

CON. CAMERON RE-ELECTED BY HUGE MAJORITY

Alderman Macdonald, of Rideau Ward, Only Candidate Elected in Aldermanic Contest.

MANY FRIENDS OF THE WAGE-EARNERS IN COUNCIL

Municipal Committee of Trades Council Should Closely Watch Events at City Hall.

"We go down, whipped and unafraid," (taking the words of one of the successful candidates for the Board of Control of Ottawa for 1921), sums-up the position of the Independent Labor Party and the trade unions of this city in the municipal election contest of Monday.

Of the two candidates for the Board of Control only one was successful. Controller John Cameron, who sat on the Board during 1920, was re-elected by a huge majority. He was a close second to Controller Nap. Champagne, who polled 2,145 votes as against Controller Cameron's 6,418.

Mr. Wm. Lodge, who was the running mate of Controller Cameron on the Labor platform for the Board of Control, polled less than 2,000 votes. Just why this should happen we are not prepared to state, but certainly many wage-earners in the city of Ottawa followed the advice of the daily press in preferring to the adherence to the policy the workers themselves formulated. Had Labor followed this policy at all, the City Hall would have no party to remember that on election day they are voters as on the remaining 364 days of the year. However, wage-earners will give their vote to those who are not in power. Then, and not until then, can we hope to be successful in electing our own representatives into public office.

The vote for the Board of Control was as follows: Nap. Champagne, 2,145; John Cameron, 6,418; Arthur Ellis, 4,433; J. H. Doherty, 2,174; J. G. McGuire, 2,462; J. F. McKelvey, 2,482; Donald Hector McLean, 2,408; W. J. Grace, 2,245; W. P. Grant, 2,054; E. H. Hatcher, 1,842; R. G. Macneil, 1,513; William Lodge, 1,266; David Rice, 1,559.

Mr. D. H. Macdonald, Rideau Ward, was the only Labor candidate who secured the vote in the aldermanic contest. However, much good has been accomplished and many people who in the past knew nothing about the great Labor movement now know that much appearing in the daily press is not based on fact and is published with the idea of dividing the workers and thus retard the workers' progress.

The trade unions have accomplished much. Almost all of the members of the City Council have subscribed to Labor's platform and the vote recorded Controller Plant demonstrates that the workers hold the balance of power in the municipal committee of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association to elect a new alderman.

The Labor Party should be going the year, and when election day again draws near let them speak out in plain language advising the workers of Ottawa City Council.

The trade unions of Ottawa, while not electing its entire slate, did not neglect deal. Labor costs will have its head up for it was unwhipped and unafraid.

PLANT OTTAWA'S MAYOR

Workers' Vote Did the Trick—Grave Problem of Unemployed Big Task Ahead of New Mayor—Labor Ready to Assist.

After one of the keenest elections in many years Mr. Frank H. Plant was elected mayor of the city of Ottawa for 1921, over Mr. Joseph Kent, by a very small majority.

The workers' wards recorded a very heavy vote for Mr. Plant and his election is due to the support given him by the wage-earners of the capital city of Canada. His nomination paper was signed by Mr. Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and many officials of the various local unions. His record, during his term of office, has been more than favorable to Labor and he has always been regarded as one of the true friends of the workers. Mr. Plant addressed, during his campaign, almost all of the local unions and everywhere he was recorded a warm reception. This reception was carried further and an analysis of the vote cast will show that in the districts where workers reside he has been given large majorities: One of the Ottawa daily newspapers states that had Dalhousie ward been excluded Mr. Kent would have been elected by a large majority. Exactly. But, fortunately, workers still have the right to vote and Plant was their choice.

However, the mayor's task will be no easy one during the year ahead. Grave unemployment faces the community. At the Ontario Government Public Employment Bureau we are informed by the superintendent no fewer than 500 men are registered as unemployed. How many more workers are idle we have no means of ascertaining. The Government of Canada states that the task of absorbing this army lies with the municipality. His Worship Mayor Plant will have to find work for this army of unemployed. Labor has repeatedly stated that charity will not suffice. Emergency cases, of course, will have to be met with dolts, but work must be found for the vast majority. We are confident that his Worship Mayor Plant will take immediate steps to bring relief. Certainly the Labor movement of this city stands ready to render all assistance possible to Mayor Plant in this and all other questions affecting the social and economical status of all who toil.

ALBERTA FEDERATION OF LABOR MEETS NEXT WEEK.

The annual convention of the Alberta Federation of Labor will be held in Edmonton on January 19 and following days. It is expected that the attendance this year will be greater than at any previous convention.

RAILWAY STRIKE AND LOCK-OUT AT SYDNEY CONTINUES.

