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City Council Assumes Big Loss on Booklet

Fourteen Thousand Souvenir Booklets That Were Placed on the Unfair List Remain Unsold—Further Attempts to be Made to Sell Them—Unfair Firm Paid

AFTER PAYING $9,463 TO A NON-UNION printing firm for Diamond Jubilee Souvenir booklets, the City Council of Vancouver was handed less than $100 for the attempted sale of these; and in spite of the fact that they were on the unfair list of organized labor, the committee, headed by Alderman Woodside, thought that they would have such a big demand for them that they ordered more than was originally intended. Fourteen thousand of those books now lie in the basement of the city hall, unsold yet paid for by Vancouver citizens.

This was the information given to the Trades Council delegates by an official of the Trades Council on Tuesday evening. Further than that it was reported that efforts are to be made to dispose of this surplus during the exhibition week, but they are still on the unfair list of organized labor.

The subject came up when Delegate Neelands (Typos) took the opportunity to thank organized labor for the support given in boycotting the booklet. He drew attention to the fact that less than 120 had been sold and that other efforts were going to be made to sell them, but judging by the past action of organized labor and the citizens of Vancouver, they would have to be given away. Del. Neelands informed the Trades Council that the Typographical Union had signed up two more print shops and again thanked organized labor for the support given to their campaign.

Boiler Inspector Scored

Engineers' Local 882 reported that the boiler inspector, John Peck, was not paying any attention to the Boiler Inspection Act. The delegates reported several infringements and asked for a committee to take the matter up with the proper authorities. Delegates Bengough, Thomson and Page were elected.

Barbers' Union Signs Up 30 More Shops

Delegate Herriett of the Barbers' Union informed the Trades Council on Tuesday evening that thirty new shops had been signed up since last fall and the membership of the union greatly augmented. He took the opportunity to thank organized labor for the assistance given and stated that organization in North Burnaby had just been made 100 per cent. and that efforts were to be concentrated on South Burnaby along Kingsway. Any help that can be given in this latter district will be greatly appreciated. The Barbers' Union picnic was a big success, he said.

Sheet Metal Workers reported a splendid piece of craftsmanship was produced by two members of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union and drawn for at the picnic last Saturday.

MAKE ENTRIES FOR LABOR DAY SPORTS

Entries for the tug-o'-war teams, relay race teams and horseshoe pitching teams for the Labor Day sports must be given to the Sports Committee, care Trades and Labor Council, before August 31. This must include names of contestants.

The first pull of the tug-o'-war will take place at 1 p.m. and the event will continue throughout the afternoon. Half an hour rest period will be given the teams contesting for the final pull. The committee will place the teams.

All members of the tug-o'-war teams are to be on the grounds by 12 o'clock.

Child's Play House Nearing Completion

Del. Page, reporting for the Building Trades Council at the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, stated that trade was fairly good among the building trades. The electrical workers, who were still on strike, had some jobs tied up and the prospects looked good.

He reported that the Child's Play House, which is being built and donated by the Building Trades Council, is practically completed and looks decidedly the best of the three which are to be given away. The tickets for this house will be given away on Children's Day, the last day of the exhibition. The Building Trades and officials of the exhibition will handle the disposal of the tickets, but it was pointed out by Delegate Page tnat if names and addresses of sick children who cannot attend the exhibition are sent to the Child's Play House committee, care of Building Trades Council, Holden building, tickets will be supplied. Children in the orphans' home and the creche will also be supplied with tickets for the draw.

The house is now on view in Hastings Park.

R. H. Neelands, M.L.A. (past president(, installed the new officers for the ensuing term.

Urges Faster Action On Old Age Pension

The question of finding out what is being done relative to the payment of old age pensions was brought before the Trades Council by Del. Sidaway on Tuesday evening. The public had been informed that efforts were being made to start the payment in conjunction with the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, July 1st, yet no payments had been made, and there was no knowledge as to any future date. A motion asking the secretary to write to Victoria for information on the question was endorsed although it was pointed out that certain details in the act are still under discussion between the provincial and federal governments. Peter Heenan, minister of labor, is expected here August 17 to help conclude the details. It is not known, however, whether the pension will be retroactive to July 1.

Plenty of Prizes For Tailors' Picnic

Over fifty valuable prizes had been collected by Colin McDonald by Wednesday noon for the Tailors' picnic, the Labor Statesman was informed at that time. All other arrangements have been made for a big turnout on Saturday, when the members of the Tailors' Union journey to Bowen Island for a day's outing. There is a good list of events and a big supply of refreshments, so if you have no other place to go you can spend a good time with the Tailors by purchasing one of their tickets at the boat on Saturday.

Men Working 48 Hours For $6 on City Work

Men are working eight hours a day, six days a week for $6 a week for the City Relief Department, was the statement made by a delegate to the Trades Council on Tuesday. Another delegate stated that quite a number of men are being employed on road work for the city at the dollar a day relief scale. The work that these men are doing is what is usually done by regular city labor at $4.50 a day and is thereby adding to the distress of the workers. This matter is to be investigated by the executive of the Trades Council and efforts made to put a stop to it.

SOUTH VANCOUVER TO SELECT LABOR CANDIDATE

South Vancouver L. L. P. will hold a nominating convention for the selection of a candidate for the provincial election, at the Horticultural Hall, Forty-third and Fraser, on Friday, August 12, at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION

Local 28 has arranged for a moonlight excursion on Wednesday, August 17, to Belcarra Park, on the S.S. Harbor Princess, leaving Gore avenue docks at 9 p.m. and returning at 1 a.m. Refreshments on board. The tickets are $1.00.

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E[illegible] DELEGATES FOR [illegible]ABOR DAY SPORTS

The Sports Committee of the Labor Day Sports asks every union in the city to appoint one member to act on the sports committee. It is preferable that the member is conversant with some line of sports. Names and addresses to be forwarded to Sports Committee, care of Trades and Labor Council, as soon as possible. Each member will be notified of the dates next meeting of your union.

Appoint your delegate at the of meetings.

Trades Council Notes

The Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union asked the Trades Council to organize a Label Trades Council. This was referred to the organization committee.

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Del. Nichols reported that few carpenters were out of work and that new members were still being admitted to the local.

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Del. Bartlett reported that the Blackmiths' Union initiated ten new members at the last meeting and that several applications were ready for the next meeting.

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Del. McInnis reported that the Street Railwaymen's Union was negotiating for a new agreement in conjunction with the New Westminster and Victoria locals. The union is sending three delegates to the Trades Congress convention at Edmonton and one to the international convention in Alabama.

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Teamsters reported that there is still only one firm (Reynolds Cartage Company) with an agreement with the union, although other firms are employing their members.

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Upholsterers' Union delegates reported that with the help of Secretary Bengough they had obtained the five-day week at the Restmore Manufacturing Company. The union thanked the council for the assistance.

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Del. Woods reported that the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union were having a moonlight excursion on Wednesday, August 17 to Belcarra Park. The boat will leave at 9 p.m., returning at 1 a.m. Tickets $1. Plenty of refreshments.

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The delegate from the Milk Salesmen's Union hoped that the City Fire Fighters would get their wage increase, as they would then be able to buy more union milk.

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Resolutions favoring the five-day week and amendment of section 501 of the Criminal Code were endorsed as instructions to the delegates to the Trades and Labor Congress convention.

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A charter is being granted by the Trades Congress for a union of Japanese workers to be known as the Camp and Mill Workers' Union.

Four Members of Local Union Killed

During the construction of a bridge across the Athabasca river on the C. N. R., the derrick car upset, throwing three overboard, all being drowned in the river and one killed on the bridge. W. O'Brien, J. P. Connaghan, both of Vancouver Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' Union, were drowned, and Dave Robb killed. Tommy Scott, from Calgary, also drowned.

The body of Dave Robb was brought to Vancouver and buried last Monday, all members of Local 97 attending the funeral, the local having declared a holiday for the purpose. The other bodies have not been found yet and are not likely to be recovered until the water goes down somewhat.—B.

