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PAWNTICKETS WORN IN PLACE OF MEDALS

British Ex-service Men are in Dire Straits—Parade on Armistice Day.

Hundreds of Marchers Wear Pawn Tickets on Their Service Ribbons.

TWENTY thousand, mostly ex-service men, went on foot to the London Embankment through a biting east wind, many of them breakfastless, on Armistice Day.

Story of Their Plight

Through silent thousands lining the route, the vast procession, which stretched from Blackfriars Bridge to Charing Cross, passed, its banners telling in unmistakable language the tragic story of its plight, and compelling the sympathy of the assembled multitudes throughout the West End.

Of the more poignantly pointed inscriptions on the banners were these:

"1914 Star
1921 Starvation."
"We are the unknown
Warriors."
"Give us this day our
daily—work or
maintenance."
"They died that we might live—in
poverty."

Hundreds of the marchers wore the ribbons of their medals, the decorations having, in most cases, been pawned for food. The pawntickets were worn on the men's breasts. "Two silver medals, 2s 6d.," was written on one, the price, no doubt of an unforgettably bitter meal.

One man covered the whole front of his coat with pawntickets for jewellery, clothes, boots, household furniture, a wedding and an engagement ring, and medals.

Out of Work

When the Cenotaph came into sight the leaders of the procession — the National Council of the Unemployed —bearing the principal wreath, bared their heads, and their example was followed right down the line to the last man.

A young girl, with the head-line of "Out of Work" pinned on her coat, fell out of the procession as she laid her tribute "For remembrance" at the base of the Cenotaph, and sobbed as if her heart would break. Girl friends bore her away fainting.

Justice and Freedom (?)

The nameless soldier was buried among the kings, to commemorate the multitudes who, during the Great War, gave the most that man can give. Carved in the stone are the words:

"For the sacred cause of justice and the freedom of the world."

And Lloyd George had said: "Never again shall the gaunt spectre of unemployment stalk rampant throughout the country."

CANADIAN HERO SELLS WAR CROSS

Stranded in New York He Gets 50 Cents for Croix de Guerre.

Urbain Ledoux, leader of the unemployed, resumed his dramatic methods of bringing home to the people of New York City the urgency of the unemployment crisis by speaking at St. Mark's Church, at an "unemployment symposium." Ledoux called out from the audience one of his own unemployed followers and presented the young man's tragic plight as the "human appeal" of the unemployment situation.

Saved Many Lives

Ledoux explained, amid an expectant craning of necks, that Henri Jeulit was a "hero," a winner of the Croix de Guerre, and that he had been cited before an entire army division for bravery in saving a great number of lives. Jeulitt, whose home is in Three Rivers, Canada, has been walking the streets of New York for 10 days without shelter, according to Ledoux, and just recently the prized Croix de Guerre was sold for 50 cents to buy food.

He received an overcoat and so did several others.

COLD STORAGES ARE GLUTTED

WASHINGTON. — The London meat market is glutted, according to a cable to the department of agriculture, from the American agricultural commissioner at London. Prices have slumped and cold storages are filled. Approximately 1,000,000 carcasses of lamb and mutton are being held in refrigerator ships. The widespread drop in prices is said to be due to poverty. The government is holding approximately 2,240,000 pounds of mutton.

R. P. PETTIPIECE
Federated Labor Party Candidate for New Westminster

NEELANDS URGES UNITED SUPPORT

Richardson Needed at Ottawa to Battle for the Toilers of Canada.

The support given the working class movement of the Federated Labor Party in South Vancouver at the last Provincial election lends encouragement to that organization bringing forward a candidate to contest the Federal seat.

Fully realizing the fact that the full claim of the workers cannot be realized entirely by legislative action, I believe that parliament offers great opportunities of which the workers should take advantage for the advancement of our cause, and I am of the opinion that much could and would be done to improve the lot of the workers were more working class representatives elected to the administrative and legislative assemblies of both the Province and Dominion.

In Commons Eight Years

Having in mind his connection with the Labor movement for a great many years, together with his experience as a member of the British House of Commons for eight years, the Federated Labor party is particularly fortunate in their selection of Tom Richardson as their candidate in the present Federal campaign. His ability as a speaker and sincerity of purpose on behalf of the workers is well known and it is with full confidence that he will faithfully represent the working class I urge for him their united and enthusiastic support and influence at the Polls on December 6th.

R. H. Neelands, M.L.A.

Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum Ask For Your Votes

Old Parties With Old Patched Up Policies Again Seek Office—Both Work in the Interest of Exploiters—Parliamentary Corruption by Both Parties—Let's Kick Them Out.

TWEEDLE DEE and Tweedle Dum are now seeking the votes of the toilers. They are the retainers and servitors of the men of wealth; they defend the existing regime and oppose the struggles of the toiling masses. One calls himself Liberal and the other Liberal-Conservative. They stage a sham battle in an effort to obtain the spoils of office. Their policies are old ones, being again patched up to look different, but to still carry on the exploitation of human beings, the mad orgy of competition, with the resultant unemployment, misery and poverty of the masses.

The following is from a press report of a speech delivered by the Liberal candidate for Vancouver South, Brig.-Gen. Victor W. Odlum:

"Speaking of Leon J. Ladner he said that there was really not so very much difference between the Liberal and the Government candidates. Both stood for law and order, and it was for the people to choose the man best fitted to serve. 'If Ladner is returned the country will not go smash, nor will it if I come out head of the poll."

No Fundamental Difference

This is a frank admission, for the honestry of which the General is to be commended, that there is no difference between the Liberal and Conservative parties on fundamentals. Whilst this fact has been evident to any intelligent student of politics, it is seldom admitted by any candidate of either party; on the contrary each party seeks by the elevation of trivialities to matters of vital principle to show how far it is removed from the other. Where an election is a straight fight between representatives of the Liberal and Conservative parties, it is easy to maintain the pretence from start to finish, but the introduction of a Labor candidate with a platform based on the great fundamental that a change is necessary in our system of wealth production and distribution, inevitably forces the Liberal and Conservative candidates to display their true colors as the henchmen of the privileged classes.