The Dominion News and Steel Works strike has now been going on for over a month and the deadlock which existed when the trouble started has not yet been broken. The hopes entertained by many that the settlement would come by New Year's have now passed and the indications are that the tie up will be prolonged for some time yet.

JIMMY SIMPSON DEFEATED, BUT MACHINE WOULD HAVE IT OTHERWISE.

One of the adding machines used in the City Hall, at Toronto, Saturday night in connection with the compiling of the municipal election returns went wrong for a while with the result that James Simpson, who was an aldermanic candidate in the Seventh ward, was made head of all Vanocover candidates in that ward, with a vote of about 2,000 recorded in his favor. This was noted as an extraordinary vote, and an investigation led to the discovery that there were not that many voters in the whole ward.

The machine in question was thereupon investigated, with the result of being at the head of the poll, Mr. Simpson was somewhere near the foot.

VANCOUVER "REDS" CANNOT SOLVE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS WITH WORDS.

At a meeting attended by six members of the committee of unemployed and civic, provincial and federal representatives, Mayor R. H. Gale, of Vancouver, presided, and he called for a demonstration of the city force General Ross to throw open the drill hall for meetings of the unemployed.

The mayor asked that no further meetings be held in view of the extremist activities of certain members of the committee. It had been found, he asserted, that a number of members of the committee had gone direct from the meetings of the men to the quarters of a secret organization where "the red flag waved."

Admitting the propriety of the men discussing matters among themselves, Mr. Gale would see no good reason for holding mass meetings three times a week. "When the men discuss matters among themselves, Mr. Gale would see no good reason for holding mass meetings three times a week. When the men discuss matters among themselves, Mr. Gale would see no good reason for holding mass meetings three times a week. When the men discuss matters among themselves, Mr. Gale would see no good reason for holding mass meetings three times a week. When the men discuss matters among themselves, Mr. Gale would see no good reason for holding mass meetings three times a week."

LABOR HAS CANDIDATE FOR GATINEAU POINT MAYORALTY.

From present indications the election to be held in Gatineau Point on January 17, will be the most keenly contested in Ottawa. Mayor Moreau, who has been in the chair for several years, is seeking re-election, and will be opposed by Damas Lafortune. The latter will go before the electors on a Labor ticket. For the three councilors there are so far five in the field. Mayor Moreau has taken Achille Blais, A. Wellington, and Mathias Lausen into his "camp," and Mr. Lafortune is also in the election of Arthur Wellington, J. P. Legault and Hermal Helinger.

SENATOR ROBERTSON GOES TO ST. THOMAS TO PROBE RAILWAY DISPUTE.

The labor situation in railway circles at St. Thomas has reached such an acute stage that Hon. Gideon Robertson has been sent to St. Thomas. The employees, after an investigation, claim that there are no grounds for the discharge of so many men from departments which practically control the operation of the road, and charge that the officials are moving at least as completely as the American national agreement and regulate the scale of wages themselves.

LABOR DEPARTMENT FIGURES NOT COMPLETE ON COST OF LIVING.

Criticism of the cost of living figures, published by the Canadian Department of Labor, in the Labor Gazette, was made on Tuesday at the meeting of the National Joint Industrial Board of the Building and Allied Trades.

Art Martel, representing the Carpenters, presented Labor's case. It was urged by him and other Labor men that the statistics furnished by the Department of Labor should be at least as complete as the American figures. It was pointed out by these speakers that the American figures indicated even the cost of hair pins to be used in a family and the length of time for which a mouse would prove serviceable.

HULL STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1921.

The employees of the Hull Street Railway have selected an efficient staff of officers for the ensuing year. At a recent meeting of the local body the following were elected: President, J. J. Gibault; vice-president, E. Boucher; financial secretary, J. A. Noel; recording secretary, N. E. Cormier; treasurer, F. Boucher; corresponding secretary, J. J. Gibault; war-treasurer, A. Foley; conductor, Gabriel Prout's secretary, Ed. Lefebvre; executive board, Wm. Sutherland, J. J. Gibault, M. Renaud, J. Lusk and J. Seguin; special committee, Wm. J. Houliffe, J. A. Noel; auditors, Thos. Gibeault, N. E. Cormier and Gabriel Prout; sick committee, O. Deschenes, J. Gibault, J. Routhier, A. Pasquet and Ed. Lefebvre; Hull Trades Council, J. A. Noel; Ottawa Trades Council, J. J. Gibault; W. Boucher and William Sutherland.

WAGERS OF MENACE OF "OPEN SHOP" MOVEMENT IN U.S.