WANTED: CLOWNS OR MEN WITH FUNNY FACES

Ed. Smith of the Painters' Union, who will be in charge of the clowns for the sports on Labor Day, wants fifty volunteers to act as clowns for that day. Men who can do some gymnastic stunts, men who can pull funny faces or have natural funny faces, men with clown suits or fancy dress suits or hard-time suits are asked to communicte with Ed. Smith, Sey. 7027L. There will be some prizes for those participating in this.

Executive Recommends Two Labor Candidates

At the regular meeting of the Greater Vancouver Central Council of the Canadian Labor Party, held in the Holden building on Friday, July 29, a recommendation by the executive committee to the effect that only two candidates should be placed in the field in the city of Vancouver for the provincial elections was, on motion, referred back to the affiliated organizations for endorsation or rejection.

There was considerable discussion on the subject for and against, quite a number of the delegates feeling that a reduction should be made, but some of them not favoring the reduction to two. Other delegates strongly objected to any reduction, favoring the full ticket, sink or swim.

Nominations for candidates were made by communication and from the floor. These were: For Burnaby, Frank Browne; for the city, J. Chappel, W. J. Bartlett, W. H. Cottrell, Angus McInnis, Robert Skinner, J. Flynn, W. W. Lefeaux. The following declined: J. Sidaway, H. W. Speed, O. J. Mengel and J. Price. For South Vancouver: R. H. Neelands.

The recommendation that New Westminster comrades be urged to make efforts to place a candidate in the field was endorsed.

Final nominations and election is to take place at the regular meeting, Wednesday, August 31.

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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.

Calgary Labor M.P. Receives Report from Ottawa re Immigrants

Hon. Charles Stewart has forwarded a report to H. B. Adshead, M.P., which substantiates every charge made by the Labor member for Calgary in connection with the flow of immigrants from Central Europe to Western Canada, says the Alberta Labor News.

At the time Mr. Adshead protested to Ottawa against flooding the labor market with immigrants, the federal government instructed Mr. Woods, district superintendent of the Land Settlement Branch at Calgary, to investigate the charges and report as to whether they were correct or not. His report substantiated every charge made by Mr. Adshead. It will be remembered that on verification of Mr. Adshead's charges, Mr. Stewart went to Montreal and stopped the sailings of any more Central Europeans.

The report sent Mr. Adshead, by the Hon. Charles Stewart in Mr. Forke's absence, follows:

Memorandum of Acting Deputy Minister to Hon. Chas. Stewart

Referring to the letter addressed you by Mr. H. B. Adshead, M.P., in which reference is made to the situation in the west and to the report from Mr. Woods, district superintendent of our Land Settlement Branch at Calgary, I may say that when the situation became alarming I asked Major Barnett, superintendent of the Land Settlement Branch, to secure from his various district officers in the west semi-weekly reports and thus we have various reports from Mr. Woods as well as from other officers. Instead, therefore, of copying all the reports made by Mr. Woods, I will summarize the situation in the light of the various reports that no doubt will be more useful to Mr. Adshead than any one individual report.

(1) The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League wired a complaint to the department from Edmonton, on 12th May, reading:

"Immigration from central Europe to Edmonton and Calgary and smaller towns threatening a serious difficulty. Sections of foreign element idling in groups appearing on streets, cannot be found employment and making it extremely difficult for local citizens out of work all winter to get work when foreign immigrants cut wages in half in order to get placed. Warning issued to have those responsible prevent awkward situation now and not waiting until it is beyond control. By the time the government investigates, the situation will be serious. See resolution sent you in April."

(Ed. Note: Both the Calgary and Edmonton Trades and Labor Councils protested to the government about this situation in April, as published in the Labor Statesman of April 22).

Not Put On Farms

(2) From a report made by Superintendent Woods may I quote the following:

"The Slavonic settlement of this province is located in Northern Alberta and the writer believes that area has a capacity to absorb many hundreds of these people annually.

"Southern Alberta, as a glance at the map showing the last census will show, is largely people by Canadians and Americans . Southern settlements are few and because of that the demand of foreign labor is very light. This has been our experience as far as a farm agency and it is also the experience of the local government employment office.

"Nevertheless, Central Europeans have been poured into Calgary by the hundreds with apparently no regard to the fact that the area most likely to absorb these people is located elsewhere. Practically no colonizing machine has been constructed for their placement.

"Because of the absence of any colonizing machine to place these people on the land they have, in my opinion, and so far as my investigation has revealed, been placed on railway extra gangs, picked up work in Calgary, gone to mining camps or are walking the streets of this city unemployed.

Who Is Lying?

"I then called upon Mr. Colley of the Canadian Pacific Railway Department of Colonization. Mr. Colley stated approximately 400 Continentals had arrived this spring. He informed me that 75 per cent. or 300 had been placed on farms. I asked Mr. Colley if he had any record of the farms on which they had been placed as I would like to check them up, and he advised me in the negative.

"During my interview with Mr. Colley I protested against this $2.00 charge made by Mr. Schwartz' office for registration, Mr. Colley said that this had previously been brought to the attention of the Canadian Pacific and that this charge was not now being made. They had put a stop to it last March. I attach herewith eight of these cards which clearly indicates this is not true, and that the charge is still being made.

C. P. R. Will Not Show Records

"Two days later Mr. C. A. Vanscoy, superintendent of colonization for the Canadian Pacific Railway at Winnipeg, called upon me with Mr. Colley. Mr. Vanscoy stated that those Continentals were sent to Calgary for farm employment and he understood were mainly placed on farms. I repeated my request to Mr. Vanscoy to see the records showing the farms where these people were placed. Mr. Vanscoy asked Mr. Colley if he had the records and he replied in the affirmative. Mr. Vanscoy then instructed Mr. Colley to produce them to me. Mr. Colley said he would do so on Monday morning, May 16. Not receiving them, I sent a man to Mr. Colley's office on Monday morning, found that he had left the city and his deputy, Mr. O'Riordan informed me he had no records as they had been sent to Winnipeg.

Report on Complaints

In reply thereto to the three complaints quoted in your wire, my report is as follows:

Complaint No. 1, that large numbers of these immigrants are unemployed. I estimate at least 350 are unemployed in Calgary. I have found that approximately 50 are unemployed in Lethbridge and that six are unemployed in Drumheller.

I attach a statement giving the names of 255 of those interviewed. From this it will be seen 235 are C. P. R. men and 20 C. N. R. men. The total funds in the possession of these men amounts to $377.37, or an average of $1.60 each.

Don't Want Farm Work

Complaint No. 2, that large numbers of ostensible farm laborers seek every other kind of employment. I believe that 75 per cent. of those placed have been sent to railway extra gangs. The remainder in Calgary are certainly seeking every other kind of employment rather than on farms. I estimate 50 are unemployed in the city of Calgary.

The employment office advises me they have 228 Canadian and British registered for work and undoubtedly those employed in Calgary are usurping jobs that unemployed Calgary people would be glad to get.

Furthermore the C. P. R. extra gangs are practically closed to our own people in so far that they do not get their help from the government bureau but from Mr. Hanson, who only places these Continentals.

There is no doubt, therefore, in my mind that these Continentals are not only seeking but procuring every other kind of work rather than on farms.

To Work For $20 per Month

Complaint No. 3, Continentals prepared to work at any wage, thus displacing any kind of Canadian labor. I have stated that Mr. Demotrovitch, the boarding house keeper, offered to furnish me 120 men to work from $20 per month up. This is lower than the prevailing wage at this time of the year.

I could not get information as to wages paid those in Calgary, but the provincial government, who are registering a protest, I believe, could use their fair wage officer, Mr. Harrison, to investigate this phase. He has authority to compel employers to produce their books and show the wages paid, which I have not.

It is, of course, without saying that this number of unemployed at this time of the year certainly has the effect of depressing wages, and thus displacing Canadian labor.

