working for rate of exchange means gain for the wages, who have worked for at least French Government. five and a half months consecutive

The Saar Territory is now compel- iy in the same situation, are entitled led to import nearly all its foodstuffs, to a holiday of at least two weeks: and therefore the depreciation of the young persons under 18 can claim 1 currency causes a great increase in month. Persons employed in trades the cost of living of the great bulk injurious to health or in dangerous of the population. Perpetual wage trades are entitled to an additional conflicts are the natural result and holiday of at least two weeks. In the chief interest of the whole of the the case of seasonal workers, a six working population of the Saar Terri- per cent. increase of wage (12 per tory (workers, salaried employees, cent, in trade injurious to health) has and civil servants) is thus centred to be granted in lieu of holiday. upon these struggles.

Let us consider the typical position July 1st, 1922, all persons working members of the affiliated organizaof the miners, who constitute the bulk for wages are to receive eight work- tions. The results show that three of the-workers. Their employer is ing days of paid holidays after one and a half million workers have a the French State, to whom, by the year's employment by the same con- 48-hour week, and 800,000 a 42-hour Treaty of Versailles, the Saar mines cern; workers with three years' emwere allotted as compensation for the ployment receive fiftcen days. Young destruction of the mines of Northen persons under 18 years of age and France. It was pointed out in the apprentices in small concerns or in Senate on February 12th last that the handicrafts receive after one year's An Attack on the output of the Saar mines during the employment an annual holiday of fifpast year had been extremely satis- teen consecutive days Non-manual Moreover, there is always workers in trade, industry or offices factory. ready sale for the coal. On the other, are entitled to two weeks' holiday afhand, d.e Troquer, the French Minis- ter six months' employment by the tries, such as Germany, Austria, etc., has admitted that the rise in

of Belgrade District have up to fifteen days holiday with full wages. while those of Sarajevo District can claim a paid holiday of four days after one year's employment, and fourteen days after five years' employment. In a Organized wegian Fed'n. of T.U. this District the municipal employees months, the workers in the ship buildobtain fourteen days' holiday after one ing industry along the German water year of service, and this rises to four

### Position of Polish

Working Class class of that country: "For two months our whole eco- crease in wages is granted. nomic life has been subordinated to the policy of balancing our national budget and stabilizing our rate of exfive weeks some 70,000 workers have been involved in either strikes or lock-outs, and all attempts at settle-

great-industrial depression, and an installed. The vote to return to work normous amount of unen ployment. game chiefly from the unorganized The industrialists are anxious to men. lize this depression for the purpose of lengthening the working hours,

their pretext being the necessity of defending themselves against the cometition of German industry. Espec ally strong pressure is being exerted in Polish Upper Silesia, where the Polish law establishing the 46-hour week is not in force, and working hours are regulated by the German decree of 1918, which in Germany itself has now been superseded. Hitherto we have managed to stand out against the employers' attack. These schemes of the industrialists have encountered energetic opposition from the workers, and even from the Government. Thus

the Prime Minister has openly declared that he has every intention of remaining true to his promise, and that he does not intend to countenance any encroachments upon the achievements of the working classes. Notwithstanding this, we feel ourelves threatened, especially in Upper

Silesia, by the danger that our working hours will be lengthened after the German model. If that were once to happen in Upper Silesia, no law could save the rest of us in the other parts of Poland. The Polish Federation of Trade

of working hours, and passed a resodefended to the uttermost. But we blems of the Dominion. are painfully aware that our posi tion is a very difficult one.'

### Working Hours in **Great Britain**

An enquiry has recently been instituted by the British Trade Union Poland-According to the Act of Congress on the working hours of

work 48 hours a week or less.

**Eight-Hour Day** 

same concern and to four weeks' holi- and trying to make their new wag

agreements conditional upon the con-

#### work. Thus, the printing operatives Shipworkers Lose Jefferson Again Long Struggle

Bosses Force Nine-Hour Day Hamburg, Germany .- After fighting heroic battle of more than four front have had to bow to the inevitable and resume work under practically the old conditions

