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# COAL MINERS' CONDITIONS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

By J. W. WILKINSON
(Amalgamated Carpenters.)

It is well known that the chief part of the coal used in the western portion of this province comes from Vancouver Island, but little is known by the general public of the conditions prevailing in the coal industry.

The coal mines of Vancouver Island are situated in four localities.

At Nanaimo there are four mines working and one being developed. Of those working three are known as "open mines," which means that the miners work with open or naked lights. The other mine, known as No. 1, is worked with closed lights in some parts because of the presence of explosive gas. At Ladysmith there are four mines producing coal. At South Wellington there are two producing and one being opened up. At Cumberland there are four mines producing, and one in course of development.

The mines at Cumberland belong to the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd. They were formerly owned by the Hon. James Dunsmuir, the one-time notorious Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, and whom Jim Hawthornthwaite once publicly described as "a human hyena." Since then the ownership of these mines has passed into the hands of Mackenzie & Mann, which means the Canadian Northern Railway Co.

Three out of these four mines are worked with open lights, but the other, which is known as No. 4 mine, is now worked with safety lamps. About three months ago this mine was declared by Mine Inspector Newton to be unsafe owing to gas and he ordered the company to cease using naked lights and to substitute safety lamps. The fact that this was necessary to avoid loss of human lives did not appeal to the company, but the expense of furnishing lamps for the miners did, so the company refused to comply with the order of Inspector Newton. He called in Chief Inspector Graham who ratified the order of his subordinate and now the mine runs with closed lights.

Sir Richard McBride is never quite so mendaciously picturesque as when he is gushing about his "White B. C." policy and Cumberland is a glorious example of such clap-trap. There are 600 Chinese working in the mines of Cumberland and many of them have miners' certificates and work on the coal face getting the coal. Outside are 200 others and in addition are 200 Japanese scattered in and out of the mines making a total of at lease 1,000 Orientals who are not employed because they are Orientals but because they are cheap.

The white miners receive 60 cents for every 2,240 pounds of coal. In order, however, to get that weight of coal they must mine 2,740 pounds, and from that the company screens 500 pounds of "slack" which they say is not saleable although they both use and sell it. The miners get 60 cents for 2,240 pounds, which is avoirdupois ton. The company sells a ton of 2,000 pounds in Vancouver for $8.

Out of the 60 cents per ton paid to the miners, they have to supply their on blasting powder and thereby hangs a tale. The company buys the powder at the rate of $6.00 per box of 50 pounds and sells it to the miners at $15.00 per box, thus making a very modest profit of $9.00 per box.

The average amount of powder used in the mines of Cumberland each day is as follows:

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| No. 4 mine | 500 lbs. |
| No. 5 mine | 300 lbs. |
| No. 6 mine | 300 lbs. |
| No. 7 mine | 1,000 lbs. |
| Total | 2,100 |

That means 42 boxes of 50 pounds each, bringing a daily profit to the company of $372 on powder alone.

Whilst the Hon. T. W. Crothers, Federal Minster of Labor, was in Nanaimo, last week, this powder graft was explained to him by Robert Foster, President of District No. 28, United Mine Workers of America. Crothers advised him to publish it in the press and thus expose it to public notice.

At that very moment reporters from the local newspapers were present reporting the interview and Foster offered Crothers $100 to $50 that no mention of the powder question would appear in the paper the next morning, and Foster would have won for no mention was made of it.

The Labor Minister was taken into No. 1 mine, in order, I suppose, to gather "local color"—black mostly—and Foster asked him how much he thought they showed him of the real conditions under which the miners work. Like a wise lawyer he said nothing, but he said it very intelligently. In return Foster offered to take him into fifty places round Nanaimo where any average man would be scared to go, but where miners had to risk their lives daily to get bread for them and theirs, and profits galore for their masters.

At No. 1 mine, Nanaimo, the men receive 68 cents for 2,240 pounds of coal taken from the top seam, and 85 cents for the same quantity from the bottom seam. The coal is harder in that mine and takes more labor to dig it.

According to the Mines Regulation Act of B. C. no miner is supposed to receive less than $3.30 cents for a day's work of eight hours, and in those places where the coal is so hard to get that a man cannot make that amount by piece-work, the company is legally bound to make his wage up to $3.30. This law is treated by the operators with contempt; whole shifts of men are continually paid below $3.30 per day. On June 6 at Cumberland more than 40 miners were paid off at the rate of $2.50 per day and under. If the miners go on strike to remedy these things they will be choked with quotations from law which is broken daily by the owners.

The Act calls for all mines to be provided with two shafts so that in case one is blocked by explosion or other causes, the miners have a better chance to escape. No. 4 mine at Ladysmith has only one shaft, whilst at Nanaimo, No. 1 mine is connected

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with the shaft on Protection Island two miles away, and to walk from one shaft to the other underground takes from two hours to two and a half. In face of this, the notice at the foot of No. 1 shaft is a literary jewel. It reads, "The safety of our men comes first," and would doubtless impress the Hon. Crothers when he saw it.

Such conditions alone make the miners' lot miserable enough, but when one sees the shacks they have to live in one has to marvel that they endure so much. At Cumberland one sees rows of wretched, one-story houses which a colliery owner would not use for woodsheds.

Nanaimo would not be so bad if it was not Nanaimo, but Cumberland could not be worse than Cumberland.

### Calgary Carpenters Strike.

The carpenters of Calgary, numbering about 1,200, members of the Amalgamated and the Brotherhood, are on strike for an increase from 50 to 55 cents per hour.

South Vancouver municipal council has decided that all contractors on city work must pay their men the city rate of wages and enforce the eight-hour day system.

## MOVING PICTURE OPERATORS HAVE BEEN LOCKED OUT

..The members of the Moving Picture Operators' Union have been locked out by the following moving picture houses, and they are therefore non-union and not entitled to the patronage of unionists or their sympathizers: Princess, Dominion, Granville, Province, Savoy, Electric, Lyric, Bijou, Star, Broadway, 25th Ave., Fairview, Grandview, and Temple.

