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Liberals and Tories Tell Truth About Each Other

Workers Will Continue to Vote for Them and Wallow in Poverty While Many Millions of Dollars Worth of Products Are Shipped Out of the Country.

In the forthcoming election campaign both the Liberal and Conservatives will all but call each other horse thieves and rogues of the worst kind. They will come so near telling the truth about each other than the average worker will almost be swayed into voting for neither. But the worker will vote on election day and he will vote either Liberal or Conservative. He will do this because both the old parties will play upon the necessity of keeping the other party out of power and he will generally vote the way he intended to vote before he heard or read the election blather.

The old parties are adepts at fooling the workers. They can have the worker so hypnotised by election day that the average voter would vote for King Tut if his name was on the ballot and the old parties advised them to vote that way. Possibly the worker will get up on his hind legs and deny, most vehemently, that he is not being fooled, never has been fooled and never will be. And then he will go home to some tumble-down shack, filled with a lot of cheap junk called furniture and sleep on a bed as unsightly and perhaps as uncomfortable as a back-yard fence. In the morning he will be disturbed from his sleep by an old alarm clock that informs him that a master needs more rent, interest and profit. He grinds out eight, ten and sometimes twelve hours' work for enough in wages to buy some shoddy clothes and cheap sow-belly to enable him to go to work again. If he is lucky he continues that performance 300 days in the year. If he is not that lucky he hunts for a master three days a week and works for one the other three days. He pleads for work, prays for bread and manages to reproduce his species without endangering the continuation of the present system of wealth production. On election day he votes Liberal or Tory and repeats the process.

It is quite possible that the average worker never dreams of better things, or if by chance some "Bolshevist" should hint at the possibility of more and better food, clothes, homes and recreation, he wants to have him shot, jailed or deported.

But the possibilities of more and better food, clothing and shelter is greater today than it ever was.

In the first fifteen weeks of this year we shipped OUT of British Columbia enough lumber (1,471,113,222 feet) to build a splendid home for every family in British Columbia.

In the same period we shipped OUT of British Columbia enough food in the form of cereals, meats and dairy produce to feed every family in B. C. for about three years.

Out of $33,967,009 worth of fish caught in Canadian waters during 1925, less than 40 per cent. was consumed in Canada.

In the last nine months of 1925 we shipped out of Canada $590,000,000 worth of agricultural products.

We can produce an abundance of almost everything that the human family needs, but the average family never earns enough to purchase half of what it can easily use or consume.

There must be something drastically wrong with a system of production and distribution that enables us to produce an abundance of food and clothing and yet prohibits us from obtaining enough to satisfy our ordinary needs. And last but not least, in spite of an almost unlimited supply of natural resources, we are denied access to them when the markets are flooded, and, not having the price to purchase these goods we must go hungry and unemployed because we are mere laborers to those who own the natural resources and machinery of wealth production.

Liberal and Tory desire to continue that kind of a system. The Labor Party desires to change it, or to at least make a start in changing it, to one that will enable every human being to satisfy his every need to the fullest extent, so long as it does not interfere with the welfare of other people, and so long as it is possible to produce the things that are destined. Vote and work for the Labor Party if this interests you.

CARPENTERS INITIATE 27 NEW MEMBERS

Carpenters' Local No. 452 had a splendid turnout last Monday evening to welcome 27 new applicants for admission to membership.

The sum of $100 was voted to the striking Molders' Union, and a full quota of delegates were elected to the Canadian Labor Party. Arthur McDonald was appointed business agent to assist Mr. Dunn to organize the outside district.

AMBASSADOR OPENING UP WITH FULL UNION CREW

Mark Fleming, former owner of the Lodge Cafe, has taken over the management of the Ambassador Cafe and will conduct a first class cafe and cabaret during the coming season. One of the first acts of Mr. Fleming in taking over the Ambassador was to sign up with the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union and the Musicians' Union for a full union crew and orchestra. His old friends, and the Labor Statesman, are wishing him the best of success.

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Building Trades Win by United Effort

Business Agent W. Page reports building trades locals still active, a total of 42 new members having been initiated into the various locals since last regular meeting.

The Painters, Millworkers, Plumbers and Steamfitters all report that their annual picnics would be held on Saturday, July 31st, and they all expect a big time.

Lathers Making Headway

Local 207, Lathers, report that their secretary, Brother Jenkins, has been appointed business agent, and that he had already been able to settle dispute on Hudson's Bay Co. job. The Moberley School dispute has been satisfactorily settled and the job is now fair to the Lathers. Pressure was brought to bear on the contractors through the other trades refusing to work with non-union Lathers employed by Contractor Davis. This contractor has been placed on the unfair list by the Building Trades Council.

To Help Teamsters

Brother Gilbert, of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union, addressed the Council and asked them to support his Local in their attempt to organize the drivers, who were taking material to the jobs. President Stevenson promised him the support of the building trades locals affiliated with the Council, and instructed delegates to request members of their locals to demand to see union cards of all men hauling material to buildings. He also instructed the secretary to communicate with the Teamsters' International and ask them to send in an organizer to assist the local men.

Carpenters' Strike

Carpenters reported that the men employed on the new Georgia Hotel had struck on Monday morning, to protest the actions of the foreman on the job. This man was imported from Seattle and has apparently brought some objectionable styles with him. The carpenters made their point and Ole now knows that Vancouver workmen will not take abuse from Seattle Swedes.

Plasterers report their new wage scale of $10 per day goes into effect on August 1st, 1926.

Hurry Nominated South Vancouver

At a well attended joint meeting of the South Vancouver branches of the Independent Labor Party held on Wednesday evening in the Horticultural Hall, South Hill, Comrade Alf. Hurry was unanimously chosen as candidate to contest that riding in the forthcoming Federal election. It is expected he will receive endorsation of the Canadian Labor Party at the nominating convention to be held Friday night.

Strong objection was taken to certain articles appearing in the press recently suggesting arrangements with the Liberals regarding seats to be contested, and the meeting went on record as being opposed to any compromising with the Liberals or trading of seats.

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W...worth Speaks ...onial Sunday

...Woodsworth, M.P. for ...peg North Centre, will ...ess a meeting in the Col...ial Theatre on Sunday even...ng, August 1st, at 8 p.m. under the auspices of the Greater Vancouver Central Council of the C. L. P.

Doors will be open at 7:30 p.m. Come early and bring a friend. Woodsworth will have some interesting things to say about the late session of parliament.

Conservative Ministers Useless to Labor

Hon. George B. Jones, the new Minister of Labor, is a lumber manufacturer in New Brunswick.

The Minister of Railways is almost 80 years old, and a director of a shipping concern. As the people of Canada own a merchant marine which is rapidly improving its financial position, his conduct of the department will be observed with unusual interest.

His attitude toward the Canadian National has been the subject of criticism in the Liberal press. The Toronto Globe declares that in one of the few speeches Mr. Black delivered in the House, he advocated the breaking up of the National on the theory that such a policy would in some way benefit the Maritime Provinces.

Mount Pleasant I. L. P. Oppose Agreement

At a special meeting of the Mount Pleasant branch of the Independent Labor Party held in the Ash Hall on Monday evening, several new members were signed up and preparations made for the forthcoming Federal elections. The meeting discussed the subject of working in conjunction with the Liberals in connection with the South Vancouver and Vancouver seats, and went on record as being opposed to any agreement with the Liberal Party in the contesting of seats. Nominations were called for to be placed before the convention of the C. L. P. for the constituency of Burrard if the C. L. P. decided to run a candidate in that constituency. W. R. Trotter was nominated but he declined. Robt. Skinner was also nominated but he also declined. The meeting then instructed its delegates to nominate and support J. Sidaway at the convention.

WILL THEY BE THERE?

On Monday I went over to hear the House of Lords dealing with the Eight Hours Bill. I found myself wondering, even when Labour has its majority, what form of earthquake we shall have to devise to shake these beings, who, after all, are men, into a realisation of the realities of life and an appreciation of the fortunes and trials of the great mass of the people.—Arthur Ponsonby, M.P., in "The New Leader."

Fruit Cannery Wages To Be Investigated

The committee appointed by the Trades and Labor Council to investigate the evasion of the minimum wage act by local canneries, is meeting every Monday evening in the Holden Building until further notice, for the purpose of gathering all the possible data on the subject, says W. Watt, chairman of the committee. The committee would like to have employees of canning firms appear before them and give them any information that will help, either in the prosecution of these firms, or in providing data that will help the committee in its efforts to have the act so amended that it will accomplish what it is actually supposed to accomplish.

All information given to the committee will be confidential, and will only be used with the consent of the informant. It is absolutely necessary, however, for girls or women who have worked in these canneries to provide the committee with information, otherwise their efforts on behalf of these workers will be of little avail. The committee must have the correct data from bona fide workers in order to place the case properly before the authorities.

Readers of the Labor Statesman are urged to draw this to the attention of cannery employees who feel that they have not been paid the wages called for by the act. The committee will meet every Monday evening at 8 p.m. in the Holden Building. Correspondence should be addressed to W. Watt, 805 Holden Building.

