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Aldermen Don't Worry If Workers Get Killed

Workers Are Advised That It Is Foolish of Them to Work in Uncribbed Sewers—Trades Council Delegates Not Getting Very Cordial Reception At City Hall.

WITH the exception of Mayor Taylor, the city council is not very much concerned should a worker get killed while working in an uncribbed sewer. In fact, they were of the opinion that if a man was fool enough to work in a sewer that was not timbered that it was his own fault. If a man thought the job was dangerous he should quit and let somebody into the job that did not consider the risk.

Such was the report made by Del. Scribbins to the Trades and Labor Council on Tuesday evening in connection with the report of a committee sent to the city council to ask that when sewer work gets to a dangerous depth that it be timbered. Mayor Taylor, however, agreed that the suggestion would be looked into and a committee was appointed for that purpose.

Credentials were received for dels. from the Moving Picture Projectors, Shingle Weavers, Barbers, Boot and Shoe Workers and the Typo's.

At the request of the Theatrical Federation the Avenue Theatre was placed on the unfair list by the council.

Hours of Work Act

Replying to a communication from the secretary, the deputy minister of labor informed the council that bakers are allowed to work 10 hours and bakery salesmen 26 hours in one month in excess of the eight hour day. Some delegates stated that the act was bring infringed upon and that it was up to labor to discover the culprits and report. It was also pointed out that the law states they "shall be permitted to work" not "must work" so many hours in excess of the standard.

Council Turned Down

In reply to a request of the council to have the secretary of the Council made a Notary Public, Mr. Manson replied to the effect that he had already turned down a great many requests and would have to do so again. The secretary was instructed to reply to the effect that the Council needed a Notary Public in its work and again make a request for that office.

More Unions Organized

Reporting for the organization committee del. Bartlett stated that the Auto Mechanics and Teamsters and Chauffeurs had been organized and officers installed. A charter had been applied for for Railroad Pipefitters and there were good prospects of organizing taxi drivers. Work among the metal trades was progressing favorably and a new and big union of Boilermakers was in process of formation. Organization work was also being carried on in other fields and the committee was prepared to hear of requests from any other trades.

Still Paying $2 a Day

Del. Scribbins reported that men were still being employed on sewer work at $2 a day and when this was drawn to the attention of the city council the city engineer reported they were not worth more. Del. Scribbins said that his reception at the city hall was getting less cordial on every occasion and stated that another delegate might get a better reception. He was instructed to "carry on".

More Interest Asked

In reporting for the C.L.P. del. Flynn stated that the attendance of dels. from unions was very poor and nominations for the Federal election was even poorer. He asked that delegates take this back to their unions with a request for more active participation in the C.L.P. instead of leaving it to a few.

Seattle P. I. Loses Again

Del. Scribbins informed the council that he had persuaded the city council not to give any advertising matter to the Seattle P.I. because it was unfair to organized labor.

Del. Hunt reporting for the painters union said that their "ladies' night" concert was a huge success. All men were working.

Del. Hanofin reported that 32 beer parlors were now displaying union cards and that he had hopes of lining up the remainder within a short time.

Del. Goe reported that the Shingle Weavers had doubled their membership since organized.

Del Dunn reported that the carpenters initiated 79 members at their by-monthly meeting last Wednesday making a total of 250 for the past two months.

Woman Tagger Insulted

A del. asked for further details about a woman collecting money for the Nova Scotia Relief Fund, who was insulted and ordered out of the meat and fish shop on Hastings St. just east of Abbott. The information was to the effect that it was the proprietor of the meat department who had insulted the tagger.

President Neelands appointed the following to act on the Union Label Committee: Dels. Mrs. Dolk, Tailors; H. A. Bowron, Bakery Salesmen; J. Temple, Bakers; W. Dawe, Barbers; J. Rigby, Boot and Shoe Workers; L. McDonald, bookbinders; V. Sleuter, Cigarmakers; A. Graham, Hotel & Restaurant Emp.; B. Showler, Milk Salesmen; E. J. Tennant, Musicians; G. Maclean, Typo's.

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What's the big idea of protecting the rich and flaunting the poor, when both get into the toils of the law?

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If Vancouver's laundry workers don't need better wages and better working conditions?

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If the ice cream alderman shouldn't be sure of his facts about the beer parlors, before he goes on record with statements gained from hearsay?

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When the public prosecutor intends doing something about "beauty parlor" graft along Hastings and Granville Streets?

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When the public health department means to put a stop to the sale of impure and often putrid meat served under grossly unsanitary conditions in the Chink restaurants?

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What the local laundry intends doing about its girl worker who is now laid up with infection by a vile disease contracted while at her work, handling tainted lingerie from a home in Shaughnessy Heights?

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What is really behind all those complaints from lumberjacks and dock-wallopers who say they have been skinned by a local matrimonial agency?

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When does the "Organizing Grand Chieftain" of the "United Sons and Daughters of Freedom" intend returning from the States, to start up his lodge, after collecting "initiation fees" and promising exalted offices to all and sundry among working people?

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If the same "Organizing Grand Chief" did not promise the office of "Exalted Chieftain" to several new "members" of South Vancouver, and if this is not the same individual who sold stock in a "People's Free Market" here in 1922?

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If there isn't some nasty graft going on under the professional ball business at the police court

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CARPENTERS HAVE RECORD INITIATION OF 79 MEMBERS

Carpenters Local 452 held their postponed meeting on May 27th. The meeting was well attended and 79 new members were initiated. This is a record for recent years and shows that Vancouver is ripe for organization.

The next meeting will be held on June 9th, when the officers for the coming year will be nominated.

Meetings for Unorganized

MACHINISTS are being held in the Holden Building every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.; for

BOILERMAKERS every Monday evening and for

BLACKSMITHS every Friday evening.

Labor Nominates Three Candidates for District

Canadian Labor Party Prepares For Federal Campaign—North Vancouver May Be Contested—Ramsay MacDonald Extended An Invitation To Visit And Speak In Vancouver.

AT THE NOMINATING convention of the Greater Vancouver Central Council of the Canadian Labor Party, J. Sidaway, Street Railawymen's Union, was elected to contest the Burrard constituency, W. W. Lefeaux, Barrister, was elected to contest Vancouver Centre and Alfred Hurry, Plasterers Union, to contest South Vancouver constituency. North Vancouver is to be considered after the executive committee makes a further report.

The name of Alfred Hurry was placed before the convention by the South Vancouver Group and he was elected by acclamation. The names of J. Sidaway and Angus McInnis were proposed by the Street Railwaymen's Union and the name of W. W. Lefeaux by the F.L.P. Del. Dunn of the Carpenters was nominated but declined.

The names of the former three were placed in nomination to contest Burrard and Del. Sidaway received the nomination. W. W. Lefeaux then obtained the nomination for Vancouver Centre. Del. McInnis was asked to stand for North Vancouver but declined on the ground that that district should be given an opportunity to name its own candidate.

Invitation to Ramsay MacDonald

The Executive committee was instructed to extend an invitation to Ramsay MacDonald to visit and address an audience in Vancouver when he visits this continent.

On the question of annexation the council decided not to take any further action in the matter unless the plebiscite was defeated.

Open Forum and Choir Favored

The council proposed to make plans for the carrying on of Open Forum Meetings in the fall and winter.

In an effort to organize a labor band and choir dels. Bartlett, Turner, Dunn, Skinner, Woods and Griffin were elected to take the matter in hand.