Winnipeg Report

(3) From telegraphic report dated 24th May from our Land Settlement Branch at Winnipeg, I quote the following:

"Dan Johnson reports placed ten Norwegians in other than farm work since commencement season, but no Central Europeans. Pacific report no original Central European placement in other than farm work, but from 50 to 200 replacements on construction gangs after returning from farm placement and creating local situations. Pacific refuse information without Minister's written request. Johnson will supply, but says only 100 Central Europeans placement all told in Manitoba since commencement season. Due unprecedented climatic conditions farm labor market saturated and all associations finding difficulty in making placements. Some farmers releasing help. We have placed about sixteen hundred British all told, but have not a vacant job left.

(4) A wire of May 23rd from Superintendent Woods at Calgary: "Reference Continental European immigration, estimated unemployed Calgary now reduced to 150. Have information that 100 placed in extra gangs during past week, but can only find record of five placed on farms. Arrivals have practically ceased.

Situation at Edmonton

(5) From report by our Land Settlement Branch at Edmonton, written under date 25th May, I quote the following: "Our interpreter led us to a small shack near the tracks in which approximately 60 Continentals were gathered. Inquiry revealed that one-third of these were Poles, one-third Czecho-Slovaks and one-third Ukrainians. All of them had arrived in Canada this spring and were part of the C. P. R. quota. Over one-half of them had arrived in Canada in late March or early April and had been sent to work at points such as Mundare and Leduc, where they had secured positions clearing and brushing. On the advent of the snow or termination of their work they had been thrown out of employment and found their way back to

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Vancouver Trades and Labor Council—President, J. Thomson; 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.

B. C. Fishermen's Association, meets every month at the call of the Secretary in the Holden Bldg. General Secretary, R. Hornbrook, 53 Hastings St., W.

Beverage Dispensers Union No. 676—meets last Sunday in month at 8:00 p.m., Room 310 Holden Bldg. President W. H. Clancy; Secretary and Business Agent, T. J. Hanofin. Office: Room 5, Flack Block; Phones, Sey. 4788 and Bay. 1656-R. Hours, 9 to 12 a.m.

Bridge & Structural Iron Workers, Local 97, Int. Asso.—Meets every Monday, Room 304 Holden Bldg., at 8 p.m. President, Sydney Dunstone; Secretary, P. Lauret, Box 302, City, Phone Fair. 2108L.

Building Trades Council, Vancouver—Meets second and fourth Tuesday in Holden Building. President, Robt. Stevenson; Secretary-treas., W. Page, Room 815, Holden Bldg.

Bakers' Local 468, Journeymen, of America—Meets first and third Saturdays at 7 p.m.—President, A. Morris, 2834 Vine St.; sec., T. Rigby, 37 Broadway West. Phone Fair. 5882-R.

Bakery Salesmen, Local 371 — Meets second Thursday every month. Holden Bldg., 16 Hastings E. President E. Holmes; acting secretary, Birt Showler, 1115 Robson, office, 807 Holden Building.

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 at Professional and Business Woman's Club, Empire Bldg., 603 Hastings W. President, G. Low, 61 53rd Ave. W.; secretary, Thos. Carroll, 842 Hamilton Street.

Bricklayers', Masons' and Tile Setters' Int. Union No. 1—Meets second and fourth Wednesday in the Holden Bldg. President, G. E. Halliday; Secretary, W. S. Dagnall, 1244 20th Ave. E. Phone Fair. 845 R. W. J. Pipes, Fin. Secretary, 840 Beach Ave.

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, R. J. Thompson; financial secretary, R. W. Hatley; business agent, W. Hargreaves. Office, Room 809 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; treasurer, W. J. Sribbins, 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, R. N. Hogg, 1716 Commercial Dr.; secretary-treasurer, George Harrison, 1182 Parker St.

Electrical Workers, Local 213, International Brotherhood—Meets every Monday at 8 p.m. in Room No. 5, 319 Pender Street West. President, H. C. Allen; 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., Geo. Pettapiece; Fin. Sec. & Bus. Agent T. A. Newbigging. 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, M. J. Kearne; vice-president, E. Thomas; financial secretary, A. J. Newbigging; business agent, M. J. Kearne; rec. sec., W. Methot. Office 806 Holden.

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.

Hod Carriers and Building Laborers, No. 602, International. Meets first and third Friday in month at Holden Building. President, C. Lawson, 1832 3rd Ave. W. Fin. Sec. and Business Agent, J. A. Barrington, 4293 Welwyn Street. Phone Fair. 1434L.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Marine Cooks & Stewards, Local 28—441 Seymour St., meets second Monday each month at 3 p.m., last Mondays at 9 p.m. President Thos. Edwards, Sec.-Treas. Harry Wood, Business Agent. Phone Sey. 125.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Local 171 — United Brotherhood of Carpenters — Meets every first and third Wednesday of each month in 310 Holden Building, at 8 p.m. President, Mrs. Nickels, High. 1081Y; secretary, Miss Gibbons, Fair. 2431L.

Lathers, Wood, Wire and Metal, International Union, Local 207 — Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays in month, at room 309 Holden Bldg. President, H. P. Fulljames, 2108 Vanness; Secretary, Bert Jenkins, 50 45th Ave. E.

Machinist Local 692—President, Thos. Sills, 1352 Burrard St. Secretary, P. R. Bengough. Office, 807 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. Meets on second and fourth Tuesdays in month.

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, H. C. Matthews; Business Agent, A. Graham, 309 Holden Building. Rec. Sec., R. G. Inder; H. G. Avery.

Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees, Local 464—Meets second and fourth Friday in Labor Hall, 16 Hastings St. E. President, T. Rutherford; 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 Brown, 638 Broadway W. 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.

Musicians Mutual Protective Union Local 145, A. F. of M.—Meets at the G. W. V. A. Auditorium, second Sunday at 10 a.m. President, Edward Jamieson; secretary, W. Edmunds; financial secretary, W. E. Williams; organizer, F. Fletcher, all at 991 Nelson Street.

Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers Local 138—Meets second and fourth Thursdays at 163 Hastings W. Business agent, Robt. Stevenson. Office, room 34, 163 Hastings West. Phone Sey. 3609.

Pile Drivers, Bridge, Wharf and Dock Builders Local No. 2404—Meets every Friday night at 8 p.m. in 122 Hastings St. W. James Thomson, secretary, P. O. Box 320. C. Anderson, President.

Plasterers, Local 89—International Association of Operative, meets first and third Wednesday in month at Holden Bldg. President, C. Keall; Financial Secretary, A. Campbell, 464 Fifty-sixth Ave. E., phone Fraser 184L2; Cor. Secretary, A. Hurry, 861 Thirty-fourth Ave. E., phone Fair. 3222R.

Plumbers and Steamfitters, No. 170, International Asso. of—Meets every 2nd and 4th Friday in the Holden Bldg. President, R. Simpson; secretary and business agent, W. Watt, 805 Holden Building.

Point Grey Municipal Employees' Association, Local No. 3—Meets second Monday of each month at the Masonic Hall, Kerrisdale, 8 p.m. President, D. Ross Squair, 3728 30th W. Secretary A. Patterson 8179 Hudson Street.

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, 302 8th St., North Van.; secretary, Wm. Quigley, 2083 2nd Ave. W., Box 894.

Railway Carmen of America, Lodge No. 63—Meets first and third Friday in month at Cotillion Hall, Granville and Davie Streets. President, A. S. Ross, 5873 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. B. 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 Association, Local Union No. 280 — Meets second and fourth Thursday in month in Holden Building, 16 Hastings Street E. President, A. Fisher, 1952 4th Avenue W.; 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, 7:30 p.m., in Room 313 Holden Bldg., Vancouver. President, J. N. Chute, Phone High. 1982-Y; sec., W. H. Matthew, 3436 Irving St.

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, 380 Homer St.

Theatrical Stage Employees' Union, Local 118 of the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O.—Meets at 991 Nelson Street on the second Friday in month, at 9:30 a.m. President, G. W. Allen; Secretary, Gordon Martin. Business address, P. O. Box 711.

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.