The conditions in other trades will be gone into at a later date.

Labor to Contest New Westminster

At a meeting of the Executive of the New Westminster branch of the Independent Labor Party, with the Executives of the North Burnaby, Southwest Burnaby and the Broadway branches, and representatives of the different organizations of labor in the district, held in this city last evening, it was unanimously decided to contest this riding in the election of a candidate to represent this constituency at Ottawa in the Dominion House. Arrangements are being made to hold the nominating convention on Thursday evening, July 29, at 8 p.m. at which it is proposed to have some of the most prominent Labor speakers of the Province attend. Amongst other names which are mentioned and the one most favored is that of Mr. Pritchard, who it seems likely will receive the nomination.

A meeting of the Provincial Party Executive will be held on Friday, July 30th, and which a full programme for the campaign will be drawn up.—H. P. Latham, secretary, 117 Third Ave. N. W.

PLUMBERS' PICNIC SATURDAY

The Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Union will hold a picnic at Bowen Island, Saturday, July 31.

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REFORMS AND RUIN

J. S. WOODSWORTH

The Old Age Pensions Bill, though passed without division in the House of Commons, was killed in the Senate. There was little attempt to discuss its underlying principles or to evolve better legislation. Under these circumstances, it would seem that the attention of forward-looking members should be directed, not to securing this or that reform, but rather to the abolition of the Senate and the revision of the British North America Act.

After all, why do we need a second Chamber? Surely a strong Opposition is sufficient guarantee that bills will be carefully scrutinized before they become law. It seems absurd that in the twentieth century we should tolerate a non-elective Chamber that can defeat the will of the elected representatives of the people.

Outside of a few able men, such as Foster and Dandurand, the members of the Senate, man for man, are to say the least, no wiser than the members of the House. They differ in not being responsible to the people and in being to a larger degree hand in glove with the big interests.

With regard to the B. N. A. Act, it should be remembered that it was drafted long before modern problems had begun to emerge—for example, in connection with minimum wage legislation, the Deputy Minister of Justice quoted one clause of the Act showing that the Province was primarily responsible since it had to do with civil liberties; then he proceeded to quote another clause that would show that the Dominion Government was responsible in so far as minimum wage legislation meant the carrying out of the Versailles Treaty. Lawyers can wrangle interminably as to what the B. N. A. Act really means with regard to any particular question. The fact is that these industrial problems were not contemplated at the time that Canada was little more than a string of agricultural settlements.

A few days ago I visited the huge dam that is being erected on the Gatineau River, and which will mean the flooding of many miles of the Gatineau Valley. Just below where the works are now being constructed, there is an old farmstead. For many years it was the centre of the quiet farm life which then prevailed. Now it is engulfed, as it were, by these construction operations: — gigantic derricks are raised above it; temporary railroads run around it; huge construction erections of all kinds dominate it; foreign labor, employed by foreign capital, swarms all around its once quiet precincts. Surely a picture of the new industrial life which now threatens to inundate the older life of the pioneer period. Fancy trying to apply the simple rules of traffic that prevailed sixty years ago in this quiet countryside to the conditions which now prevail. As little does the B. N. A. Act meet the needs of modern civilization.

The trouble is that one cannot effect necessary reforms without endangering the whole existing system. We recall that some nine years ago the Hon. W. J. Hanna, Food Comptroller, gave to the press a most interesting statement with regard to his policy. He set out to bring all his powers against any producer or middleman who was found to be making an undue charge for his services, but he pointed out that:

"the supernumerary, unnecessary and inefficient middleman, whose presence in the community is one of the most serious economic wastes of the day, whose low standards of efficiency set standards for the whole community, is beyond any but the mildest powers of the Food Comptroller."

He went on to show:

"that there have long been too many city people and too few farmers in this Dominion."

"but it is not so well know that among our city people there are too many more distributors, too many shippers, packers, carriers, wholesalers, retailers, advertisers, printers, salesmen, brokers, subbrokers, deputy-brokers, assistant subdeputy brokers, and the whole army of people in the services and professions that wait upon the middleman."

Then he went on to contend that:

"any government regulations tending by radical means to reduce the middleman's spread or margin of profits tend to wipe out the unnecessary or inefficient middleman and to make still richer the big middleman and his corporations."

Thus, it would seem that an order to cut out the inefficient middlemen would in reality ruin the very men it is aimed to benefit.

"The men who depend for their income on rented shops or selling goods to retailers or delivering goods or collecting bills or renting telephones, and the armies of people who wait on these in turn would be deprived of their revenue. Rent and taxes would go unpaid, the value of real estate would collapse, the corner structure of the whole community would be violently shaken. A wasteful way of living may be thus corrected—but at what a price!"

Mr. Hanna concludes that the middleman system can be done away with:

"if and when the Canadian people show that they understand the price and are ready to pay it—to accept temporarily ruin to every city and town in the country."

Labor to Contest East Edmonton Seat

At the meeting of the Edmonton Central Council of the Canadian Labor Party it was definitely decided to contest the constituency of East Edmonton in the coming federal election and there is also a possibility that either a Labor man or a Progressive may be nominated in West Edmonton.

The motion of E. E. Owen to enter a candidate in East Edmonton was passed unanimously. Alderman C. L. Gibbs, M.L.A., was optimistic over the chance of electing a Labor man in East Edmonton and stated that it was only necessary to poll 34 per cent of the votes in an avowedly working class district, pointing to the help that he expected from the farmers in the constituency.

66th Birthday of London Labor Council

London, England, was the scene of an interesting event recently when the London Trades Council celebrated its sixty-sixth birthday.

The London Trades Council was formed in 1860 and played a big part in the establishment of the First Working Man's International Association in 1860.

To mark the birthday, a conference was held representative of the district committees of trade unions, local trades councils and co-operative management committees, for the purpose of co-ordinating the work of the Labor movement in London in defence of the miners and in opposition to the attacks upon the rights of trade unions.

LABOR PRODUCES MOST IN THE LARGE FACTORIES

NEW YORK. — Labor produces more in large, well-equipped factories, the National Industrial Conference Board finds. The board represents a score of employers' associations.

The study showed that the average value of the output per worker in plants with an annual output above $1,000,000, was 48 per cent greater than in plants with an output below that figure.

There were no figures to indicate that workers employed in these large plants receive a higher wage because of their greater production.

It is a curious fact that many shorthand typists can't bear being dictated to.

Labor College to Open At Summerland Aug. 15

Jack Logie's summer school for members of the labor movement opens up this year on August 15. Discussion classes and lectures will be held every morning at 10 a.m. and evening at 8 p.m. Everything is free with the exception of meals, which are shared on a communal basis. Following is the syllabus for the evening lectures and daily outings:

Sunday, Aug. 15—"A World Religion," Jack Logie.

Monday, Aug. 16—"Element 61, Illinium," Dr. J. Allen Harris. An account of the first chemical element discovered in America, by the discover; illustrated by lantern slides.

Tuesday, Aug. 17—"Music as a Science," George W. Weaver.

Wednesday, Aug. 18—"Evolution Up-to-date," Jack Logie.

Thursday, Aug. 19—Outing at Crescent Beach, baseball.

Friday, Aug. 20 — "The Press," Harry Neelands, M.P.P.

Saturday, Aug. 21 — Recreation and social evening.

Sunday, Aug. 22—"The Civilization of Tomorrow," Mrs. Alice R. W. Hamaker.

Monday, Aug. 23 — "The New Ideals in Education," George W. Weaver.

Tuesday, Aug. 24—"The Church and Social Reform," Rev. A. E. Whitehouse.

Wednesday, Aug. 25—"What is Theosophy?" Mrs. Alice R. W. Hamaker.

Thursday, Aug. 26—"The Co-operative Movement," Jack Logie.

Friday, Aug. 27—"The Creating of a New Psychology," Angus McInnis.

Saturday, Aug. 28 — Recreation and social evening.

Sunday, Aug. 29—"The Future of Besant College," a symposium.

Morning Classes at 10 o'Clock

Subjects for Discussion:—The Art of Public Speaking, Direct Exchange, The Political Situation in Canada, Industrial History, Tendencies of Tomorrow, Internationalism, Handicraft or Machine, Modern Drama, "Civilization's Deadlocks and the Keys," Besant, Psychology of Labor.

Syllabus is subject to change, but topics stated will be adhered to as closely as possible.

Children's Day, Thursday, 26th, at 2:30 p.m.

All classes and lectures are open to the public free of charge. Meals served in common dining room and expense shared on communal basis. Tents and cots will be provided but visitors are expected to bring their own blankets. Make your reservations now and address all correspondence to the manager, Jack Logie, West Summerland, B.C.

House of Morgan Gets U. S. Merchant Marine

The U. S. government-owned merchant marine is headed for extinction. Orders have been issued to advertise for sale to private bidders all important lines still under public management.

To block any effective protest, Elmer E. Crowley, president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, has been fired by the Shipping Board.

This is in accord with President Coolidge's avowed determination to end public ownership on the ocean, and "get the government out of the shipping business."

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P. Paris, 51 Hastings St. W.
Kibler's, 163 Hastings E.