Seeking Plums of Office

The Conservative party now masquerading under the title of the National Liberal-Conservative Association, clearly demonstrates what little fundamental difference has existed between the two old parties for many years now. It has not been found necessary to dissolve the alliance occasioned by the last war; many of the political enemies of pre-war years have had no difficulty in reconciling their principles in the common participation in the plums of office. From the Hansard reports of the House of Commons for May, 1914, we find that R. B. Bennett, who is now the National Liberal-Conservative candidate for West Calgary, referred to the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen as "the gramophone of Mackenzie and Mann." R. B. Bennett has now joined the Meighen cabinet as Attorney-General.

Parliamentary Corruption

Also in May, 1914, this same gentleman made some illuminating remarks in the House of Commons debates. In describing the evils of the party fund business, he said:

"This long trail of parliamentary corruption, of lobbyism, of degradation of parliamentary institutions, of the lowering of the morale of the public life and the degradation of those standards by which the public life should be truly measured is all traceable to the use of parliamentary funds."

Further, in telling about how campaign funds are raised, he said:

"Both sides of the House have been to blame. Just a few days before the general election one party disposes and the other acquiesces. They are bound to ask a few questions in order that contributions to the party funds will be large enough."

It will be seen how between the parties in the old days there was no disagreement on matters of this kind. like unto "honor among thieves."

New Forces Arise

The first general election after the war finds the complexion of the political field remarkably changed. Mackenzie King leads what is left of the Liberal forces against the Conservative forces in their new war paint. They would fain proceed with the usual sham fight, but in nearly all constituencies the claims of the old parties to represent the people are being contested by the newer parties born of the changed economic circumstances. The farmers of Canada, no longer able to trust the men of the old parties, have found it necessary to organize themselves politically as a class. Labor, slowly realizing that life under the existing system offers nothing but employment with subsistence wages alternating with unemployment and semi-starvation, and realizing that the old parties stand for the continuance of that system, now seeks by the election of members of its own class to Parliament to more strongly wage the fight for a change in the economic system. A vote for Richardson is a vote for a real and fundamental change.

RICHARDSON'S MEETINGS

Friday, Brock School and Sexsmith School, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Women's meeting, Kerrisdale Hall, 3 p.m. Reply to Odlum and Ladner at Kerrisdale Hall 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dreamland Theatre, 26th and Main, 8 p.m.

Monday, Carlton Hall, 8 p.m. Joyce Rd. car. Municipal hall, 43rd and Fraser, 8 p.m.

Speakers at these meetings will be: Richardson, T. A. Barnard, Dr. W. J. Curry, Ald. W. J. Scribbins, Rev. J. Richmond Craig, Mrs. G. S. Corse, Mrs. J. S. Woodsworth and Mrs. Lorimer.

POLLS CLOSE AT 6 P.M.

On election day, but your employer is required, by law, to allow you to absent yourself from your work for two hours on election day, with no reduction in pay, for voting. See that you take advantage of this.

Another branch of the Dominion Labor Party is being organized at Wayne, Alta.

Meetings Next Week

For time and place of meeting see Trades Union Directory

MONDAY
Boilermakers' Union
Electrical Workers
Pattern Makers
Seamen's Union
Street Railwaymen
Tailors

TUESDAY
Trades and Labor Council
Boot and Shoe Workers
Carpenters, Amal.
Cigar Makers
Railway Trainmen
Stone Cutters

WEDNESDAY
City Hall Employees
Marine Firemen
Plasterers

THURSDAY
Machinists' 182
Painters

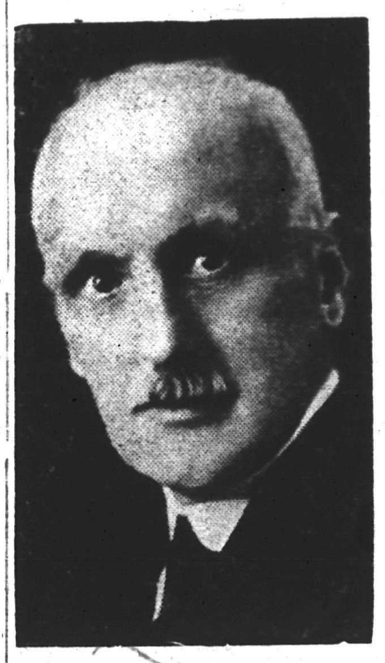
FRIDAY
Milk Wagon Drivers
Pile Drivers
Plumbers
Stage Employees

SATURDAY
Photo Engravers

SUNDAY
Musicians

TRADES UNION LEADER FLOGGED

FLORIDA—John E. Winstanley, an A. F. of L. organizer on his way to Millville to assist in the lumber workers' strike, was taken from the train near Compass Lake by six men on November 2, tied to a tree and flogged. Five officials of the St. Andrews Bay Lumber Co. and Special Deputy Sheriff Vickery were charged with responsibility for the mobbing following grand jury investigations in Bay and Jackson Counties.



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TOM RICHARDSON
Labor Candidate Vancouver South

SMILLIE'S SEND-OFF FOR RICHARDSON

British Miners' President Found Richardson True as Steel.

The following letter from "Bob" Smillie, British Labor M.P., regarding Tom Richardson, Labor candidate for Vancouver South, speaks well of his qualities as a fighter for the workers, Smillie says:

"I understand that my friend and many years comrade, in the British mining and labor movement, Tom Richardson, has just sailed for Canada, where he intends to settle down with his family.

"Mr. Richardson and I have been companions for a quarter of a century. We have been in many fights and in many tight corners, but I have always found him as true as steel. He was one of the strongest, straightest and ablest of our advanced thinkers, speakers and fighters. He is a Durham miner and for many years was one of the leading figures in that hard-headed northern county, and what he doesn't know about mining is not worth knowing.

"Mr. Richardson's departure is a great loss to the fighting section of the labor movement of this country and his place will be hard to fill.

"I wish him and his wife and children God speed."

"Robert Smillie,
"President Miners' Federation of Great Britain.

SIBERIA SHUTS OUT CHEAP CHINESE LABOR

VLADIVOSTOK.—Drastic regulations have been issued by the Labor Department prohibiting the employment of foreign subjects in any kind of work. Should employers be unable to secure Russian labor they are directed to apply to the local labor board. The regulation shuts out Chinese cheap labor which has been imported here.

Great Britain now has 72 Labor men in parliament and this number is increasing steadily. Vote Labor in Canada.

Vote for Labor—join the party.

