

## Restrained from Making Wage Reductions

### MATTERS PERTINENT TO MINISTER OF LABOR

Mr. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, is not working about getting a seat in Parliament. Asked if he was going to seek election, he said that he had nothing to do with the question. "Well, who decides if he was?" "The voters," he replied. "Do you think you will run?" "I do not know," he replied. "Do you think that your dead-end Tory will resign his seat in Ontario to let me run?" "I do not know," he replied. "Do you think you will run?" "I do not know," he replied. "Do you think you will run?" "I do not know," he replied.

### TORONTO TYPOS GOOD-WILL MESSAGE

The Officers of Toronto Typographical Union No. 91 extend their best wishes to the members of the new cabinet. They hope that the new cabinet will be a success and that it will do all our fellow-workers. Let us always be willing to extend the glad hand of fellowship to all members of our organization. It is the duty of every member of our organization to do all in his power to help the new cabinet.

### ALBERTA STRIKE CORRECT REVIEW

The Alberta Labor says that the exaggerated stories sent out to the daily press regarding the strike of miners in Drumheller have turned out to be the dream of an enterprising reporter to make much ado about a peacefully conducted strike against a company that has broken its agreement with its employees. The press reports relating the fact that union officials had almost taken place gave the impression to the average reader that the mine workers had resorted to violent methods. As a matter of fact, as related by the Labor News correspondent, the strike has been most peacefully conducted and the arrest of a miner apparently was the result of the activities of a newly appointed and over-zealous J.P.

### MANITOBA ASKS FOR ABOLITION OF AMUSEMENT TAX

A delegation of theatre managers waited upon Hon. Edward Brown, Manitoba provincial treasurer, requesting that the Theatre Ticket tax, which was enacted as a war measure, be repealed. The war having terminated three years ago, it was pointed out that it is not equitable to have a tax which was levied to support the war effort. The managers stated that the tax was a burden upon the theatre-going public and that it was a hindrance to the development of the theatre industry in Manitoba.

### TORONTO TYPO ON LEADERS

While it is everyone's ambition to become a leader—it is no mean step to take for leadership means one has to stick tight to one's duty whatever comes, or back to one's position when one gives up as soon as opposition comes is one who causes more harm than years of true leadership can build up; and the bigger the man, the greater the call for a strong leader. In these days we hear so much of scrapping the past and building a new nation, a new church, a new union, a new world, as though all we had to do was just to say the words and pass on. All this just means we must have strong leaders who are not afraid to do their duty; and to get stronger leaders means we must all be stronger and truer men to stand behind these men and hold up their hands. The church needs men who have been true followers of Christ; enthused, not with themselves, but with the work for Him and His cause. The need is so urgent to-day that ever before under the banner of His love, if Christianity is going to win. The business men to-day need just such strong men to lead in the world of commerce; men who will stand true to the spirit of the law and to the man who care just as much for the man and woman who spend the best hours of their lives in the service of the community as they do for their own pocket.

### NEW LABOR MINISTER ANALYZED

The Toronto Globe says that Labor has a sane and courageous leader in the new Minister of that Department, Hon. James Murdock. In his article in The Globe's Annual Financial Survey he says that Labor has lost some ground, but it will recover it by the same orderly processes as have helped it in the past. A high standard of living for those engaged in mechanical pursuits is one of the best evidences of a high standard of civilization. The unhappy condition of Europe is largely due to neglect of the masses of the people; and the "undesirable immigrants" whom we seek to exclude are products of the same system. To that cause also we may assign the rapid growth of revolutionary ideas in Russia and other parts of Europe. On the other hand, the conservatism of Canadian and American workmen is due to the fact that they have been comparatively well paid, have been able to save money and in many cases buy their own houses, and have thus felt that they had a stake in the maintenance of the existing order.