These terms provide a 9-hour day elected corresponding secretary and nstead of the 8-hour struggled for, chairman of executive committee. and the bosses refuse to take all the Messrs, E. Dorion, Joseph Turner, D. The press service of the LF.T.U. has men back on the grounds that there W. Riley, and Walter Robertson, exreceived the following communica- is not enough work for all who were ecutive committee. The recording sections from the Polish trade unions on employed when the strike started in retary, Mr. Martin O'Brien had prethe present position of the working January. This means they will not viously been elected by acclamation. take back the leaders. A slight in- Others elected were delegates to the

annual convention of the Trades and Optimists point out that while tech- Labor Congress of Canada. Messrs. L nically the bosses secured a victory Molson and Geo McCann: Delegate to of bitter economic conflict, which is budget and stabilizing our rate of ex-unequalled in its history. For the last change. The decrees issued for this workers have given the bosses the A. Reny (acclamation:) delegates to the I. T. U. Messrs P. Draper, and purpose and still more, the refusal to scare of their lives by holding out so the Ontario Conference, Messrs, F continue the state credits which have long. The 8-hour day, they point out, Preece and W. Robinson (acclamaup till now been granted for indus-trial purposes have given rise to the 9-hour day has been temporarily tion) sergeant at arms, J. K. Pearce.

### **Coke Plant May Be Opened in St. John**

St. John, N.B .- That St. John is to e preferred to Montreal as the place been received and will be placed beto establish a large \$200,000 coke infore the City Council from Division lustry was the statement of Charles No. 510 Locomotive Engineers of Camsell, deputy minister, Department of Mines and chairman, of the Moose Jaw from the City Coun-Federal Fuel Board, who passed cil in reard to the city fire fighters. through the city enroute from Halifax to Ottawa. condemns the action of the City Coun-

Because of St. John's position on the coast, and the fact that the haror is open the year around, permiting of the importation of coal by steamer during the whole of the 12 Association of Fire Fighters, and asks to Montreal. The establishment of a coke indus-

ry here on the scale planned, he said, would mean the stabilization of the mining industry in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and would, beyond a doubt ,result in the working of the mines in these provinces 365 days every year.

As chairman of the Federal Fuel Railroad Brotherhood States Men Not Unions recently discussed the question | Board, he was interested in the proposition, because it would mean a step lution that the eight-hour-day must be towards the solution of the fuel pro

### **Montreal Labor Opposes Hanging**

Use of Lash Also Condemned by Trades Council

Montreal, Que, Organized labor in Montreal went on record recently as operated in the city for the last two opposing capital punishment and the week. Of the fifteen million British Council supported the Point St. Charworkers, some ten to twelve millions les Lodge. International Association of Machinists, which transmitted a copy of a letter it had sent to Hon. E J. McMurray, the solicitor general,

ommending him for recently suspending the lash sentence imposed Luxemburg employers are follow- Raoul Beauchamp, hold-up man and

### Workers Returning **Heads the Typos** to the Farms

Seek Johs in Canada While Work May Be Secured

partment, was re-elected president of the Ottawa Typographical Union, No. Unfavorable industrial conditions 102, at the election of officers held recently. Mr.Jefferson defeated his opponent, Mr. M. B. Rowen 196 to \$3 votes. Captain J. A. P. Haydon was blem it became known recently. back their old positions.

"I talked to some of these boys and they all said work was mighty scarce on the other sile, and they thought the best thing the could do was to hustle back to Canan, and farm work while the going was and," declared the farm expert

I found similar conditions in Pruce County. The young men are leaves n the United States, particularly De- the cities and flocking back to the triot, is having a beneficial effect on land. I also find that farmers are the Western Ontario farm labor pro- not so anxious to hire help at wages beyond \$35 a month and board. In A prominent agriculturist, whose fact a number won't pay more than work takes him all over Western On- \$25 or \$20. They explain that they tario reports that a number of young | can't tell what they are going to get men who left their homes and farm for their crops, and if they take a jobs near Glencoe have come back chance on hiring several men at high from Detroit and were glad to get wages they will be out of pocket in the fall.

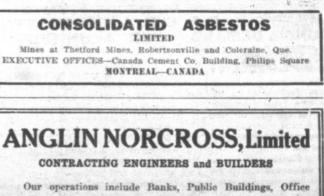
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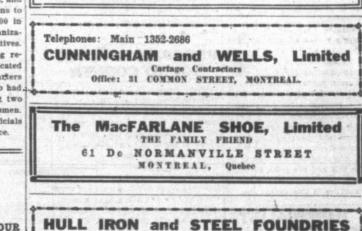
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months, this city was to be preferred the Council to reconsider the decision reached in the matter. The letter asks that the fire fighters be given their just rights as free-born British

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Ottawa, Ont .-- Mr. James W. Jeffer

son, of "The Journal" mechanical de-

Unions Protest the

**Action of the Council** 

Locomotive Engineers and Machinists'

Union Ask for Reconsideration of

**Decision Regarding Fire Fighters** 

Moose Jaw Sask .- Letters have

The Locomotve Engineers' Union

cil in prohibitng the fire fighters of

Moose Jaw from joining any, union

or affiliating with the International

**Representing** Organization

St. Thomas, Ont .-- It is unofficially reported that the two men, represent ing themselves to be authorized agents for a railroad brotherhood, and who have induced some 20 persons to invest sums amounting to \$20,000 in upposed securities of the organization, are all bogus representatives. One of the investors, not having received his certificates, communicated with the organization headquarters and learns that the two men who had

months were not authorized salesmen. lash, when the Trades and Labor The chamber of commerce officials will investigate the report at once.