HELEN KELLER URGES WOMEN TO VOTE LABOR

World Famous Blind Girl Sends Encouragement to Women For Labor's Cause

She Says Be Not Dismayed—In the Future Lies the Promised Land.

WHAT will you women voters do on December 6th? Will you vote blindly for the old political party candidates for a continuation of the support of the big exploiting interests or will you vote with your eyes open and alert to the evils of present day society?

Helen Keller, the world famous deaf, dumb and blind girl, urges you to take up the battle with the Labor Party for humanity. She says:

Out of the Dark

Step by step my investigation of blindness led me into the industrial world. And what a world it is! I must face unflinchingly a world of facts—a world of misery and degradation, of blindness, crookedness and sin, a world struggling against the elements, against the unknown, against itself. How reconcile this world of fact with the bright world of my imagining. My darkness had been filled with the light of intelligence, and, behold, the outer day-lit world was stumbling and groping in social blindness. At first I was most unhappy; but deeper study restored my confidence. By learning the sufferings and burdens of men, I became aware as never before of the life-power which, though never completely victorious, is continually conquering. The very fact that we are still here carrying on the contest against the hosts of annihilation proves that on the whole the battle has gone for humanity. The world's great heart has proved equal to the prodigious undertaking which God set it. Rebuffed, but always persevering; self-reproached, but ever gaining faith; undaunted, tenatious, the heart of man labors towards immeasurably distant goals. Discouraged not by difficulties without, or the anguish of ages within, the heart listens to the secret voice that whispers: "Be not dismayed; in the future lies the Promised Land."

TARIFF NOT A CAMPAIGN ISSUE

Old Parties Have No Real Issues Says Old Labor Party Campaigner.

(By E. T. Kingsley.)

An election campaign is now on in this Dominion of Canada, for the purpose of electing a House of Commons, from which a government will be formed to preside over the destiny of the country and steer the "Ship of State" safely through reefs and tide rips of a possibly adverse fortune during another period of years. Probably no similar campaign has ever been marked with a more complete absence of issues or policy to be fought out by contending participants of the old parties for "public honors" than this one.

For good and sufficient reasons the political talent of the ruling class in human society has been rapidly deteriorating in quality of latter years. From an impartial survey of the situation throughout the world and of the political timber available to prop it up with, it appears that the intellectual bankruptcy of the political parties and henchmen of the ruling class is well nigh established, at any rate as far as Canada is concerned. No

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Are You a Worker?

EVERYTHING of value in the world comes from work. "There is no wealth but life," says John Ruskin. But life would not be possible but for human labor, labor of hand or brain, the energy of body or the activity of mind. Life for its sustenance needs food and shelter and warmth. From the first moment of breath someone's labor is the condition of human existence. Without the work of the miner millions would die of cold; without the work of the ploughman millions would die of hunger; without the work of the lumber worker and quarryman millions would be homeless and destitute. If there is no wealth but life, the only producers of wealth are the workers.

Are You a Thinker?

TRY to think why we have unemployment and economic chaos, and the worker is so lacking in the means of life. The more you think the more you will find that the reason is that others own the instruments of production—the land, the factories, the ships, the mines, the railways. All these things are necessary to produce that wealth which is the means of life. The men who own these instruments control the life of the millions. The only way to secure command of life is to secure possession of these indispensable means to living. The people must own them and control them. Wealth is produced by the co-operative work of the community. The produce of labor must be owned and distributed for the good of all.

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GOUGING CHINA

Aside from the proposals to limit armaments, the delegates to the "Arms Conference" are going to be busy devising ways and means of exploiting China. Her territory is rich in natural resources. Vast deposits of coal, iron, copper and tin abound in various parts. In fact in one part of Manchuria there is a coal deposit that is estimated to contain enough coal to last the entire world, at the present rate of consumption, for several thousand years. Japan and Great Britain are the chief contenders for the "spheres of influence" which will exist only for the appropriation of Chinese trade and the exploitation of her natural resources.

SERVICES RENDERED

We are told to look at the services Meighen has rendered labor. The sending of labor leaders abroad and placing others in high offices has, however, not benefitted labor in this country to any great extent. Poverty, misery and unemployment stalk in our midst, while politicians look hopelessly around for a solution to the many problems and are not even capable of introducing any remedial measure that will relieve the situation to any great extent.

The old parties, catering as they do, and must, to the plutocrats, the combines and the magnates, dare not attack the root of the cause of the economic chaos and reason should tell any worker, that with a country so rich as Canada in natural resources, with all kinds of commodities stored up awaiting consumption, and with willing hands ready to apply their energy to producing more, not a living soul should be in want.

To bring this about it is imperative that the workers should turn out the old parties and proceed to produce for use instead of for profit.

TO THE SCRAP HEAP

Next Tuesday the old party candidates will be putting in their last shots on behalf of Big Business. The battle has been expensive for them, but the odds were so great that a supreme effort had to be made, but in spite of the vast expenditure of money, a great many of the henchmen of Special Privilege will be left out in the cold dreary world. The resentment against the Meighen government and against the Liberal party, who would step into the shoes of the Unionist Government, is, however, so great, and been smouldering so long, that the old gang of politicians will receive such a setback, that it is doubtful if they will ever recover.

There is absolutely no chance of either party getting into the Government seats. The farmers' party is so well organized and so resentful of the treatment accorded them that seventy-five per cent of their candidates will be elected. This will give them a clear majority over the old parties and in conjunction with the labor party candidates, whom the farmers are allied with in a majority of cases, will constitute the new governing body of Canada.

The "Champions of Canadian Labor" will be relegated to the scrap-heap and labor will proceed to administer to its own needs.

"HEROES" PAWN MEDALS

The Returned Soldiers' Club of Vancouver is appealing, through the daily papers, for suits, overcoats and shoes for unemployed and penniless ex-service men.

On the other side of this continent, in the city of New York, Urbain Ledoux, a Frenchman, and leader of the unemployed in that city, recently made a dramatic appeal at St. Mark's Church for overcoats for the unemployed, among whom were great numbers of ex-service men, one of whom had sold his Croix de Guerre for 50 cents to buy food.

Away over in England on Armistice Day, twenty thousand unemployed ex-service men and their dependents, marched to the Cenotaph bearing banners describing their poverty, and hundreds of these wore pawn tickets attached to their ribbons in place of medals.