### MEMORANDUM OF FACTS IN CONNECTION WITH STATES PACKING HOUSE SITUATION

The packing house workers listen to the appeal of the Government of the Winter of 1917, and signed an agreement with the President's War Relocation Commission during the period. These workers, had they agreed to their economic power during the period of actual warfare and during the years of 1919 and 1920, they would have secured a wage increase of three per cent higher than they obtained through the process of arbitration. In March 1919, the five big packers pressed the Secretary of Labor to sign an agreement to arbitrate. The Arbitration Agreement was extended for a period to run one year after peace had been signed and gave the packers an option for desiring an extension of the agreement. They desired to extend it in the industry during the arbitration period. The packing house workers agreed to the earliest arbitration, but the packers refused to arbitrate along the principle of arbitration. On February 21st, a few days prior to the exit of the Wilson Administration, the packers arbitrarily attempted to withdraw from the agreement with the Department of Labor. It was only after most earnest persuasion by Secretaries Davis, Over and Wallace, that they were ever to return to that agreement. A period of six months was given to the packers to return to the arbitration agreement, before agreeing to return, they refused to return to arbitration. They demanded a 12 1/2 per cent reduction of their wages. This was in March of 1920. At the end of this year, the packers demanded a 15 per cent reduction of their wages. After hearing the arbitration, Judge Alschuler, the Arbitrator, for another reduction of 15 cents an hour. After hearing the arbitration, Judge Alschuler, the Arbitrator, for another reduction of 15 cents an hour. After hearing the arbitration, Judge Alschuler, the Arbitrator, for another reduction of 15 cents an hour.

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## TALK ON UNION LABEL

Members of the Labor Union are not the only ones who should be concerned about the union label. Every lover of humanity should take an interest in the work of promoting the label. Every woman with a heart big enough to feel a thrill of sympathy for her fellows ought to know what the union label means, and it is the duty of labor to teach all such persons.

Even the most chronic bargain hunter would, if she were fully aware of the facts, hesitate before buying a wrapper or night dress or underwear if she knew it was made in a room infected with the germs of tuberculosis, typhoid, smallpox, diphtheria, or a thousand other diseases.

And yet the risk every woman takes when she buys such articles in sweatshops.

More especially would any tender-hearted woman hesitate to buy them if she knew that those articles were made by the unrequited toil of helpless and hopeless widows, starving children and toddling infants whose eyes never saw a flower in bloom or the green grass growing, and who never knew what it was to be free from the pangs of hunger.

The absence of the label means that the goods might be—and doubtless were—made under just such conditions. The presence of the label is a guarantee that they were made by labor that received a living wage.

Why should not women in all walks of life take an interest in a movement that means so much to their sister?

If the humane women of this land would stop for a moment and think of all the misery and woe their bargain rushes cause their unfortunate sister; if they would pause for a moment and think of the cruelty inflicted upon helpless children by their efforts to get bargains, they would certainly quit it and be willing to pay fair prices for the goods made by happy women amid healthful surroundings.

The woman whose attention is called to these things and who pays no attention, but goes right on profiting by the sweat and sorrows of her sisters and the hunger and grief of God's little ones is not worthy the name of woman.

Without doubt the union label means a whole lot more than we have been giving credit for. It means more than temporary profits. It means hope and happiness for millions, it means joy to mothers and new ambitions for thousands, it means despairing men.

If you are not insistently demanding the label you are untrue to your obligation as a man or woman. If you are not insistently demanding the label, you are untrue to your fellows. If you are not preaching the virtues of the label to your non-union friends you are not a proper emissary and should receive a new baptism of the union spirit.—Garment Worker.

## EIGHT-HOUR DAY HISTORIC

Opposition criticism to the eight-hour day labor along under false impression that this movement is of recent innovation. This is an entirely erroneous idea as when speaking on the regulation of hours in agriculture at the International Labour Conference in Geneva, Cesar Charlone, Government delegate for Uruguay and Deputy-Director of the Uruguayan Labour Office, said, speaking of conditions in his own country: "In 1593 there was an Indian code in existence which, in spite of many changes, offers us very wise rules to inspire the agrarian policy of our times. In fact, Law 6 of the Indian code in 1593 laid down that workmen should not work more than eight hours a day, four in the morning and four in the afternoon, in order that they should not suffer from the heat of the sun."

## IN UNITY, GOING TOWARD PEACE

It is particularly satisfying to be able to record the official positions of British and American labor as identical in support of the International Conference on Limitation of Armament.

The conference itself is a real response to a real world public opinion.

If now, labor can carry its leadership forward in bringing the nations into an economic conference and if there can be developed an organic, continuing relationship between nations, the year 1922 will indeed be the brightest that ever dawned upon humanity.

Human hearts everywhere yearn for lasting peace, for a chance to live and to labor in peace, bending all effort to improving civilization and broadening the human horizon.

But human hearts have yearned from time out of mind. There must be more than yearning—there must be a voice to express the yearning. Let the voice speak!