CHIROPRACTORS
J. A. Bryant 207-8 Lee Bldg.

CONFECTIONERY
Davenport Confectionery, 1743 Commercial Drive.

CIGARS & TOBACCO
Mainland Cigar Store 310 Carrall

DANCING
Cotillion Hall. Granville & Davie

DENTISTS
Dr. W. J. Curry, 301 Dominion Bldg.
Dr. W. A. Rutledge, 108 Hastings W.

DEPARTMENT STORES
Hudson's Bay Co. Granville & Georgia

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Vancouver Drug Stores 12 stores

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Western Glass Co. 158 Cordova St. W.

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Broadway Hemstitchers, 246 Broadway East. Phone Fair. 5111.

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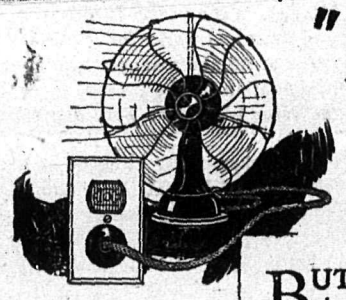

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Setting Slaves Free

The British government of Burma has abolished slavery in a savage backwoods district known as the Naga Hills by the simple plan of buying the slaves and setting them free. The expense was not great, the average price per slave was $1.25.

But the authorities are making slow progress in stopping human sacrifice in the same region. Thirty-four villages have agreed to abolish the custom; but 104 openly declare that they mean to placate the gods in the same old way. They believe that crop failure and pestilence would come if the sacrifices were stopped.

Corrupted free men are the worst of slaves.—David Garrick.

The British miners' strike of 1926 marks a new page in the history of international solidarity. A. J. Cook, secretary of the British Miners' Federation, announces that the strikers have had help from practically every country in Europe and collections have been made in far-off India and Japan.—Alberta Labor News.

ALL THE SAME

Pedestrians in Canada who are reckless in crossing busy streets are known as "jaywalkers." Those who do the same silly thing in London are more often described as "the deceased."

When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle.—Edmund Burke.

Trades Union Directory

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council—President, William Dunn; general secretary, Percy R. Bengough. Office, 803 Holden Bldg., 16 Hastings East. Phone Sey. 7495. Meets in Labor Hall at 8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays in month.

Automobile Lodge 702, I. A. of M. — Meets every second and fourth Tuesday in Room 310 Holden Bldg. Pres. W. R. Walker; Sec., M. F. Beavis, 1222 Alberni.

Beverage Dispensers Union No. 676—meets second Sunday at 2 p.m. and the last Sunday in month at 8:00 p.m., at 441 Seymour St. President, W. H. Clancy; Secretary and Business Agent, T. J. Hanofin. Office: Room 5, Flack Block; Phones, Sey. 4783 and Bay. 1656-R. Hours, 9 to 12 a.m.

Boilermakers and Helpers, Local 194 — Meets first and third Mondays in the month at Holden Building. President, L. C. Campbell; Secretary, A. Fraser, 5079 Ross St. Phone, Fraser 501Y.

Bridge & Structural Iron Workers, Local 97, Int. Asso.—Meets every Monday, Room 804 Holden Bldg., at 8 p.m. President, James F. Burns; **Secretary,** W. J. Cook, Box 302, City., Phone Fair. 4772Y.

Building Trades Council, Vancouver—Meets second and fourth Tuesday in Holden Building. President, Robt. Stevenson; Secretary-treas., W. Watt.

Bakers' Local 468, Journeymen, of America—Meets first and third Saturdays at 7 p.m. President, H. Hall; sec., T. Rigby, 37 Broadway West, Phone Fair. 5882R.

Bakery Salesmen, Local 371 — Meets second Thursday every month. Holden Bldg., 16 Hastings E. President, A. Wylie, 4336 Elgin Street; financial secretary. H. A. Bowron, 744 15th Ave. E., Phone Fair. 3831X.

Barbers,' Journeyman International Union of America—Local 120, meets second and fourth Tuesdays in each month in Room 310 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. Pres., Fred. Dawe; Sec.-treas., C. E. Herrett, Office 814 Holden Bldg.

Bookbinders Local No. 105, Int. Brotherhood—Meets second Tuesday in month 804 Holden Bldg. President, F. Milne, 536 Drake St.; secretary, Thos. Carroll, 842 Hamilton St.

Brewery Workers Union No. 300—meets first and third Wednesday in month in room 313, Holden Building, at 8 p.m. President, Angus McLennan; Secretary, C. Graham, 2219 16th Ave. W. Phone Bay. 3353R.

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 W. Phone Fair. 845 R. W. J. Pipes, Fin. Secretary.

Carpenters and Joiners, Amalgamated Society of,—Vancouver 1st Branch meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. President, G. Richardson; Secretary, John T. Bruce; Business Agent, J. McKinley. Headquarters, room 35, 163 Hastings St. W.

Carpenters and Joiners, United Brotherhood of, Local 452—President, A. McDonald; recording secretary, W. Page; business agent, Wm. Dunn. Office, Room 808 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. Meets second and fourth Mondays, 8 p.m.

City Hall Employees' Association meets first Wednesday of each month at 251½ Hastings E., at 8 p.m. President, D. Hargreaves; business agent and treasurer, W. J. Scribbins, 3208 Pender St. E.; Secretary, J. Tarbuck, 2792 Pender East.

Civic Employees' Union, Local 28 — Meets first and third Fridays in the month at 251½ Hastings E., at 8 p.m. President, J. MacRitchie, 516 8th Ave. E.; 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 310 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, E. McCallum; rec. sec., D. Hodges; fin. sec. and business agent, Roy Finley. Office, Room 806 Holden Building.

Engineers, Steam and Operating, Int. Local 882—Meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in room 806 Holden Bldg. President, W. Hulbert; vice-pres., A. Russell; business agent and financial sec., W. J. Irwin; rec. sec., W. L. Alager. Office, 806 Holden Bldg.

Fire Fighters, No. 18, International Association of—Meets every month at call of president, at 251½ Hastings E. President, J. Anderson, No. 2 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, E. C. Woodward; Fin. Sec., A. Reid; Rec. Sec., W. D. Wilson, 1251 Howe St.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, Local 28—441 Seymour Street. Meets Second Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and last Wednesday at 9 p.m. President, G. Coleman; business agent, Harry Wood, Phone Seymour 125.

Lathers, Wood, Wire and Metal, International Union, Local 207 — Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays in month, at room 209 Holden Bldg. President, H. P. Fulljames, 2106 Vanness; Secretary, Bert Jenkins, 50 45th Ave. E.

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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, John Maley, 1336 2nd Ave. E. 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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Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers Local 138—Meets second and fourth Thursdays at 319 Pender St. W. Business agent, Robt. Stevenson. Office, room 204 319 Pender St., W. Phone Sey. 3609.

Pile Drivers, Bridge, Wharf and Dock Builders Local No. 2404—Meets every Friday night at 8 p.m. in 112 Hastings St. W. James Thomson, secretary, P. O. Box 320.

Plasterers, Local 89—International Association of Operative, meets first Wednesday in month at Holden Bldg. President, Chas. Keall. 1925 McKay Av. Secretary, Ed. Williams, 2346 5th Ave. W. Phone Bay. 5139R.

Plasterer's Laborers' No. 602 International. Meets third Friday in month at Holden Building. President, F. Phillips, 1574, 2nd Ave. W.; Rec. Sec., F. Tait, 289 47th Ave. E., phone Fraser 596L.

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Printing Pressmen and Assistants, Local No. 69—Meets every second Tuesday in the month at 8 p.m. in Room 213 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings St. E. President, Harry F. Longley, 303 8th St., North Van.; secretary, Wm. Quigley, 2083 2nd Ave. W., Box 894.

Railway Carmen of America, Lodge No. 58—Meets first and third Friday in month at Cotillon Hall, Granville and Davie Streets. President, A. S. Ross, 5872 Pr. Edward St.; secretary, J. D. Vuliamy, 2215 15th Ave. W.

Street and Electric Railway Employees, Pioneer Division No. 101—Meets K. P. Hall, Eighth and Kingsway, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. President, J. E. Smith; recording secretary, F. E. Griffin; treasurer, H. W. Speed; financial secretary and business agent, Angus MacInnes, 3544 Pr. Edward St. Office: corner Prior and Main streets. Phone Fairmont 2150L.

Sheet Metal Workers, Amalgamated, Local Union No. 280—Meets second and fourth Thursday in month in Holden Bldg., 16 Hastings St. E. President, N. C. Smith, 1346 18th Ave. E.; business agent and secretary, D. MacPherson, 807 Holden Bldg.

Shingle Weavers, Local 17813—Meets second Tuesday in month, in Room No. 2, Labor Temple, New Westminster, and 4th Sunday, 11 a. m., in Room 213 Holden Bldg., Vancouver. President, J. N. Chute, Phone High. 1982Y; sec., W. H. Matthew, Joyce Rd. P. O. Phone Coll. 413R1.