The following houses are on the union list and employ union operators: Majestic, Maple Leaf, Royal, Crystal, Family, Fairmont and Fraser Ave.

All union men, their wives, family and sympathizers will please note the above list and govern themselves accordingly.

## FEDERAL BOARD OF INVESTIGATION IS ASKED FOR BY I.W.W.

Local officers of the I. W. W. are preparing an application for a federal board of investigation into conditions obtaining in British Columbia construction camps. Meantime negotiations with the contractors locally are being carried on, with prospects of a settlement.

Reports from pickets along the line to Kamloops are to the effect that slaves of the variety demanded by the sub-contractors are scarce, and all the tactics now so well known to strikers are being used by the employers' government flunkies to bulldoze and intimidate the men who have refused to submit to the miserable wages and conditions imposed through the pernicious system of "sub-contracting."

## "SIR" RICHARD'S COSSACKS' BRUTALITY AT KAMLOOPS.

The treatment of Fred. Quirion, an I. W. W. striker on the C.N.R., at Kamloops, deserves the widest publicity. It is only another proof, added to the many so rapidly accumulating in these days, that the forces of government are as readily put at the disposal of capitalist interests in Canada, and used heartlessly and brutally, with as little regard to the much vaunted "rights" of British "objects," as they are in the land of Morgan or the Czar. Deliberately and intentionally run down by a donkey engine in the hands of a foreman of the construction gang, his leg broken in three places and badly cut about the head and body, he was taken to the hospital. Discharged as usual with slaves, before he was able to walk, he was immediately arrested and thrown into jail, to lay on the cell floor enduring the agony of his half-healed limb for four hours, until he was supplied with a cot. In the morning turned out into the jail yard, covered with water from the rain of the previous night, hauled up before the beak the following morning, and discharged as "not guilty"! As to the foreman, he is probably still on the job, feeling secure in the consciousness that his attempt to murder Quirion will never place him in the criminal's dock, but has gained for him the confidence of his employers and the covert approval of the authorities. We would like to point out to the various societies and individuals that make a specialty of fanning the dying flames of patriotism that a fruitful ground for their efforts is now to be found in Kamloops and he neighborhood. It will be easy and profitable work to convince the working men in that district that it would be a glorious thing to shoulder a gun and shoot or get shot in defense of the freedom and equal-handed justice that is meeted out to all-comers under the Union Jack.

Attend the next meeting of your union?

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## W. R. TROTTER'S ITINERY FOR THE CONGRESS

W. R. Trotter, organizer for the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, left here on Wednesday to assume the duties of his office. Following are the approximate dates of his itinerary:

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| Edmonton, Alta | July 10 |
| Saskatoon, Sask. | July 15 |
| Prince Albert, Sask. | July 20 |
| Regina, Sask. | July 23 |
| Moose Jaw, Sask. | July 28 |
| Brandon, Man. | August 1 |
| Winnipeg, Man. | August 3 |
| Ft. William and Porth Arthur, Ont., | August 24 |

# CAPITAL CITY TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

By CHRISTIAN SIVERTZ.
Secretary Victoria T. and L. Council.

VICTORIA, July 10.—At the next regular meeting on July 17, the semi-annual election of officers will take place. The Executive will consist of the president, vice president, secretary and four delegates elected by the council. This was the ruling of the chair at the meeting on the 3rd, as the amended constitution is now in force. All elections are carried out under the proportional representation system.

A communication was received informing the council that the Minister of Labor would be in this city on the 5th, when he would be pleased to meet any one interested in labor matters. The council promptly decided to invite the honorable gentleman to meet the workers in Labor hall and instructed the president to prepare a memorandum to be presented to him.

The secretary laid the financial statement and balance account on the table, as follows:

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, June 5 to 30, Inclusive.**

| | |
|---|---|
| To Cash in hands of Treasurer | $181.82 |
| " Call—Rents | 177.00 |
| P. C. Tax | 51.40 |
| C. Sivertz | .50 |
| | $410.72 |
| By Saladies | $ 55.00 |
| " Postage and Typewriting | 2.45 |
| " Rents | 100.00 |
| " Reduction Debt | 125.00 |
| " Balance in hands of Treasurer | 128.27 |
| | $410.72 |

**Balance Account.**

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| Assets— | |
| To Fixtures and Furniture | $1,000.00 |
| " Sundry Accounts Received | 311.50 |
| " " P. C. Tax | 126.60 |
| " To Cash in hands of Treas. | 128.27 |
| Liabilities— | |
| By Sundry Accounts—Hall | $ 337.14 |
| " Salaries | 61.00 |
| " Recommended to be written | |
| Rents | 79.50 |
| " Balance | 1,663.73 |
| | $2,141.37 |

**Statement of Accounts Payable.**

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|---|---|
| Cameron Lumber Co. | $159.11 |
| Hayward & Hawkins | 104.05 |
| Drake Hardware Co. | 34.33 |
| B. C. Electric Railway Co. | 26.75 |
| Victoria Typewriting Bureau | .50 |
| R. A. Brown & Co. | 1.90 |
| Watson & McGregor | 5.00 |
| B. C. Telephone Co. | 4.00 |
| B. C. Hardware Co. | 1.00 |
| C. Sivertz | .50 |
| | $337.14 |

**Statement of Accounts Due and Recommended Written Off.**

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|---|---|
| Blacksmith, April 26, 1911 | $25.00 |
| Bakers, Sept. 16, 1911 | 14.00 |
| Teamsters, Sept. 15, 1911 | 39.50 |
| Boilermakers, Helpers, Jan. 30, 1912 | 1.00 |
| | $79.50 |

CHRISTIAN SIVERTZ,
Acting Fin. Sec.

A report on the condition of employment in certain establishments where women and girls are employed was received, adopted and ordered published, and a special committee appointed with a view to securing immediate repointed to interview the management lief.

A letter from the manager of The Federationist requesting support for the paper was referred to the executive committee for consideration and report. A letter from the secretary of the B. C. Federation of Labor, calling for per capita tax for six months ending Dec. 31, 1912, and giving an outline of the work before the executive board, was received and the money ordered forwarded. It may be stated, in passing, that the council has not recovered yet from its housemoving experience, twice within six months.