Let there be created among men the institutions which will make peace possible.

For the bright new sun just now ascending into the sky to fall back upon the depths below the line of vision would be terrible tragedy. It will not be if humanity achieves its clear desire—and humanity will achieve that desire IF IT COMMANDS!

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### LATEST PRICE PROBE

**YERRED BY STRIKERS**  
New York.—Striking butcher workmen Jer Attorney General Daugherty's announced probe of profiteering.

In a letter to the federal official, officers of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen say the probe order "looks like a smoke screen to cover up the sins of the beef trust and the friendly inactivity of your department."  
The unionists remind the attorney general that on Dec. 16 last they called his attention to price raising methods by the beef trust, but to date he has not even acknowledged receipt of the letter.

"Instead, we read that you have publicly charged the retail merchants of the country with the guilt of high food prices and have ordered Chief William J. Burzese to investigate the iniquities of small shop keepers.

"Coming at a time when the entire nation is aroused over the attempts of the packing interests to smash collective bargaining and make the public pay the bill in profiteering meat prices, your attack on the retailer looks like a smoke screen to cover up the sins of the beef trust and the friendly inactivity of your department.

"If action is not taken by the department of justice, we shall be compelled to conclude that justice is not to be obtained in this country through the duly constituted authority of government."

In a statement issued in connection with their letter to the attorney general, the unionists say:

"Every one knows that the big fellows are the worst sinners. It is big business, not little business, which levies the biggest toll on the public. The course of meat prices in New York during the strike proves this. Wholesale prices rose 29 per cent. while retail prices advanced 19 per cent.

"We have heard a lot about the packers' control of the federal government. This campaign of the department of justice against the little shop keepers is a calculated device to dispel any illusions on that score."

### SELL WHEAT DIRECT

Washington.—"For the first time in the history of American agriculture, farmers have sold their wheat direct to Europe without the aid of brokers, commission agents or other middlemen," says the All-American co-operative commission's news service.

The steamer Texan has left Portland, Ore., with 40,000 bushels of wheat for London and Antwerp, shipped by the northwest wheat growers, the farmers' co-operative agency of agency of the four northwestern states. While this is the first co-operative shipment of wheat to the center of the world's grain market, the northwestern farmers have already shipped nearly a million bushels of wheat to the Orient under special contracts. The valuable connections thus established will save hundreds of thousands of dollars for the farmers in commission fees and speculative profits at the same time reduce the cost of wheat four to the consumer by eliminating the speculative element."

### RESIST FEDERAL PROBE

Washington.—If the government can "meddle" with the steel industry, it can control the public press, in the latest claim of 21 eastern steel corporations in its two-year contest with the federal trade commission. The federal board is attempting to ascertain production costs but the steel manufacturers oppose the plan. The commission recently attempted to secure production costs from coal owners, but were stopped by an injunction.

When these business men are called upon to raise wages, however, an investigation of the cost of living for workers is taken as a matter of course.

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### FIGHTS RAIL GUARANTY.

Washington.—In a public statement Senator La Follette warns the country that the railroads are endeavoring to perpetuate the rate guaranty provision of the Cummins-Each act.

This feature of the transportation act will expire by statutory limitation on March 1.

### "SUGAR COATED BUNK" IS FED TO WORKERS

Chicago.—It would profit workers if they supported and read the labor press rather than swallow the "sugar coated bunk" that is daily fed to them, says George W. Perkins, president of the Cigar Makers' International union, writing in the official magazine of that organization.

"The privileged few and big interests know the value of propaganda," says this trade unionist. "It is said that a lie travels faster than the truth; that half truth is often worse than a whole lie. These people know that the constant teaching of false news and erroneous ideas creates a psychology that it takes years to destroy."

"The people, the public generally are really hungry for news. They swallow without analysis false statements made for ulterior purposes. It would be much better if the workers got their views on economics from the labor press and from their own official journals. It would be better still if the most of us got down to rock-bottom facts and did our own thinking instead of swallowing the sugar coated bunk that we get on the news stands for 2 or 3 cents per."

"Newspapers are useful as a time-killer, for baseball scores, etc. Some like them for divorce news, murders and dinner parties given to trained monkeys. We have no objection to anybody reading the daily press. We think they should, but when we come to our own head to get news let us be guided by facts and our own deductions."  
"The most of us know that a good bill of price, reasonable working hours and fair shop conditions are the proper things for us, and we, moreover, know that the only way to get these things is through the trade union. On this there is no argument. Any one who disputes it has a nag to grind or has space to rent in the top of his head. He might be, however, repeating parrot-like, things he has heard from those with interests divergent from those of the workers."