A Job For Our Health Board

The attention of the city health department is directed to impure food sold by cheap Chinese cafes here, and to unsanitary conditions that are allowed to continue. If people prefer the filthy Oriental cafe in preference to decent union restaurants, that is their own business, but it should be realized that a number of the Chinese cafes are selling food that is absolutely unfit for human consumption. There are cases of actual illness caused by this tainted food. In some instances, it is reported, the meat is almost putrid. Investigation will show that uncleanliness prevails, while diseased cooks and waiters work in more than one Chinese eating dump. Here is time for the health department to get busy.

Shop Girls Tell Of "Seers"

It is time for the city police to get after Vancouver's horde of mystics who are obtaining money from poor shop girls who are duped by the spurious fortune-telling industry. A union worker's wife says: "We are poor people with a big family. Our oldest girl works in a department store where she gets the minimum wage. Usually she has a good deal of her money spent, and now she has admitted that she has been paying it to a palmist and fortune teller who declares the girl is going to marry a rich and handsome husband. Our daughter says lots of girls visit the fortune tellers who charge all they can get. Some girls are spending money needed for shoes and proper food, and I know of a number of married women, wives of union men, who are also squandering their husband's hard earned money this way. It is a shame."

Duped By Fake "Ads"

One of the most brazen and heartless frauds perpetrated upon poor people is the familiar "employment with investment" game. Sometimes, the offer may be all right, but often it is not. A number of honest mechanics have been duped into "investing" with spurious concerns, on the understanding that they would receive partnership for their services, after putting their little savings into the project. One man informs this paper that he is an auto mechanic and was induced to "invest" $500, which he partly borrowed. Foolishly, he made no investigations, but took the promoter's word. He lost all and received only one week's pay. The head of the concern had peddled several "partnerships" and skipped out. There is more than one shady business chance promoter who needs watching. It is good advice to urge investigation before parting with a cent.

A WAGE CRUSADE

The time had come for a great moral crusade to demand a living wage for all workers. The comfortable classes should be challenged to justify their inhumanity in enjoying the good things of life at the expense of starvation wages. The plain fact was that our food, clothes and coal were being produced by sweated wages.—Mr. A. Fenner Brockway, general secretary of the I.L.P., at Whitehaven.

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If the employees spent all their earnings on flour they could buy back at mill prices about 4½ per cent of the gross product, and 25 per cent of the net product.

"The Good Old Days"

—were not so good. If you doubt it, ask mother.

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BUDGET DEBATE

By J. S. WOODSWORTH, Labor M.P.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: The budget proposes to increase the duty on slack coal. I feel that I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without referring to a matter which is in the minds of a great many of us at the present time, the situation in Cape Breton. May I again call the attention of the House to the history of this company which is again asking for special favours. According to Poor and Moody's Manual Consolidated 1922, at the merger of the British Empire Steel Corporation the total issues of component companies were:

Common	$63,000,000
Preferred	19,000,000
	$82,000,000

At the merger the old issues were increased and transmuted thus:

Common	$24,000,000	
Preferred	77,000,000	
		$101,000,000
		$19,000,000

Turning Water Into Wine

There was thus an actual stock watering by the merger of $19,000,000. Also note that $63,000,000 common was reduced to $24,000,000 and $19,000,000 preferred was increased to $77,000,000. Thus water is turned into wine. A fact finding commission would disclose whether the preferred or common stock represents any equity behind the funded debt or whether all such issues went to promoters, exploiters, legislators, and bondholders as bonus.

Mr. McMASTER: Have you got the funded debt?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Let me call attention to this: the Annual Financial Review (Canadian) of June, 1923, has evidence that the Nova Scotia legislature authorized Besco to issue $500,000,000 in capital stock. I find on page 181 of this Review with regard to the reduction of capital:

"That the president moved as a special resolution of the shareholders of the corporation:—

"That the capital of the company be reduced from $500,000,000 to $250,000,000."

In this connection I might read the following from an editorial in the Ottawa Citizen of July 20, 1924:

"There has been issued in addition to the foregoing $101,750,000 and so far as evidence appears in this regard, this amount appears to have been entirely in the nature of a bonus distribution to the bondholders and the parties promoting the merger."

Now, the miners themselves have been trying to express their view with regard to this proposed bonus, and in view of the history of the corporation I should like to present the miners' own view in this connection I find in the Labor Herald of March 7, this statement:

For Bond and Shareholders

McLurg was asked: "If the miners accept a reduction in their wages, will the company reduce the selling price of coal to the consumer?" His reply was "No, we require the money for our bondholders and shareholders."

According to that statement even although the miners were forced ultimately to accept a reduction in wages it will not mean one cent of benefit to the consumers but simply an added profit to the company on distribution to the hondholders. The article continues:

"Their annual statement shows that they paid out in dividends for the five year periods ending 1921 on preferred shares $5,350,000, and on common shares $7,786,376.12. They also laid away in reserve funds $9,500,000. Since then they got from the Dominion government $4.500,000 for a plate mill they erected. They own both the mill and the money now."

In the last issue of the Canadian Railway Employees' Monthly is an article by Mr. J. B. McLachlan, the editor of the Glace Bay Herald from which I take the following statement:

"Besco was organized in the year 1920, for the primary purpose of eliminating all duplication of production costs then existing because of independent coal companies operating in the same areas. Besco has either to cut down that cost, or it has not. The miners claim it has. It is a matter of record that the separate companies that existed before the merger did compete successfully in the Montreal market for two generations—and if the old companies with their greater overhead costs could do that, then Besco can do better under the more favorable conditions of the combine. Here is what Col. Thomas Cantley said on this point the other day when speaking of the ability of the old Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company to compete in the open markets previous to the Besco merger:

'From 1884 until December 1st, 1920, a period of 36 years, the Scotia Company earnings were $33,307,329.96 and as stated above, in only one year, 1897, was there any loss in operation and in that year the amount was trifling, being less than $5,000. The total dividends paid during the company's operations were $7,452,758.32—the balance of earnings being put back into the property.'

Besco did cut out all duplication of production costs, and to-day is in a far better position than the old Nova Scotia companies to market coal in Montreal against all comers.

Aims of Besco Octopus

Then what is behind all this idleness and hunger? Are these just the results of a common industrial depression felt more or less everywhere? The game that Besco is playing is to secure a cut wage rate so that Besco can get cheaper coal for its steel works, its steamers, its ore mines, its lumber mills, and for its boilers and its coal mines. The second phase of the game is to secure a higher tariff so that every user of coal on the Atlantic sea-board from Sydney to Montreal shall pay more for their coal, and the idleness and hunger are the weapons being used to hold up the government and the country and the miners."

Mr. McMASTER: Who writes this?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Mr. J. B. McLachlan in the last number of the Canadian Railway Employees' Monthly. In substantiation of this statement that the present merger ought to be able to enter the Montreal market, Mr. McLachlan quotes from another statement, found on pages seven and eight of the annual statement of the Dominion Steel Corporation and constituent companies for the year ending March 31st, 1921, as follows:

Wages Down—Dividends Up

"In this connection," said Mr. Wolvin, "I wish to call the attention of the holders of preferred shares to the fact that the statement for the fiscal year shows that dividends on your shares for the three companies named were earned five times over. I need not, of course, emphasize the fact that business is most unsatisfactory at present, and in view of this it is all the more gratifying to be able to say that for the first quarter of the current fiscal year ending June 30, the Dominion Steel Corporation after providing for depreciation, sinking fund, and bond interest, has earned at the rate of over three times the amount required for payment of the combined dividends on its preference shares, and on the preferred shares of its constituent companies."