Samuel Gompers, in a New Year's message to the workers of America, published in the current issue of "The Federationist," declares Labor faces a year of "solemn perils" and warns that the widespread movement for the "open shop" has for its aim "the destruction of Labor's voice."

Declaring that "Never in the history of the American Labor movement has plutocratic greed presented such an organized menace to democratic progress," Mr. Gompers said Labor finds at his moment "no one danger, but several."

Besides the movement for the "open shop" these are described by the veteran Labor leader as an effort to "make real collective bargaining impossible" through the establishment of various kinds of governmental boards and tribunals and the "heartless determination of unempowered employing interests to reduce wages and to stop the wheels of production entirely in many cases, resulting in great unemployment."

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PRINTERS' WAGES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The printers engaged on the Vancouver newspapers presented a demand recently for an increase in the day scale of pay from \$40.50 per week to \$45 and in the night scale from \$34 to \$36 and a reduction of hours per week from 45 to 42.

The publishers refused to consider the demand and in view of the cost of living going down, they asked that the old differential between day and night scale of \$1 be abolished.

An arbitration board was appointed, two members were appointed by the printers and one by a lawyer. The evidence on both sides has been presented. Four arbitrators were unable to incur in a finding and the case has been left in the hands of the chairman for a decision.

BRITISH TRANSPORT WORKERS CLOSING UP THEIR RANKS.

Unanimous support of a project to amalgamate all the different British unions of transport workers, according to the program of a huge organization was voted in a resolution adopted this week at a meeting in which all sections of the transport workers in British Columbia were represented. Several thousand were present.

Under the plan the resources of the workers would be united and a central office staff created. Harry Gosling, a leader of the workers, presiding, said it was ridiculous to have the transport workers in small unions when the employers were banded into a single great organization. Ernest Rebins, of the Dockworkers Union, said the amalgamated membership of the new organization would be about 25,000.

The scheme unites dockworkers, vehicle workers, stevedores and others, but does not include the railwaymen.

PAENNSYLVANIA RAILWAY CO. AND EMPLOYEES EFFECT NEW AGREEMENT.

The Pennsylvania Railroad announced that it has concluded a working agreement with the representatives of its engine and train service employees regarding the settlement of future labor differences which should be settled in the spirit of both sides, should, in the belief of the management, eliminate the question of strike on the Pennsylvania system as far as train operation is concerned.

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CONTROLLER JOHN CAMERON, who was on Monday returned to office for a second time by a large majority.

WARNS LABOR UNIONS AGAINST COMBINES

Are 'Accountable Under U. S. Anti-Trust Laws.

Labor unions, or their members, are accountable under the anti-trust laws, where they depart from their "normal and legitimate objects and engage in an actual combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade, the United States Supreme Court held on Monday, in an opinion, on which it divided six to three.

The court reversed lower court decrees dismissing the application of the Pulpit Printing Press Company of Battle Creek, Mich., for an injunction restraining Emil J. Deering and William Bramley, as business agents of the International Association of Machinists, from continuing a so-called "secondary boycott." This was described by the court as "a combination but merely to refrain from dealing with complainant, or to advise, or by peaceful means to persuade complainant's customers to refrain (primary boycott) but to exercise coercive pressure upon such customers, actual and prospective, in order to cause them to withhold or withdraw patronage from complainant through fear of loss or damage to themselves should they deal with it."

Labor leaders of prominence declined to comment on the decision of the court, which is the first to be given on what President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor has described as "Labor's bill of rights."

LABOR WINS IN TWO BRITISH BYELECTIONS.

In the byelection in Aberlilly, George Barker, Labor, polled 15,498 votes, and G. Hay Morgan, Coalition Liberal, 7,842 votes.

The seat was rendered vacant by the resignation of W. Brace, the well-known Labor leader, who accepted a position with the Government.

In the byelection in West Rhonda, W. John, Labor, polled 14,636 votes, and H. Wilton-Rodlands, Coalition Liberal, 9,212 votes.

The seat was rendered vacant through the resignation of W. Abraham, a Labor representative, who retired on account of his age.

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CHIEF MAGISTRATES OF SOME ONTARIO CITIES FOR 1921.