Hon. T. W. Crowthers, Minister of Labor in the Borden Government, visited Victoria on the 4th and 5th inst., and by special arrangement met and addressed a well-attended meeting in Labor hall on the evening of the 5th.

The reputation and fame of a great man generally precedes him and Mr. Crowthers did not escape the lot of those who attain to an exalted position. Having received, through letters from friends in Ottawa, impressions of the different ministers, the writer was not surprised to find in the Minister of Labor a gentleman unaffected and genial in his demeanor, and frank in speech. I had even been told that he evinced sympathies for the aspirations of the laboring class in the struggle for freedom.

It does seem quite probable that many public men know enough about the wrongs and sorrows of the workers to admit the justice of their demands. But what do such agencies require them being shelved or missions amount to when party interfered with? The Government is committed to the commercialism that dominates the civilization of today; so Mr. Crowthers, whatever his individual views are, in spite of his many sterling qualities as a man, and his sympathies with the working class, cannot deliver the goods. Were he tomorrow to insist on the adoption by the government of a Labor program that had for its object the destruction of private and corporate control of the means of production, the only immediate result would be that he would disqualify himself as a member of the cabinet. This he told the workers of Victoria, in effect. But why should the government turn down such a proposition if he advocated it? Is not he the one member of the eighteen composing the cabinet who is selected because of his abilities to devote his time to the labor problem to its solution, if he can find it? He has now travelled through the Dominion from Ottawa to the Pacific for the express purpose of learning the condition of labor in the land and to receive suggestions from the workers as to their betterment and their ultimate aim to deliver themselves from economic dependence on those who control the means of employment and through that the lives of the workers. If, as the result of this investigation and travel among the working people, the Minister of Labor becomes convinced that nothing short of abolition of the present capitalist control of industry for profit will solve the labor problem and the class struggle, and should recommend a policy in that direction, would not, because they could not. Recommendations, coming as they would from the one man among them who is expected to study this problem with a view to find its solution? No—they would not, because they couldon t. Because the Government is committed to the civilization which rests on profits. So Mr. Crowthers could not deliver the goods. He would have to step down and out.

J. D. McNIVEN,
A Western Canada Representative of the Federal Department of Labor, with Headquarters at Vancouver

## ORG. WILKINSON AT LADYSMITH THIS EVENING

J. W. Wilkinson, organizer for the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, returned from Cumberland on Thursday and proceeded to New Westminster. He leaves today for Ladysmith, where he addresses a mass-meeting of miners this evening, in the interests of the Congress. He will return to Vancouver on Monday next, and proceed to interior points on Tuesday, working eastward to Medicine Hat, Alta., between now and September 1.

### IT'S UP TO THOSE WHO MAKE BUSINESS POSSIBLE

Any business which can not pay decent, living wages does not deserve to live, and should not be permitted to do so. *This* is not mere sentiment. It is sound logic. What possible excuse can be offered for continuing a business which makes slaves and serfs of those engaged in it? It renders profit to some person, firm or corporation, you say? Is that a good reason for continuing it? Can you justify, in law or in morals, the making of many people miserable in order that the few may be happy? No, there is no justification for such a course, and any business which can not properly support those engaged in it should be crushed to death.—Frisco Clarion.

### Regina Swarming With Job-Seekers.

Unskilled labor is already a drug in Regina, where slaves with labor-power to sell have flocked in search a good market for their wares, following the mess recently made of that prairie metropolis by the elements.

### Brotherhood Special Meeting.

Local 617 of the U. B. of C. will hold an extraordinary special meeting on Monday evening next, July 15, at Labor Temple, for the discussion of trade conditions. Several speakers, including Joseph Sorenson of Seattle, will be present.

### Vice-President of Stereotypers.

Charles Summer, vice-president of the International Steeotypers and Electrotypers Union, accompanied by Mrs. Summers arrived in the city on Wednesday. They left for their home in Kansas City last evening.

## VANCOUVER ALLIED PRINTING TRADES COUNCIL GETS BUSY

### Reminds Local Merchants That Tons of Printed Matter Is Being Secured from East.

"The opening of the Panama Canal—the gateway for merchants of Vancouver—to get more printing done away from their home town and thus build up industries—in other towns!"

It may not be generally known that the merchants of Vancouver have a novel way of building up local industries. We hear a lot of talk from them about "boosting" up a Greater Vancouver. They go to the meetings of The Progress and other clubs instituted for the purpose of "boosting," they have got to sell. When they want to buy something they go to the cheapest market. This is especially so in the case of printing.

Firms in the east of Canada send out to Vancouver several solicitors for printing. They are goo dtalkers, and succeed in getting 50 per cent. of the printing that is required in Vancouver for the eastern houses that they represent. The merchants don't appreciate the fact that they get "Vancouver prices" for what they sell—they state the price, and as it is not possible to send east for everyday wants the public have to pay their price.

The Typographical Union at the present time is negotiating a new scale with the employing printers, and one of the worst arguments they have had to contend with from the employing printers is this question of printing being sent out of town by people who should know better. It is only natural that the printers should want more wages considering the fact that they have not had an increase for two years and that the cost of living in Vancouver in that time has gone up about 15 per cent. The merchants who send east for their printing are the ones who derive most benefit from the purchasing power of the working class. How they can be consistent in their boosting for a Greater Vancouver and then send thousands of dollars east to purchase printing there that they could get right here passes all understanding. It undoubtedly costs more money to get some of this work done in Vancouver—but they sell their goods at Vancouver prices and should be prepared to buy what other men of business have to sell at Vancouver prices.

There is a large sum of money invested in the printing industry in Vancouver. It is not so very long ago that everybody looked upon all money spent on printing as so much thrown away. But times have altered, and now it is looked upon as one of the best investments by business men who want to build up a big business. They recognize the fact that they could not get along without the use of printing—they have got to have it to acquaint the public of what they have to sell.