In France on the same occasion police dispersed a procession of ex-service men who were bearing a wreath with an inscription reading, "To the unknown Poilu from the men of the scrap heap of Society."

And this condition of affairs exists in a world of plenty. Human energy applied to the natural resources of the earth has produced an over-abundance of food and clothing and housing material. The warehouses, the cold storages, the stores are filled to overflowing, and yet our "heroes," our toilers and their dependents are crying aloud for the necessaries of life. Politicians prate about what they have done and what they will do—but the masses still starve amid plenty, and the world is not yet a fit place for heroes to live in.

STICKING TO PRINCIPLES

There are a number of workers who criticize labor papers without giving any serious thought to the trying conditions under which these papers are kept in existence. The political advertising carried by this paper has brought forth criticism from some quarters, but these critics must admit that we have opposed the old parties and the system in every column of the paper. The finances derived from these advertisements and from those of the merchants, aid us to fight the battles of the working class, and were this not forthcoming we would have to appeal to the workers for financial support. But we want to assure our readers that the money derived from these advertisements cannot buy our opinions. We have been to jail six times for standing by our principles and fighting the battles of the working class—and although we desire to do our best to keep out of jail—we intend to remain on the side of the toiling masses in all their struggles. This, however, does not mean that we are going to be "led to the slaughter" by a bunch of irresponsible hotheads. When the ruling class and their henchmen are out "gunning" for the workers, that is the time when we will have to use our heads to prevent bloodshed, regardless of critics. It is folly to attempt to "force" the workers to side in with us, hence we must spread our message as best we can, using all the means at our disposal, whether it be with finances for political advertisements from exploiters or from finances from exploiters for building and maintaining colleges, schools, libraries, city councils, provincial and federal parliaments, which the workers hope to and must eventually control.

Don't say all candidates are alike. Vote Labor and note the difference.

Staying away from the polls will not remedy the ills of present day society—vote Labor.

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All Japanese school children are taught that "Japan is destined to rule the foreigners' land." Is it any wonder that Japan wants to continue with a big navy?

By eliminating hundreds of stockholders, highly paid directors and grafters and running the road for service and not—essentially—for profit, Henry Ford has demonstrated what can be done with Canadian Government-owned railroads were they in the hands of honest administrators of public affairs.

ODD BITS

(Conducted by Sydney Warren)

Where Are Your Spokesmen?

Where is the spokesman of the working class? What have they been doing with their ballots? Where is the spokesman of the farmer? There are a hundred to spring to their feet if capital is endangered. Why are they so silent in regard to labor's wrongs?—Franklin H. Wentworth.

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General Odlum's Outlook

Brigadier-General Victor Odlum, D.S.O., C.G.M., and all the rest of it, states that he cannot agree with Tom Richardson, Labor's candidate for Vancouver South, because he is an internationalist, while Odlum styles himself a "Britisher," whatever that may mean. To the general's way of thinking one's outlook and regard for his fellowmen must always be restricted to national boundaries, and that, if his altruism becomes international his affection for his home land must be lessened. It is difficult to follow his reasoning. Does a man loose affection for his wife because he loves her children and then does he loose affection for both because he endears his own parents? If Tom Richardson had nothing else to recommend him to the electors of Vancouver South, the fact that he has vision enough to look beyond artificial boundary lines should be sufficient to entitle him to the support of every man and woman who wishes his country well.

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Solidarity Forever!

After weeks of bully-ragging and hurling of challenges, charges and what-not, "Honest" John Oliver and Mr. Bowser, leader of the Conservative opposition, found in their opposition to the eight hour bill a common ground of agreement. They nobly sunk petty grievances and became "class conscious."

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One Use for Elections

In "The Strength of the Strong," Jack London tells how, when the strongest of the brute men, committed a particularly atrocious act, the rest of the tribe would appease their anger by beating upon a certain hollow log with clubs and roaring until the beating became rhythmic and the roar a chanting and in this manner giving vent to their outraged feelings.

This passage has always reminded us of our political elections. They are, in a large sense, nothing more than national hee-haw contests, where there is much frothing and clamor but little else. For example, everyone is agreed that the political environment is bad and yet we are continually seeking out good men to place them in these bad surroundings with the result that at every election we are busily engaged in trying to put out the set of good men "gone wrong," and replacing them with another set to "go wrong."

In our political campaigns the voter is figuratively speaking permitted to gnash his teeth, beat his breast, roar and vent his spleen upon whatever candidate or party his fancy chooses and, having done this, he goes away satisfied.

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Robert Louis Stevenson

It will be twenty-seven years ago tomorrow, December 3, 1894, that Robert Louis Stevenson died at Valimia, his island home in the South Pacific. Stevenson is best known to the world for his immortal "Treasure Island," and his beguiling poems of childhood. The following statement shows that this remarkable writer had not only seen life, but had experienced it.

"It is all very fine to talk about tramps and morality. Six hours of police surveillance (such as I have had) ,or one of brutal ejection from an inn door, will change your views upon the subject like a course of lectures. As long as you keep in the upper regions with all the world bowing to you as you go, social arrangements have a very handsome air, but once get under the wheels and you wish society to the devil. I will give most respectable men a fortnight of such life and then I will offer them two pence for what remains of their morality."

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

CIVIC OFFICIALS JOIN KU KLUX KLAN

TEXAS.—The report of the special grand jury investigating the Ku Klux Klan activities in Travis County, made public on November 1, states that W. D. Miller, sheriff of Travis County, admits membership in the Klan; that the Austin Chief of police, a city detective and a county deputy sheriff refused to answer to questions regarding membership in the organization.

RAILWAYS HELP PLUNDER COUNTRY

Scandalous Series of Railway Deals Put Across by Politicians.

"The government railways constitute Canada's greatest immediate financial problem. Before it all other problems appear small and comparatively easy of solution. The Borden government thought that it had a solution in its proposal to unite all Canadian roads, save the Canadian Pacific, into one system, owned by the state but operated as a private corporation—the Canadian National Railways. But though this policy has been carried into effect by the Meighen government, the record of its operations to date has demonstrated that the real problem is as far from being solved as it ever was. In 1920, the loss on these roads, including operating and fixed charges, was over $100,000,000.