Tailors', Journeymen Union of America, Local No. 178—Meetings held first Thursday in each month, 8 p.m. Executive meets third Thursday of every month in Labor Hall. President, A. R. Gatenby; secretary, C. McDonald, P.O. Box 503. Executive meets third Thursday of every month.

Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, Local 466—Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 310 Holden Bldg. President, A. A. McKay, 773 Beatty St.; secretary-treasurer, A. P. Black, 886 Homer St.

The Vancouver Theatrical Federation—Meets at 991 Nelson Street, at 11 a.m. on the Tuesday preceding the first Sunday of the month. President, J. R. Foster; Secretary, Leslie Clark; Business Agent, George Gerrard. 991 Nelson St.

Typographical Union, No. 226—President, C. S. Campbell; vice-president, R. Gouthro; Secretary-treasurer, R. H. Neelands, P.O. Box 66. Meets last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m., in Holden Building, 16 Hastings St. E.

A $3000 residence is being built at 2255 Turner St. on the day labor plan.

Twelve Hour Day and Seven Day Week in East

By J. A. P. HAYDON

The paper trust, as represented by the International Paper Co., has invaded the province of Quebec. It has secured control of the tremendous water-powers on the Gatineau river, near here, and has commenced their development. The work is said to be the most extensive ever undertaken by a "private" company in the history of Canada, the cost being estimated at $50,000,000.

With this invasion has come a hard-boiled labor policy—or, rather, a continuance of the policy long practiced by the paper trust.

Quebec is advertised in Wall Street as a province with no social legislation, where labor is cheap and hours are long.

The paper trust apparently works upon that maxim.

Long Hours, Short Wages

It has established a 12-hour day and a 7-day week. Wages for laborers are fixed at 30 cents per hour and for carpenters at 50 cents per hour, with straight time for overtime, provided the workers can labor more than 12 hours. Board is given by the company at $7 per week. (Union rates in this district are 45 cents for laborers and 75 cents for carpenters, with time and one-half for overtime, over the basic eight-hour day and Saturday half holiday.)

Efforts to organize these workers are being strenuously opposed by the company. Representatives of the American Federation of Labor and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America had no sooner commenced an organization drive than they were ordered off the premises by company officials. The company police, who have been given the status of provincial police, have been instructed to keep all labor "agitators" out of bounds and to report any employee seen speaking to them.

Practically the whole district is company owned and company controlled. Membership in a trade union brings instant dismissal and already a number of carpenters have been laid off for no other reason than membership in the union.

Forced to Work on Sunday

No Canadian newspaper has given publicity to these obnoxious conditions and last Sunday your correspondent visited the plant and witnessed a full complement of workers, some hundreds in number, toiling as upon week days. I was informed that Sunday work has been proceeding for some time. This, despite the fact that Sunday labor is illegal in Canada. The paper trust seems to be above the law.

Representations have been made to the Dominion and provincial authorities but up to the present governmental intervention has failed to change the hard-boiled labor policy.

STRIKE COST IN BRITAIN

LONDON.—The general strike and coal stoppage have cost Great Britain to date $742,500,000.

These crushing figures were disclosed recently in the House of Commons by Walter Runciman, leading British financier and banker. Mr. Runciman's detailed estimate of losses was made up as follows:

General strike, $150,000,000; heavy industries, including coal, $140,000,00; Railroads, $10,000,000; Pig Iron, $25,000,000; Steel, $50,000,000; Textiles and similar industries, $87,000,000; Home Trade, $100,000,000; Miners' Wage, $125,000,000; Workers in other industries, $50,000,000.

We have all sufficient strength to endure the misfortunes of others.—La Rouchefoucauld.

Cause of Financial Crisis in Belgium

When the Belgian Government declares that there is no real cause for the fall of the franc, it is, of course, speaking rhetorically.

The real cause is notorious. It is the continued selling, on a large scale, of Belgian currency by Belgian bankers and business men.

On more than one occasion very large sums have been suddenly thrown on the London market without any warning or preparation. The result, and obviously the intention, was to cause a sudden and spectacular fall in the exchange.

A Deliberate Plot

Belgium is faced, in fact, not so much with a loss of confidence (though that is naturally following) as with a deliberate attempt to depreciate her currency—an attempt not organized by foreign enemies, but by members of her own ruling class.

The purpose of this manoeuvre is twofold. The big exporting industrialists of the heavy industries and the banks associated with them see their opportunity of capturing world markets with the low-production costs which a falling currency entails. They fear that if the French franc were to drop and the Belgian to remain steady, they would be beaten by their French rivals.

Another group has realized that by depreciating the currency they can force the State into something like bankruptcy. They can drive it, in its efforts to save the franc, into parting with the national property and transferring it into private hands.

Blackmailing the State

They have been counting, that is to say, on precisely what is happening—on compelling the Government to denationalize the railways, the telegraphs and as much more of the national assets as it can be driven to part with.

The next step will be that—as in Germany, Austria and elsewhere — the bankers will insist that the control of currency shall be transferred from the State to the banks.

The whole process is, in effect, one of blackmail. The big financiers are saying to the Government—hand over to us your railways, your telegraphs, and anything else we desire; or we will use our power of manipulating the markets to break your currency. We will destroy the credit of the State and so complete our own monopoly of credit, and the power it gives.

Big Increase of British Exports to Russia

The following are the official figures of goods purchased in Great Britain, by Russia, during the period 1920-1925:—

1920	£ 2,809,641
1921	7,281,258
1922	9,432,936
1923	4,658,592
1924	14,800,956
1925	31,170,995
Total	£70,154,378

The 1925 figures are an actual increase over 1913 figures of nearly 13 per cent.

In addition, Russia spent £4,000,000 on transport of goods in British ships; £1,300,000 on loading, warehousing and packing; £600,000 on insurance; premies, salaries, etc., £3,500,000; interest on credits from British firms, £900,000.

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Baron Spends Too Much Money to Get Elected

Baron Maurice de Rothschild, member of the international banking house and in many ways the Andrew Mellon of France, was thrown out of the French Chamber of Deputies last week because he spent too much money in getting elected. The vote against him was 208 to 86.

Compared to senatorial candidates in Pennsylvania, Rothschild was a piker. He admitted spending 1,600,000 francs. At the pre-war rate of exchange, that would be $320,000. At the price of the franc prevailing when the baron was shown the door, it would be a little over $40,000.

There are no points of the compass on the chart of true patriotism.—Robert C. Winthrop.

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THE LIBERALS' ALLEGED OFFER

There are many angles to the suggestion on the part of the Liberal Party that the Labor Party can have a straight fight with the Conservative Party in South Vancouver if Labor will not run candidates in the city of Vancouver. It is creating considerable discussion, but we are not aware of any move on the part of the Labor Party to meet and discuss the subject with a committee of the Liberal Party. So far as we can find out, no official communication on the subject has been received by the Labor Party. This being the case, the Labor Party cannot be blamed for not attempting to reach an agreement. The idea apparently originated with the Liberal Party, so it will be up to them to officially approach the Labor Party on the subject. The Labor Party stands opposed at all times to both the Liberal and Conservative parties. It stands purely for working class interests in spite of the fact that a great many workers think the Liberal or Conservative party can serve them better. And because workers think that way we must handle the proposition of a working agreement with the Liberals very carefully. If we flatly turn down such an offer we will have a large number of weak would-be Labor voters object to our attitude and vote Liberal instead of Labor, not only in South Vancouver, but also in other constituencies. The Liberal party could use this action against us in the election and we don't doubt that they would do it, because, in spite of all their foxey propaganda as "Friends of Labor" we have yet to discover that friendship. Aside from this, such an offer as a working agreement should be considered in all its aspects by the Labor Party. And, by working agreement, we simply mean in the matter of contesting seats. When we have reached an agreement on this we can go into the campaign as much opposed to the Liberals as though no agreement over seats existed. Every effort should be made to capture the South Vancouver seat and if the Liberals will stay out of South Vancouver on condition that we stay out of at least one of the city seats, we should make it our business to see if the Liberals are in earnest with their suggestion. As we stated before, the Liberals are foxey, and because of this we should see that a proper offer is made by them, and then acted upon properly by the convention of the Canadian Labor Party. We understand that the subject has been discussed by the joint executive of the C. L. P. and also by at least one branch of the Independent Labor Party. In both instances the proposition, although not officially before them from the Liberals, was turned down. This can be used against us in the forthcoming election with a Liberal running in South Vancouver. If no official communication comes from the Liberal Party to the Canadian Labor Party, this should be made public immediately after our convention, so that the Liberals will not have any chance to broadcast a story that the C. L. P. had turned down their offer. Denials after nomination day will be too late to prevent the average worker from abusing the C. L. P. for allegedly turning down the offer. If such an offer is made we still feel that it should only be on a fifty-fifty basis. North Vancouver and New Westminster are just as good seats for us to contest as for the Liberals.

If we can have a straight fight in South Vancouver, Labor, with a strong, well-known candidate, can win the seat. It is important that a careful selection should be made in this respect, because once haing won the seat, our candidate must be virile enough to get plenty of publicity from Ottawa to hold the seat for Labor for all time. Pep, punch and publicity is what counts in elections these days, and Labor must see to it that its candidates can deliver the goods. This is our opportunity, let us not be squeamish about making the most of it.—W.