The miners charge that Besco has deliberately refused to sell coal in the Montreal market during the past year, and has, and is, using the idleness and hunger of the miners as a means to cut the wages of producers and increase prices to consumers of coal. The miners in their misery are nothing more than pawns used by Besco to force the hands of the government and the country. A ten per cent cut in the miners wages would net Besco annually an additional one and a half million dollars, an increased tariff will result in millions more for Besco out of the buyers of coal. By cheaper coal for its own concerns Besco would net at least another half million.

Nor do Besco's tariff delegations to Ottawa end with a mere tariff revision upwards. Here are some of the things that Besco also wants, before it can give the country and the miners any assurance that idleness and starvation shall end in Cape Breton: that the government subsidize coal converted into coke to take the place of anthracite; that the government increase the subvention on coal hauled on the railway, the subvention to apply to sea-borne coal also; and that greater protection be given Canadian steel and steel products. In a word, Besco is holding up the country and trying to put across the biggest blackmailing scheme that this country has ever seen.

(To be continued.)

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Building Trades Council, Vancouver—Meets second and fourth Tuesday in Holden Building. President, J. Flynn. Secretary-treasurer, W. Watt.

Bakers' Local 468, Journeymen, of America—Meets first and third Saturdays at 7 p.m. President, J Mirtle, 2740 Pr. Edward St.; sec., T. Rigby, 37 Broadway West, Phone Fair. 5882R.

Bakery Salesmen, Local 471 — Meets second Thursday every month. Holden Bldg., 16 Hastings E. President, A. Wylie, 4336 Elgin Street; financial secretary. H. A. Bowron, 761, 13th Ave. E., Phone Fair. 107X.

Barbers', Journeyman International Union of America—Local 120, Vancouver, B. C., meets second and fourth Tuesdays in each month in Room 310 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. President, Fred Dawe; fin. secretary, A. R. Jenni, 728 Hastings Street West; rec. sec., Bert Deprey.

Bookbinders Local No. 105, Int. Brotherhood—Meets second Tuesday in month 804 Holden Bldg. President, F. Milne, 536 Drake St.; secretary, A. H. Hostins, 118 52nd Ave. W.

Boot and Shoe Workers Union, No. 505—Meets in the Holden Building on the first Wednesday of each month. President, J. Turner, 1919 54th Ave. E.; fin-sec., J. Griffiths, 3622 McGill St.

Bricklayers', Masons' and Tile Setters' Int. Union No. 1—Meets second and fourth Wednesday in the Holden Bldg. President, G. E. Halliday; Secretary, W. S. Dagnall, 1244 20th Ave. E. Phone Fair. 845 R.

Carpenters and Joiners, Amalgamated Society of,—Vancouver 1st Branch meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. President, W. Taylor; Sec. F. Prosser; business agent, J. McKinley. Headquarters, room 35, 163 Hastings St. W.

Carpenters and Joiners, United Brotherhood of, Local 452—President, J. C. Thom; recording secretary, W. Page; business agent, Wm. Dunn. Office, Room 303 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. Meets second and fourth Mondays, 8 p.m.

City Hall Employees' Association meets first Wednesday of each month at 445 Richards St. at 8 p. m. President, W. H. Lewthwaite,; Business agent, and treasurer, W. J. Scribbins, 3208 Pender St., E.; Secretary, H. A. Black, 2870 Yale St.

Civic Employees' Union, Local 28 — Meets first and third Fridays in the month at 445 Richards St., at 8 p.m. President, R. K. Brown, 2527 Charles St.; secretary-treasurer, George Harrison, 1182 Parker St.

Dominion Express Employees, Local No. 15, Brotherhood of—Meets first Friday and first Tuesday alternating each month in Room 810 Holden Building. President, G. M. Payton, 4136 Sophia St.; Sec.-Treas. H. C. Haines, 1919 Kingsway.

Electrical Workers, Local 213, International Brotherhood—Meets every Monday at 8 p.m. in Room No. 5, 319 Pender Street West. President, D. W. McDougal, 910 Hastings Street East; business agent, E. H. Morrison. Office, 319 Pender Street West.

Engineers—International Union Steam and Operating Local 844—Meets every Thursday at 8 p.m., Room 806 Holden Bldg. President, R. Finley; business agent and financial secretary, F. S. Hunt; recording secretary, Herbert McSavaney.

Engineers, Steam and Operating, Int. Local 882—Meets first and third Wednesday at 8 p.m. in room 806 Holden Bldg. President, Charles Price; rec. secretary, J. T. Venn; financial secretary, Frank L. Hunt. Office, 806 Holden Bldg.

Fire Fighters, No. 18, International Association of—Meets every month at call of president. President, Neil Macdonald, No. 3 Fire Hall; financial secretary, C. A. Watson, No. 3 Fire Hall.

Floorlayers' Union, No. 1875, U.B. of C. & J. of A., meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays in 310 Holden Bldg., at 8 p.m. President, John Soderman; Fin. Sec. A. Reid; Rec. Sec. W. Johnston, 1666 16th Ave. W.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, Local 28—441 Seymour Street. Meets first and third Wednesday at 3 p.m. Second and fourth Wednesdays at 9 p.m. President, G. Coleman; business agent, A. Graham. Phone Seymour 1681.

Iron Workers, Local 97, Int. Asso. of Bridge & Structural — Meets every Monday, Room 804 Holden Bldg., at 8 p.m. President, W. Finlay, 1555 22nd Ave. E.; Secretary, James Dunn, Box 1196 City; Phone High. 4334L.

Lathers, Wood, Wire and Metal, International Union, Local 207 — Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays in month, at room 299 Holden Bldg. President, V. R. Midgeley, 3751 Keefer St. E.; secretary, J. G. Finlayson, 2635 12th Ave. W., Phone Bay. 4942R.

Machinist Local 182—President, E. B. McLean, 453 6th Ave. W. Secretary, S. A. Boardman, 3388 Parker St. Meets second and fourth Friday at 8 p.m. in Room 313 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East.

Machinist Local 692—President, Thos. Sills, 1353 Burrard St. Secretary, P. R. Bengough. Office, 307 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. Meets on second and fourth Tuesdays in month.

Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, Amalgamated—Meets first and third Tuesday in Holden Bldg. President, W. R. Walter, 762 Hamilton St.; Sec., W. L. McGregor, 1751 33th Ave., E.

Mental Hospital Attendants' Federal Union No. 35—Meets at Essondale 1st Thursday in month. President, J. A. Gibson, 312 4th St., New Westminster; rec. sec., Will Mackie, Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale.

Mill and Factory Workers' Union, Local No. 1599 — Affiliated with United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners. Meets first and third Thursdays in Room 313 Holden Bldg. President, Allan Graham; Fin. Sec., H. Brewer; Rec. Sec., B. Holden, 1710 5th Ave. W., Vancouver, Phone Bay. 3123-R.

Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees, Local 464—Meets second and fourth Friday in Labor Hall, 16 Hastings St. E. Business agent, Birt Showler, 1115 Robson St.

Molders Union Local 281—International of North America—meets first and third Fridays in month in room 313 Holden Bldg., at 8 p.m. President, Sam Wilson, 1728 Yew St. Corresponding representative, J. Pinkerton, 2159 Victoria Drive.

Motion Pictures Projectionist's Union, Local 348 of I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O.—Meets at 991 Nelson St on first Sunday in each month at 7:30 p.m. President, J. R. Foster, 1161 Granville St.; Secretary, Geo. Gerrard, Box 345. Business Phone: Sey. 3923.

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The Vancouver Theatrical Federation—Meets at 991 Nelson Street, at 11 a.m. on the Tuesday preceding the first Sunday of the month. President, Harry Pearson; secretary, Edward A. Jamieson; business agent, Fred Fletcher, 991 Nelson St.