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### STRIKE INSURANCE BUSTS. COAL OWNERS HIDE PRODUCTION COSTS

Baltimore.—Circuit Judge Stump has ordered the employers' underwriters' agents to show why this concern should not be placed in the hands of a receiver. The request was made by the receivers of the strike insurance company known as the employers' mutual insurance and service corporation. The underwriters' agents was associated with the strike insurance company, and operated under a commission from the company.

Judge Stump was told that strike insurance business is bad, with everything going out and nothing coming in.

### TROOPS FOR STRIKE

Frankfort, Ky.—Although local peace officials have not requested troops, Governor Morrow has ordered four companies of the national guard to Newport, where a strike of steel workers has been on for several weeks.

### WHY WALL STREET WINS

New York.—Wall street can fool others, but it never attempts to fool itself, is the hint contained in this statement by the Wall Street Journal, which wage workers might remember with profit:

"Wall street is not wanting in faith, but it does not greatly believe in accidents. It is so much a part of its business to reason back from effects to causes, to protect itself against the future by reasoning from causes to effects, that it has small room for the idea that events which seem fortuitous are really so."

### URGE OLD AGE PENSIONS

Columbus, Ohio.—On January 10 and 11 a state-wide conference will be held in this city under the auspices of the state federation of labor to discuss old-age pensions and take suitable action thereon. Fraternal organizations are invited. Several of these bodies have declared for old-age pensions.

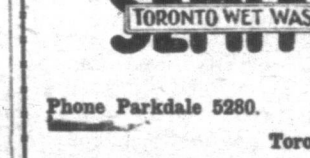
### PICKETING ENJOINED

Bridgport, Conn.—Judge Kellogg of the superior court has enjoined picketing by newspaper printers where a strike has been on since last August.

### LONGSHOREMEN STRIKE

Portland, Me.—Several hundred longshoremen suspended work after failure to reach an agreement with steamship companies. The strikers recently accepted wage cuts but refused to reduce their working conditions.

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### OPPOSE GUN MEN.

Charleston, W. Va.—The central labor of this city has appealed to congress against the brutality of coal owners' gun men in West Virginia. The unionists charge that Sheriff Clavin of Logan county is using his position and the other county machinery to persecute miners, and that he is being aided by Governor Morgan, who has assigned state constables for this work.

The constables are making wholesale arrests for imaginary offenses and Clavin, it is stated, issues warrants without regard to facts, while men are railroaded to jail without preliminary hearings.  
The workers ask that congress act to the end that this reign of terror be stopped.

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

Thirteen-year-old Lalla was the only one who never shrunk from her Grandfather, Squire Trevor, of Oakhurst Manor. One day when visiting the picture gallery with one of the maids she came across a picture which she found to be the picture of the squire's eldest son, who had been discovered by his father, and had never been heard of since. The picture was turned for Lalla to see. What a nice kind face he had! "Perhaps if he had come back you would never be heiress of the Manor," said the maid. During a thunder storm Lalla is lost in the woods. She is found by a young sailor lad, who carries her towards home. "Yes, that is the story, all of it that leaked out to the world; but there was bitter strife and unbridled passion behind—so I have heard, for it all happened before I was married—indeed, your father was only a youth at Sandhurst at the time. Edward and his father had a terribly stormy interview in that little room where you saw the turned picture, and which was used by Edward as a painting-room, for he was an artist. From words, the two came to blows. The Squire struck his son, and, in mad anger, the son raised his hand against his own father, felling him to the ground. "Oh, how dreadful!" murmured Lalla. "Yes, it was dreadful; almost too bad to be spoken of, save in the way of warning to those who come after. But such sins always carry their own punishment; only the pity of it is, that the innocent suffer as well as the guilty. "What innocent people have suffered because of Granty and Uncle Edward quarrelled?" demanded Lalla, with wide-open eyes. "Oh, how many! "Grannie certainly was innocent, but that quarrel turned her into an almost broken-hearted invalid; and she has just hung on to life ever since, in the hope that some day before she dies, God will let her see Granty again." Mrs. Trevor said, with a quiver of pity in her tones for the poor lady who had suffered so greatly. "Would Granty forgive Uncle Edward if he came back now?" asked Lalla quickly.