- The following were elected Mayors in the election on Monday: Simcoe—Major W. A. McIntosh. Brockville—Aid. J. M. Dobbie. Cobalt—Donald McEachren. Whitby—E. Harper. Thorold—Fred Gradiste. Merriton—Robert Stewart. Tillamouth—H. G. Egan. Palmerston—A. P. Baird. Trenton—J. Funnell. Cobourg—Wm. H. Heary. Bowmanville—H. B. Quinn. Port Hope—E. L. Curtis. Thornbury—E. Raymond. Harris—John Little. Mitchell—James Hill. Grills—D. C. Anderson. Huntsville—W. E. Hamilton. Harrington—J. J. Hobson. Aurora—W. J. Baldwin. Bridgwood—Harry Hall. Collingwood—W. J. Holden. Welland—J. C. Duffin. Lunenburg—W. J. Shipton. Parry Sound—W. J. Beatty. Ricebridge—A. T. Wattie. Port Colborne—A. D. Cross. Newmarket—W. H. Eves. Paris—Henry Rehder. Brantford—George Wedlake. Penetang—J. T. Payette. Newmarket—W. H. Eves. Milton—E. F. Earl. Oshawa—John Stacey. Sault Ste. Marie—Thomas Farber. Niagara Falls—H. P. Stephens. Dundas—E. J. Mahony. Alexandria—George Simmon. Eastview—Mayor C. Gladu. Sandwich—Eugene Brant. Walkerville—C. J. Stogell. Ford City—C. Poisson.

MANTORA TO CARE FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

The government's programme of legislation for the 1921 session of the legislature is now under way. The first draft of the new public welfare bill which will be submitted to the legislature at the coming session has been prepared. The act will provide for the creation of a new branch of the Civil Service called a new department of public welfare. A minister will be appointed to take charge and a director of public welfare will likely be appointed.

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OPEN SHOP VERSUS UNION SHOP.

By John Golden, International President, United Textile Workers of America.

In the following article, International President John Golden of the United Textile Workers of America, explains what the latest move on the part of the employers of United States really means. Canadian workers are watching the battle in the United States, and while they do not expect the same campaign here it is well to keep in touch with the situation.

Trade Union Movement. The wage worker does not want paternalism. The wage worker, who does not want welfare work, which, on the whole is a system of coddling the worker, giving him the impression that he does not know how to take care of his own welfare and those depending upon him, and needs experts to do his thinking for him. In the Union Shop the worker knows he has a real voice in shaping the conditions under which he shall labor. The employer who advocates the "Open Shop" assumes the automatic right to decide what is good and what is not good for the worker. He assumes the right of deciding what the price shall be for man's labor simply because it happens to be placed at his disposal. There is nothing fundamentally American about the "Open Shop" no more than there is anything fundamentally American about the owning of slaves. The slave owner took the position of being his own opinion on a good master, he should be absolute. The non-union employer assumes this position, "I protect my employees, therefore I must be absolute."

PEACE TIME WORK OF THE RED CROSS.

With two years passed since the great world conflict, the Red Cross Society in its peace-time work is accomplishing a most worthy work, like to the wonderful years of service which preceded this period. The Ottawa and Ottawa Valley branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society held its annual session recently at Ottawa, with Dr. James W. Robertson, the president of the Ottawa branch and the chairman of the national executive, presiding. There was evident throughout the address of Dr. Robertson and the well-being of the children of Canada in its peace-time efforts of combating disease and assisting to further the economic work of the world. The aid to the sufferers from that awful conflict.

Secretary's Report. Mrs. J. A. Wilson in her report presented the activities in part as follows: "During the year 1919-20 the actual war work was brought to a close. A very large amount of work was undertaken for the war refugees. This included a collection of valuable clothing from the stores and from private sources. A large number of garments were made for the society, and the supplies of material remaining over were used for the clothing of the children of the poor. A very large number of garments were made for the society, and the supplies of material remaining over were used for the clothing of the children of the poor. A very large number of garments were made for the society, and the supplies of material remaining over were used for the clothing of the children of the poor."

Throughout these years the Ottawa and Ottawa Valley branch of the Red Cross has had visitors in each of the three city hospitals, viz., Ottawa General Hospital, County of Carleton General Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, and in the St. Sanford Fleming Home, both as a military convalescent home, and since it has been under the R.C.R. visits are made fortnightly, and each visitor sends in orders for clothing or any other articles that may be needed for the men. An emergency committee has been formed and the Red Cross has committees for emergency purchase of supplies, collection of garments, sewing and distribution. During the period of illness a large amount of supplies was sent to the May Court Emergency Hospital and Lansdowne Park Emergency Hospital. The supplies included sheets, pillow cases, towels, rugs and slippers. During 1920 a large number of pneumonia

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THE HOME DOMINIONS

By F. J. Gould, in the Democrat, London, Eng.