Why They Hunt

"I like death!" a great huntsman used to say to me when I was a boy in Leicestershire. "By God!" said a hunting parson to me once, "I'd rather be a hound than an Archbishop!" What he envied was the joy of the hound, when he gets his teeth into the fox's fur and swallows the hot and tormented blood.—H. W. Nevinson, in the "New Leader."

IS MOSES REALLY DEAD?

(By George F. Stirling)

The Lords Day Alliance, through its secretary has recently issued a warning to the Saanich Council that unless they stop the farmers and others from working on Sunday, the matter will be placed in the hands of the Provincial Police.

In the time of our Lord, it is rumored on good authority, there was an organization formed in Palestine with headquarters at Jerusalem, known as the Sanctity of the Sabbath Protection Bund. Some devout Pharasees had noticed that our Blessed Saviour had a wholesome contempt for some the Mosaic Schedule of behaviour and on several occasions had openly taught the people to act contrary to the established law and order of the Patriarcn.

Things gots to such a pretty pass that some of the leading Publicans and sinners who attended the Synagogue regularly and kept with punctilious faithfulness all the Mosaic schedule that was expedient from a purely business and social standpoint. convened a meeting and organized the before mentioned Bund. The Bund sent out spies throughout the country to watch the doing and report the sayings of our Blessed Redeemer and his disciples.

The desecration of the Sabbath by Jesus and his followers got to such a pitch that they were actually caught on one occasion pulling a few ears of corn whilst going through a field, and not only pulling the corn but husking and eating it, both of which actions constituted working on the Sabbath, and desecrating that holy day upon which Jehovah rested after creating the universe and all that therein is. He and his disciples were thereupon accused to their faces by the saintly followers of Moses who were spying on them from the Bund.

It is reported that Jesus was very much upset by their stupid adherence to the letter of the law and rebuked them saying "Which of you, if his ox or his ass or his sheep, fall into the ditch or the well will not straightway pull him out?" The spies, having the ears, but not the brains of Balaam's Ass, heard him but did not get the point, and after 2000 years of Christian teaching many of his followers have not got it yet.

His summing up of the Sabbath question was "Wherefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath Day."

That means that if a thing is good at one minute to 12 on Saturday night, it is good at one minute past 12. Good is good eternally and forever, and the clock has nothing to do with the case.

The question is therefore, "Were the Saanich farmers pulling asses out of a ditch or doing any other necessary work on Sunday which was good work, or were they busying themselves in some evil matter?

We can confidently assert that the sanctity of the Sabbath is not the point at all with the Lord's Day Alliance. During the great war it was perfectly legitimate to manufacture bombs on Sunday for the express purpose of blowing the Sixth Commandment to Hell, and the Lords Day Alliance, instead of putting themselves on record as being opposed to this, actually through one of their spokesmen, Archbishop MacNeil, condoned it. He said "Men had to work in munitions factories and fight on the battlefield on Sunday in order that Christianity should win out in the great struggle."

This was no doubt the reason why, when the workers of the Canadian Explosives Co. went on strike against Sunday labor, neither Dr. Huestis, nor any spokesman of the Lords Day Alliance publicly avowed himself on the side of the men. But if a Saanich farmer should hunt caterpillars, or trap gophers or do any other legitimate, necessary, good and holy work on Sunday, Dr. Huestis and his bunch appear to be stricken with righteous anger. They strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. They are whited sepulchres. They twist the Scripture to their own damnation, and bring forth from one of our great modern writers the stinging shaft, "To the pure, all things are impure."

The Lords Day Alliance make a great noise about the pecadilloes of the Saanich farmers and others struggling to make ends meet in the damnable, hoggish competitive struggle of our modern business world, but in the big business War for Oilfields and Spheres of Influence which shook this celestial bubble to its very centre, they were as dumb as oysters.

We are glad the Saanich Council filed the communication with a smile.

CORRESPONDENCE

Editor, Labor Statesman,

Sir,—A Vancouver paper claiming some prominence carried an article in last Sunday's issue under the title "Economic Laws Put Whites in Mills", the writer, believing that the chief mission of the Press is to present the truth, offered the following criticism which was denied admission to its columns. The article was dealt with under four main headings, i.e.,—

1. Today only 40 per cent of employees are Orientals.
2. Unable to equal white men in volume of production.
3. Past decade has witnessed gradual change in situation.
4. Sole argument favoring Oriental has been his steadiness.

Answers

1. No person with any knowledge of the lumber situation in B. C. would make such a preposterous claim, it is not a great while since the Shingle manufacturers association published the fact that 85 per cent of their employees were Orientals and the situation has been aggravated rather than eased since that time and a visit to the vicinity of the Hastings Mills and a few others in Vancouver at closing time will cure the most optimistic case.

2. A thousand thanks for this tardy admission that the Orientals are unable to equal white men in volume of production though it has been true from time immemorial, the standing timber is God's gift to the people of this land and by that token no mortal men have the authority to alienate it without their consent or some quid-pro-quo as a set increase in wages should be given for their equity in said timber combined with the admitted greater efficiency.

3. It is only too true that the past decade has witnessed gradual changes in the situation and in the main they are to be regretted, it is a co-incidence that a photo of the great wizard, Luther Burbank, appears alongside the article under discussion and describes him as sinking a spade in the earth preparatory to planting a tree, we commenced to destroy before we were prepared to build anew, we had little or no system of reforestration, we needed a Luther Burbank who would have seen that a tree was planted for every one taken away, our timber policy needs to be such that will bring every possible dollar into the treasury wheras under the present system millions of Orientals in preference to our own Nationals in face of the fact that these people can never become good Canadian citizens even if they desired to do so, heredity, religion, training and ideals are diametrically opposed to those required to build up in Canada a great Nation within the Empire.

4. The author of the article makes the plain statement that the only argument in favor of the Oriental is his steadiness, seeing that they have been given preference in employment since the war infers that the white worker and British subject is not steady. On reading this the writer momentarily visualized a deadly but grand panorama which was in continual operation for four years during the late war and every movement in every picture gave the direct lie to the assertion that those men were not steady. I recall a period in 1918 when the Fourth Division was behind the lines awaiting reinforcements to replace the awful carnage of the preceding months, there were many Chinese Labor troops in the place when the Huns came over and dropped a few bombs with their compliments. The Chinese scattered to such effect that it took two days to round them up.

Why should the employer go out of his way to drive home the fact that he will not be influenced by sentiment? He is the selfsame man who wildly waved the flag when the bands were playing and the boys were marching in '14, '15 and '16. He made numerous pledges as to what he would do if they would pull his chestnuts out of the fire. The boys were and are steady (who dare deny it?). They marched across no-man's land with heads up steadily facing death and thousands embraced it with an eclat that contrasts vastly with the dejected mien with which thousands of them have walked from the mills and industries of this province where they have, for six years, been spurned and preference given to the Orientals who are "steady."

A continuance of the present diplomatic and economic policy is a guarantee that the clarion call will go forth within ten years and we can reasonably expect that the steadies from China and Japan who have monopolized the employment in connection with our natural resources, will spring to it and thus permit our white workers to entrench themselves in the industries which position we lost whilst "over there."

I invite every citizen to scan the report on Japanese immigration to Canada for 1924, always keeping in mind that these figures are compiled in Japan—ten laborers are credited with families totaling 155 persons; two are listed under "mining" (no males). May we assume that this is another experiment of the mines management at Cumberland to still further reduce cost of production? The greatest tragedy is foreshadowed in the fact that 262 adult females were admitted. After studying the birth rate of the different peoples in B. C. over the past five years, this item presages disaster and the extinction of the white race in B. C., within the lifetime of some now living. "Steady boys, steady."

HUGH THORNLEY.