Prince Rupert Trades & Labor Council

MEETS second Thursday in each month. President, S. D. McDonald, Box 268. Secretary, Frank Derry, Box 498, Prince Rupert, B.C.

Edmonton. Many of them stated they had walked back all the way from these points. These men, as well as the remainder, who had only arrived recently and were in Edmonton for the first time, had been awaiting replacement or placement, as the case may be, from periods varying from one week to one or two days in more or less in equal proportions. They stated through the interpreter that the majority of them were absolutely without funds and that many of them had only been able to secure the necessities of life through pawning their belongings, such as watches and spare clothing.

We must take into account not only those who are awaiting employment for the first time but also those who drift back to town seeking employment. I do not think that these men officially report their return to the railway companies. They merely put up at a few of the recognized stopping places of their class and hang around the employment offices. For this reason I do not think that the railway companies could state accurately what the situation is at any time.

There is evidently a surplus of labor as it is no uncommon thing to meet these men walking back to Edmonton. These men were 40 miles from town. Our field man reports that as a result of this influx it is extremely difficult for our British family adults and British farm workers to find employment.

Unemployment Parade

Possibly the best indication of the number of unemployed in the city is afforded by a parade which proceeded to the parliament buildings on Monday. There were 300 in this parade.

It will be rather interesting to see what transpires within the next two or three weeks. I understand that the C. P. R. expects a further 500 men to be sent to this district between the present date and the 15th of June.

(6) Under date of May 27th the secretary of the Edmonton Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce wrote the following letter:

Under date of May 18th last I sent copy of a report prepared by the Edmonton Board of Trade in reply to a letter and resolution sent by the Edmonton city council on what was stated to be the indiscriminate dumping of Central Europeans by the railway companies in Edmonton.

"On May 23rd about 250 men marched from the down-town part of the city to the parliament buildings, raising a great storm for work and the matter was, of course, featured by the newspapers. The immigration committee of the Board took some steps to ascertain the labor conditions as they existed on that date.

"We found three of the companies responsible for the placing of the men and for bringing them into the country had applications for 247 men on that date, that is, adding the number of applications on file when the office opened on Monday morning to those coming in during the day it was found that during the day only one hundred men had been placed and there were therefore 147 applications for farm laborers that were not filled and that 84 men had refused to go into the country and work for wages on the farms from $25 to $30 a month with board or $1 a day and board.

"It was found further that there were not very many of this year's arrivals that stormed the parliament buildings. They were mostly last year's men and men from previous years who had come into the city looking for railway work. There were some of this year's arrivals who had already been out at work and had come back to the city but had not made re-application to the railway companies for work.

Saskatoon Report

(7) The following wire is a report dated May 31st, forwarded by the Land Settlement Branch officer at Saskatoon:

Your wire May 18th, report covers only small area, due to road conditions. Eastern districts report large influx but number not obtainable. Not more than 5 per cent. have no employment. Many working for very small wages. Twenty placed at Foam Lake for board only. Many on temporary work clearing land, etc. Estimate not worse than 50 in Saskatoon without work. Some are recent arrivals, some working in the city as laborers at 20c per hour. Saturation point for employment at reasonable wages has been reached."

I think the above will perhaps be sufficient for Mr. Adshead's purpose.

Acting Deputy Minister.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE SHOCKS CANADIAN PUBLIC

Ottawa.—Infant mortality is going up in Canada, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics which has just issued a report covering the year 1926. The increase is partly explained by the fact that Quebec is included for the first time.

For the whole of Canada the infant mortality rate was 101.9 to 1,000 living births. Quebec headed the list with 142. British Columbia had the best record with 58.6. Prince Edward Island, 69.1; Nova Scotia, 80.6; New Brunswick, 106.3; Ontario, 78.5; Manitoba, 76.5; Saskatchewan, 81.6; and Alberta, 85.3.

Publication of the figures has shocked the officials of Quebec and will probably lead to more stringent health regulations.

British Labor Party Convention Program

The preliminary agenda in respect of the 27th annual conference of the Labor Party to be held at Blackpool on October 3rd, and the four following days, has now been issued. It contains a number of motions which affiliated organizations have submitted for consideration, and invites amendments thereto, and nominations for the various offices of the party, which have to be sent to the head office by July 22nd.

The Communist Question

The national executive draws attention to the following standing order, viz.: "When the annual conference has, by resolution, made a declaration of the general policy or principle, no motion having for its object the reaffirmation of such policy or principle shall appear on the agenda for a period of three years from the time such declaration was made, except such resolutions as are in the opinion of the executive of immediate importance."

In connection with this standing order the executive makes the following declaration, viz.: "The executive committee has decided to apply the above standing order to all resolutions dealing with various aspects of Communist and Party relations that have been the subject of conference declarations in 1924, 1925 and 1926, and accordingly, no such motions are included in the agenda."

The special attention of constituency Labor Parties is also called to the fact that members of the Communist Party are not eligible to attend the conference as their delegates.

General Resolutions

Among the general resolutions that have been submitted by affiliated organizations are those which call for:

A minimum wage of £4 a week for all adult workers.

Children's allowances, met out of direct taxation.

Electoral reform, including the prohibition of the use of vehicles at election times except for aged and infirm voters.

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Ratification of the Washington (hours) convention.

CALLS ON WIDOW TO EXPLAIN

Even dead men have to obey police regulations under the still flourishing bureaucratic system of the German government.

The widow of Erich Waldow, a Charlottenburg merchant who died recently, has just received the following notice from police headquarters:

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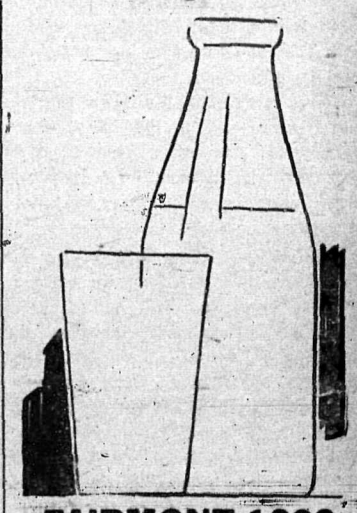

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The Cherry Tree

A French savant declares he has found a way to make gold out of baser metals. Men have chased that rainbow for ages. The chase means more than the achievement.

Men of a certain kind will pursue an idea or an ideal until life departs from them and they go into whatever hereafter there may be.

So it has been since humankind began to record its doings and its misdoings.

While some say, "what's the use," or "why take a chance," others beg for the chance, whatever it may be, and plunge on after some rainbow or other.

That is why man's history is filled with recordings of noble deeds and that is why we are led on and on in pursuit of betterment in our individual lives and in our collective existence.

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Abraham Lincoln could have gone on being a country lawyer, but something was in him that impelled him to reach out and to climb on. This impatient urge, this whatever it was, brought him as great a heartache as the human frame can contain; it brought him sorrow and suffering and finally a foul death at the hands of a man with a gun. As a country lawyer Lincoln would have led an easier life and he would no doubt have lived much longer.

But in reaching out to perform greater service Lincoln left the world with something magnificent. Nobody is sorry that Abraham Lincoln had it in him to aspire and struggle upward.

There probably were those who, when they saw Lincoln's aspirations and his efforts to fight his way into higher places, asked: "What is he getting out of it?" It is generally that way.

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The Frenchman hunting for a way to make gold is no parallel to the Great Emancipator. But every man who struggles to find out some hidden mystery, who struggles to spread some fine idea or some great ideal, is of service to the human race.

Always men who seek to serve because there is something inside of them that makes them uncomfortable and unhappy unless they are so seeking will be misunderstood. All manner of motives will be ascribed to them. That cannot be helped and the fact might as well be accepted as philosophically as possible.

There have been and there are so many charlatans in the world that perhaps the narrow and the bigoted persons have an excuse for suspecting everyone whom they do not understand.

Nevertheless, men will keep on preaching, men will keep on seeking ways to improve the lot of their fellows. That is something that all the tides and waves cannot stop. That being so, the future of the world is fairly well assured. Over the run of years there have been more genuine characters than crooked ones and there is no reason to suspect that it is to be otherwise in the future. Let us think of that and give our optimism a chance to expand.