"The Province" reports that Mr. Barber, the ex-member for the district, aroused a Mission City meeting to great enthusiasm with an address on The Flag, The Empire and Planking the C. P. R. bridge.

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Premier Meighen, referring to the Robb Budget, says that automobiles are a luxury, and that it would have been better to reduce the duty on workingmen's clothing. At any other time Mr. Meighen will plead that the duty does not increase the price of an article.

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After an examination of his exploits purchasing war requirement, ex-Premier Borden told Mr. A. Dewitt Foster: "the jails are yearning for men like you." Mr. Foster is again the honored standard-bearer for the Conservative party in Kings-Hants, N.S.

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The Canadian Fishing Company — from the name we would say that it been authorized to erect fish traps in would be a Seattle concern — has Portland Canal. Put up to the highest bidder a hundred thousand dollars would not buy this gift.

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Eastern Liberals threaten that if the Tories get too enthusiastic over the Customs Inquiry, they may feel compelled to get out a convenient pocket edition of some of the war scandals that helped to defeat the Conservatives in 1920.

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We didn't know anything to Mr. Dunning's disadvantage until he staged his meeting in the Vancouver Hotel, and put "Mary Ellen" on for chairman.

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Before a Dominion Royal Commission the representative of Nova Scotia complained that the provincial revenues were so small that they were unable to properly take care of their feeble-minded, and at the next sitting they demanded that the number of should be increased. We cannot see Federal members for Nova Scotia how this is going to give any material relief, and anyway our observations leads us to believe that it is the voters who are lacking in mental vigor.—M.

The National Sick Benefit Association of the National Association of Letter Carriers paid out during the last month a sum that averaged $536 a day to 744 members. Since its organization the association has disbursed benefits amounting to $1,411,702.

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The Issue For Workers

The coming federal election will not be fought on any real issues. The battle will be waged on two questions, neither of which affect unemployment, old age pensions, or the wages or working conditions of the producers of this Dominion. And those are the things that the workers, in their own interests should be concerned about.

The issue in this election, as in others, as far as the workers are concerned is whether or not the working people are going to be represented by men from their own ranks or by the puppets of the money kings of Canada. If the workers are going to permit themselves to be fooled again into voting for old party candidates, then they can expect to receive the same kind of treatment that they have received in the past. If they deliberately choose to get that kind of treatment, then they certainly are not entitled to any sympathy when there is a repitition of what happened in the Senate in connection with the old age pensions measure during the last session of the House of Commons.

Wherever there is a Labor candidate in the field, working people are dishonest with themselves if they do not support that candidate. This applies particularly to trade unionists. No trade unionist would for a moment advocate the choice of a Liberal or Conservative business man or lawyer to negotiate his wages or working conditions. Why? Because such a representative would not have his psychology or understand his views. Why, then, select a Liberal business man or a Conservative lawyer to represent him in parliament.—"Alberta Labor News."

Professor Predicts a Four-Hour Work Day

Norman E. Richardson, professor of religious education at Northwestern university, when speaking over the radio last week, said that a four-hour day may be in store for the workers of America and the world. The professor said that he is interested in the diminishing working hour prospect from the standpoint of an educator and that the new era of leisure, already forming, places upon schools the duty of educating for leisure.

"Civilization is turning a corner," he said. "We have worked so hard and to such advantage that the necessity of toil is gradually disappearing. The good old days when Puritan sentiment required an apology for leisure are gone forever.

"In a single generation the industrial work-day among the most progressive nations has dropped from ten to eight hours.

"And this movement has not spent itself. Economists are talking soberly of the time when, with everybody working heartily and to the best occupational advantage, the world's work will be done on the basis of a four-hour day. The whole nation, it seems is going to join the leisure class."

Toronto Labor Demands Right to Picket

TORONTO.—At a mass meeting held here under the direction of the Trades and Labor Council and the Labor Defence League, a resolution, proposed by James Simpson, vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and unanimously adopted, declared that the recent decision of the Canadian Supreme Court declaring peaceful picketing illegal "strikes at the very heart of trades unionism, and renders the workers helpless in their struggle against the employers for better conditions"; and demanded that the Federal government take immediate steps to enact such legislation "as will positively establish the right of peaceful picketing."

Other labor bodies throughout Canada are adopting similar resolutions, and taking steps to make the destruction of labor's legal rights an issue in the coming Dominion elections.

BRITISH MINERS' FED. RE-ELECTS COOK AND SMITH

The members of the British Miners' Federation showed that they still have confidence in their leaders, when at the annual election of officers on July 16, Herbert Smith and A. J. Cook were re-elected as president and secretary, respectively, of the miners' federation, and all other officers were also re-elected.

Gems From Hansard

MR. MEIGHEN AT THE BAR

The position of labor was championed for once by the Liberals in the House. We quote from Hansard the following speech of Mr. Dunning:

"Among the jury are men who should, for very conscience's sake, hesitate to cast a vote condemning as a political outcast the Minister of Customs for the offence with which he has been charged, the offence in question, stated at its worst, being that of being too lenient, as was within his discretion, with respect to a man who should have been and now is in jail. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, (Mr. Woodsworth) made, I think, a very strong point when he asked if this House should displace this government because one of its ministers exercised too great leniency and put in its place a government the head of which would be the man who sent that telegram to Winnipeg which was quoted by my hon, friend and which had for its effect the approval of putting men in jail illegally. The gentleman in question stated his own doubts of the legality of the proceedings but said "put them in jail and deport them as quickly as you can, and if there is anything wrong about the proceedings we will consider ratification later." I submit, Sir, that from the point of view of the public good the minister who is even rightfully accused of being too lenient is not so great a danger politically in Canada as the man who would sign such a message implying such an awful invasion of the liberties of the subjects in this Dominion.

Although not as large a sum as could be desired, the $274.50 which Edmonton contributed through the Trades and Labor Council for the relief fund in support of the British coal miners on strike, was an indication of the sympathy existing in Edmonton for the miners in the Old Country, says President A. Farmilo.

DEFENDING DAD

Editha was admiring her new summer frock. "Isn't it wonderful," she said, "that all this silk comes from an insignificant worm!"

"Editha, is it necessary to refer to your father in that way?" her mother inquired reproachfully.

PLAN 8-HOUR FOR OIL WORKERS

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.—The biennial convention of the Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers of America decided to carry on intensive organization work in Wyoming, Texas, Arkansas, Ohio and Oklahoma, where certain fields are being operated under the 12-hour shift. A letter from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, pledged the support of that organization to the oil workers in their efforts to extend the 8-hour day and secure a fair wage.

The convention elected Harvey C. Fleming to the office of president and re-elected J. L. Coulter as secretary-treasurer.

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Why do some press slobberers and sycophants imagine they are helping the monarchy by endeavouring to prove that its princes speak and act like half-wits?—"Glasgow Forward.

"A Yorkshire miner, who was in charge of a pit pony, was asked to explain why it had dropped dead. 'Aw wor lookin' at mi pay sheet,' he said, 'an' Aw saw that poany lookin' ower mi showder, and when it saw mi wages it dropped dead'."

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Hello Mr. McDonald. How are you today? Sit right down here. I was just reading your letter in the Sunday Province in which you stated that you would not be the Liberal candidate at the forthcoming Federal Election—sound judgment, too. Oh I am usually out in the open air on Sundays, so that explains why I am reading your letter today. Me belong to the Liberal party? Gee no, give me credit for having a little sense. No I am not a Conservative, either. I have as much use for Liberals and Conservatives as A. J. Cook, the miners' secretary, has for the coal owners in the Old Country. And that reminds me that you are in favor of an understanding between the Liberals and Labor to try and beat the Conservatives to it in Greater Vancouver. Well, now, we, I mean the Labor Party, are jack easy, but I think the executive is just a wee bit scared to tackle the situation. You see, the Labor Party has quite a crowd of Knowalksies and what they say is usually backed up by the Donothinskies, and there is the trouble. Now, personally, I believe in Labor entering politics. I believe more good can be gained thereby than by violent means. That of course is an opinion and may be varied by circumstances. Now if Labor is in politics to stay, two courses are open. Either they must wait until a clear majority is obtained over the other two parties, or understandings must be made on any or all subjects and situations, SO LONG AS THE CAUSE OF LABOR IS BEING ADVANCED. A. J. Cook has never, to my knowledge, refused to meet the coal owners to discuss industrial agreements, neither has the Russian Communists refused to negotiate trade agreements with Capitalist Political Parties, even making the first advances. So I see no reason why the C. L. P. should not take advantage of a scrap between the two parties in this country representing Capital, if the cause of Labor is going to be brought any nearer fruition thereby. Its like this Mac, Labor does not expect any more in the shape of sympathetic legislation, from the Liberals than it does from the Conservatives; that being so the only thing for us to do is to get our representatives on the floor of the House. Mind you we will at all times maintain absolute political independence. Your necessity must always be our opportunity, and we would be lacking in political intelligence if we overlooked that fact. Our great need is a dozen men to help Woodsworth and I have a hunch that we will get some of them. And then look out, for while we may fraternize when it suits us, it is only with the idea of beating both parties in the finish. Taking a mean advantage? Shades of Ceaser. The capitalists are taking a mean advantage all the time. Using every dirty trick they know, from sending forged letters to shouting insults and falsehoods at our representatives. That is what gets me. We are supposed to be all that is clean and pure. Your bunch can rob the treasury of millions of dollars and throw public money to the Capitalist class by means of subsidies, but let a labor man so much as have a good dinner with a Russian representative of Russia and he is immediately ostracized by all and sundry. You hope we are successful in South Vancouver? Well, thank you for nothing. But just the same if we are, there will be something doing in the Old Town of Ottawa. Well, so long, Mac, your letter is a sign of the times. The armies are forming.