That work is important enough and big enough for the best of us. It is glory enough for any one of us to say that we have helped to advance the working conditions of our craft or that we have helped to forward the cause of organized labor in general.

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THE UNSEEN GOVERNMENT

A local paper controlled by individuals that can fairly be said to be a part of the hidden ring that dominates Canadian affairs, without appearing on the programme — and which to the general public is known as "Big Business" endeavors to prove that there is no such thing as "Big Business." But, like Hindenburg during the closing year of the war, the writer has another 'prepared position" to retire to in case the first becomes untenable, for he goes on to prove how hopeless we would be without "Big Business." Just in detail what Big Business is there is no very exact knowledge, for the thing is not an incorporated company or anything of that nature. Our knowledge of the thing is had in the same way that a business house, when it finds its office ransacked and safe cracked, knows that there are burglars; whom or how many were engaged or the exact hour the job was performed it does not know, but this does not invalidate the central fact that they are the victims of burglars. A farmer may not know whether a nest of empty shells is the work of coon, polecat or Towser, but he does know that there is some egg-sucking animal around.

The popular conception is that a small number of leading representatives of the larger financial and industrial interests form an interlocking 'mafia" that influences political nominations, elections, the make-up of cabinets, originates, and wherever their interests so require, modifies or defeats legislation, and so on to the end that the whole national activity serves to build up and enrich the ring so directing affairs. This group is frequently described as the unseen government. The evidence favoring the existence of this "government inside of a government" is fairly direct, practically every cabinet in Canada, but more particularly the Federal Cabinet at Ottawa, containing "dark horses"—ministers who have neither waded through the muck of politics to their position nor earned it through any aptitude shown for public service in any other capacity. To deal with specific instances: for nearly twenty years Cartwright applied himself to the financial end of Canadian politics and by long years of service as political critic fairly earned the finance department. When his party came into power an unseen hand reached behind the scenes and placed an untried man in that position and placed Cartwright in an inferior one. To this day the people of Canada do not know what interests objected to Sir Richard Cartwright.

Sir Thomas White was another instance of some unseen power lifting an untried and virtually unknown man into the most important Federal portfolio. In our schemes of government the Senate may reject any legislation passed by the elected House. Approximately one-half the appointees to the Senate are gentlemen who have neither served party interests nor in any manner whatsoever won public confidence—their appointment can only be understood on the hypothesis that they represent some hidden interest. Again, apparently unimportant legislation carelessly passed is found to be a key, opening up immense possibilities to the small groups who appear to understand its possibilities. And these same people appear to be able to anticipate the fact and direction of every new development and profit thereby. At the present moment every village councillor knows that nine million population cannot hope to create traffic for forty thousand miles of railway, yet our wisest statesmen fifty or twenty years ago raced each other to commit seven million people to the last twenty thousand miles of the programme. Was this shortsightedness, or some hidden influence at work?

At the present moment we can say with every confidence that in fifteen years all that will remain of British Columbia's great timber areas will be a little pulp wood in the northern district, yet for twelve years, through change of ministers and change of governments, we are lulled to sleep with the authoritative assurance that the timber is growing five times as fast as it is being cut. Credit and the supply of money is the constant subject of manipulation, money becomes easily obtainable and the individual with a few thousands borrows to make sufficient to start in some venture. Then without cause or reason the banks call in their loans and in the wreck the little capital of the small fellow vanishes—to appear later as added wealth in the hands of "Big Business." The vast majority of the people of British Columbia are definitely opposed to the influx of the Asiatic. Other provinces are absolutely indifferent, yet some power rules at Ottawa, and, regardless of which party is in control, that continues and yearly increases the menace.

Through the whole of these contradictory and inexplicable conditions the once consistent fact is that out of every turn of affairs a small group of very quiet and non-asssuming individuals grow richer, and although the group does not always appear to be composed of the same individuals, there are in every little group a sufficient number that we have met elsewhere to establish the interlocking character of the whole Bund. The simplest explanation that will account for all these conditions is that Canadian people and Canadian affairs are being directed and manipulated for their own purposes and profit by a group that for every-day purposes is known as "Big Business."

—M.

THE OPIUM AND NARCOTIC DRUG ACT AMENDMENT

The amendments to the "Opium and Narcotic Drug Act" have gone through the committee stages of the second reading at Ottawa. As we see it there is very little objectionable matter in the proposed amendments, but a glance through the discussions brings out in bold relief the various obstacles to be overcome bebore any such act can be made workable in Canada. Mr. Woodsworth supported by Mr. Irvine, drew out the discussion in an interesting manner, and by questions and suggestions forced the Minister of Health, Hon. H. S. Beland, to disclose Canada's attitude at the Geneva Conference last winter. Mr. Beland supports the proposals of Lord Cecil, British representative at the Conference, and invokes the aid of Mr. Campbell, representing India at the Conference, to show that Britain is not making any money out of the traffic or that India is in any way responsible for the meance of the uses and abuses of opium and its deadly derivatives morphine, cocaine, etc. Whilst Britain does not make a cent out of the traffic directly, the colonial possessions and dependencies of the East derive all the way from a small percentage to almost one half of their taxation from this trade. And as the imperialistic policies of Britain have a direct bearing on the taxation, trade and other government management of these colonies the effect is the same. Indirectly Britain does profit. The stubborn fight she puts up when the question is discussed shows that she jealously guards the interests of her commercial adventurers and whilst realizing that the day is coming when restriction of production will be realized she is in no hurry to hasten such an advent. Had India had a native representative, or one sympathetic to the native viewpoint, at the Geneva Conference it is quite likely the American proposals would have met with a better response. But being represented by a Mr. Campbell who interpreted the views of the India Office, anything he had to say tended to support Lord Cecil's attitude. That is, the blame was placed on China where the poppy is extensively cultivated and smuggling carried on by her bandit and military adventurers who see in it a source of revenue to pay for their exploits. But to blame China, where it is at present impossible to restrict, and condone the action of India, where the native reformers are striving to put down the evil, is to show that their reasons conform to the interests of Empire trade. The traffic is having a demoralizing influence in India, particularly in the industrial centres where women employed at various tasks administer it to their babies to keep them quiet. The effect is to set up chronic constipation and a general lowering of health standards with a heavy mortality for these infants. Either through ignorance of the facts, blind allegiance to Empire policies, or indifference to this world problem and its menacing consequences, Canada has failed to make use of her opportunities to give practical support to those interested in attacking the evil at its source, that is, where the poppy is cultivated, and the derivatives manufactured. Comrade Woodsworth deserves the commendation of all those in this country who are sincerely concerned with the dope traffic. His understanding of the problem and his timely questions relative thereto has been the means of placing upon public record in the House of Commons the attitude of this country on this subject. To prevent as far as possible the spreading of this evil is necessary; but to do so without attempting to curb the source of supply is both foolish and inhuman. The only members who showed any concern and suggested practicable means of control were the Labor members. H. H. Stevens and the other Coast members were discreetly silent on the subject, but during the same sitting showed great concern about how many seals had been killed on the Pribiloff islands since the year 1900.

S.

Junior Labor League

There will be a business meeting of the J.L.L. this Friday evening at 6262 Chester Street.

The League is holding another dance on Saturday, June 6, at the Elk's Hall, 49th and Fraser Ave. Admission by collection at the door. Good music.

Members of the J.L.L. have been taking advantage of the fine weather on the week ends by hikes and picnics. The organization is still growing. Six new members were accepted at the last meeting.

Let's have a few more!

Ask for the Union Label goods when spending your wages. It will help keep your wages up.