The business men who have got faith enough in Vancouver to put all their capital into this business are surely deserving of support from merchants. But they are not getting it. They only get what the merchants have absolutely got to give them. Yes, there is some printing that they cannot send east—this does not amount to much. It chiefly consists of that which they want in a hurry and that part which they want to see proofs of before sending it to press. Letterheads and envelopes are sent east by the million. Cheques are produced there by the thousand and sent on to Vancouver business houses. It has been stated that even The Progress Club of Vancouver were going to send east for their cheques—but somebody got wise and they did not do it. Other clubs established to boost for this town have been known to get a large quantity of printing done outside.

If this state of affairs is going to continue it will be up to the purchasing public to send east for everything that they possibly can. When they start this—and not till then—will some of these great boosters begin to see their returns falling off—the same as the employing printers are seeing their returns falling off.

## VICTORIA U. B. OF C. GROWING RAPIDLY; OFFICERS ELECTED

### Energetic Representatives Delegated to Attend Trades and Labor Council.

Stanton E. Barrell, in an interesting communication that space forbids publishing in full, sends a rosy report of the flourishing condition of his local in the Capital City. The departure of President Downs for his home in San Francisco is noted with regret, his activity in union affairs having been a valuable asset. The membership of the local has increased from 70 to 330; the weekly meetings are crowded; a live business agent is in the field in the person of Jack Margarell, and the membership is increasing at the rate of from six to ten at every meeting, made up of those who join by clearance and "neophytes" who have been persuaded to see the benefits of common action for common benefit. Taking all things into consideration, the membership is feeling pretty good.

The open shop system, which prevails in Victoria, is having the effect of recruiting the union membership, non-unionist and unionist rubbing shoulders at work, the resulting arguments crystallising in the shape of applications for admission.

The new officers installed on July 2 were: Theo. Crowle, president; Robert Eddy, V. P.; Louis Morsing, F. S.; A. A. Walker, R. S.; C. H. Willetts, treasurer; Frank W. Irish, conductor; Wm. Davis, warden and S. E. Barett, trustee.

A strong committee of twelve represents the local on the Building Trades and T. and L. Councils, thereby giving the brotherhood an opportunity to be the most influential body for the furtherance of unionism in Victoria.

They have received more accessions to their membership from the prairie provinces than from Vancouver, and the number from the prairie is expected to decrease from now on.

Brother Barrell concludes with an appreciative reference to his treatment in Vancouver on his visit last Sunday, expressing the hope that such opportunities for reciprocity of ideas and social intercourse may become more frequent, to the benefit of unionism on both the Island and the Mainland.

### Organizer Bruce Goes East.

John W. Bruce of the Plumbers' International, who has been in Vancouver for some weeks, left for the east points yesterday.

## VICTORIA FACTORY WORKERS' STRIKE ON IN THE CAPITAL CITY

### *Chinese Employees Join With White Workers in Demand For Nine-hour Day.*

VICTORIA, July 8.—Six months ago there was no Factory Workers' Local in Victoria. Today there are 100 men on strike and 13 scabs working. They have the city in good shape, little or no finish being procurable at the local mills. Every man is standing pat.

A dodger has been distributed amongst the Chinese mill-workers, in their own lingo, and on July 6 a large number of the Orientals went out on strike. This is quite sufficient proof to any scab that a Chinaman is a better man than he is, whether he likes the idea or not. On the same day Mr. Hankin, manager of the Puget Sound Lumber Co., performed the parrot act, and issued a similar dodger, which reads as follows:

"Chinese friends, notice—Our lumber mill informs you that at the present time the work reopens as usual each day. Work 10 hours, wages as before. Our company now have employed constables in Chinatown. Our lumber mill have fought to protect the Chinese employees so far. Expect no injury. That union party simply start up strike in short time. Hoping our friends do not undergo these complications. If willing to work as usual, return to work. Our company hope and appreciate.

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Manager Hankin informs throughout."

(Obviously a Chinese translation).—Ed. Fed.

Manager Hanklin will have to go some to hypnotize the Chink to swallow such dope. $1.50 is the "same wage" referred to in the above dodger, for 10 hours. The strikers are out for 9 hours per day and 5 cents an hour increase.

When a few of the Chinese on strike were asked what they thought of the dodger, they replied, with a grin: "Too much bull dope. Me no go to work. Chinaman savvey he not my friend."

The employers will have to go some to beat the next dodger the strikers hand out on Monday next.

W. D., A. S. of C. & J.

### Stationary Engineers.

As usual an open meeting was held by the engineers in room 201, Labor Temple, on Wednesday night and the large attendance showed that the engineers are waking up to the fact that it is necessary for them to organize into a real union in order to protect their interests, which under the benignent care of "Association" had been rather badly injured. The Local is increasing at a rapid pace and during the last few weks has more than doubled in numbers.

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## HON. T. W. CROTHERS.

During the past week Vancouver union officials have had an opportunity of getting a first-hand acquaintance with the federal minister of labor, Hon. T. W. Crothers. On Saturday evening last Mr. Crothers, accompanied by J. D. McNiven, a Western Canada representative of the Department of Labor, with headquarters at Vancouver, met a number of union officials, including members of the executive committee of the B C. Federation of Labor, at the office of the Trades and Labor Council, Labor Temple, and for some three hours matters of vital interest to the workers in this territory were discussed. So varied and important were the subjects under consideration that it was deemed advisable to hold another session with the cabinet member, and on Monday at the Hotel Vancouver, with Hon. H. H. Stevens, M. P., and representatives of the press added to the number, a lengthy conference took place.

Chief among the subjects introduced by the labor delegation to Mr. Crothers was the present immigration policy of the federal government; he enlargement of the statistical scope and usefulness of the labor department; a request for a board of investigation into the conditions of railway construction camps along the C. N. R. in British Columbia; the abolition of the Industrial Disputes and Investigation Act (Lemieux Act), or failing that some sweeping changes in its application and operation; provision to be made by the department for securing commissions to investigate the wages paid and working conditions obtaining in mills, factories, departmental stores and other establishments where women and girls are employed, especially in industrial centres; provision for the prevention of "plantations" in the mining, timber and pulp industry, making it possible for duly authorized union officials to get on the property outside working hours for the purpose of discussing with unorganized wage-workers the advantages of organization, followed by a frank discussion of labor legislation and conditions generally.