Protection -- Patriotism

By J. S. WOODSWORTH

The protectionist policy works curious results. For example, we had a strong protest on one day against two classes of imports from the United States. The one was against cheap strawberries and the other against cheap second-hand pianos. Both of these may possibly be classed as luxuries; but the ordinary man in Canada would think it highly desirable that in June he ought to be able to buy strawberries as cheaply as possible, and the poorer people in Canada generally who are ambitious for their children's education might think that it would be a good thing to be able to purchase pianos as cheaply as possible. But no! To do this might cut down the profits of growers or manufacturers. Does not an illustration of this kind conclusively show that something is fundamentally wrong with the existing system of production and distribution?

People of large incomes are not so squeemish about protecting Canadian interests. The late Minister of Customs, in pointing out the danger of increasing certain kinds of taxes, said that rather than pay these taxes the moneyed people would undoubtedly remove to foreign countries and that would tend to deprive Canada of a certain amount of revenue instead of increasing the revenue. Along the same line, Mr. Church said:

"I know one gentleman who lives in Toronto but who has now gone to the Old Country. I will give his name privately to the Minister. He has an income of a million dollars. He pays no taxes in Toronto, no income tax in Canada, and he escapes the British tax as well."

So also Mr. Hanson:

"It has been necessary to pay investors a higher rate of interest to absolutely secure them and give them freedom from taxation or money could not be got for utilization in the development of our natural resources. . . . If this resolution is made law, if control such as this is placed over Canadian funds, it will mean what? First of all, it will mean the transfer of these funds to the United States."

Apparently it is patriotic to keep out American strawberries and American pianos, but it is not unpatriotic to evade taxation. Rather, those who might do so must have their capital protected.

PAINTERS' PICNIC SATURDAY

The Painters', Decorators' and Paperhangers' Union are holding a picnic on Saturday at Belcarra Park.

Mr. Rahim, well known in the Labor movement in British Columbia, has recently opened up a book store at 605 Main Street, where he proposes to buy, sell and exchange books dealing with the Trades and Sciences, and the latest in fiction and other subjects. Readers of the Labor Statesman are invited to inspect his supply.

Capital on the one side, Labor on the other and there is no doubt of the ultimate condition. The men we will send down there will be men who consider Bigger Wage Rates before Lower Freight Rates. Next, please.

SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

PRE-EMPTIONS

Vacant, unreserved, surveyed Crown lands may be pre-empted by British subjects over 18 years of age, and by aliens on declaring intention to become British subjects, conditional upon residence, occupation, and improvement for agricultural purposes.

Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emptions is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 8,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 5,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied, for five years and improvements made to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price for first-class (arable) land is $5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land $2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

Mill, factory, or industrial sites on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, the conditions including payment of stumpage.

HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the range administered under a Grazing Commissioner. Annual grazing permits are issued based on numbers ranged, priority being given to established owners. Stock-owners may form associations for range management. Free, or partly free, permits are available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to ten head.

To the Good

Ruth came home from her first visit to Sunday school carrying a small bag of chocolate.

"Why, Ruth, where did you get the chocolate?" asked her mother. Ruth looked up in surprise.

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Besco Shareholders Attack Directors

MONTREAL.—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the British Empire Steel Corporation, commonly known as "Besco," was held in this city recently, and was a decidedly hectic affair.

Donald Sinclair led the minority in a series of vigorous although unsuccessful attacks on President Roy Wolvin and the members of the board of directors.

Sinclair contended that Wolvin's "hard boiled" industrial policies were largely responsible for the company's many troubles.

"If you had been frank with your labor in Cape Breton, you would not have had disastrous strikes," said Sinclair.

"In your dealings with labor, in your dealings with the public, with your customers, with the government, you have shown a lack of frankness and a policy of drift.

"Ninety per cent of the people of Nova Scotia have no confidence in the management of this company."

Mines Operating Full Time

A motion to ask a receiver for the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. was carried, despite the opposition.

Besco's coal mines are now operating at practically full time, with a full force of miners, a condition which has not prevailed in that area for years.

If all mankind minus one were of one opniion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind.—John Stewart Mill.

Vienna Builds 25,000 Homes for Workers

VIENNA.—Vienna has just celebrated a big achievement: the President of the Austrian Republic laid the foundation-stone of the building which will contain the 25,000th flat constructed to carry out the big housing scheme of the Vienna Socialist Municipality.

In fact, when the last of the huge municipal buildings, which add a striking new monumental feature to the architectonic character of the city, will be completed, a little town of a hundred thousand souls will have newly arisen within Vienna's walls in less than four years.

This week the great International Festival for Workers' Sport and Physical Culture is being held here. Besides the sports, there are torchlight processions, illuminations, theatrical performances, and all kinds of popular galas and entertainments.

Workers' sport organizations from Germany, Checko-Slovakia, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Poland, Hungary, Yugo-Slavia and Latvia have sent large contingents of gymnasts and other competitors, who will meet each other in football, handball, swimming, athletics, cycling and other contests.

During the week another gift of the Vienna municipality to the Viennese workers, the biggest and most up-to-date swimming bath in Central Europe, erected in a working-class district, will be opened.

The festival will conclude on a distinct working-class note—a great parade, in which will march the Workers' Defence Organizations from various countries.

Women's feet are growing larger,
Growing larger every day.
Growing large with corns and bunions,
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ELECTIONS :: BY F. W. MOORE

Elections are conventions for the purpose of choosing men to represent certain interests in parliament, and in the last analysis these interests can be reduced to two, namely, those of the exploiters, whose aggregate wealth was made primarily at the point of production in the factory, and those of the exploited, whose surplus products over and above expenses of operation including wear and tear of machinery, have been appropriated by class No. 1.

Before laws are made in the form of bills in parliament they exist as concepts in the minds of men. They are born instinctively under certain conditions of operation where particular rules are necessary; and in order to give them permanence and to endow them with the force of law we send men to parliament who present them in writing as bills before they eventually, after the usual manner, become the laws of the land. And for the purpose of sending men to parliament we are endowed with manhood suffrage; furthermore, the exploited classes outnumber the exploiters very many times. Therefore, a visitor from Mars, unacquainted with our political machinery or with the fossilized remains of an ancient senate-house, would imagine we were blessed with democracy par excellence. Notwithstanding these advantages, as parliament after parliament has dissolved, we seem to be as far away from the goal as ever, for well do the exploiters know that one or the other of the old political parties will win the next election. They know that the vast throng that we call the masses are imbued with their sophistries, hence, they entertain a corresponding good-natured contempt for their intelligence. Says Scott on the subject:

"Who o'er the herd would wish to reign,
Fantastic, fickle, fierce and vain?"

In accordance with this ideal of popular intelligence the political machine sends out its hand-shaking missionaries, spends money, and makes promises galore, that it could never implement even if it were in earnest. But who cares? Certain voters get government jobs and other favors, while their leaders get the contracts; all of which means that a certain portion of the masses, if we might take the liberty of regarding them as fish-mongers, received a small sprat each as bait in order that their exploiters might mulct them in a salmon. And why is this so? When we analyze it we shall find that it arises, not from stupidity, but from a lack of confidence that laboring men have in their fellows from want of organization.

When every worker joins a union and the Canadian Labor Party or one of its affiliations, he or she will have helped to lay the foundation for confidence. Incorporated bodies of citizens can let one another know before an election what they will do. The old parties are always organized, hence, they always win and are for ever on the alert when it comes to making laws that have the following well-known effects: of keeping themselves in jobs representing their masters as Members of Parliament; of keeping political heelers' spirits up in anticipation of the crumbs that fall from the Government table, and of keeping the Senate rolling in wealth so that it can be ready to veto any old-age pensions, or the like, that the Labor Party might succeed in getting passed throuh the Lower House. In such manner do our enterprising citizens ride on one another's backs. Was it not written by the poet:

"Great fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em,
And little fleas have lesser fleas and so on, ad infinitum,
And the great fleas themselves in turn, have greater fleas to go on,
And these again have greater still, and greater still, and so on."

Moral: Vote for Labor, and join the organizations mentioned.