Producing Mine Has Shares for Workers

Of interest to the working man is the announcement of the future development of the properties of the Silver Premier Mining Company Ltd. situated at Wilmer, B.C., in the East Kootenays.

This Company have recently secured the well known Silver King Mine and intend to immediately commence shipment from this property. The property was purchased by the new owners upon the report of Mr. Edward Floyd, well known Mining Engineer, who reports that a very large ore body is opened up showing a solid 18 inch vein of galena reported to run around $200 per ton and a fine vein of free milling ore averaging $40 per ton.

The development work on the property has been carried out to such a point that immediately upon placing a crew upon the property ore may be taken out for shipment, a feature which very few Companies are able to offer to their prospective investors.

The Company are in the very fortunate position of being offered a contract by a very well known Mining Engineer to mine the ore at an exceedingly low figure, this engineer guaranteeing to deliver ore ready for shipment which will realize $100 per ton or more, failing which he suffers a heavy penalty by deduction from his contract price.

The Mine is under the capable management of Mr. George C. McGown, M.I.M.E., of London, England. Mr. McGown, who is known throughout the Dominion of Canada, held the responsible position of Lloyd's Supervisor for British Columbia, and under his supervision were built the many ships which the war time shipyards turned out from Vancouver and Victoria. His many other official positions which he has occupied during his twenty years' residence in this country, ably fits him to conduct the affairs of this Company.

The Company have put out a very interesting brochure which should be in the hands of every working man as this investment is one of the most secure that has ever been offered to the mining public of British Columbia.

"The Mikado" At The Orpheum Next Week

The tuneful comic opera "The Pirates of Penzance", the third offering of the Brandon Opera Company at the Orpheum theatre served a double purpose to the music lovers and theatregoers of Vancouver and vicinity. It brings back the first of the series of Gilbert and Sullivan operas that the company will offer during the summer and it also served to introduce a new Prima Donna to the opera fans.

Miss Ethel Codd made her debut on Monday evening in the leading soprano role. Her grace, stage presence and wonderful voice immediately endeared her to the audience and she sang her way into the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to be present. She is a most promising youngster and the leading critics declare that she is destined to go far in the profession.

The entire Brandon Opera Company gave a most satisfying performance of "The Pirates" which is regarded as the cream of Gilberts humor and satire and Sullivans catchy lyrics, prominent among them being "Poor Wandering One" and the rollicking "Policeman's Lot Is Not A Happy One".

Next week starting Monday, June 8th, will be another week of Gilbert and Sullivan when the perrennial favorite "The Mikado" will be the offering.

"The Mikado" and in fact all the works of Gilbert and Sullivan is replete with music that is as much wound up in the home life of the Anglo-Saxon race as are the sayings of Shakespeare. As one after another of the old familiar melodies come sweetly to your ears—a sympathetic tear may start to your eyes as you think of other days when you first heard them. Then what it must mean to the younger generations to hear them, perhaps for the first time.

For a young boy or girl not to hear and know "The Mikado" would be as sorry a matter as not to read "Robinson Cruso" or learn the story of "Cinderella". It becomes, therefore, a pleasure and a duty to hear the Brandon Opera Company in revivals of thes comic opera gems.

Recent reports of Norway's official employment agencies show that unemployment has dropped somewhat during the past two months.

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MEXICO AIMING TO MAKE PEASANTS ECONOMICALLY FREE

President Calles of Mexico recently gave utterance to a group of U. S. excursionists as follows: "We are trying to make the peasant economically independent, so that these poor men, who have been in the conditions of slaves until now may become free, and enjoy a little more of the happiness which rightfully belongs to them. That is why we are trying to elevate them morally by means of schools; that is why we want them to have a piece of land to satisfy their most pressing needs, and why we believe that by raising the status of these workmen we will form a greater Fatherland, able to co-operate with the other peoples of the earth and pursue the "well being of humanity."

Hastings Townsite Lots Are Offered Working Men on Terms

Purchasers of Joseph Martin Estate Have Placed 300 Cleared Lots on Market—Homes Will Soon Dot the Place—Values to Increase—Attractive Offers

FOLLOWING the announcement in last week's issue of The Labor Statesman that the Joseph Martin estate in Hastings Townsite was about to be placed on the market, many enquiries have been made regarding identity of the new owners, terms of sale and other data. Briefly, the facts are as follows:

Mr. F. T. McElhoes, for many years a resident of the prairies, and who later moved to Victoria, bears credentials proving him to be a reputable man of substance, integrity, means and sound business acumen. After he was approached by th Martin Estate's representatives, he became associated with a well-known pioneer resident, whose home is in Burnaby and who for many years was engaged extensively in business.

This gentleman has been living in partial retirement lately and at present desires his name to be withheld. It is known, however, that he is an old-time resident, deeply respected and has many friends.

Easy Terms, Fair Play

These gentlemen have opened an office at 804 Dominion Building. They have no real estate agents, but will attend to the sale of the townsite lots themselves, with a little help from accredited representatives who are engaged with the distinct understanding that there will be no misrepresentation. The lots will principally go to working folk, and will be sold on convenient terms if desired. The payments will run about $25 down and monthly installments. If sickness or other misfortune overtakes the purchaser, every sympathetic consideration will be extended. Plans are now being worked out whereby if the purchaser dies, the widow or other dependents, will receive a free gift of the lot, and all outstanding installments will be wiped off. A special insurance policy covers this, and the owners of the estate pay the premium.

Values Will Increase

Before purchasing outright the Martin Estate Mr. McElhoes and his associates made minute enquiries and secured the opinions of realty experts who testify to the increasing value of the lots. There are over 300 of these townsite lots. Before long their values will jump ahead, and long before the buyer finishes payments, the lot will be worth a great deal more. Building operations will start almost at once, and new homes will soon dot the townsite which forms an ideal location for modest homes for working people.

In Excellent Location

The location is most desirable for building. Street cars pass the block. Schools and churches are within easy access. In short, the townsite offers every advantage for the home, and offers unusual attractions for the working man to acquire his own home lot, upon which he can erect a home on installments, and eventually become possessed of his own home or hold for increased value.

It is significant to note that surrounding blocks are held at double the price asked by the McElhoes lots, the late Mr. Joseph Martin having paid the present price of these lots on improvements.

The country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it. —Abraham Lincoln.

If Europe is ever to unite, it will be on the basis of universal democracy and the freedom and equality of all nationalities within it.—Philip Kerr.

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Miss Maggie McWhack's name would be duly recorded on the police blotter and in the local press as a horrible example.

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Something over a thousand dollars was collected in Edmonton for the Nova Scotia miners' relief fund, as a result of the tag day on Saturday, May 23 and the benefit concert held in Pantages theatre on Sunday evening, under the auspices of the Civic Relief Committee.

Despite the disagreeable weather, $700 was realized as a result of the tag day. It is expected that this amount will be considerably augmented as the result of the subscription list which has been circulated by the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council, complete returns for which have not yet been received.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17th—Victoria Road Community Hall, Forty-fourth Avenue and Victoria Street. 8 p.m.

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One sociologist had said the extent to which man had advanced was shown by the time he took to consume his meals. "If that be so, then the miner has not advanced far, for the Government by law gives him only 20 minutes for that purpose, whereas the mine-owner, presumably, has an extension.

Democracy did not want the dictation of aristocracy, or even of the proletariat.—Mr. Frank Hodges, at Handsworth (Birmingham).