Mr Crothers, who gives an impression of honesty of purpose, listened attentively to the members of delegation, freely interjected questions relative to the various matters under consideration, and made several statements concerning some of his experiences with employers that somewhat startled his hearers for candor, considering the company the minister is compelled to live in and work with while at Ottawa.

The immigration policy of the federal government and what they were prepared to do in the way of remedying it came in for a good deal of discussion, but Mr. Crothers spoke very guardedly on the subject. He, however, was convinced that the Alien Labor Act was about all that the delegation had said about it. While he personally was in favor of the abrogation of "assisted" immigration, outside the regular governmental channels, he had still to convert other members of the cabinet. The whole question would, he assured the delegation, be taken up and dealt with at the earliest opportunity.

The spokesmen of the labor representatives pointed out that the present system of gathering and compiling statistics in the department of labor and commerce was wholly inadequate. Especially was this true of the industrial world, where numberless deaths and serious injuries were not reported by employers. Nor were there any figures to show the cost of production of commodities and much other useful information such as is compiled by the United States Department of Labor. Mr. Crothers replied that the matter was already receiving the attention of his department; in fact much had already been accomplished in the consolidation of a statistical bureau, and this would be perfected during his administration.

Regarding the application for a board of investigation to inquire into the conditions of the railway constructions camps along the C. N. R., Mr. Crothers asked the delegation to await his return to Ottawa, when the question of whether the Act could be interpreted to include public utilities under construction or not would be decided. Personally he was of the opinion that it would, and if it were possible he would grant the application for a board without delay.

A lengthy discussion of the Industrial Disputes and Investigations Act took place between the delegation and Mr. Crothers. He was advised that organized labor in Western Canada, in convention assembled, had repeatedly gone on record as in favor of the repeal of the Act. But since Mr. Crothers had stated that there was no intention on the part of the government to do so, the delegation took the position that if the legislation was good for some of the workers it would be equally good for them all, and asked that the Act be amended to that end, in addition to making a number of changes in its application and administration, especially with reference to delays on the part of either parties to the dispute. In reply to Mr. Crothers' contention that it was "public opinion" that settled disputes, in the last analysis, the delegation reminded him that all the agencies for molding "public opinion" were in the hands of the employing class, including the daily press Mr. Crothers said the day when employers refused to allow their employees to organize must be considered as past, and so far as he was concerned he would insist upon the workers having that right, the same as his own union, the lawyers, and many others such as doctors, preachers, surveyors, etc. Regarding the inability of any but British subjects being legible to make application for a board he would see that this was remediedat once insofar as employers operating in Canada were concerned.

Mr. Crothers agreed with the delegation that his department must do something to make it possible for commissions to be appointed to inquire into the working conditions in industries where unorganized workers were employed in the big industrial centres, especially where women and girls were employed, and he would take the matter up with his colleagues upon his return to Ottawa. These and other matters placed before him would, he assured his hearers, receive immediate action.

Whatever the outcome of the conference will be, in the light of so many previous experiences along similar lines, remains to be seen. For the moment, however, Mr. Crothers has created a good impression among the union officials of this city, despite his affiliations and the limitations of his premises. We shall see what we shall see.

## LABOR BOARD.

Workingmen are treading on very dangerous grounds if they put in with the proposition of the Minister of Labor for the government to appoint a permanent board, composed of "first-class'" men at good salaries to deal with "all" labor disputes.

The only safe way is for organized labor to fight its own battles, without outside interference. Under the present governmental system labor is only getting into the meshes of the spider's web if they trifle with legislation. The present government is representative of the big interests, and should be treated as such. It is true that the Hon. T. W. Crothers has been the only member of the government to express sympathy for labor legislation, but it must be borne in mind that there is a reason for this and that is to get such a grip on organized labor as to make it practically powerless when it comes to getting better working conditions. The strike, like the boycott, is only the last great resort to obtain concessions. Working men must always bear in mind that they are dealing with the respresentatives of capital, not labor, when they are trying to deal with the government.

## THE VOTERS' LIST

An Ottawa dispatch announces that the government will put through Parliament at its next session, a redistribution bill based upon the new census. As the ratio of members to each province is struck on the population of Quebec by 65 members, it will be readily observed that the west will be entitled to more members, and the maritime provinces will lose a few. Vancouver is very likely to get three extra members. In this event British Columbia should have about ten members, an increase of three. The government is also determined to settle on matters of policy. In this event it will be necessary for an appeal to the country. The big interests demand it, and an election is apt to be brought on immediately after the next session. Workingmen should be alive to this fact and be prepared to vote for their own interests. To do so they must be on the voters' lists.

The Federationist hopes that the central labor organization will again come forward in the matter of distributing application forms and collecting same when filled in.

It will be remembered that some months ago Detective Campbell shot dead a workingman in Vancouver named Webb for the offense of attempting to run away. The other night the same detective got into a mixup with some one who, probably having Campbell's record in mind, beat him to it and took a poor shot at him. Campbell is in the hospital; the other fellow in jail.

The doughty old spinster who presides over the editorial destiny of the News-Ad. laments the prospect of the strikers of the C. N. R. construction camps securing a federal board of inquiry into the conditions prevailing, and trots out a hoary wheeze that the strikers went out without due notification to the employers, endeavoring thereby to draw a red herring across the trail of the real objection to such an investigation. The News-Ad has evidently forgotten the mine owners at Bankhead, the Union Steamship Co. and others, including the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co., who have been guilty of more gross violations of the Act than the workers. Like that other good old grandmother, Mayor Findlay, the editor of the News-Ad. does not "recognise" or "see" things that fail to bring grist to the Conservative steam-roller.