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Sometimes men seek opportunity to serve and their fellows find ways to thwart their efforts. That is hard for those who want to serve. Such things seem difficult to understand.

But such things have always happened. It is in the long range view that we get our bearings and overcome temporary impulses to grow cynical. What will the day's disappointments amount to in five hundred years? Not very much. Not so very much.

In the long run the good impulses get their chance. Read history. Study the philosophers.

When one drops the banner in a genuine cause another picks it up. There is no cause of truth and justice that has not always its defenders and generally it is true that the ranks of these defenders grow as the days and the years pass.

Correspondence

Editor, Labor Statesman:

Sir,—In the Labor Statesman a short time ago I read that the minimum wage for girls over 18 years of age was $12.75 per week. How is it that David Spencer, Limited, are allowed to pay girls 21 years of age $10 per week and no pay for overtime? Girls living alone could not possibly live on this wage.

(Ed. Note: Females 21 years of age and over are permitted to work for $10 per week until they have served one year's apprenticeship. Females are not supposed to work over 48 hours a week, according to the act. Both these regulations, however, are undoubtedly broken and excuses found for doing so. The apprenticeship clause is a loophole that is used by many employers to obtain not only cheap but efficient labor, because a girl can serve her apprenticeship in one store and then get fired and have to serve it again in another store and then perhaps get fired again and so on ad finem. Such cases, however, should always be placed before the chairman of the Minimum Wage Board at the Court House to see if steps can be taken to stop such abuses).

Painters Boost Selma Park For Picnic

At the regular meeting of the Painters' Local 138, held Thursday, July 28, Bros. R. Stevenson, Ed. Smith, Pres. A. Hodge, W. Hunt and W. Barbour were elected delegates to the Trades Council. Five dollars was voted to the Labor Choir. Ed. Smith, chairman of the picnic committee, reported a balance on the right side. He also stated that the union firms and Labor Statesman advertisers that were patronized were as follows:

Reynolds Cartage Company, Fraser Valley Milk, Hamer's Union Orchestra, Cross & Company soft drinks, Arctic Ice Cream; printing of tickets and window cards by Statesman printing department.

The committee received a unanimous vote of thanks for their hard work in making this year's picnic the best in the history of Local 138, and presented a check to Ed. Smith for his untiring efforts.

Many members spoke of the splendid location of Selma Park as an ideal picnic spot, as well as its beauties and the scenic trip on the boat from Vancouver. The service rendered by the Union Steamship Company was all that could be desired and the local will undoubtedly make a return trip there next year. Other local unions are urged to select Selma Park for their next picnic.

Unorganized Chinese Break Down Conditions

New locals of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union have recently been organized in Moose Jaw, Regina and Saskatoon by International Organizer E. W. Parlee. This was the information he gave to the Trades and Labor Council on Tuesday evening, when reviewing his work in Canada during the past four months. His efforts in Winnipeg, however, were of no avail, he said, although the employees were working from 12 to 14 hours a day at miserable wages and under deplorable conditions. In 1919, he said, the organization had the 8-hour day and good working conditions. Then it went O. B. U. with the rest of the unions. Since that time the employees in that line have gradually dropped out of that organization until today there are only a few left. His efforts to reorganize were of no avail, in spite of the fact that he visited the workers in their homes. They were too discouraged to reorganize.

A strike was pulled off at Saskatoon after the employees were organized and with the help of the other unions the strike was won in short order. The Chinese came out 100 per cent.

In Edmonton the organization has a strong union that has been able to eliminate the Chinese from the kitchens. These Chinese, however, have been driven to other parts of the province, and in Calgary, for instance, the Chinese have solid control in the kitchens. A similar condition applies to Vancouver and Victoria, where about 90 per cent. of the kitchen help is Chinese. This meant that it was hard to maintain good working conditions and he felt that it was about time the organization took the Chinese into the union. He stated that he would endorse such action at the international convention.

He thanked Vancouver labor for the support given the union in this city.

Non-Union Hotel to House Congress

The following resolution was endorsed by the Trades Council on Tuesday evening and the secretary instructed to wire Secretary P. M. Draper of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, protesting against the Macdonald Hotel of Edmonton (which does not employ union help) being used as congress headquarters, particularly so when other union hotels are available.

"Whereas we consider that in the interests of organized labor, the conventions of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada should be held in cities where the delegates are assured of accommodation in hotels that are fair to the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League of America.

"Be it resolved that we, the Vancouver and New Westminster District Trades and Labor Council, recommend to the Edmonton convention of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress to demand that the executive council of the congress shall be empowered and shall so authorize the removal of any convention from a city where no hotel accommodation exists that is fair to the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' League of America; and that the convention shall be held in the nearest city where conditions prevail that are fair to their membership and organized labor in general."

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Vaudeville Opens on Aug. 22 at Orpheum

Theatergoers will be delighted to hear that the new 1927-1928 vaudeville season at the Orpheum Theater will commence on Monday, August 22nd. The new season, in addition to ushering in the fortieth anniversary of Orpheum vaudeville, will mark a new era in vaudeville in this city, for commencing Monday, August 22nd, Orpheum vaudeville will play one full week at the local playhouse, starting Monday afternoon and finishing Saturday night, with two shows each and every day. A gigantic reduction in prices is another new inception, making the Orpheum shows the best amusement value in Vancouver at all times.

The opening bill will be an exceptionally brilliant one and one that was specially prepared to open the new season here and which will open the Orpheum circuit's new million dollar theater in Seattle on Monday, August 29th. Headlining this brilliant bill will be Ned Wayburn's Buds of 1927. Everyone has heard of Ned Wayburn as the famous New York producer who has personally produced the Ziegfeld Follies for the past twenty years. The Buds of 1927 are a group of his New York proteges who he is sending out over the vast Orpheum circuit to introduce to the public at large prior to starring them on Broadway.

Then there will be Yvette Rugel, famous international prima donna. Miss Rugel's voice is of molten gold, a flood of delightful tones which are made expressive by an unusual intelligence of tone values. Seldom if ever before has vaudeville ever had such a distinguished prima donna on its boards. "The Monologist," an exceptionally clever sketch written by Edwin Burke and with a cast of notable actors from the legitimate stage, will be another feature of the great opening bill. For clever dialogue, tense situations and histrionic ability this skit will be found the best yet. Naomi Ray and Eddie Harrison, popular musical comedy stars, will present a bright breezy little song and dance number entitled "Spring is Here." All reports from the east are that this act has been stealing the honors wherever witnessed. The Luster Brothers will offer a sensational novelty act that will thrill and please. Hal Hart is an unusual entertainer of the highest calibre who is keeping his act a secret to date. Pictures and a concert overture will complete the show.

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Labor Can Elect Two Candidates

The table on page 8, worked out by the Research Committee of the Canadian Labor Party, gives an idea of what happens when the stated number of Labor Party candidates is placed in the field. If labor wants representation in the provincial government from the city of Vancouver, this is a positive way of doing it. There is absolutely no chance of a fluke with only two candidates in the field—the two CAN be elected. With three in the field there may be a chance of electing one, but no more, and even that one is doubtful. You can juggle those figures how you like but the result will be the same with only two labor candidates in the field and 2,500 voting the straight labor ticket. If more than that number vote the straight labor ticket the chances are increased.

If we succeed by this method in the next provincial election, then we will be in a position to judge whether it would be wise for us to put up three or even more candidates in the following election.

Two more labor men in the provincial house for four years is worth more to the labor movement than the four or five months of intensive propaganda, with no results ,that would accrue to us by placing more than two candidates in the field for the period of the election campaign.

Neither of the old parties can gain at our expense; the gain is all ours. Even though the 2,500 labor men and women, who we place as being straight labor voters, were to distribute their other four votes among the twelve old party candidates (and they must have six of each in the field) the increase to each old party candidate would be, on the average, 834 votes, so that would affect the labor candidates but very little and in no way compares with the 6,000 odd votes labor would gain.