Military Expenditure

The following remarks were made in the House of Commons by J. S. Woodsworth in reply to the supply estimates for Canadian National Defense:

As to the labour organizations, I think I cannot do better than read a paragraph or two from the manifesto issued about a year ago by the International Federation of Trade Unions. This organization, let me interject, is not affiliated with Moscow. So there is no reason for any hon. gentleman to jump up and shout, "Red Moscow!" I note that the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada has signed this manifesto through its president, Tom Moore. The manifesto states:

"We are drawing near the tenth anniversary of the day which saw the outbreak of the world war—that fatal August day which let loose Armageddon upon the world, and opened the way to a slaughter and havoc which has been unexampled in the annals of the world.

Four Years of Agony

"For four long years the world suffered untold agonies; for four long years the peoples fought each other like wild beasts; for four long years the flower of the world's youth was sacrificed on the battlefields; for four long years civilization was forgotten, and its most elementary lessons were thrown to the winds.

"During these four terrible years, thousands of young men went forth to battle in the confident hope that they were fighting to end war, and to make the world safe for democracy.

"They did not know that they were merely the dupes of the lies and insinuations of small groups of capitalists, who were seeking to strengthen and extend their domination of the world.

"Then came the sham peace that shattered the illusion of so many, and destroyed the dream that this was the war to end war.

"And now the countries of the world are again making ready for fresh war.

New and More Terrible Methods

"Science is busy seeking new and even more terrible methods of dealing death and destruction. We all know that the next war will bring with it wholesale slaughter to a degree undreamed of before. The very air will be laden with death and will bring pestilence and destruction to countless multitudes far remote from the actual centres of war. The next war will be the final triumph of barbarism; it will sweep from the face of the earth the last traces of civilization.

"In the next war there will be no place for personal heroism. The days when man could show prowess on the battle-field are for ever gone by. Henceforth he will be killed by a system of mass destruction, which will work unerringly as the machinery he now uses for mass production. The sole use of the mechanical perfection to which he will have attained will be to doom millions to horrible and inevitable death."

The manifesto calls upon the trade unionists throughout the world to unite in an international anti-war day. In view of this growing sentiment, I would suggest that we might very well pause and ask ourselves whether we should longer continue this policy, or whether we should give due notice to the advocates of militarism that we propose to insure the defence of our country along other lines.

Propagating Militarism

Before following that theme any further might I call the attention of the government to several specific matters? First of all, I notice very frequently by the papers that military officers—and in this connection the name of General MacBrien occurs very often—are taking the opportunity of going about the country advocating preparedness; in other words, devoting themselves to war propaganda. I would respectfully question the propriety of salaried officials of the people of Canada undertaking to throw themselves into the advocacy of certain political policies. We do not permit it in other departments and I cannot see why it should be permitted in the Militia department.

25 Members of C.E.F. Executed

Another matter to which I should like to call attention has also come to our notice recently through the papers. In reply to certain questions put in the British House of Commons, we were told that twenty-five members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force were executed during the war for military offences. No Australians were so executed. Considerable publicity has been given to the statement of Sir Arthur Currie with respect to his matter. Sir Arthur represents the view of officialism. I should like to give a statement that represents the idea of the ordinary Canadian. It is contained in an editorial in the Western Producer—and I might remind the House that the editor is Mr. Horace Turner, who served and lost a good deal during the war.

Mr. CAMPBELL: He lost his sight.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: The editorial is entitled:

"Now, It Can Be Told."

"In reply to a question in the British house of commons the other day, the minister of war stated that during the Great War twenty-five Canadians, five New Zealanders, and no Australians had been executed for offences committed during their connection with the armies to which they were attached. The explanation for the immunity of the Australians from executiion is not that they were more law-abiding than the Canadian or New Zealanders, but that the Australian command refused to permit the Imperial authorities to impose the death penalty on Australian soldiers. Sir Arthur Currie, commander of the Canadian forces during the war, has expressed his disapproval of the publication of the figures mentioned above. He belives that it would be just as well if such matters were not opened up for public discussion. He thinks no good purpose can be served by such publicity. Sir Arthur—who gathered many medals, a title, and much appreciation from his connection with the war—apparently does not think it a good idea that the public in general should actually know and realize what war is and what it means. He apparently believes that if it is possible to hold the public to the idea that war is a great and glorious occupation, in which the flaunting of banners, the playing of bands and shouting of heroes—and not the misery and horror of death—are the main considerations, it is a good thing for the country. As a matter of fact, it is just as well that the people should know what they are talking about when they talk about war. It is well that they should know who these men are, who were shot down by their comrades in France; well to know why they were shot down; and well to know that war means death and destruction, horrible suffering and unjust oppression.

Why They were Executed.

Some of these men who were executed were volunteers who, because they were persuaded that their king and country needed them, or for love of adventure, joined the army. In some cases they were men who made great personal sacrifices to go to the war. In some cases they were men who had served—and served well—in the front line of the battle, but who, through the constant, gnawing horror of the business, the ever present fear of death, had lost their nerve. They ran away. They were men driven to the extremity of terror by war conditions; driven to the point where they, although they had joined the army voluntarily and with perfectly brave and loyal intentions of seeing the thing through, had become practically insane through their close contact with horror and the terrible business of war. They were, many of them, more to be admired than thousands of young men who did not join the army, but who preferred to stay at home. And yet they were shot in cold blood by men wearing uniforms the same as theirs. There is no good purpose served by gasping with amazement at the fact that these men were executed. As a matter of fact, it is probably a good thing that they were shot. It is probable that the idea spread abroad among the troops that the man who fled from his position would be killed by his own comrades, was an idea worth promulgating at all costs, for the defection of these terror-stricken men at critical moments affected not themselves alone, but the men side by side with them in the trenches.

Savage Beasts In Front Line

One man who faltered might have meant the death of a score of men in a trench at a desperate turn in the tide of battle. The poor devils had to be shot in order to protect the lives of men who were, for the moment, more in control of their senses.

No, Sir Arthur, the public may just as well know what happens when nations go to war. It is well for them to know that the men they send to the battle line suffer agonies of mind and body. It is well for them to know that the heroic men in the front line are reduced to the mental stature of savage beasts of prey; that they grovel and fight like madmen; that, if overcome by terror, they run away, they are shot by men of their own race and color. It is well for the public to know that war has no relation to sanity, and that the men who put obstacles in the way of permanent peace are traitors to mankind and are beyond comparison the greatest scoundrels at large to-day."

I submit that the policy of Canada with regard to her men should be determined here and now. Are we to be less careful of the lives of our men than Australia? Are Canadians to be shot down at the hands of British officers?

(To be continued.)

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HAS LABOR FAILED?

In the Brisbane Daily Standard (21-3-25) just to hand, there is a report of a speech delivered at Rockhampton, Queensland, by the Queensland Minister for Railways, Mr. J. Larcombe.

Mr. Larcombe gave some interesting figures and quoted from the Tory Telegraph passages admitting the tremendous progress made by Queensland under a Labour Government.

Let us see what Mr. Larcombe had to say.