The Irish problem is very much more than Irish. You see that fact come out in the great interest taken by the United States in the doings and disturbances in Ireland. In quite another form the fact emerges in the attempts of various Indian Nationalists to link up their movement with Sinn Fein. Plenty of other illustrations might be named. Hence, for one, do not think the question can be entirely disposed of by the cheap formula: "Let the Irish, North and South, settle their own affairs on the principle of self-determination." It is no doubt, all-embracing for Oxford Union students, but it does not meet the needs of the real situation. As to that situation, I will candidly state three conclusions I have come to:

1. That both Ulster and Sinn Fein are incapable of producing a solution of the difficulty. 2. That the Sinn Fein murders should occasion no surprise, considering the unfortunate past of Ireland. 3. That the reprisals by angry police and "Black and Tans" are no more astonishing or abnormal than the Sinn Fein murders. This triple view may appear peculiarly hopeless; and I would not express it unless I had a more profitable idea behind.

The Historical Problem. The root trouble arises from geography. Ireland lies to the extreme west of Europe and destroyed through the agency of the sea. The word "Democracy" implied; it meant the wiping out of autocracy on the industrial field as well as in all other fields.

During 1918-19 the shipments were 123 cases to C. W. C. Association, 590 cases clothing to the refugees, 714 cases hospital supplies. The total value of cases shipped from Aquinum, 1914, to June 23, 1919, when shipping stopped, is: clothing (approximately), \$55,930.85; Hospital supplies, \$132,000; refugees, \$154,555.50. The number of men receiving help in the hospitals was for 1918, 445, and for 1919 the number was 281.

Expressions of gratitude were also included in Mrs. Wilson's report, these being to the Minister of Public Works for the loan of headquarters from the Canadian Government, and also to all others who have given of their time, means or service.

MR. J. J. O'KELLY HEADS FIRE FIGHTERS' UNION. At a largely attended meeting of the Fire Fighters' Union, last night, the officers for this year were elected. Mr. James J. O'Kelly was elected president and Mr. Timothy Brennan and Mr. H. Morrison, vice-presidents. Mr. Donald Deer is secretary and Mr. J. A. Archambault, treasurer. Guardians will be Messrs. P. Ashley, J. Murray, J. Rheame and A. Cantin.

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R. H. PLANT IS PRESIDENT BAKERY DRIVERS' UNION. The Bakery Drivers' Union, 485, at its first meeting of the year, last night, elected its new officers. There was a large attendance of the members. Preliminary arrangements were made for holding a euchre and dance in the near future. The new officers are president, R. H. Plant; vice-president, J. Ferguson; secretary-treasurer, T. Byrne; recording secretary, D. Albert; trustees, T. Doherty, R. Potvin, Joe Letourneau; conductor, J. Racette; warden, A. Scharf. The new delegates to the Allied Trades and Labor Council are Messrs. Plant, Ferguson and Potvin.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST POINTS TO AWFUL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MANY SHOP GIRLS TOIL IN OTTAWA.

Rev. Father John J. O'Gorman Urges Women and Girls Employed in Stores to Join Retail Clerks' Union so That They May Protect Their Vital Interests.

"Let all the women and girls employed in the stores in Ottawa join the Retail Clerks' Union," said Rev. Father John J. O'Gorman during the course of a sermon on "The Christianization of Industry" in Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church on New Year's morning. "Next," he said, "let the officials of the Retail Clerks' Union demand at once that the Minimum Wage Board, recently formed under the Ontario Minimum Wage Board Act of 1919, immediately investigate the wages paid women and girls in Ottawa stores and establish for such employees a minimum legal wage."

The sermon contains so much vital information to wage-earners that we reproduce it in its entirety. It follows:

"A very large portion of the early destinies of perhaps the majority of the human race is shaped by the struggle for wealth. Today, in the civilized portion of the world, the competition for wealth is industrialized. The big industries affect directly almost our whole urban population and indirectly, yet very powerfully, the rural population. The general attitude of industry, since present conditions became common, over a century ago, has been to act as if it were independent of religion. As a result, a small number of very rich men have monopolized the vast majority of the world's wealth. This is the result of the industrial revolution, but by Pope Leo XIII, in his Encyclical on the Condition of the Working Classes, the same words are used to describe the industrial revolution as a robbery and an injustice against the vast majority of the working classes."

"What is the remedy? The remedy is the Christianization of industry."

"In a statement of social reconstruction put forward in England by the International Conference of Social Service Unions, a document in the preparation of which the Catholic Guild of England participated, the general principle is thus more completely stated:

"The contribution of a spirit rather than of an out-and-out program. It may appear vague and general when compared with the precise and detailed recommendations of the politician. But it certainly supplies two great needs for the lack of which so much effort is expended in the industrial world: it gives us guiding principles and a compelling motive."