DEPARTMENT OF LAROUR

prices has been greater in the Saar day after one years'employment. Territory than in France. In spite of In most other industrial countries sent of the workers to the lengthenthis however, the miners' wages are a large number of collective agree- ing of working hours. This course still 75 per cent. behind the deprecla- ments contain clauses providing for has been advised by the president of tion of the franc and the consequent paid holidays. Thus, 72 per cent. of the Federation of Eudustrialists, and rise in the cost of living. Precisely all the collective agreements in force a large metal-working concern has the same thing has happened in the in Germany on the 31st of December, already succeeded, by the application Electric Company at a mass meeting case of the salaried employees and 1921, contained clauses providing for of considerable pressure, in enforcing held recently voted to accept the comcivil servants. We know that poverty holidays for 86 per cent of all the what it calls a "temporary" suspenand blitterness go hand in hand; and workers affected by these agreements, sion of the eight-hour-day. On this with the maximum wages for the first there can be little doubt that the most The average length of the holiday occasion the Government lent its aid year at 49c hourly and 50c for the seviolent conflicts will break out unless was in 50 per cent. of the agreements to the employers. The Luxemburg ond year. The minimum rates will be these crying abuses are remedied.

If those who are primarily respon-sible remain inactive, it is the busi-Great Britain-According to the re-solution "to spare no effort to repel ness of the League of Nations and the ports received by the Ministry of La- this attack on the vital interests of signed within a few weeks, and is 139 Queen St. International Labor Office to take up bor, clauses providing for paid holi- the workers." this question, and to see that the days have been inserted in over 100 German workers of the Saar District collective agreements. In most agree- Mines Kill 234 in April are not also victimized by the pres- ments it is provided that wages shall ent mischievous Ruhr policy.

a rule, from six to twelve months' Bucharin, the president of the In-ternational of Communist Youth, has sent in a petition to the Communist cases compensation is granted to for the first four months of the year International asking for increased fin- workers who leave a post before to 993.

Washington,-Fatal coal mine acbe paid for all the statutory days of cidents are continuing at a rate largeholiday, and that each worker is en- ly in excess of a year ago. according titled to an annual holiday with full to April reports received by the U.S. From the Communist T. U. Movement the set of the set of

ancial aid for the Communist Youth their holiday is due. The fatality rate per million tons of Movement, as the Young Communist Italy-A paid holiday is granted in coal was nearly double that of April, Associations of both Europe and Asia most of the chief branches of indus-are in financial difficulties as a result try. The length of the holiday ranges The 10-year average for April was of losses in membership. According from six days in the chemical, metal 4.94. The fatality rate for the first to Bucharin's statement, there was up and textile industries to twelve or fif- four months was 5.66 per million tons to January 1st, 1924, a decline in teep days in gas and electricity works as compared with 4.06 a year ago. membership-in Norway of 44 per and in the printing trade. In most The number of fatalities due to macent. in Germany of 27 per cent., in cases the workers can claim a holiday jor disasters usually caused by ex-Finland of 40 per cent, and in France after one year's employment. plosions of gas and coal dust shows of 22 per cent. In Roumania the Yuge-Slavia—The report of a fac- a marked increase, totalling 384 for

membership was 1,390, as compared tory inspector shows that the number the four months as compared with with 4,020 in the previous year. In of collective agreements providing for 140 in 1923. Failure of operators to Japan membership has declined 30 per cent, while in China the total mem-bership is now only about 800. spect are printing and municipal uves are largely to blame.

**Ottawa Electric Co. Employees' Contract** 

Ottawa .- By an almost unanin vote union employees of the Ottawa pany's offer of a two-year contract three days and in 41 per cent, from Federation of Trade Unions has dis- 44c and 45c. The former rates were from 43c to 48c per hour.

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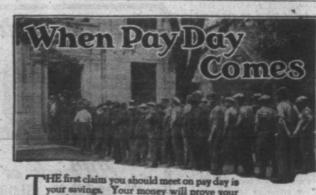
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