"Mr. Larcombe reviewed the work of the 1924 session of Parliament. The Income Tax Act Amendment Act had further increased the amount allowed as a deduction from taxable income in respect of children, and placed the worker, with a family of three and an income of £400, in the most favourable position in Australia, as he was not called upon to pay any tax. In Tory-governed States he had to. In Queensland the system of taxation was so devised that only about 3 per cent. of the people were called upon to pay income tax. The industrial Arbitration Act had been amended to provide for a 44 hour week. No reform was more valuable than shorter hours which lead to higher efficiency and better citizenship. The usual criticism of the oppositions was directed against this measure, but it was significant that the added value in process of manufacture was higher in Queensland than in any other State in Australia. . . 'The Government's policy of organizing agriculture,' said Mr. Larcombe, 'is making rapid progress, notwithstanding the opposition of vested interests. Inquiries are being made from other States concerning the scheme. The Telegraph admitted last year that—*It seems like that* the Queensland scheme of organizing agriculture may form the foundation of an Australian-wide system. . . It is too early to say that we have achieved the purpose for which the scheme was designed, but it is something to have persuaded 20,000 farmers that co-operation is better than independent action. When the other States have organized their forces Mr. Bruce will be in a good position to effectually aid primary industry with his schemes for financially assisting the transit of produce and its systematic marketing. The progress of agriculture and dairying under Labour Government can be ascertained by perusing the subjoined statistics:—

Value of Primary Industries	
1914	£51,099,000
1923	72,639,000
Owners Engaged in Cultivation	
1915	22,095
1923	28,657
Value of Crops	
1914	£ 5,000,000
1923	10,000,000
Dairying Establishments— (Exclusive of Factories)	
1915	17,876
1923	22,019

"Notwithstanding the laments of croakers, the progress of the State under Labour Government is very marked. Even anti-Labour papers admit this when not engaged in political polemics. When discussing trade and other returns the Telegraph Brisbane, admitted after years of Labor Government, that:—

"Trade far exceeded anticipations. There is . . . . a sound and steady note of optimism . . . . based upon such solid facts as abundant rainfall, good employment of labor, profitable turn-over in trade, activity in building and shipping and development in new and old industries. We trust and believe that without vain confidence we may say that this is substantially true of all Queensland just now."

Surely no Labour speaker could have paid a more graceful tribute to the Government. The splendid review made by the Telegraph could not have been written if Government had been unsatisfactory.

The Economic Commission that sat in Queensland recently estimated the wealth production for Queensland for the year 1924 at £66,900,000—easily a record for the State and that the production per head had increased on those figures from £263.68 in 1914 to £424.78 in 1924. The latest quarterly summary of Australian statistics contains valuable information. It shows that unemployment is highest in the Tory governed State of New South Wales. It shows that the percentage of members of trade Unions returned as unemployed in Queensland was 4.9 for the fourth quarter of 1924. In 1914 the percentage in Queensland was 17.7. The statistics show that for the first nine months of 1924 the increase in population was actually greater than in the Tory-governed state of Victoria, notwithstanding the fact that Victoria has at least double the population of Queensland. The statistics show further that the net immigration for the same period was as follows:—

Queensland	13,540
Victoria	8,001
Western Australia	4,771
New South Wales	4,365
South Australia	2,522
Tasmania (minus)	8,529

No greater refutation of critics can be made than is contained in those statistics. They show that people are flocking to Queensland, attracted by the superior conditions created by Labor Government. How absurd is the assertion that Labor Government is unsatisfactory in view of the foregoing facts and figures?"

Chief Danger In Versailles Peace Treaty

The chief danger to peace still remained the Versailles Peace Treaty. If we undertook to defend by force of arms the boundaries determined at Versailles, then we risked having to go to war, and for a quarrel not our own. That was why Labor looked askance at any pact or alliance, whether it did or did not include Germany as well as France.

We were not going to war again for Alsace-Lorraine or for Poland. If the Europeans wanted their age-old dog-fight to continue, they can continue it without us. It was no use saying that we were prepared to fight under certain circumstances to maintain peace and repel aggressor States. We were only laying up for ourselves charges of bad faith, for when the moment arrived we should not draw the sword.

It was becoming daily clearer that disarmament alone could save civilization. In default of disarmament taking place by mutual agreement, England and America, as well as Denmark, were in a position to start common sense with absolute safety. No nation would ever again seek a quarrel with the Anglo-Saxon race or any part of it.—Colonel Wedgewood, Labor M.P.

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The Labor Statesman is not in the real estate game but when we get a chance to offer our readers a bargain we are pleased to take advantage of it.

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We were held at the barn during snowstorms and emergencies, with no pay except for actual platform work. We might stay there all night and get no work and we had to take out our runs the next day.

We were dogged by spotters, and every week at the barn there was a line of men half a block long waiting to see the 'dog catcher," as we called him, to be reprimanded for some slight error in our work.

We were packed like sheep in the galleries of the city council and state legislature to promote measures for the company's benefit, and we didn't dare call our souls our own.

We were the victims of arbitrary rules, intolerant bosses and political manipulation. Our jobs were never secure.

Runs were signed up for us—we had no say in the matter. Many of these runs began early one day and finished early the next. A "miss" meant anything from being dropped to the foot of the extra list to a penalty of from 10 to 30 days.

We were assessed various amounts out of our pay envelopes for damages resulting from collisions or for breakdowns of any kind.

We deposited $50 with the company when we were hired, which they kept until we were fired or quit.

When one of our number died we passed the hat to get enough money to bury him. We were lucky to eat, let alone save anything for a rainy day.

These were "the good old days" we hear anti-unionists talking about, in which only the strong survived.

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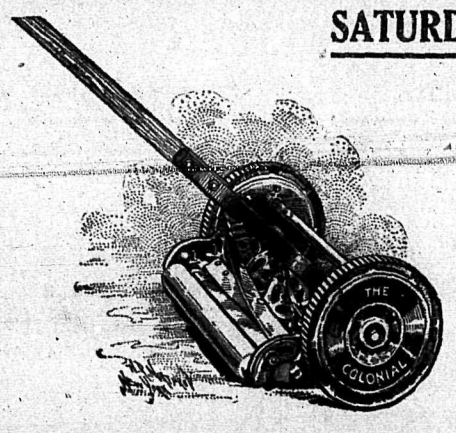

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Announcement

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The undersigned will receive tenders up to 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, June 17th next, for the supply of one 800 Imperial Gal. Motor Pumping Fire Engine with semi-pneumatic Tires on rear and pneumatic tires in front not less than 70 A.L.A.M. H.P. Sales Tax and Customs duties to be included in tendered price. A marked cheque on a Chartered Bank of Canada, equal to 5 per cent. of bid, must accompany tender.

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Seaside Park : June 27

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Bowen Island : July 25

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Bowen Island : July 11

Plumbers Union

Bowen Island : August 1

West Virginia is maintaining its reputation as the industrial Siberia of America. Injunction judges are plastering that state with their orders against union miners. These workers are denied every guarantee in the Bill of Rights that interferes with anti-union coal operators.

A PHUNNY APHAIR

The following notice is said to have appeared many years ago in the first number of a local paper published in the west of America:

We begin the publication ov this paper with some phew diphiculties in the way.

The type phoundry phrom whom we bought our outphit phor this printing ophice phaled to supply us with any ephs or cays, and it will be phour or phive weex bephore we can get any. The mistaque was not phound out till a day or two ago. We have ordered the missing letters, and will have to get along without them till they come.

We don't lique the loox ov this variety ov spelling any better than our readers, but mistax will happen, and iph the ph's and c's and x's and q's hold out, we shall ceep (sound the c hard) the paper going aphter a phasion.

London, Eng.—By the narrow margin of two votes the ancient British house of lords has refused to admit women to that body. The vote was 80 to 78.

Detroit, Mich.—Firemen employed by the municipal department of parks and boulevards have raised wages to $42 a week. The old rate was $37.80.

200 MEN FIGHT FOR JOB; FIFTY WERE WANTED

London, Eng.— An incident, reported from Colchester (Essex), in which unemployed men fought for work, provides yet another contradiction to those people who assert that the unemployed man has no desire to work.

Fifty men were required in connection with the laying of electric cables. It was hard toil, but some 200 men turned up to be taken on.

The man in charge told them that the first 50 who got the tools would be put on the job, and immediately there was a wild rush for the implements.

Fortunately, none were seriously hurt, but many received hard knocks. One man was said to have had his coat ripped off by a pick, and others were badly bruised.

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