A man named Doig, locked up in the local police station on June 30, charged with being drunk, was neglected so long in the jail cells that after being finally taken to the hospital he died a few minutes later, last Saturday. It is a notorious fact that prisoners of the local jail are not given heed to in any manner, shape or form, no matter whether it be sickness, bail or legal advice wanted. To make sure a request of the jailor is but to court an outburst of curses, the product of an ignoramus in uniform. The death, or brutal treatment or absolute neglect of victims incarcerated in Vancouver's jail is of no concern to the wooden-headed police commissioners—one a scab sheet-metal employer; the second bet $10 the "law" would jail members of an alleged "unlawful assembly," and the third is so busy wrestling with punch clocks tnd prostitution-herding that he has no time to make inquiries into questions of real concern.

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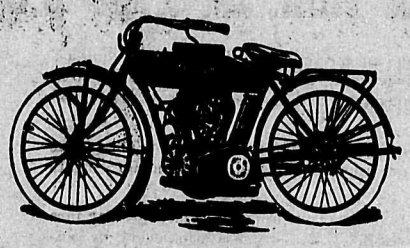

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John Mitchell is scheduled to address a mass meeting at Seattle tomorrow evening, under the auspices of the Central Labor Council.

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### Ruling of A. F. of L. Atlanta Convention to Be Enforced Says U. B. Secretary Duffy.

Judging from the following copy of a letter addressed to the membership of the Brotherhood of Carpenters from headquarters there is to be further turmoil in the ranks of the carpenters, no matter what the cost:

Indianapolis, Ind., July 3, 1912.—Amalgamation of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters with the U. B.

To the Local, the Officers and Members of all Local Unions and District Councils of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America:

Greeting:—Under date of June 28, 1912, we received a communication from President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, notifying us that the Executive Council of that body declares:

First, That the propositions submitted by the A. S. C. of terms of amalgamation are based upon the form of organization in all its details of the Amalgamated Society which are so far-reaching as to make it immediately impossible for the U. B. to adopt or accept, and which would indeed make the U. B., under its own name, the Amalgamated Society.

Second, That the proposition made by the U. B. is fair, just, advantageous, honorable and as far-reaching as the U. B., in its present and immediate future, is in position to make for the amalgamation of the A. S. C. with the U. B.

The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor therefore decide that the terms proposed by the U. B. for amalgamation of the Amalgamated Society with the United Brotherhood shall be the basis for amalgamation; that unless these terms are accepted by the A. S. C. it carries with it the revocation of the charter as directed by the Atlanta convention of the A. F. of C.

The Executive Council further decides to extend the time to August 1, 1912, within which the A. S. C. may have an opportunity to determine whether it will accept the terms of amalgamation decided on by the Executive Council or not. Failure on the part of the A. S. C. to comply, the charter will then be revoked.

As so many requests for information have been made on us within the last few days relative to this matter it becomes our duty to officially notify all Local Unions and District Councils of the action of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L.

Fraternally yours,
FRANK DUFFY,
General Secretary.

### Union of Unions.

The movement for affiliation of all independent boot and shoe workers into one organization is gaining strength, and meetings have recently been held by representatives of the various bodies with this object in view.

### Old-Time Union Printer.

Dr. R. Mathison of Kelowna is in Belleville, Ont., attending the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of his parents. Before becoming a dentist, Dr. Mathison was a pioneer secretary of Vancouver Typographical Union and ran one of the first printing offices in this city.

### How To End Conflict.

You can end war for all time by providing the people at home with purchasing power to obtain the articles they create. No nation need go gunning for foreign markets when the workers are given enough specie to absorb the surpluses they are piling up.—Victoria Review.

### The Cigarmakers.

The same old story is told each succeeding meeting of the Central Labor Council of the small number of cigarmakers empyloyed in Vancouver. A little thought on the the part of other mechanics will show them that by patronizing eastern-made cigars without the union label they are not aiding local unionists. The more men employed locally in the cigar industry, the mose men of other callings will be employed. Boost for home-made, union-made cigars.

### Victoria Factory Workers' Strike.

VICTORIA, July 9.—The Factory Workers' Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters have been on strike for a week now for a nine-hour day, and it is reported that only fifteen machine men remained at work. Numbers of outside carpenters were idle before the strike through scarcity of material, owing partly to two of the mills having been consumed by nre, and, of course, many more are idle now A circular was issued to the Chinese helpers and loaders with the result that over 300 of Orientals have also ceased work.

### Electrical Workers, No. 213.

H. A. Jones has been elected as business agent of Local 213 of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (outside men), vice E. L. McMillan, and has already taken up the duties of the office. The membership are holding a number of banner mass meetings at Labor Temple for the purpose of discussing trade affairs as affecting their craft. Incidentally the "rough necks" are still buying shares in the Labor Temple at a rate that promises to maintain their reputaition in the earlier stages of the proposition, and the way Teddy Knight and other officers grab new shareholders is a source of comfort to the directorate, even though there is not the same need for ready cash now as in the days of not no long ago.

### Street Railway Men in Chicago.

Ten thousand street and elevated employees in Chicago are preparing demands for an increase in wages and radical changes in working conditions to be presented to the employers on August 1. The elevated employees have refused to make a permanent contract until the surface men get a satisfactory settlement.

### Street Railway Employees

The Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees slipped one over on "Gripe Nuts" Post when they secured an agreement with the street railway company of Battle Creek, Mich., covering the working conditions of the men employed by the company. Every man in their employ is a member of the union. There IS a reason.

### Fernie Typo. Here.

A. J. Buckley, who for some years has been an employee of the District Ledger at Fernie and secretary of the Typographical Union in the coal valley centre, arrived in Vancouver during the week. Mr. Buckley is renewing old acquaintances in the Terminal City and it is more than probable that he will decide to take up his residence on the coast. All of which will be welcome news to local unionists, who are ever ready to make room for an addition to "the clique that runs the union."

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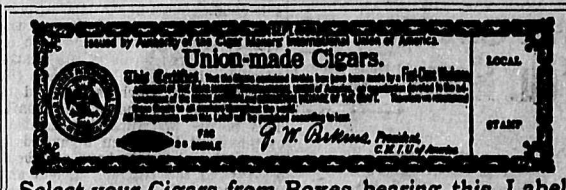


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### New Tactics Needed

President Gompers recently appeared before committees who are investigating the merits of the employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation bill. If Mr. Gompers and all the other officers of the international labor movement would throw their "hats into the ring" and try to be the government, they would command greater respect from the majority of the progressive unionists.—J. M.