The balance of those who vote with labor is distributed in the following table so the results could not be changed enough to affect the election of the labor candidates. Vote for two labor candidates and carry on a propaganda to that effect.

White Lunches Must Be Organized

The Hotel and estaurant Employees have received numerous enquiries at different times from local unions in Vancouver as to why the White Lunches are not organized. Several attempts have been made to sign up this firm and negotiations are still being carried ou. Mr. Sorensen was viisted recently by Bro. Holland of the Allied Printing Trades, along with Harry Wood of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees. Mr. Sorensen is quite frank in his remarks concerning union restaurants, stipulating that he would operate a union establishment in either Seattle or San Francisco, but on account of cheap competition he did not see his way clear to unionize his cafeterias in Vancouver. However, it is quite evident that some action will have to be taken to demonstrate to the White Lunches, Limited, that organized labor in Vancouver is as active as in other cities.

BRIDGE BUILDER IS BADLY INJURED

An old member of the Pile Drivers, Bridge Dock and Wharf Builders Union, Jack Levine, was badly injured this week, while working for the Greenlees Construction Co. at Anniville Bar on the Fraser River. He was hit by the pile driver hammer and his right forearm and hand so badly injured that the doctor is doubtful if he can save the hand. He is at present in the General Hospital, Ward S.

A desire for admiration is the offspring of vanity.

Human Rights Before Property Rights

Secretary Bengough reported that he had accepted an invitation to attend an organization meeting of the Canadian National Safety League. At this meeting the speakers, in describing the industrial accidents and the cost of compensation, and the forest fires and loss of property, harped on the idea of teaching the workman to be careful and the tourist and picnicker to help protect the forests.

In addressing the meeting, which was composed of members of the Shipping Federation and of the Timber Industries Council, Secretary Bengough pointed out to them that it was easy to get one to be careful of their own hide and property but that it was no easy task to get them to think of somebody else. He drew attention to the speed and greed adopted in the lumber industry, which destroyed many human lives because it was sometimes cheaper to destroy human life than to dig down for safety devices or to slow down the machinery.

He drew attention to the human waterfront wreckage caused again by speed and greed. The human casualties were enormous yet the companies boasted that ships can be loaded faster in Vancouver than anywhere else on the Pacific coast. There was more human wreckage than property wreckage and he was of the opinion that the Canadian National Safety League should centre its efforts on endeavoring to have employers recognize the human factor in industry and have human rights take precedence over property rights.

Secretary Bengough informed the Trades Council that he had since been asked to accept a position on the executive of the Safety League. He stated that he would be pleased to accept it if the president of the Trades Council was included.

The council endorsed his action.

Presentation Made to Old-time Carpenter

In the opinion of some of the members, who attended the Joint Carpenters' picnic at Bowen Island, the main feature of the event was the presentation of a cut glass water set to the one and only Jack Bruce.

This was held as a surprise, both to Jack and the crowd. The presentation was made by Jimmy Smith in real Smithy style. He pointed out the fact, that while we may kick about and criticise the active workers in the labor movement, we could not do otherwise than show some appreciation of the consistent work of our fellow worker John T. Bruce. Jack has been with the labor movement since the beginning in Vancouver, and has stuck through thick and thin, doing his bit at all times. May more follow in his footsteps.—H.

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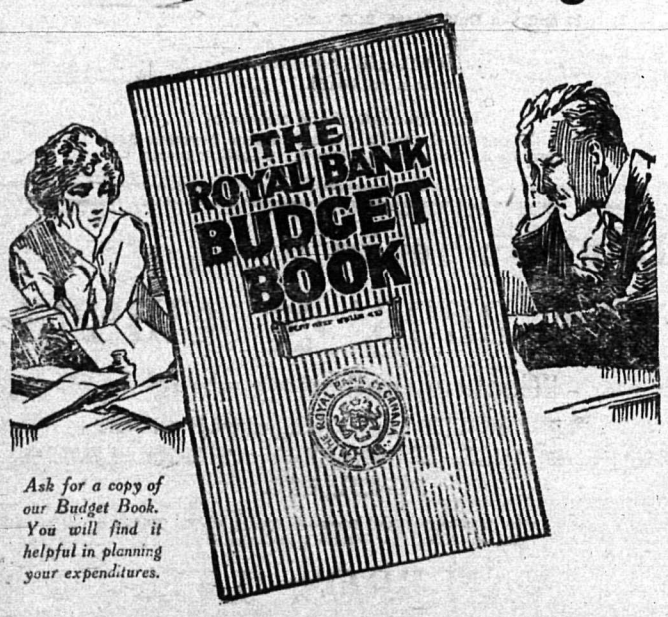

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EMANCIPATION

By F. W. MOORE

The other day I ran across a volume in which were discussed the important events of history in chronological order. It was this circumstance that inspired the above heading. Furthermore, it impressed on my mind the fact that the first week of August will be remembered as long as civilization lasts as the time when slaves in the Britisn Empire were assigned to apprenticeships that were meant to precede and so prepare them for freedom.

How great, and yet, how small was the measure of freedom necessary to transform slaves into wage-workers? True, the power over life and death was gone; yet, by owning the jobs of the workers the master still possessed all the important features of his former dominance. Added to this was the tremendous advantage of immunity from obligation to support his hands during times of unemployment. That was, nevertheless, the best that could be done at the time. The ideals of humanity embodied no other plan of campaign. But now that we have had almost a century to ponder on the situation, our conception of freedom is vastly different. The very word is an inspiration in itself. What soul-satisfying ideals are suggested by the illimitable potentialities embodied in it! It surely is the King of Kings amongst its fellows, since in the absence of its claim to supersovereignity there would remain nothing to the others but a sad and lugubrious signification.

However, we need have no fear on that score, since it is one of the most delightful truths that the term "freedom" or its synonym can by no means be eliminated from a single language in the world. For man was not, in accordance with our much-loved Burns' belief, "made to mourn." His entire evolutionary experience goes to show that he was born to achieve freedom. He is everlastingly acquiring just a little more manhood; yet manhood cannot flower, nor can such an ideal be anything more than a hypothesis, just as freedom must remain a myth until economic determinism conjures up the industrial conditions that will make its attainment possible.

Perhaps the cause that led to Negro emancipation might help to throw some light on the nature of those conditions.

In the first place, then, chattel slavery in comparison with the wage variety of servitude was not so profitable as many people suppose. It was necessary to support slaves all the year, while wage-earners must support themselves in millions whenever their masters find it convenient to close down their plants.

Secondly, there was the psychological condition of the multitude of white people who had for many generations forgotten the bondage that in ancient days added misery to the lives of their forefathers. Such had strong objections to the institution of chattel slavery and used their influence as often as possible in decrying its abuses with the result that on August 1, 1834, two classes of slaves who became apprentices on that date were guaranteed their full freedom by law to commence in the years 1839 and 1840. Thus was the emancipation of chattel slavery introduced profitably to all by the master class influenced, no doubt, in great measure by the opinion of a public who had been for generations comparatively free men themselves. But in case of a campaign for the emancipation of the wage-workers, the psychological conditions responsible for the said public opinion are entirely absent since the public themselves are the modern aspirants for emancipation and have had their opinions of their own condition moulded to suit the ideals of their masters. But here again enters the influence of profit. The tremendous effect of ever more powerful machinery must eventually lead to a chronic condition of glutted markets. The consequent unemployment will be a powerful instrument in creating the required metamorphosis in public opinion. A sentimental cry for freedom will then accrue. Emancipation of rich as well as poor slaves will follow as a matter of course. The 90 per cent. of the national revenues that is now squandered on war and defence, will be spent on education. The hands of the nations will be clasped around the world, and at last the Kingdom of God will have materialized on earth. Verily, emancipation is just as important now as ever it was. Let us help it along by studying the laws of economic determinism. Achille Loria and Lida Parce wrote two interesting books on the subject.

—F. W. M.