"1. No social work can ultimately be of value unless it is based on secure principles. Men must be clear as to their aims before they can profitably discuss methods. Our manner of treating our fellow-men will depend upon our opinions as to the nature and destiny of human personality. Our housing schemes will be conditioned by our Christian conception of the family. The Christian spirit should affect man in all circumstances of his life, and the applications of Christian principles to social conditions will give a unique coherence and security to our work."

"2. Moreover, the motives for social reform supplied by Christianity are of undisputed power. It is recognized that, however important legislation, whether restrictive or positive, may be, its success depends throughout upon the deepening and broadening of the sense of personal responsibility."

"The Guiding Principles.

"Christianity gives first of all 'guiding principles.' Now, the most important practical guiding principles are the Ten Commandments. They apply not merely to individuals, but to corporations and unions and nations. Thou shalt not steal condemns in advance the depriving the laborer of a living wage, and also cheating, profiteering and usury. The command 'Thou shalt not lie' condemns false advertising and false labelling of goods. The command 'Honor thy father and mother, and thou shalt not commit adultery' forbids in advance those economic conditions which condemn women and children to modes of life detrimental to their morals or which pre-

vent the maintenance of the privacy and security of sanitary Christian homes. Thou shalt not kill—forbids types of industry that are destructive to body or soul. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain—should protect the worker against the profane or filthy speech of the associates in industry. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day—condemns unnecessary servile work on Sunday. Thou shalt not covet—takes away the motive from social revolutionaries, and finally the first commandment brings industry face to face with the fundamental fact that the Creator is supreme and that His creatures must be treated with justice and respect. In the application of guiding principles to the Christianization of industry, Catholics can make a special contribution."

"A Wrong Impression.

"One of the fundamental fallacies upon which our present industrial system rests is the implied assumption that those engaged in industry, whether employes or capitalists, are not factors in the production of wealth. Labor has been considered merely as any other raw material to be bought at the lowest market price irrespective of the character of the workers. We have, again to quote Leo XIII, 'misery and wretchedness pressing so heavily and unjustly on the masses of the laboring poor a yoke little better than that of slavery itself.' That phrase was not written by a Socialist, or a Bolshevik, but by Pope Leo XIII, in his Encyclical on the Condition of the Working Classes. The same words are used to describe the industrial revolution as a robbery and an injustice against the vast majority of the working classes."

"The foundation of our present industrial system is the wage-system. If industry is to be Christianized, now the Christian principles, as regards the wage-system, are these four:

"1. The wage system in itself is not unjust or immoral.

"2. The wage system is not, like marriage, essential to human life.

"3. The wage system as it works out at present is unjust and oppressive to the masses of the laboring poor a yoke little better than that of slavery itself."

"4. The wage system must therefore be amended, or failing that, ended by substituting another system which will not violate the moral law."

"Wage Not Only System.

"The Catholic Church has never proclaimed the wage system the only possible system, or the best system. 'When I pay a man a wage, I do not buy him, I buy temporarily the use of his service which he freely hires out to me. His human rights and dignity may neither be bought nor sold, as they are in slavery and prostitution. Neither is it permitted to offer, or freely to accept, less than a living wage, for this would render difficult or impossible that reasonable standard of living which an intelligent free Christian man requires. Meanwhile, if any departmental store in Ottawa, is giving a minimum wage of \$12 a week to all the girls and women it employs, apart from mere apprentices who have been employed less than a year, it could secure an excellent advertisement of its January sale by publishing in the wage scale of all its employes. Women who do a day's work have a right in strict justice to a person living wage, whether they live at home or have to board out. In each case, the laborer is worthy of his hire. Those who live at home and help to support a big family have, often even more need of a living wage than those who have but themselves to support."

"It is a mistake to suppose that a legal minimum living wage is necessarily the full measure of justice. As the four American bishops stated in the first Reconstruction pamphlet of the N.C.W.C., 'In a country as rich as ours, there are few cases in which it is possible to prove that a worker would be getting more than that to which he has a right, if he were paid something in excess of this ethical minimum. Why then should we assume that this is the normal share of almost the whole laboring population? Nevertheless, the full possibilities of increased production will not be realized so long as the majority of the workers receive wages below the ethical minimum. The majority must somehow become owners, or at least in part, of the instruments of production. They can be enabled to reach this stage gradually through co-operative productive societies and co-partnership arrangements. In the former, the workers own and manage the instruments themselves; in the latter they own a substantial part of the corporate stock and exercise a reasonable share in the management. However slow the attainment of these ends, they will have to be reached before we can have a thoroughly efficient system of production, or an industrial and social order that will be secure from the danger of revolution. It is to be noted that this particular modification of the existing order, though far-reaching and involving to a great extent the abolition of the wage system, would not mean the abolition of private ownership. The instruments of production would

FRENCH MINISTER OF LABOR URGES EMPLOYERS TO REDUCE HOURS.