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### Affect of Strike Strongly Felt.

The contractors of the C. N. R. after working themselves into a frenzy trying to get scabs, are sadly coming to the one conclusion, that as far as procuring them is concerned they are an unknown quantity. After the man-catchers have scoured the country in every known direction where slaves are apt to congregate, they report the forlorn tale. Slowly but surely the *agitation carried on in the past by the* dicerent radical organizations is beginning to bear fruit.

The men whom the bosses had previously relied upon to take the places of the strikers are not to be inveighled into scabbing for they are beginning to realize that an injury to one is an injury to all, when all workers belong to the same class of society.

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The few scabs the bosses have procured are proving not only inexperienced, but are, through their incompetency, endangering the very lives of those with whom they come in contact.

The records show death is claiming its ghastly toll daily. Accidents are occurring so frequently along the C. N. R. it is getting monotonous to read the newspapers. A conservative estimate of those killed through accidents along the C. N. R. is alarming. One of the many lives needlessly sacrificed is that of a young man by the name of Mike Ryan. Coming to this country a few weeks ago and landing at Montreal, he was, through gross misrepresentation, enticed into going to work on the C.N.R. Little did this young immigrant realize the nature *of his work, for* what was there in the old sod that Micky could not do, and was he not the offspring of the fighting Ryans on his father's side and the invicible McCarthy strain he inherited from his mother. This rosy-cheeked boy of 20, who came to Canada with the fond illusion of getting wealthy in a short time, was soon clasped in the clammy hands of death by a premature explosion on the North Thompson. He lived long enough to tell his pitiful story. He had made up his mind to leave the squalor of the old hut in Ireland, carry all the savings he had scraped together in years, go forth and have his dreams come true by making a home fit for a daughter of the proud McCarrons. Aware of the fact that death was close at hand, he raised himself with a last effort and begged all present not to inform his folks of his fate.

Now he lies in a forgotten grave, a spectre to remind his adopted country of the inhospitable and unprotected way in which Canada is looking after the immigrants who come to its shores.

### Pres. Watters Making Good.

The Eastern Labor says that "Bro. Watters is making good," and judging from the record of new organizations that have come into existence as a result of his efforts in the land of bluenoses, and the re-organization of the defunct ones, the verdict seems to be justified. Three locals of the Quarry Workers have been organized, the membership of which is expected to reach 500 by the end of this month. This is the first time that members of this craft have been organized in the province. Locals have also been created of the Boiler Makers and Shipbuilders, Building Laborers, and the Coopers and Blacksmiths. One of the most beneficial results of his efforts has been the amalgamation of the contending factions of the Street Railway employees in Halifax, now *contained in one international organization.* The local of the U. M. W. of A. has been re-organized at Joggins Mines, and the local at Springhill is expecting large accessions to its membership.

### Common Sense in The Social Evil.

In all discussions of the causes and reform of the "social," let it become clearly understood that prostitution requires for its diminution not only laws, well enforced, to abolish the traffic in womanhood; not only better social protection against harpies who sedduce young girls seeking an honest livelihood; *not only better chaperonage of* young girls in exposed occupations; not only better opportunities for natural enjoyment of youthful pleasure under morally safe conditions; not only these—but most of all, greater power on the part of the average young girl to earn her own support under right conditions and for a living wage.—Anna Garlin Spencer, in the Forum.

### Cigarmakers' Union.

The business of the George T. Tuckett & Son Co., Ltd., Hamilton and Montreal, has been purchased by C. *Meredith & Co., Ltd., of this city,* and it is planned to provide additional capital and extend the scope of operations of the company both here and in Hamilton. The Tuckett Company is one of the largest of its kind in the Dominion, and now feels the need of securing additional capital to keep up with the growing demands of the country. With this object in view, C. Meredith & Co., Ltd., have taken the business in hand and will reorganize the capitalization, making provision for the required addition. The capitalization of the company will be increased to $5,000,000.—Cigarmakers' Journal.


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## Are You Organized?

The question raised ought really not be asked oy you, for it is something which ought to be answered by every half-way enlightened workingman with the simple and short "Yes."

But still we ask that question of you, for we know that you are not organized.

And that is the reason why we ask you.

*We shall not be satisfied with* having you simply answer this question in the negative. We want you to realize the importance of this question and the necessity of your membership in our organization.

Are you organized! we ask again, and you answer no.

Do you know what is contained in this short but significant word?

Do you know that during the past you have been guilty of a gross neglect of duty?

By not joining the organization of your trade you have failed to do what every other thinking man, regardless to which class of society he may belong, has done already, because he deemed it a duty which he owed to himself.

You certainly have had many a *chance to observe how the various* interests in our present capitalist state try to become more stable and thereby be better able to protect themselves by getting into closer contact with each other, by forming organizations and associations, while you alone silently stand by and remain indifferent as to your own interests.

Can you not see the great struggle which is being waged before your very eyes and which demands of every one that he place himself, his entire being, at the disposal of the organization which is destined to take care of his interests?

*Do you not realize that it is dangerous*, yes, ruinous, for yourself as long as you, together with other workers, remain indifferent to your interests, as long as you stand outside of the organization and fail to properly protect yourself?

Permit us several questions:

Are you getting along quite well?

Are you economically independent?

Are your earnings sufficient in order to be enabled to properly provide for your family and to protect your loved ones against all hradship and want?

Do you enjoy proper and sufficient *food, have you good clothes and living* quarters as you would want them?

Are you satisfied with your fate?

You answer no to all of these questions.

Does it not appear to you, and do you not realize—if your living conditions are not what they ought to be—that you must have something neglected in your life? Otherwise your life would be more tolerable, more worth living?

And now we come to the point:

You are not getting along as well as you would like to.

You are earning low wages, your *working hours are long because you* have neglected to join the organization of your trade.