Munition Works in Full Operation

LUGANO, Italy.—In spite of the rapidly developing economic crisis the Fascist government is still devoting intense energy to military preparations.

It may be, indeed, that military preparations are being speeded up precisely because of the economic situation.

Signor Mussolini, it is suggested in some quarters, is becoming very anxious for the future. The economic troubles which are alarming his friends may encourage his enemies; he has many, both at home and abroad. And he can see only one reply to them—a display of armed strength.

Whatever the motive, the facts are certain enough. While in ordinary industry unemployment is growing rapidly, munition works are in full swing.

The "Smalterie Italiane," until recently at a standstill, are now working to full capacity on steel helmets. The closed Fassati shell factory at Sestri Ponente has been reopened; so has the Bologna arsenal.

The San Giorgeo works at Sestri Ponente are busy on anti-aircraft guns; the "Meccanico," at Sompierdarena, on armored cars.

All the Ligurian dockyards are working to full capacity.

VENEZUELA AND GUATEMALA CONDITIONS ARE BAD

Labor conditions in Venezuela are reported to be deplorable. The workers are denied the right to strike and every obstacle is placed in the way of organizing and maintaining labor unions.

Guatemala has violated her agreement with other governments of Central America and the United States by enacting a compulsory labor law, whereby it is made a crime, punishable by years in prison, for workers to cease work collectively. Strikes are placed under control of the military, thus removing industrial disputes from the jurisdiction of civil courts and making punishment a matter of court-martial proceedings.

Ecuador and Argentina Better

The new government of Ecuador has created a minister of social welfare, and has guaranteed the right of wage workers to organize and to protect their interests.

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The Labour Party Branch at Crewe, Eng., has enrolled 1,350 new members within a year; 250 of these joined as a protest against the Trades Union Bill. All the employees, numbering about 100, in one department of the railway works, have become Labour Party members, and have paid their subscriptions since the Bill became an issue. Many Civil servants and postal workers in the town have also become individual members.

ONE UNION FOR MINERS

Southport, England.—One union for British coal miners is discussed at the first annual conference of these workers since 1925. National union advocates point to weaknesses of the present structure, known as the Miners' Federation of Great Britain.

The federation consists of a dozen districts, each having autonomy over work and wage conditions.

A Look Around

(By J. Ramsay Macdonald, M.P., in "Forward")

Labor has been very fortunate in the class of constituency that has fallen vacant since Leith. The Southwark fight was a mix-up; Bosworth was anything but first class; Westbury was specially difficult; Brixton was not good. And yet in every one, with the exception of Brixton, we have nothing but encouragement. Taking the last three elections declared where comparisons are possible, the Tories dropped 9,762 votes; the great Liberal revival by the aid of hundreds of Tory votes is proved by an increase of 3,114; we have increased our vote by 2,054, the Brixton reduction putting us below the Liberal total.

Since the crowning mercy of Leith there has been, as we expected, a revival of the Liberal spirit, and they are fighting with more heart, but if they could not win Westbury off their own bat, what can they win? Owing to the Tory candidate's local connections there was less falling away of the Tory vote towards the Liberal this time, so we were able to see the meagreness of the Liberal revival. It amounts to an increase of 626 votes on a previous poll of 9,848, whereas our increase was 665 on a previous poll of 4,371. I see that our excellent candidate has declared that Labor is to keep on fighting. That is right. It is uphill work, but go on with it.

Westbury shows the importance of a vigorous pushing of our rural campaign. We have no funds, the origin of which we cannot explain, and we are hampered by an ill-stocked purse. Let Liberals and Tories take as much comfort from that as they like. We do not hide our poverty. We trust to the voluntary and enthusiastic services of men and women who believe in Labor. They will carry us through. And they have been active nowhere more than in our rural areas. The reports I have had of their work warm my heart. The new rural recruits are of the stuff that victories are made. Go ahead with the rural campaign. The fight against the anti-Trade Unions Bill has absorbed our time and thoughts. Now, the word should be: "Back to the countryside."

One thing the Liberals can do better than us. They beat us in showmanship. Their papers are full of puff of the hair oil, lung tonics, and general debility cure order. When I was in America I heard great stories of the efforts made through advanced agents and by the expenditure of dollars to get reception committees and spontaneous demonstrations to greet a distinguished Liberal who preceded me. The same thing has been done recently in Scotland. An old worthy who saw and heard some of it remarked to me about it: "Ach, man! it was gie puir stuff, but, man, awfu' weel managed." This is the Liberal revival. It is, indeed, purely a matter of management.

We have made the pace in ideas and in principles. We have convinced the country that great changes must be made. But the country hesitates. It does not like new ideas even when its reason has to accept them. When it begins to trust to its reason some one or other appears on our platforms or papers in war feathers, gives a grand Buffalo Bill whoop, and back flee the converts to shelter. So the Liberals come in without a particle of principle in them, glean in our fields, gather from them a land program, and an industrial program. They will go as far as we have opened the road for them. Reaping where they have not sown and gathering where they have not strewn, they are the cautious "gentlemen" in progressive work, and in politics occupy exactly the same position as the exploiting financier in industry.

Their threatened destruction was a serious problem to Toryism, whose newspapers and votes rallied to their support, and has put them, for the time being, up on the wall again. Toryism will not allow some party calling itself Liberal to die. As Mr. Winston Churchill said this week, the outlook and fundamental conceptions of the two parties are the same. Twins were happy when they monopolize the political stage.

That is shown in municipal experiences every November. I know of no municipal combination of Liberal and Labor against Tory; I know scores of combinations between Liberals and Tories to defeat Labor. In parliamentary constituencies Liberal and Tory combinations are common, and that even when there are three candidates. Last election was largely determined by Liberals voting Tory; the next will be marked by large numbers of Tories voting Liberal in order to defeat us. Even suppose the House of Lords issue became serious, the Liberal Party is so compromised that it could put up an effective fight for democracy. The Coalition resolutions of 1922 are millstones about its neck. The attempts made to get clear of them have been pitiable. Especially has the Liberal party thrown away the supremacy of the majority of the House of Commons on money bills.

The government is now trying to lull the country into a false security regarding the House of Lords. The Cave proposals may be dropped, but they are not dead. The anti-Labor forces of the country see that to weaken the power of a Labor government to legislate is to postpone the coming of Socialism. That is the meaning of the Cave proposals. We have to meet an attack upon the power of the people to rule. Parliament as it is, in spite of its inherent clumsiness, is too good a democratic machine, so it must be knocked out of gear. The political and industrial reactionaries feel that they must secure themselves against Socialist governments by putting the House of Lords in a position to stop all legislation that threatens its class interests. Their idea is to revive the mediaeval method of erecting castles on waterways and roadways and putting robber barons therein to take care that nothing passed without paying toll. If parliament is to be the means of social regeneration, the government's scheme of Lords' reform must be defeated.

The Labor party lost no time in challenging the scheme, and the debate which it initiated on Wednesday left the government in a miserable position. It had pursued its purpose to gerrymander our legislative system with too simple an assurance. It knew that sections of the Liberals were hopelessly compromised by the position they took up in 1922, when Mr. Lloyd George's government sought to do practically what Lord Cave announced the government was to do, and it assumed that those compromised would not have the effrontery to change their minds, and that those not compromised did not count—that, in short, the Liberal party would be divided as usual. It did not anticipate that its own followers would revolt. For the time being the prompt Labor challenge and the Tory revolt baffled the government's plotting.

Mr. Baldwin had to confess that Lord Cave's proposals were authorized and, either specifically or by implication, that the Cabinet had overlooked essential details, that it did not wish now to commit itself to anything except that it would do something in accordance with a dozen words he put into a speech on the Saturday before the election (when everyone had become interested in Zinovieff), and with a definite pledge he had given to his party caucus after the election. I hope Labor electors will not cease to be vigilant on this subject. The government has been caught like a thief inside a house before he had opened the safes. A Labor party that is not stupidly incompetent to protect itself will see to it that that man is bundled out.

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These are the boys that put it over: Chairman, F. Cocker; treasurer, R. Wardrop; secretary, D. Macpherson.