Unemployment in the great French industrial centres is worrying the Government. In an appeal through the Paris press, last week Minister of Labor Jourdain urged big employers to reduce the hours of labor as the most potent measure for the betterment of the situation.

"In spite of the economic crisis through which we are passing," he says, "unemployment is less serious in France than in other countries. The Government is doing everything in its power to alleviate such distress as exists. I have recommended to all manufacturers to reduce their hours of labor in order to retain their present forces of operatives. Such reduction would be the most efficacious measure that could be taken to relieve the present crisis."

"Winnipeg Workers Organize a New Political Party."

A new party, to be known as the Independent Labor party of Manitoba, was organized at a representative meeting of workers from the three city wards at Winnipeg Friday night. In a declaration adopted, the party will function politically, giving expression to the aspirations of all workers, regardless of industrial affiliation, who favor establishment of a co-operative commonwealth, with production for use instead of for profit as its economic basis. The party has been created as the result of the recent factional split in the membership of the Dominion Labor party.

WINNIPEG WORKERS ORGANIZE A NEW POLITICAL PARTY.

"HERE AND THERE.

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Continued From Page One, manner to the powers exercised by the Railway Commission on railway matters."

Other resolutions affecting individual trades were adopted at both the Quebec Convention in 1918 and the Hamilton Convention, 1919, and refer to the stricter application of customs regulations on patterns brought into Canada as models and the licensing of the employment of pattern makers in Canada; better protection for bookbinders against United States and British firms, and amendments to the Copyright Act which would compel the printing in Canada of many publications now printed in the United States, an investigation into the pottery industry of St. Johns, Que., as to the need of higher tariff to prevent a reduction of wages to the workers in that industry.

The development of Canada and the establishment of an ever-improving standard of living is the immediate concern of every citizen, and we are convinced that this would be impossible of accomplishment under a system of free trade, unless, and until, the whole of our social order and an equal standard of living, which is as yet outside the realm of practicable affairs.

Submitted on behalf of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

(Sgd.) TOM MOORE, President.

(Sgd.) P. M. DRAPER, Secretary-Treasurer.

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Continued From Page One, not more than eight in any one day, and thus give employment to the largest possible number.

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(b) Do not be induced to leave your home town for employment in another district unless you are satisfied that a position really awaits you and that your going will not displace workers already there.

(c) Press for the immediate formation of Advisory Councils to the Employment Bureaus in your district and in your province as provided for in the Employment Office Co-ordination Act, passed by the Dominion Government, April, 1918.

The Dominion Council is already in existence. The Provincial Councils and Local Councils should be created according to the Act, and be composed of equal numbers of employes and employers. Provisions for returned soldiers could be made by both groups appointing one returned man as one of their members.

On Thursday, the 30th December, 1920, at the request of the executive of the Dominion Employment Service Councils, a meeting was held by the Dominion Minister of Labor, Hon. Senator G. D. Robertson, to each Provincial Government, urging the necessity of immediately forming such councils.

President MacNeil, of the Great War Veterans' Association, has likewise urged upon his organizations the necessity of co-operating and having such councils formed, and we urge upon you immediately action in this respect.

These councils, whilst primarily designed to deal with matters of the administration of the Employment Service, are the most effective machinery to deal with problems of unemployment.

No. 3. Measures for the prevention of future unemployment.

Your executive will prepare recommendations to submit to the Dominion Government and other authorities in this respect. The problem is one of the most important in this or any other country. It is a problem affecting every citizen and we believe its solution can be best reached through conference and discussion.

As the basis for future action the following suggestions are made:

(a) Creation of a state employment insurance fund by assessments on industries similar to the methods adopted with provincial compensation funds, this to be administered under the authority of the Dominion Government. Payments from this fund to be made to those unemployed and those under employed. By placing the cost of unemployment largely on industry it is our opinion that greater efforts will be then undertaken than are now made by those controlling industry to obviate unemployment.

Without entering into further details, Provincial and Dominion Governments should contribute towards this fund, at least the cost of its administration.

(b) The completion of the machinery of Dominion, Provincial and

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Labor Executive Will Not Recognize Third International.

LONDON, England.—It has been said that it takes all sorts to make a world. The responsible leaders of the British Labor Party are, therefore, entitled to gather what consolation they can in the midst of their difficulties from the fact that the same observation applies with equal force to their own movement, and that it takes all sorts to make a party.