Old Parties Responsible

The old political parties are directly responsible for this lamentable state of affairs, which has strained the financial credit of the country to the breaking point: In exchange for huge campaign funds, they enabled the most unscrupulous band of adventurers that ever plundered a country to put over the most scandalous series of railway deals that this or any other country ever saw. Assured of millions wherewith to fight election campaigns, corrupt politicians representing both parties, backed the wildcat schemes of railway promoters and pledged the public credit to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars in order to see them through. Not only did both old political parties back the general proposals of these promoters, but they both initiated the legislation for the payment of the required millions. They both are equally guilty. It is well that this should be remembered, for Canada would not be in the fix she is in today were it not that the Canadian public was shamelessly sold out.

STRIKE CAUSED BY CONTRACT BREAKING

Big Difference Between Labor Cost and Selling Price of Garments.

NEW YORK.—More than 60,000 garment workers are on strike in protest of one of the most glaring instances of contract-breaking in the history of the trade union movement.

Replying to a statement by the manufacturers that a 10 or 20 per cent wage reduction will reduce prices, President Schlesinger, of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, says.

"The labor cost on a woman's cloak that retails for $40 is $7. The retailer pays $28 for the garment.

"The labor cost on a cloak that sells for from $75 to $100 is from $10 to $12. The retailer buyes the garment for about one-half of his selling price. The same proportion applies in more expensive garments."

WHIST AND DANCE BIGGER AND BETTER

Last Friday's Social Proves Popularity of Monthly Get Acquainted Affairs.

The Whist Drive and Dance held last Friday under the auspices of the Joint Label Trades Committee, was bigger and better than the last one, and is a sure sign of their increased popularity. The winners of the whist prizes were. Gents' first, union made hat, won by A. M. Davis; second, box of William Tell union made cigars, won by R. C. Hirst; booby, union made baby rompers, won by R. McWhinnie. The ladies' first, union made house dress, won by Sylvia Brown; second, union made house dress won by Miss M. Andrews; booby, union made baby rompers, won by Mrs. E. Carruthers.

Committees in Charge

Tickets, Messrs. Herrett, McDonald and Hanafin; whist drive, Messrs. Watts and Wheatcroft; refreshments, Messrs. Weir and Cummings and Mrs. Dolk; prizes, Mrs. Mahon and Mr. Herrett; floor, Messrs. Van Hook, McCormick, Wilson, Blain and Mesdames Mahon, Herrett and Moffat.

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Vancouver Unions

VANCOUVER TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL—President F. W. Welsh; Secretary, P. Bengough. Office 308 Labor Hall, 319 Pender Street West. Phone Seymour 7495. Meets in Labor Hall at 8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday in month.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL—Chairman, G. C. Thom, Secretary, Roy Massecar, Office 210 Labor Hall. Meets first and third Wednesday in month at Labor Hall.

BAKERY SALESMEN, Local No. 371—President, H. Curtis; Secretary, W. Baynes, 327 Eleventh Avenue East. Meets at 319 Pender Street West on second Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

BREWERY, FLOUR, CEREAL AND SOFT DRINK WORKERS—President, F. P. Gough; Secretary, W. H. McLean, 2035 Broadway West. Meets at 319 Pender Street West at 8 p.m. every third Tuesday in month.

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WHAT OTHERS SAY

In these columns there will be printed every week the leading editorials from other newspapers and magazines

LABOR PARTY PROGRESS

Referring to the recent municipal elections in Great Britain, the London Daily Herald says:

"The Labor candidates had a stiff task at the recent municipal elections and they came well out of the contest. despite disasters in Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow and Dundee, labor has increased in strength. Out of 190 seats vacated it held 154, and captured about 80 others.

That is not a sweeping victory, but it is a victory. And it is a victory all the more creditable when we remember that in many cases the Conservatives and Liberals have worked in complete unity to prevent any true representation of working-class interests.

In Glasgow, because of Communist opposition, there was a loss of five Labor party councillors, and all four Communist candidates were defeated.

"The old pretense about the inherent differences of Conservative and Liberal ideas has been practically obliterated in local politics, just as the Coalition has largely abolished it in national politics. There was a common and determined effort on the part of the possessing class to keep the borough councils safe for Messrs. Bumble and Boodle, with their unified forces of niggardly reaction.

"Furthermore, there was a ruthless campaign on the familiar anti-waste lines, with the idea of frightening the timid ratepayer into safeguarding the vested interests. Labor, to do justice to the destitute and to carry on its war against slums and disease, must spend money, and is thus open to the vile misrepresentation of those who are determined to save the rich at the expense of the starving unemployed and their dependents.

"Yet, despite the Tory-Liberal liaison and despite the Tory-Liberal lies, labor has improved its position in the boroughs. In a straight fight between labor and landlordism the battle is going, slowly but none the less surely, to the democratic army.

"The pressure must be maintained, the reserves accumulated, the staff-work improved. Labor, as well as consolidating its municipal gains, must keep on its preparations for the complete overthrow of municipal reaction."

AN ILLUSTRATION OF "CLASS" GOVERNMENT

The "class" government cry that is so dominant in some quarters in the present election comes with very poor grace from the people and the interests that use it most. Premier Meighen holds up the Farmer and Labor movements as a great danger that can only be averted by returning him and his government to power. It is well, therefore, that we should understand in just what manner Mr. Meighen's administration differs from a "class" government.

In the present cabinet, chosen by Premier Meighen, there are eleven lawyers. Now lawyers may be very useful people under some circumstances, but when eleven of them are found in the cabinet of such a country as Canada while not a single farmer or elected Labor man is represented, it looks to the Labor News as if the charge of "class" government might be applied. Or is it only "class" representation when the exploited classes are represented? The principles of representative government seem also to have received a rather severe jolt when Mr. Meighen selected his cabinet. Mr. Blondin, if we remember correctly, is the gentleman who became famous because he said he would like to shoot holes in the British flag. Mr. Blondin was not elected by the people but on the contrary has on a number of occasions been turned down at the polls. He was placed in the Senate and from there made a Minister of the Crown. Hon. Gideon Robertson was never elected by the people yet he holds an important portfolio. Sir James Lougheed was never elected by the people but was made a Cabinet Minister.

So it would appear that the charges against the Labor and Farmer movements of "class" domination, and to the effect that these movements depart from the principle of British representative government, could not receive a better answer than a referehee to the make-up of the present administration. — Alberta Labor News.