The truth ow this assertion we shall prove to you forthwith.

Just look around yourself for a little while.

Have you not noticed—especially during the past few years—that all the means of life have become more expensive, that their prics have been increased enormously?

Did you not observe that the landlord increased your rent considerably?

You must have noticed all this, for it struck you directly; it struck your pocketbook, which is at *no time* overfilled. Yes, often you were mad at these things and often you have complained about these conditions. Your wages remained the same in spite of the increased cost of living, and you were forced to reduce your standard of living in ordr to enable yourself and your family to eke out a meager existence and in order to make ends meet.

And what brings about such disappointing conditions?

The fact that the rich and possessors of wealth in our present state have formed closer alliances in the trusts and syndicates which extend all over the world and through which they are enabled to dictate to you the prices for the things which you must necessarily have. And add to this must be our well-organized government, which does not protect your interests but simply the interests of the possessors. All offices within the gift of our state are under the control of the possessors, and this power is utilized by them to their own advantage.

Do you realize now that it is the great and well-organized powers that are making life more expensive, more miserable for you?

What should prevent the working class from resorting to the same tactics, from getting together and trying to sell their commodity—the only thing they have to sell—at a higher price?

You ask: Has the worker really anything to sell?

Why, certainly.

It is the commodity known as labor power, his own body, which he is compelled to sell every day to the employer in order to be able to exist.

This commodity, labor power, which every worker has for sale, must bring higher prices. This is only possible when the workers likewise form closer alliances, associations, unions, by means of which they aim to force an increased price for what they have to sell; in other words, by which they aim to secure an increase in the wages paid them. Such alliances are the labor unions of our present day—organizations which command their members to be loyal to each other and not to underbid each other in the sale of their labor power.

That is the fundamental purpose of our labor organizations.

It is such an organization, and nothing else, that gives to the worker the power and strength to force from the employers better and improved living conditions.

The masses standing solidly behind the organization give them that power.

Only through organization alone wage increases and reductions in the number of hours we are forced to work have been made possible.

It is the organization alone which prevents the employer from dictating what price he is willing to pay for our commodity, our labor power.

It is the organization which in times of economic depression prevents a lowering of the wages of the workers.

It is the organization which, through the creation and enforcement of agreements, assures the worker of receiving a crtain wage for a certain time.

Do you realize now that you are guilty of a great sin of omission because until now you have remained away from our organization?

You have failed, not alone against yourself and your loved ones, but you have also failed against your fellow-workers. By remaining outside of our organization you have prevented and hampered the improvement of your own *economic condition and that of* your fellow-workers. You have aided your employers and enabled them to exploit you without any resistance on your part.

You will and must realize this, and therefore you should no longer hesitate.

You should no longer stand idly by while your economic opponents are allaying themselves for the sole purpose of making it more difficult for you to earn your daily bread.

It is your duty to defend yourself, to offer resistance, to join your organized fellow-workers in an effort to increase *your wages and to* improve your conditions.

Through the organization the individual worker no longer remains defenseless. He is no longer at the mercy of united capital, no matter how great its power may be.

It is the power of united labor which enables the workers to force the employers to pay heed to the just and reasonable demands of the workers.

*It is the power of the labor organi*zations which enables the workers—if need be through a complete stoppage of work—to gain for themselves that which the employers might refuse them as individuals. *Therefore, you* should no longer hesitate.

The worker who does not belong to his organization betrays the further progress of humanity.

We asked before whether or not you belonged to your organization, and you answered no.

We hope that you now have realized that it was a great mistake on your part to remain outside of our organization.

How can you stand by idly and thoughtless, while everything seems to be against the worker, while every effort is made to dcrease our wages, thereby making dearer the prices of the things we must have.

Be a man!

Fight together with your brothers for your economic interests!

Be a man, for to be a man means to be a fighter. Deliver yourself from all prejudice, from all half-heartedness and indifference.

Only he is worthy of freedom and life who wages its daily battles and strife!

Be a man!

Awake!

And join our organization!—Bakers' Journal.

### Modern Labor-Skinning.

The Sears-Roebuck Company of Chicago is said to be the largest distributor of prison-made goods in the United States. This statement has never been denied by the company. They absorb a large portion of the output of West Virginia and Connecticut penitentiaries. Not satisfied with skinning the workers when they are supposed to be free, they are after the surplus value of those who are in jail.

### Parliamentary Committee.

Sec. Pipes submitted a report of the Parliamentary Committee. Delegates had been seated from the Sheet Metal Workers, and the Waitresses'.

Recommendation regarding legislative amendments to provide for examinations for chaffeurs. Referred back for further consideration.

Recommendation that the Council ask the Provincial Secretary for the *appointment of W. J. Pipes*, 233 Keefer street, as a commissioner for placing names on the provincial voters' list. Concurred in.

Territorial Defense, the exploitation of government lands by individuals and corporations to the exclusion of bona fide settlers, the operation of private Employment Agencies, the central labor body to meet oftener, and other questions had been discussed by the committee, but they were not ready to report at this meeting.

Recommended that the Council again protest against the maintenance of a chain-gang and ask affiliated unions to join in a campaign for its abolition. Concurrence.

Fourteen delegates present.

*Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell* have again been found guilty of contempt of court, and sentenced, Gompers to one year, and the others to six months' imprisonment. The case will probably be appealed to the higher courts.


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### To Study "Efficiency."

J. H. McVety, building manager of the Labor Temple, left for Seattle on Wednesday evening to attend a convention of Building Managers of the Pacific Northwest, in accordance with instructions from the Labor Temple Board of Directors.

### Removed "for Cause."

The Rev. Father E. E. Mitchell of the Immaculate Conception Church in Malden, a *suburb of Boston*, has been removed from his job because of his activity in behalf of the striking electric carmen, who are on strike gainst the Boston Elevated company.

### Saskatoon Workers Win.

Painters at Saskatoon, Sask., after one week's strike, have been successful in securing an increase in wages and union shop conditions. If the carpenters had not quit work to assist the Painters in fighting the Master Painters' Association, the strike would have lasted longer than it did.


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