Conditions That Show Imperfect Civilization

This is the season when newspapers in all large cities ask money for "ice funds," and "fresh-air funds," and other charities, the purpose of which is to buy for babies some of the hot weather comforts which their parents are too poor to buy. The Baltimore Sun paints conditions which make such funds necessary. Here are a few bits of the word picture:

"Whole blocks are literally filled with sweating people, sprawling on the side-walks or sitting on the curbstones." "Where many a family is perforce content with one room, and two rooms spell opulence." "Women are old at 25 and very old at 40. Men seem never to have been young. "Always on the borderland of poverty and distress." Babies, babies, babies, who are least to blame, must suffer most."

Give to ice funds, of course—but do not think that solves the problem. Civilization is pretty imperfect when, in a country as richly endowed as the United Staets, whole families have to be content with one room, when women are very old at 40, and when babies die because their parents can not get them fresh air, and ice to keep their food from spoiling.

—Labor.

When I play with my cat, who knows whether I do not make her more sport than she makes me. —Montaigne.

Old Age Pensions in Great Britain Altered

The new old age pension scheme in Great Britain provides that from now an insured man of over 70, or reaching 70 between July 2, 1926, and January 2, 1928, can receive: (1) A pension of 10s. a week for life; (2) a pension of 10s. a week for life for his wife if and when she is also over 70.

The third part of the scheme will come into operation on January 2, 1928, under which at the age of 65 a man and his wife will receive a pension of 10s. a week each for life.

The qualifications will be that they have been continuously insured for five years; that they have paid 104 contributions; that they have lived in Great Britain two years immediately prior to January 2, 1928; and that last employment must have been in Great Britain.

At 70 the pensioners pass under the Old Age Pension Acts without tests.

It is estimated that in the first year 315,000 men and 151,000 women will receive the old age pension under the scheme.

A few days after his wedding a cowboy rode into the village leading a horse.

"Why, George," asked one of his pals, "where's your wife?" Tears came to the cowboy's eyes.

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Italian Fascism Bordering on Panic

The French financial crisis has caught the public eye, because of its theatrical qualities. But the Italian economic crisis is at bottom a far more serious one. For in Italy it is not only the Government's finance, but the whole economic system which is in a bad way.

The loud boastings about the prosperity which Fascism has conferred on the country have died away. The great Neronic schemes for rebuilding Rome in marble have been quietly pigeon-holed.

Even Mussolini's sabre has ceased to rattle. Fascism is no longer truculent; it is anxious, with an anxiety already bordering on panic.

The Falling Lira

For day by day the lira falls, and the cost of living rises. Fascism has already forced the standard of living of the workers so low that it is already below the economic fodder basis. To lower it still further would be, from the most cold-blooded capitalist standpoint, uneconomic.

The Government issues daily decrees, as panicky as they are ineffective. And the press becomes daily a little more hysterical.

The Duce Scared

The great Fiat company has been driven to borrow ten million dollars in New York, not for expansion, but to tide over immediate difficulties. And one may be sure that the loan has been given on no easy terms. Fascist Italy is in the hands of the money-lenders.

It is not surprising that, in face of an economic situation which must produce universal discontent and resentment against the Government, and in face of the fierce faction quarrel inside the Fascist party, Mussolini should have hastily ordered the postponement of the municipal elections.

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WASHINGTON. — Eight hundred and fourteen coal miners were killed in the coal mines of the United States during the first four months of 1926, declares the United States Bureau of Mines.

The mortality for April was 130 men, 101 of whom were killed in bituminous mines and 29 in anthrocite mines.

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Dumping of Cheap Labor Is Attacked

LONDON, July 13. — European labor is waking up to the fact that unrestricted immigration is unacceptable to the labor movements of countries outside Europe. This was brought out at the World Migration Congress called by the Amsterdam trade union international and attended by delegates from Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, and America. (But not by Secretary Oudegeest and Fimmen of Amsterdam; the British Government refused to let them in, being still in a state of scare from the general strike.)

Notably Tom Moore from Canada, and Dr. Evat for Australia, put the case so stiffly for restricted and controlled migration that the official resolution for unrestricted immigration was dropped.

Poland and Italy were particularly anxious to remove the restrictions. The argument of Poland was typical —that the persecuted Jews of Poland ought to be allowed to emigrate as they pleased to America and other newer countries because they were persecuted.

Stop Persecutions

"Stop the persecutions in your own lands," retorted the younger countries "since dumping will neither help us nor the old countries. We are not going to have our standards of living depressed, merely because you can't raise your own standards, especially by people who too often emigrate merely to exploit for themselves the conditions we have created and who then return to their old homes."

Moore told the conference that both the United States and Canada, under the urgence of their labor forces, were out to protect themselves, and the immigrants, against exploitations of two sorts.

"There is considerable exploitation by shipping companies and others," he said, "to whom migration is a profit-making thing but there is far more exploitation by the workers themselves who in the process run down our standards of living. We resent unregulated influxes of immigrants."

Advising Mother Europe

Dr. Evat of Australia said Europe's economic difficulties were to be solved not by "palliatives like emigration, but to maintain and raise at any cost the standards of living and to restrict and improve the population."

Neither Australia nor Canada would tolerate such degradations of the living standard as Great Britain was now seeing, he said, and it was dangerous for international labor to lose sight of the main job by dissipating its energies over migration problems.

Dr. Lajpat Rai for the workers of India warned that the "intolerant, anti-social attitude of white labor" was the adjunct of the worst kind of imperialism and would raise ultimately a tempest in the world.

The International Typographical Union paid out $86,303 in old age pensions during the last month and $33,270 in death benefits. There are 2,469 persons on the old age pension roll. The old age pension fund has a balance of $1,253,749, and the death benefit fund $2,512,344.

The Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League of America paid $9,825 in death benefits during the last six months. The union has $170,103 in its death benefit fund.

A man once asked Diogenes what was the proper time for supper, and he made answer, "If you are a rich man, whenever you please; if you are a poor man, whenever you can."

Mr. Bourassa M.P. on the Capitalist System

(From Hansard)

Our whole cenomic system in the last twenty years has put a premium on theft—theft organized by some of the leading men of this country, bank directors, railway promoters, men who have been rewarded by senatorships, men who have received decorations from the king—not that the king knew anything about them, but because they had paid enough money to a decoration agent to be entitled to those decorations in the name of the king—those men have been crowned as captains of industry, they have been acclaimed as makers of Canada, while they were making their fortunes by exorting capital out of the gullible people of this country, by levying tribute upon the consumers and the travellers of this country because of the conspiracy of parliament and of governments. This evil calls for much more denunciation than the petty action of a small smuggler, or the neglect of a minister to see that a petty smuggler goes to jail. Let us take our lesson now, Sir, from the subdued indignation in the sub stratum of society against the power of the ruling classes, against kings, aristocrats or plutocrats, based upon the accumulated injustice and hypocrisy that have built up the socialism of Europe and its extreme form, the Bolshevism of Russia.

Let us make no mistake, let us not narrow our minds, let us not increase the incentive to legal misdemeanors, let us not show a scandalized conscience in regard to minor acts of neglect on the part of responsible administrators of departments and conspiracy with real criminals, let us look at the question from a broad point of view. Every one of these problems is connected with some other similar problem, and until we have a sense of the whole fabric of social justice and economic order I say that, for a third reason, we are disqualified to settle this problem in the manner that is suggested to us. At least I feel that I am. Perhaps I know a little too much and not enough to feel positive in regard to this matter. I envy the position of those who, because they possess an intimate knowledge about certain matters connected with the merchandise they sell, or because they hold at the tips of their fingers all texts of law, imagine they are in a position to settle all these things. No. That is where lawyers and business men lose their sense of humanity, their sense of the social order. You cannot settle everything from the dollar point of view, nor from the legal point of view.

Labor Candidate Wins By Huge Majority

LONDON.—Miss Margaret Bondfield, former chairman of the Trades Union Congress, is again a member of parliament. She was elected for the Wallsend division on the Labor ticket in the by-election to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Sir Patrick Hastings.

Miss Bondfield received 18,856 votes as against 9,839 for Sam Howard, Conservative, and 4,000 for Charles Curry, Liberal.

Miss Bondfield's return to parliament increases the number of women members to six. It will give Susan Lawrence and Ellen Wilkinson additional support on the official Labor opposition side of the House and will aid Lady Astor, the Duchess of Atholl and Mrs. Hilton Philipson in their efforts towards legislation for women.

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Coal is not produced "based on the amount required for domestic use, industrial processes and the production of power," therefore we cannot expect it to accomplish its various purposes without discrepancies appearing somewhere. Strikes and lockouts are the natural outcome of our competitive system, and it is the acme of absurdity to think that arbitration boards can prevent conflicts from springing up between the possessed and dispossessed. The interests of the coal barons and miners are fundamentally opposed to each other, and consequently, must express antagonistic action when exigencies of the struggle demand it.

The strike in Britain is a glaring example of how a few men "when gifted with power acquired through ownership," can control the destiny of the many whose existence depends on operating the mines.

Canada has vast coal deposits and while statisticians record the quantity that is mined and imported yearly, we find its presence on the market invariably takes the form of a feast or a famine. One province has a bountiful supply while another shows a great shortage. An acute state of the later condition prevailed in Ottawa and Toronto "in zero weather" a few years ago.