LABOR'S ONWARD MARCH

Events of the current election campaign in Canada have indicated that during the last two or three years, the great mass of labor, and especially organized labor, has awakened to the need of economic revolution by constitutional means; revolution by obtaining control of the government of the country; of the province, and of the municipality. Labor is at last becoming aware of the fact that Commercial Aristocracy, Big Business and Special Privilege, is powerful only by virtue of its control of the machinery of government; and that the workers can come into their own if they will only unite to seize the reins of government through the proper use of the ballot.

In Great Britain, the next general election, inevitably will put the Labor party in control; Sweden already has accomplished this end, and elsewhere, the onward march of labor in the political field is truly wonderful. And everywhere, wherever the workers have awakened to the need of Labor control, that awakening can be traced to the stupidity of the Money Masters, the commercial aristocracy.

Industrially, Canada is not yet sufficiently developed to make possible immediate Labor control of government. In the meantime, we can do the next best thing, we can vote against the Meighen government and thus voice at least that much of protest against financial pirates who have had a strangle hold on the neck of the Dominion during the regime of the Meighen administration—Western Labor News.

JAPANESE ADROITNESS

Because a group of experienced and all powerful men, acting in secret, determine Japanese policy with respect to other nations, it has exhibited a rare continuity of purpose and the shrewd selection of appropriate methods. But of late some indications of vacillation and infirmity have appeared. The Japanese government in its treatment both of China and Siberia has backed and filled. Its policy of economic and political aggrandizement remains the same, but its rulers are not at all as sure as they were how far and how fast they can go. The conditions of success have changed radically from the days between 1906 and 1917 when they accomplished so many of their diplomatic successes. In those years they always possessed in a German and Russian alliance an alternative to their alliance with Great Britain. But now they have no such alternative. The American government is pressing them to define their policy towards China and Siberia at the very moment when the price of frankness may be isolation. Under these conditions differences of opinion and infirmities of tactics are certain to develop among the Elder Statesmen and the inroads which wealth and industry have already made upon the homogeneity of the ruling clans will encourage these dissensions. The rulers of Japan are still most formidable in their power, determination and adroitness; but they are fallible human beings who are being pushed into a tight place and who, no matter what they do will have to assume a dangerous loss. It remains to be seen how they will extricate themselves and which way they will take their loss.—The New Republic.

THE PRESS OF THE COUNTRY

How It Seeks to Kill Free Thought and Constitutional Action.

(By Jerome K. Jerome, Noted English Publicist.)

Nine-tenths of the press of this country is in the hands of a small group of rich men who mean to rule the nation. It is the press that has killed constitutional action. The press seeks to kill free thought—to kill free speech. And it is succeeding. It has monopolized to itself all the sources of information. It stands between the thinkers and the people. It will not allow anybody but itself to be heard. It poisons the mind of the people with false information. It suppresses facts that it does not wish the people to know. It doles out to them only such "news" as it considers good for them. It colors the truth for its own purposes. It dresses up lies in plausibility. It is the press and not parliament that rules Canada today. Parliament only registers its decrees, and the Government is nothing but its tame executive. No politician who wishes to succeed dare flout its commands. It makes and unmakes cabinets. The public service is its plaything. The press itself in its turn is ruled by the capitalists. It depends for its existence upon the great advertisers. In its turn it is the instrument of the great financial interests and their aristocratic dependents. The press is the enemy of the people. It has usurped the entire authority of the country. Exempt from all responsibility, with neither a body to be kicked nor a soul to be damned, it has become the most dangerous despotism that Democracy has ever been called upon to face.

Holding People Down

The press in every country has got the people down. And until its power is broken it will hold the people down. It uses the ballot-box as a conjurer uses his magic rod. The people may put in what they think. What comes out of it is what the press chooses. The politicians are its humble courtiers. Behind its screen of falsehood and suppression the moneyed interests work their will. It has become the fortress of reaction, and there is no power within the constitution that can hope to make a breach in its defences. The power of the platform can only be exercised with its permission. It has bought up the pen, and permits of no new enterprise. Here and there a people's paper continues a precarious existence. Lacking capital, lacking advertising support, its influence is confined to narrow limits. It is the abuse of its power by the press that is driving the thought and energy of the country to the conviction that if the people are ever really to rule, methods will have to be found that are not likely to obtain the approval of the press.

INJUNCTION ISSUED AGAINST PICKETING

A temporary injunction granted the New York Milk Conference Board by Supreme Court Justice Kelby in Brooklyn enjoins the striking union members from "picketing in any way the depots, places of business or routes of any of the plaintiffs or any point where they or their employees are receiving or distributing milk," and from "spying on the operators of the plaintiffs or any of the customers or employees."

TARIFF NOT A CAMPAIGN ISSUE

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duller mediocrity was ever displayed upon the public platform, nor by means of the other official pronouncements of the old line politicians and so-called statesmen and apologists of the present regime of plunder and rapine. And how could it be otherwise than that the rulers and their satellites should land in moral and intellectual bankruptcy once the industrial and financial establishments of that ruling class have gone over the precipice of manifest impossibility? It is quite the common thing for bankrupts and threatened bankrupts to go "bughouse" and even suicide in some cases. That is evidently the only alternative afforded our present rulers and their tools, in face of the utter impossibility of a further carrying on of their industrial and financial game at full tilt. That perhaps accounts for the weird cavortings and meaningless mutterings upon the part of alleged statesmen and leading publicists of today.

The culmination of a hundred centuries of human slavery and its vulgar trail of business, trade and commerce, was the precipitation of the most gigantic, bloody and destructive war ever yet recorded in history. The closing of this magnificent spectacle has been swiftly followed by every evidence of financial bankrupcy, accompanied with all of its attendant phenomena, by no means the least of which is a tremendous slowing down of industry and a threateningly dangerous condition of unemployment throughout the world.

The figures usually offered as an indication or expression of the wealth of the world, upon examination, turn out to be merely figures of debt, a debt that can never be paid for the good and sufficient reason that all that is produced is consumed equally as fast as it is brought forth. Small wonder that these figures at last reach such imposing dimensions that the bubble finally bursts and bankruptcy ensues.