was for the time compelled to play the part of an invalid. Lalla struggled to a sitting posture among her pillows, the better to enjoy the little repast, whilst the bright-eyed lizard crept out from its snug nest under the bolster, in order to discover what new diversions was to the fore. "Oh, Mummy, look at the dear pet. Could it eat some of the biscuits crumbs, do you think?" "Insects are its proper food. We must take it down to the hot-house; there will be abundant scope for it there." Mrs. Trevor said, as wrapped in a dressing gown, she sat beside the bed watching Lalla eating the strawberries. At this moment a fly, which had been aimlessly buzzing about the room, attracted by the smell of the fruit, swooped down upon it; but almost before it had settled, the lizard's long tongue darted from its mouth, and the fate of that fly was decided beyond all chance of dispute. "What a clever little creature!" exclaimed Lalla, though she had shuddered at the speedy capture of the unfortunate fly. "Do lizards like anything else, besides eating insects and being kept warm, Mother?" "Your father's lizards were fond of music, and he had a little old mandoline that he used to play for their especial amusement; and it was most funny to see how they enjoyed it. "I wish I had a mandoline; what became of the one my father had?" asked Lalla, stretching out her arm for the lizard to run up to her shoulder. "I have it still, and will get it out for you after breakfast. But now, and go to sleep again, for it is only twelve, I think you ought to lie down five o'clock." Nothing loth, Lalla curled down on her pillows, and was soon fast asleep; whilst the lizard, tucked away in the warm bosom of her shoulder, slumbered also, dreaming perhaps of the fly it had swallowed. But Mrs. Trevor remained wide awake, thinking of the ordeal before her. CHAPTER IV. A Surprise for the Squire. Mrs. Trevor took her place at the breakfast-table with a beating heart. Gentle and quiet though she was, she was by no means deficient in courage; but it was not so much fear of the irate old Squire which made her quail this morning, as a sensitive reluctance to give him pain; and she shrank instinctively against dragging open the old wounds, that had smarted through so many weary years. The Squire chanced to be in a particularly amiable frame of mind, the fact that Lalla showed no symptoms of having taken cold being especially comforting to him; for his own two daughters had died of consumption whilst still in their teens, and he was always worrying if his granddaughter had the least little cough or cold. "Plainly, Amy, the child is a chip off the old block, and takes after me, for there has never been any lung weakness on my side of the house, though Lady Alicia's family have been consumptive for generations past," he said, rubbing his hands with great glee as he took his plate at table. "Lalla does not take cold easily; but I think what saved her from taking a chill yesterday was the wisdom of that young sailor in wrapping her up in his coat. I am indeed deeply indebted to him," replied the little lady, sitting behind the silver coffee-pot, with a beating heart and fluttering pulses. "So am I!" responded the Squire, helping himself to broiled kidneys, and commencing on his breakfast with an evident air of enjoyment. Then a thought struck him, and he turned to the vigilant Simpson, who hovered behind his chair, asking, "By the way, has the fellow come back for his coat yet?" "No, sir," replied that functionary, and said no more, having caught a glance of warning from his mistress, which made him leave unuttered various dark suspicions and theories which he cherished concerning a man who was afraid to remain and claim a coat that was plainly his own property; unless, indeed, he had stolen it. "That is funny," remarked the Squire, in a musing tone; "for even if the fellow had been so modest as to refuse a reward that he was plainly entitled to, it is queer that he should be willing to part with his coat. What sort of a man was he, Simpson?" The butler instinctively glanced at Mrs. Trevor for instructions, and answered stolidly, "I cannot describe him, sir; I was taken unawares." "I should think you must have been, if you can't remember some thing of what he was like," said the Squire sarcastically, and then became again absorbed in his breakfast. Meanwhile, from the other end of the table, Mrs. Trevor had by a silent sign communicated to the butler her desire that he should leave the room; and, catching up a dish that should serve as an excuse, the well-trained servant glided noiselessly away, closing the door behind him—and the dreaded moment had come. "Where has Simpson gone? demanded the Squire, a moment later. He always looked upon the butler as his own peculiar attendant, and if there were guests at table, then the parlour-maid had to come in and help wait, leaving Simpson to look after his master.