In the past the Labor Party has shared the fate of all new movements in having to pacify the many and varied conflicting elements within its ranks, but at no time have its difficulties been so pronounced as at present, and particularly when it is looking forward so eagerly—and at one time so cheerfully—to the prospects of forming the next Government. Indeed, this vein of optimism was easily justified, and within the range of practical politics a year or so ago, when Labor candidates swept the constituencies in the municipal elections.

Labour's Good Fight.
If Labor failed to repeat the performance at the elections recently held, they nevertheless put up a better fight than was generally credited to their account, as a careful analysis of the figures, together with the circumstances of the situation, plainly reveal. Many of the Labor defeats were due entirely to the fact that the old historic parties agreed to sink their differences in a common effort to keep the Labor candidate out.

In former occasions Labor has frequently been successful in consequence of having obtained more votes than either of its opponents. Liberal or Conservative in a three-cornered contest. But whenever Labor has accomplished that feat, it could almost safely be reckoned that the next time of asking would reveal two parties only—i.e., a Conservative and a Labor candidate.

Yes, and occasionally—only occasionally—a third nominee in the shape of some disgruntled and progressing revolutionary Socialist body "disgusted with the bourgeois tactics of the Labor politicians."

Fewer Three-Cornered Contests.
In the elections which took place on November 1, there were very considerably less three-cornered contests than in any previous election. To the student of political development inside the movement the failure to capture a majority of seats in the House of Commons is so many of his enemy's camp have been forced to march under the one banner he regards as a necessary and inevitable stage in the party's evolution. Consolidation, he gathers from the belief that the old historic parties can never return to the old conditions. A house divided would simply allow the Labor nominee a walk-over.

That there is more than an element of truth in this philosophy is borne out strongly by the recent parliamentary election where Labor has been shown to have a following. A noticeable and highly significant case in point is the Edinburgh case in which the Labor candidate has now been elected. It is worth noting now being conducted in the Wrekin division, where the Labor nominee, Mr. Charles Duncan, is being opposed by a candidate running under the auspices of a party which came into existence in direct and avowed opposition to the Prime Minister. Incidentally, it may be noted that Mr. Duncan throughout the war strenuously supported Mr. Lloyd George in his efforts for victory, and in common with others of the Labor party "fell from grace" in the minds of the extremists.

Reasons For Failure.
Having stated so much on behalf of the party, let us examine why the Labor nominee failed to record that same headway that were the elections, for it is beyond question that the party was unable to attract fresh supporters in any considerable numbers. The principal reason can be fairly laid to the credit of the industrialists for their direct action propaganda, culminating, of course, with the miners' strike, which was actually in operation on the polling day.

Here, again, it is a matter of surprise that, with tens of thousands of families feeling the pinch in consequence of the difficulty in obtaining coal, and that only at a price constantly on the increase, there was not a decided slump in the fortunes of the party. Domestic differences, too, are responsible for the slack time. The constituent bodies that form the Labor Party are actively discussing within their own ranks the advisability of otherwise of declaring for the Third International.

Respects Third International.
As readers of the Canadian Labor Press are aware, the Labor Party, the larger body, has declared in no uncertain manner against Moscow and all that it stands for, and your correspondent is commenting at the time that the decision would place some of the affiliated organizations in a peculiar and anomalous position. The executive of the Labor Party went further, and it refused to accept the application of the recently formed Communist Party for affiliation on the grounds that the latter were not in keeping with those for which the former stood.

Now there comes the report of a committee of the Independent Labor Party, appointed to redraft the statement, setting out the programme in accordance with the decisions of the annual conference. As a statement of policy the report is disappointing, disjointed and contradictory, and bears the unmistakable impress of much labor having been done in reconciling conflicting trains of thought.

J. Ramsay MacDonald, for many years regarded as the "intellectual giant" of the party, refused to sign the draft, and is supported by quite a number who in the past have exercised influence and prestige in its councils.

It is quite a new experience for the Independent Labor Party to be divided within its own ranks. The party has always been favored with a remarkable unanimity and discipline, which it carried into the conferences of the larger body, over which, as compared with its numbers, it exercised such tremendous influence in shaping the policy. The principal point of disagreement concerns the use of the general strike weapon to supplement the constitutional means of labor to come into its own. The matter is yet to be submitted for ratification to the local bodies, the result of which is worth watching, and is indicative of what extent the intellectuals of the movement have moved to the left.—C.S.M.

"There was a millionaire who disapproved of foreign missions. In church, when a collection was being taken up for them, he whispered to a remarkable unanimity and discipline. The collector replied: 'Take something out; it's for the heathen!'"

A footnote is not without O.B.E.'s in his own beautiful country. "It is not enough to do good; one must do it in a good way."—Morley.

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