To make a long story short, the history of the last ten thousand or more years has been the history of human slavery. Its culmination has been that delectable affair that broke out in 1914, the aftermath of which is still with us in the nature of the bankruptcy and collapse already mentioned. The utter impossibility of slavery has thus been clearly made manifest. The human race cannot live under it for any appreciable length of time. The accursed thing will eventually wreck itself, and man will perish unless a return be made to the path of liberty, and that sane manner of existence that actuates the life and purpose of all other living things.

Slavery, with its attendant trade and commerce, is doomed. It is now in collapse and must go down and out. The vaunted industrialism of the ruling class has been tried in the balance and the result can be read by he who has eyes with which to see and a brain at all capable of reasoning.

The most that can truthfully be be said for the boasted mechanical achievements of the past is that they have proven worthy of their creation, for they have been devised solely for the purposes of a ruling class and those purposes are summed up in the conclusion that they never did serve, and never can be made to serve any other purpose than that of intensifying and expediting the exploitation of slaves and turning the fruits of such exploitation to the account of their rulers.

In the face of these very easily verified facts, what supine twaddle it is to pretend that the "tariff," for instance, or such other silly stuff can be termed a campaign issue. It is all too childish and empty to come forth from the mouths of even normal babes and sucklings. Such stuff can only issue from the caverns of moral and intellectual bankruptcy.

Every Worker Should Read This Letter

A PERSONAL message from Peter Wright, the great British Labor leader, dealing with the issues which will be decided at the polls on December 6th.

ON EMPRESS OF BRITAIN, OCTOBER 4, 1921.

To Rt. Hon. Arfhur Meighen

MY DEAR PRIME MINISTER

"I went to Montreal for the purpose of attending your meeting, but failed to obtain admission to the hall. I was greatly disappointed, but I was delighted after perusing your speech and desire to congratulate you on your firm and definite stand at this particular period when the world is passing through a stage of transition. The old political shibboleths must be scrapped and only by hard thinking and honest dealing will we be able to survive the terrible financial aftermath of this world war.

"I am convinced in my own mind that the policy for which you stand is the only practical solution at the moment to tide Canada through this crisis. Otherwise Canada will become a mere adjunct for the purpose of dumping the commodities of the U.S.A., which means poverty and starvation for the industrial classes and a bitter experience for which you, in Canada, will have to pay an awful price.

"I wish you God speed in your noble efforts for a united Canada.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) **PETER WRIGHT.**

ELECTORS Britain's great labor leader. Vote for the Meighen Be Canadians on December 6—heed the words of Government candidates and the policy of reasonable protection.

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Candidate for Burrard.

LEON J. LADNER
Candidate for Vancouver South.

HON. H. H. STEVENS
Minister of Trade and Commerce. Candidate for Vancouver Centre.

MINIMUM WAGE BOARD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 29, 1921.

To Employers and Employees:

In order to arrange for the completion of the Manufacturing Order in relation to female learners and inexperienced workers in the various branches of the Manufacturing Industry, the Minimum Wage Board submits the following for your consideration, and desires to hear the views of all those interested in the first group to be dealt with, which is enumerated below:

It is proposed to fix a three-month learning period for all inexperienced female employees (not covered by Orders of the Board) employed in photographic studios, seed-packing and tea-packing establishments, and in industries in which any of the commodities mentioned in the following list are manufactured, prepared or adapted for use or sale: Window-shades, soft drinks, cream and milk products, ink, sweeping compounds, men's neckwear, paint, varnish, soap, buttons, drug and toilet preparations, gas-mantles, coffee, spices, extracts, jelly powders, baking powders, sauces, peanut butter, cans cotton, jute, and paper bags, sugar, syrups, molasses, honey, matches, corn brooms, mattresses, beds, bed-springs, bedding, candy (except chocolate dipping), biscuits, macaroni, and vermicelli.

The wages proposed for the above-mentioned group are as follows:

Not less than $10 a week for the second month's employment in the occupation.

Not less than 10 a week for the second month's employment in the occupation.

Not less than $12 a week for the third month's employment in the occupation.

Not less than $14 a week thereafter.

Public meetings will be held at the Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., on Wednesday, December 7th, 1921, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m., continuing in session afternoon and evening, if desirable. Further meetings will be held at Room 1401, Vancouver Block, Vancouver, B. C., on Thursday, December 8th, 1921, beginning at 10 oclock a. m.

It is hoped the industry in which you are interested will be represented at one of these meetings.

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—And then, too, now there is such a wonderful range from which to choose. You can pick many things now that cannot possibly be duplicated again before Christmas, and prices, too, are so pleasing—the Company's new policy of greater volume and lower prices brings Christmas gifts to you at surprisingly little prices.

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Labor Party Candidate Opposes Inequality

The Federated Labor Party is organized for the purpose of securing industrial legislation and the collective ownership and democratic operation of the means of wealth production.

Evil of Inequality

The Federated Labor Party is in revolt against the present inequality of circumstance, summed up in the fact that one-tenth of the population owns nine-tenths of the wealth, and two-thirds, that is to say the manual working class, obtain one one-third of the produce of each year's work. We see what this inequality means to the multitude, maimed faculties and thwarted desires, unnecessary disease and premature death, and in the worst cases squalid bestiality and demoralization. We realize that this evil distribution of material resources is an inevitable result of our present system or corporate ownership of the means of wealth production.

To Advance Civliization

On the basis of our present attainments in the production of wealth, it would be possible, if both manual and brain workers were to, will so to do, to guarantee every worker and their dependents, in all the contingencies of life, an unbroken sufficiency of the means of healthy existence. Not only so but also to provide for a continuous improvement of the physical health, and of the intellectual, artistic, and higher mental faculties of the whole people, achieving, in fact, not only an expansion of individual character, but also an advance in national civilization as yet undreamt of by the wealthy and owning classes.

To Higher Things

The Federated Labor Party realizes that its fundamental principles are as applicable, in substance, to the relations between the citizens of each nation. Intelligent workers are in revolt against the inequality of circumstance which enables one nation to exploit another, and to deny to the members of any subject race the consciousness of consent and participation in power. The universal adoption of this policy would tend to transcend the struggle for life on the material plane and divert the racial effort to higher things.

Use of the Ballot

The Federated Labor Party method is at any rate clear, i.e., to educate and organize the workers to a recognition of their position in society. As one of the means to that end the F. L. P. believes it to be absolutely necessary that the workers must supplement industrial action by the use of the ballot. By that process to secure the consent and approval of the electors to the principles enunciated, which aim at, substituting a system of production for social needs and use in place of our present system of production for profit.