"I sent him away because I wanted to talk to you quite alone. I will wait upon you if you need any thing," replied Mrs. Trevor, in a tremulous tone. "Why not leave it until breakfast is over?" asked the Squire in surprise. "Because I wanted to have my talk with you before you went to see Grannie," she answered, for it was his invariable custom to spend the first half-hour after breakfast in reading his letters to his invalid wife. "Is there anything wrong—with the child, I mean?" he asked apprehensively, struck by the gravity of her tone. "No; it is nothing to do with Lalla—directly, at least; it is about the man who brought her home," said Mrs. Trevor, with a little gasp, wondering how she should manage to get out her next words. "Well, what of him?" The Squire's tone was mystified, but from the renewed attention of his face, it was plain that his curiosity was excited. "He was a very young man, hardly more than a boy, but Lalla tells me that he was the image of your son Edward, and that his voice reminded her of yours." "Edward!" echoed the old man, letting his knife and fork clatter unheeded on to his plate, whilst he leaned back in his chair, with a strange, gray look on his face, which frightened his companion. She rose at once from her place at the other end of the table, and came to stand beside him, gathering his limp, trembling hands into her own with a movement of dumb sympathy, which somehow eased the aching of his heart, caused through the unexpected stirring of the old sorrow. "Father, I did not mean to hurt or grieve you, but I had to tell you myself, for someone else might have seen him—this sailor, I mean—who, noticing the likeness, might speak to you about it, and you all unprepared for the surprise, she said, with a movement of dumb sympathy, which somehow eased the aching of his heart. "Thank you," he murmured faintly, then sat silent a moment to recover the shock, whilst Mrs. Trevor held his hands still clasped in her own. "How did Lalla know he was like Edward; she has never seen her uncle?" queried the Squire abruptly, when he had, to use his own expression, "got his breath again." (To be Continued.)

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BRANTFORD M.P.P. TALKS BACK

I don't know what Mr. Halcrow means, playing fair with him, comments M. M. MacBride, M.P.P. for Brantford, in a reply to recent statements of the member for East Hamilton.

I moved for his appointment as leader of the Labor Party, and I have supported, both by vote and voice, every measure of legislation for labor in the platform of the labor party. I made it plain, I said, and again that I could not support the Drury Government on its Hydro policy or on the Bouches Deal.

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ONTARIO MINIMUM WAGE BOARD NEW ORDERS New orders with respect to the institution of the minimum wage for female employees have been announced by the Minimum Wage Board.

NEW YORK HAS NEW YEAR'S STRIKE There was little delay in starting New York's labor troubles of 1922. Employees of two towing and light-erage firms were idle today, following a rejection of wage reductions, and it was reported from other quarters that a similar situation.

LIMA, PERU, UNEMPLOYMENT The temporary closing of several factories in Lima has increased the already grave problem of unemployment. In recognition of this condition, the government has undertaken to furnish passage at the expense of the state to workers now lacking employment, who wish to move from Lima to other industrial centers of the country.

OTTAWA LABOR CONTROLLER INSTALLS OFFICERS Controller John Cameron was a visitor to the meeting of Ottawa local 182, Ottawa Fire Fighters' Union. After making a brief address he installed the officers, recently elected, for the ensuing year.

TORONTO BUILDING TRADES ARRANGING NEW SCHEDULE Negotiations are no win progress between several of the Toronto building trades unions and their employers respecting arrangements for the coming year.

OTTAWA EMPLOYEES WOMAN DEPUTY

"It isn't an easy job," the only woman deputy returning officer in the last Municipal election confessed to a reporter. "I was so anxious to do everything correctly that I scarcely dared to remark that 'my' was a woman's job."

BREAD PRICE GOES UP Washington.—Following Attorney General Daugherty's announcement that profiteers would be probed, wholesale bakers in the nation's capital raised bread prices 1 to 2 cents a loaf. The cost of flour is blamed.

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VANCOUVER LOOKS GOOD FOR BUILDING TRADES Buildings permits for 1921 in the municipality of Point Grey, a residential suburb of Vancouver, amounted in value to \$3,501,600. This amount is \$32,505 greater than for the combined totals for 1919 and 1920. Seven hundred and eighteen new dwellings were erected during the year.

FAIR PROFITS ARE MADE. Washington.—In a wrangle in the house over the American valuation plan that some tariff advocates favor, Congressman Fordney, who is supporting the plan, scored importers for profiteering. He said one Chicago department store charged \$5 for a knife which can be bought in Germany for 2.6 cents.

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