Transportation: R. J. Wardrop, R. Caldwell.

Refreshments: C. Wallace, A. G. Griffin, P. Vance, B. Stephens, J. Strachan, C. Thom.

Sports: R. MacAullay, A. Deruchie, W. Whittie, A. Fisher.

Announcer: R. J. Wardrop.

Judge: N. C. Smith.

Starter: A. Stewart.

Music: A. G. Griffin, J. Doig, Stanley Kay, A. Griffin Jr.

The following were the successful contestants:

100 yards open: W. N. Armstrong, J. Knechtle.

Apprentice race: A. McGee, F. E. Townsend.

Apprentice union race: R. McGivern, Ferguson.

Boys under 16: F. Quakenbush, F. Russell.

Boys 7 and under: All prizes.

Girls under 7: All prizes.

Boys 8 to 11: E. Griffin, D. Robertson.

Girls 8 to 11: Pearl Wardrop, E. Fletcher.

Lady and gent 3-legged race: W. Russell-Mrs. Lomas, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford.

Union men's wives: Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. White, Mrs. Gorrie, Mrs. Shepard.

Boys' soda biscuit eating: C. Fox, B. Bailey.

Centipede race: Western Steel employees.

Egg and spoon, ladies: Mrs. Deruchie, Mrs. Swindon, Miss Edmonson.

Boys' potato race: D. Stewart, N. Kitchen, T. Griffin.

Ladies' balloon: Mrs. Wainwright, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Fonder.

S. M. W. race, 55 and over: Mr. Whittier, Mr. Robins.

Employers' wives: Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. McDonald.

Watermelon eating, boys: E. Garland, J. Keith Lavaty; girls: F. Lomas, P. Phyllis.

Skipping contest: P. Wardrop, V. Fisher. (Note—P. Wardrop gets second prize through having won a first prize earlier).

Employers' race: F. Tacey, J. T. McDonald.

Committeemen's race: Drawn for prizes, Smith, Wardrop and Vance.

Sheet Metal Workers' race, 100 yards: B. Russell, A. Stewart, Campbell.

Shop relay race: Terminal Sheet Metal employees.

Tug-o'-war: Central Sheet Metal Works employees.

Horseshoe pitching: Elliott, Lomas, Gilks, W. Strachan.

Ladies' open: Mrs. Davies, Mrs. White.

Girls 16 and under: E. Russell, E. Nicol.

Grand drawing: J. Strachan, jardiniere; G. McIntosh, electric plate; E. Elliott, J. Peter.

Jimmy Strachan won the jardiniere. This prize was manufactured in the Terminal Sheet Metal Works by Bros. Fisher and Wallace. Just one look at that prize satisfies anyone that these boys "know their onions" as far as sheet metal work goes.

The Central Sheet Metal Shop cleaned up plenty. Mr. Elliott, who is "boss" at the Central, was right there with the boys and sure had his gang working, cleaning up both in the tug-o'-war, the horseshoe pitching and a few other events. Bro. Loomis was the whole "ball of wax" on the horseshoes. The rest of them were like the fellow that fell out of the balloon—"Not in it at all."

Another thing about the boys in 280—they demonstrated that they know how to act right at a picnic. Everybody had a good time. There was lots of ice cream and all the lemonade they could drink.—P. R. B.

Table showing distribution of the votes of the 22,890 electors in the last provincial election, also showing what would happen when the number of Labor candidates is decreased from five, as in that election, to two

The total votes in the last provincial elections were:

Liberal	55,222
Conservative	46,019
Labor	29,243

The average vote was:

Liberal	9,370
Conservative	7,670
Labor	5,850
Total number of voters	22,890

The straight party vote, as considered by officials of the various parties, were: 6,500 vote the straight Liberal ticket. With six candidates in the field the total Liberal vote will be 39,000 (1).

5,000 vote the straight Conservative ticket. With six candidates in the field the vote would be 30,000 (2).

2,500 vote the straight Labor ticket. With five Labor candidates in the field, as in the last election, the total vote would be 12,500 (3).

These totaled would be..... 6,500 Liberal
5,000 Conservative
2,500 Labor

14,000 votes
8,600 divide their votes among the various parties.

Approximate number of voters..... 22,600

Now we place the figures marked (1), (2) and (3) in the following party columns, including the 2,500 votes lost by Labor for voting for five instead of six candidates:

	Lab. Vote Lost	Lib. Vote	Cons. Vote	Labor Vote
	2,500	(1) 39,000	(2) 30,000	(3) 12,500
The 8,500 spare votes are then divided among two of each of the Liberal, Conservative and Labor candidates by assuming that a Liberal votes four Liberal and one for each of the other parties, the Conservative voting four Conservative and one for each of the other candidates and the Labor voting four Labor and one for each of the other parties. This gives us two times 8,600		17,200	17,200	17,200
Which brings the total vote to approximately what it was in the last election with six old party candidates in the field and five Labor		56,200	47,200	29,200
The average would therefore be as follows, which is not enough to elect a Labor candidate		9,366	7,866	5,940

With Three Labor Candidates

Now we will try to show you how it will work out with only three Labor candidates in the field, and six of each of the old party candidates, using the same straight vote as in the above.

	Lab. Vote Lost	Lib. Vote	Cons. Vote	Labor Vote
The 2,500 who vote the straight Labor ticket will throw away three times 2,500, which makes the vote 7,500 (4) remembering that that vote is entirely lost and is not transferred to any other candidate; thus	(4) 7,500			
The Liberal and Conservative votes will be the same because there is still six of each in the field; thus		(1) 39,000	(2) 30,000	
The total Labor vote will be reduced, because three times 2,500 makes only				7,500
We now distribute the votes of those who do not vote the straight party ticket (8,600) which gives us		17,200	17,200	17,200
The addition of these gives us		56,200	47,200	24,700
The average is obtained by dividing those totals by six for each of the old parties and three for the Labor, bearing in mind that we are now supposed to have only three Labor candidates in the field		9,366	7,866	8,233

You will note that the vote for each of the Labor candidates has increased.

The above Labor vote (8,233) is not enough to elect any Labor candidates because it is still lower than the Liberal vote. Should there be a favorite Labor candidate among the three he would have a possible chance of getting in, but it would lower the vote of the other two Labor candidates.

With Only Two Labor Candidates Running

This time the 2,500 who vote the straight Labor ticket throw away 10,000 votes, but it must be understood that these votes must be thrown away because that is what aids in increasing the Labor vote and keeping the old party vote the same. In the following instance the old parties still have six candidates in the field, which, added to the Labor vote and the lost Labor vote gives us the total sumber of votes as cast in the last election. With only two Labor in the field the total votes cast by the straight Labor voters is two times 2,500, or 5,000 This gives us:

	Lab. Vote Lost	Lib. Vote	Cons. Vote	Labor Vote
	10,000	39,000	30,000	5,000
As stated before, there are still 8,600 voters who do not vote the straight party ticket. A Conservative may vote four Conservative and two Labor; a Liberal may vote four Liberal and two Labor; a Labor may vote two Labor and two Liberal and two Conservative. These 8,600 will generally be distributed as before; thus		17,200	17,200	17,200
Which brings the totals		56,200	47,200	22,200
This total vote in each case has to be divided among six of the old parties, but only two Labor candidates.				
NOW SEE WHAT HAPPENS!		9,366	7,866	11,100

The above Labor vote is enough to elect the two Labor candidates unless one of the old party candidates receives an abnormally high vote or more than what it is possible for the Labor men to get if the vote is equally divided. But also note that one of the Labor candidates can poll nearly 13,000 votes and the other one 9,200 votes and the second candidate still has a chance, because if only one Liberal gets 300 votes more than his other party candidates it must decrease the votes of the others below the average (9,366). When we realize that the spread between the highest and lowest Liberal candidates in the last election was over 4,000 votes, it makes it easily possible for Labor to get two candidates in if there are only two in the field.

The less number of candidates that the voters have to concentrate upon the greater the number of votes received.

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