Enfranchisement of Women

For the first time the women of Canada will be able to exercise the full franchise on December 6. Organizations of the working class have ever consistently maintained and fought for the principle of equal suffrange; but if, now that they have the franchise, the women have to be exploited poltically, just as they have ever been socially and industrially, then their last state will be no better than their first, as they will only have succeeded in adding to the respective voting list of the old party machine which for so long denied them this very right to vote.

We appeal to the women to get into the fight for the security of their own homes against a merciless and unscrupulous class. They can do this by following a new lead, a new line, a new policy. Work and vote for the Labor candidate and for the principle that those who do the nation's work shall control its destinies. Give each home a direct interest in the affairs of the community.

Intellectual Principles

In conclusion, behind the programme of any party, which is more than a machine for getting men and women into office, there must be intellectual principles and moral aims, and in the real presence of these in the communion one with another, of those subscribing to its activities will be discovered much of the dynamic necessary to its success.

SOUTH VANCOUVER CO-OPERATIVE SOCIAL

A good crowd turned out to the Whist Drive and Dance given by the Board of Directors of the South Vancouver Co-operative Society at the store, 5885 Fraser, Wednesday evening. Mr. McKinley, the president, directors and members all spoke during a recess, on the improved conditions of the store and finances. Figures were produced to show that the Society was selling goods cheaper than even cash-and-carry stores. A large transient trade was also being done because the manageress, Miss White, was making a specialty of delicious butter and bacon.

The prize winners were: Ladies, first, Mrs. Lemon; consolation, Mrs. Dixon; gents, first, H. W. Watts; consolation, J. Slingerland. Music for the dance was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Lemon.

New Westminster Co-operative Society will hold a Whist Drive and Dance in the hall above the store, 39 8th St., on Saturday evening, Dec. 10th.

Four aldermanic candidates and two for public school trustees have been placed in the field by the Edmonton branch of the Dominion Labor party.

The next big smoking concert of the Union Label Trades will be held Friday, December 9, at Cotillion Hall. Hold this date and purchase your tickets early. There will be a bigger and a better programme. Refreshments, smokes and a good orchestra. Admission 50c.

DON'T PATRONIZE LIST

The following places are run under non-union conditions and are therefore unfair to organized labor.

Stettler Cigar Factory, making Van Loo and Van Dyke Cigars.
Capitol Cafe, 930 Granville St.
White Lunches.
Electrical Contractors.
C. H. Peterson, 1814 Pandora St.
Hume & Rumble, Columbia St., New Westminster, B.C.
The Chilliwack Electric Co., Ltd., Chilliwack, B.C.

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THE HOME OF NEW LAID EGGS

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JUNIOR LABOR NOTES

At last week's business meeting of the Junior Labor League officers for the 1922 term were elected. The social committee reported preparations for a dance in the near future and also progress with arrangements for the annual campfire concert. The sports committee reported that scores in the match with Beaconsfield were erroneously reported in the labor papers. The actual score was 5 to 4 against the Spartacans. The educational committee reported arrangements for tonight's meeting, (Dec. 2). The educational meeting tonight will be held at 929 Eleventh avenue east at 8 p.m.

The Spartacans soccer team plays Cedar Cottage Juniors Saturday at Laura Secord school, 2.30.

A meeting will be held at 6262 Chester street, South Vancouver, next Friday evening to discuss the advisability of forming a South Vancouver branch of the J. L. L. All young people between the ages of 14 and 25 in South Vancouver who are interested in the league's doings are welcome to attend and bring a friend.

ARE YOU A FIGHTER?

When you see that the present state is fundamentally unjust, because the worker is robbed of life and health and joy, you must become a fighter for a new society in which the workers are the masters of their own lives and reap the fruit of their labors.

The Federated Labor Party is a society of workers and thinkers and fighters for a new Commonwealth. Our weapons are Truth, Justice and Brotherhood. Come and help us to win the world for the workers.

There is an old prophecy which speaks of a day of justice, when—

"Men shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit thereof. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; they shall not labor in vain nor bring forth for trouble."

We are far from the realization of this vision of righteousness.

Vote for Tom Richardson and R. P. Pettipiece.

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The Champion of Canadian Labour

CANADIAN WORKERS—The issues to be decided on December 6th are so vital and they so seriously affect the future of Canadian Labour, that it is imperative every worker in the country review the facts carefully and impartially before deciding which way to vote.

It is obvious that Labour can have nothing to gain and everything to lose by putting Crerar or King in power, as their Free Trade fallaceis are not practicable and would surely result in the demoralization of industry from coast to coast.

It is obvious that Labour has everything to gain and nothing to lose by returning ARTHUR MEIGHEN to power, as his reasonable Protective Tariff will stabilize industry and bring about a speedy return of prosperous times.

It must be also obvious to every worker that in MEIGHEN Canadian Labour has a true friend and a real champion. He is the man who leads the Government which has done more for Labour in the past three years than all previous Canadian Federal governments combined.

Look for a moment at a few of the services MEIGHEN has rendered Labour, whose interests have been so jealously guarded by the Hon. G. D. Robertson, Labour's representative in the Meighen Cabinet:--

Invited and paid expenses of 55 Labour delegates to a conference to discuss closer co-operation between Government and Labour.

Gave Labour representation on the War Trade Board and on the Canada Registration Board.

Appointed 25 Labour men on various Boards and Commissions.

Took a prominent Labour representative to the Peace Conference. This advisor assisted in formulating the Labour Magna Charta which is included in the Peace Treaty and gives to Labour a recognized status in 28 countries of the world.

Put into effect the Employment Co-ordination Act, providing for a free public employment service, which has found work for over 800,000 men and women.

Passed the Technical Education and Vocational Training Act to encourage workmen to improve their skill and earning powers; there are now 129 day and night schools in operation, with 1800 teachers and attended by over 60,000 men and women.

Provided the necessaries of life for every willing worker who could not find employment, and assumed responsibility for 12,165 partially disabled and unemployed returned men.

Instituted retiring allowances and pensions for aged and infirm Government employees.

CANADIAN WORKERS.—Think carefully before you vote on December 6th. Surely, the Government which has recognised the importance of Labour as a factor in the development of the country and as a vital force in the shaping of Canada's destinies is the Government to maintain.

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