To mitigate the world-wide inconveniences arising out of "Production for Profit" numerous remedies have been suggested and applied. In contrast, they have ranged all the way from buying coal in the summer to ensure its possession in winter, to the free use of the policeman's club, and with what result? There is no abatement to the vicious struggle.

Use Value Defined

When the production of coal is restricted, prices have a tendency to rise and capitalist economists have attempted to show that the use value of coal has an effect on its price. That price is not the barometer of use value is very easily seen when illustrated by a train. If for some reason the price of coal was to rise to $25 per ton, a train running between two divisional points would still require the same tonnage, as formerly to take it from point to point. The use value of coal consists in its utility to man, it may be used in a humble stove, to give heat, or, in a gigantic engine to produce power. When measured by the "calorimeter" various grades of coal will record different calorific values, or in other words, a different number of "heat units" per given weight. This is the "use value" of coal, when used as fuel, and it is very obvious this is not determined by the desires of men or what they are prepared to pay for particular grades. That production for "use" instead of for "profit," is the only solution for the contradictions manifested by capitalist production is so palpably self evident and needs no further elaboration, to any one with his eyes open.

CARPENTER'S POEM TO BE SENT TO SENATORS

Belleville, Ont.—"As you have dealt with the old ones, may destiny deal with you," is the refrain of a poem written by a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners upon the occasion of the defeat of the Old Age Pension bill by the Canadian senate.

At the Ontario provincial council of carpenters in this city last week it was decided to send a copy of the poem to each senator. A strong resolution also was adopted calling for the abolition of the non-elective upper chamber of Parliament.

Honeymooning

Dinah (to Mandy at the Washtub): "Ain't yo' 'spicious 'bout yo' husband quittin' work soon as he done married you?"

Mandy : "Yo' min' yo' business! Dat man am takin' his honeymoon."

In Society

Mrs. Flatbush: Who is that woman you just bowed to?

Mrs. Bensonhurst: Oh, she's my next-door neighbor.

Mrs. Flatbush: But she didn't return your bow.

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Federal Politics

The small labor group in the House of Commons was in a strong strategic position during the short-lived Liberal regime. Certain legislation which the workers desired was passed by the House, though defeated by the old political pensioners in the Senate. During the coming election the Liberals will make great play on the constitutional issue, which is not without its importance from the Labor point of view. The Tories will use the customs scandal for all it is worth, and in the interests of clean government, Labor cannot be uninterested in that issue either.

But, let the workers keep their heads. Constitution or no constitution, corruption or no corruption, what they are chiefly concerned with is the economic issue, the assertion of their rights to their proper share of the country's wealth, produced by their labors. To that end they must hew to the line, and make it their prime business to increase working class representation in parliament.—"Weekly News."

COOLIE BEATEN TO DEATH

Mr. A. Beattie, the manager of an Assam tea plantation, has been sentenced by the Court of Appeal to three months' imprisonment and 200 rupees fine for beating a coolie so that he died.

The Lower Court had acquitted him.

This is the third case this year in which Europeans have been found guilty of beating or kicking Indian coolies to death.

In every case short terms of imprisonment have been inflicted.

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Molders Keep Sons From Molding Trade

Strange, isn't it, that every molder who has a boy of school age, swears solemnly that his boy shall never enter a foundry to work in it. It must be that he, the father, is thinking of the foundries in this city and district, the conditions therein, and the wage paid. He wants the boy to have at least a sporting chance in life, so he's looking for a healthy trade to put him to, in a workshop or factory where occasionally the sunlight can get it, and where some little attention is paid to ventilation and sanitation. And, of course, he believes that the boy ought to have a chance to become a skilled craftsman, hence he avoids the foundries. And he remembers the miserable wage he received when becoming a journeyman, after serving his time to qualify, so again the foundry is left out of the picture, because he feels the boy, on arriving at maturity, ought to at least receive a man's wage for a man's work, instead of, as today, being paid less, from 50c to $1.50 per day, than any other skilled trade in this area. Then again, for all other crafts there are facilities to hand, machinery for use, whereby the employees and employers can meet, like sensible people, and talk over any question arising between them. No wonder the foundry is on the father's black-list.

A Squalid Hole

Many people wonder what a foundry is (what a molder does), well, I've seen quite a few of them in Canada, U.S.A., Great Britain and Europe, and they're mostly alike in their filth and squalor, their lack of light and tackle to work with. It seems to be generally understood among the employing class, any kind of a squalid hole will do for a foundry; the boss connects molder with mole, he who works without light, in dingy places, partly underground, and his physical needs receive as much attention as the mole gets. But what do you want in a foundry, anyway, wallpaper and plush pile carpets? Oh, no, just some semblance of roads to walk on, to carry metal on, just a little light, natural light, as much as possible. Beats all this murkiness and Stygian gloom so manifest in local shops, and strange as it may seem, we need materials to use; it is better for us, it is better for the firm. In other trades it is generally considered that if there is tackle to work with, better work and more work is done, but in the foundry, well, they try to make up for lack of light, space and tackle, by taking it out of the molder, out of his hide and brain. It has been said that there are factory inspectors, somewhere; where are they? We never see them. Their calls, few and brief, end in the office among the cigars and soft (?) drinks. But, perhaps there are no Factory Acts to administer. Summed up, the conditions in most local foundries are damnable, and the people responsible are still outside Oakalla's walls.

Selling Their Birthright

All these things contribute toward unrest and discontent in the foundries, they are added to the indictment against the employers here. The $5.70 wage was bad enough, why even scabs get more, not only more, but they are guaranteed so many months' work ahead. The outsider, the unknown scum, have these advantages as against the fact that the genuine, known and skilled men dependable on any job, walk the streets for their temerity in asking for the right to live. Darn these molders, why don't they crawl and lick the hand that fed them, like the fellow who went from the city to New Westminster, and a handful of others who sold their birthright for a mess of cottage. Look at the reward of these reptiles. They glide to work on cushions soft, they grin with glee at pickets, their wages come, like manna dropped, for heaven they've got their tickets. Their work is play, and lasts all day, to scab they have no scruple, so scab for pay and scab alway, they're worth a soul a rouble. Their bosses love them, so it is said, though some have wished them worse than dead. This life for them is near a joke, the boss will never see them broke. So on they go, their deeds they do, such deeds as neither I nor you, are low enough to manage.

Talking of principle and grit, devoid of manliness and wit, there waits for them a yawning pit. Consign them to the devil, there all the scabs can revel.

A Despised Fellow

And so the game goes on, the fact of a recent member from the city going to Westminster, after receiving strike pay in advance, to scab there, stamps this animal as meaner than the skunk.

Truly he has gone to good company, and in this case there was no dependent wife and children. He stood alone. Doubtless he, like the rest of them, has his reward ahead. The boss making use of him despises him. His fellows, even of the same genus, only tolerate him, whilst for ever he will be remembered with contempt and scorn by all decent citizens. However, sir, the fight goes on. We gain by the loss of that breed; determination is as of yore; the end is in sight and it will be as we want it.

So in giving honor where it is due, see that the molders are given their full share for this unexampled fight of theirs. THESE ARE MEN.

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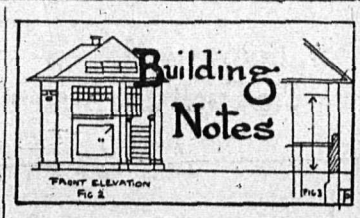

Hodgson, King & Marble are constructing a new $40,000 warehouse for the P. Burns Co. at their present plant.

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Three more stories are to be added to the Arts and Crafts Building at 578 Seymour Street at a cost of about $50,000.

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Smith Bros. & Wilson have obtained the contract for the erection of two extensions to the Ridgeway Public School in North Vancouver, at a figure around $33,000.

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A new type of Ramp Garage costing about $220,000 is to be built at Georgia and Seymour. It will provide storage for 500 cars and will be six stories in height. Work is to be started at an early date.

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The Dominion Construction Co. has secured the contract for an addition to the Port Alice plant of the British Columbia Pulp & Paper Co. at a cost of $40,000.

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The Robin Hood Milling Co. are planning the expenditure of $350,000 for additional grain handling facilities and dockage at their present plant.

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$830,000 worth of down town real estate have changed hands in the last few days.

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PLENTY OF PRIZES AT TAILORS' PICNIC

The Tailors' Union held a most enjoyable picnic at Bowen Island last Saturday. The crowd was not as big as expected, but what they lacked in numbers they made up in enthusiasm during the sports. A great many valuable prizes were given away, most of them donated by the master tailors of the city. In fact there were so many prizes and so few participating in the sports that a great many received all the three prizes permitted by the sports committee.

CHARLES CHARMAN DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Members of the Labor movement in Vancouver were shocked to learn of the death of Charles Charman last Monday evening from pneumonia after an illness lasting only a few days. The deceased, who was a member of Carpenters' Local No. 452, was well known in building circles in the city and had been foreman carpenter for the Western Sheet Metal Company for some years prior to death. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn his loss.

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