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WALTER DEPTFORD
For Parks Board

VOTE LABOR

W. W. LEFEAUX
Labor Candidate, Ward 3

FRED KNOWLES
For School Board

$1 a Day Relief Workers Displace City Workers

City Council Inaugurates the Dollar-a-Day Relief Work and Relieves Civic Employees of Their Jobs—Trades Council to Protest Exploitation

PROTEST IS TO BE MADE TO THE CITY COUNCIL by the Trades and Labor Council on the action of the aldermen in starting up the $1 and $2 a day relief work. It was pointed out that city employees were being laid off and relief men, at the above rate, put on the work that was formerly done by the city employees. This creates a chaotic condition, inasmuch as former civic employees who were earning $4.50 a day will be compelled to offer their services to the city for $1 and $2 a day.

The subject was introduced to the Trades Council on Tuesday evening by Del. Scribbins, who stated that the relief men were clearing land and rough grading streets for $1 and $2 a day, this work being usually done by civic employees at $4.50 a day. He asked that the Trades Council take up the subject with the City Council and protest against the practice of exploiting men who have to ask for relief.

Del. Harris, speaking on the motion mentioned the fact that men were being laid off the city gangs to make room for these relief workers. They are working six full days a week and are thereby given no chance to look for work at proper or decent wages. The relief men, he said, were given meal or grocery tickets in lieu of the amount of the $1 or $2 and told what restaurants or grocery stores to patronize and where to sleep.

It was suggested that these relief men should be given one or two days work a week at the regular civic wage, instead of six days at the relief scale.

The motion was endorsed and a delegation will protest to the City Council.

We Do Not Patronize The White Lunches

After several years of effort to get the White Lunches in Vancouver to pay union scale of wages, the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union has been compelled to ask the Trades and Labor Council to place all the shops of this firm on the "We do not patronize" list. The Grievance Committee had the matter in hand, but has not been able to obtain any results, so the Trades Council at its last meeting on Tuesday, placed the White Lunches on this list, and all union men are urged to take notice.

The new places being opened up by the Trocadero and National Cafes Ltd., at 774 Granville street, have also been placed on the list, as efforts to get this firm to pay its employees the union scale has failed.

Attempts to Divide Street Railwaymen

At the close of the regular meeting of the Trades Council on Tuesday evening, Del. Johnson informed the council that a meeting of Street Railwaymen was being called by the One Big Union on Sunday afternoon. He did not inform them that circulars were being sent out to the Street Railwaymen, supposed by the Street Railwaymen's O. B. U. unit in Winnipeg, setting out the wonderful (?) things they had accomplished in Winnipeg, in getting company uniforms but not mentioning the rotten conditions and low wages that they have established in Winnipeg, or the fact that they only have a **One Small Union** embracing only some of the platform men.

Secretary Bengough got up and stated that such an attempt at disruption at this time, when men are negotiating a new agreement, is a very serious matter—and any men who tried to divide the workers at this stage of the game was playing the company's game.

Del. Johnson protested the statements of the secretary, but was called down by the delegates.

Department Store Drivers May Organize

Reporting for the Organization Committee of the Trades Council on Tuesday evening, Secretary Bengough stated that an invitation had been extended to all the delivery drivers of the three departmental stores to attend an organization meeting in the Holden building, as several of the drivers had intimated their desire to organize and better their conditions.

A request has also been received to attempt to organize the workers in Canadian Liquid Air Co. This is also being taken care of.

Secretary Bengough reported having visited the Amalgamated Carpenters in an effort to get them into the Brotherhood. Some of the delegation obtained a good reception and hearing, and as a result of the meeting several Amalgamated men have make applications to join the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Local 452.

Del. Page of the Carpenters stated that practically all of the Amalgamated in New Westminster had transferred to the Brotherhood.

Another organization meeting of the B. C. Professional Gardeners is being arranged.

Injured Workmen Are Not Compensated

Several instances of workmen who have been injured but who did not come under the Workmen's Compensation Act, were drawn to the attention of the Trades and Labor Council by the Building Trades Council on Tuesday evening and asked to take up the subject with a view to attempting to get the act so changed that all workers will be covered by the act. It was pointed out that many private companies are able to get out of paying the necessary premium for Workmen's Compensation because they are not classified as contracthrs or sub-contractors.

Employers who hire men who are not covered by this premium are not covered by the act and should any of these employees get killed or injured no compensation can be collected and the family suffers. The Trades Council will go carefully into this matter and attempt to have the act so amended that all employees will be covered by the act.

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To the Electors, Ward 3

Dear Sir or Madam,—As candidate of the Canadian Labor Party, I am offering myself to the electors of Ward 3 for the position of their representative on the City Council for the coming year.

A radical Laborite—sometimes called a Socialist and sometimes the object of the verbal missive, "Bolshevist"—I have not changed my political allegiance since I first joined the Labor movement in this province some 25 years ago. In the meantime I have gathered a fund of practical knowledge of the struggle for existence waged by the average worker through my experiences as a wage-worker, small business man and finally as a member of the legal profession.

Our program you will find elsewhere in this paper. I do not pretend that the interests of the workers and those of the property owners are identical, or that they can be reconciled. By the term "property owners" I am not referring to the ownership of a small house in which the owner lives but to those whose occupation in life is to garner in rent, interest and profit to enable them to live in idle luxury; such an idle class has for its chief aim something with which labor can never be reconciled.

There is plenty of work to be done on a City Council on behalf of Labor. Provincial and Dominion Legislatures may limit the progressive activities of a City Council, but education and organization, increase of confidence and consciousness, preparation for larger activities and the improvement of the immediate home surroundings of the workers can be forwarded in many ways.

We do not claim that we can reach the basic causes of the position in which the workers find themselves through a City Council or through all the City Councils in the World put together; but we can, by capturing the various municipal offices, catch the eye of the masses and demonstrate that the Labor movement is not a party of purely visionary ideals; and we have shown that we can administer cities and states, as long as it may be necessary under capitalism, far better than the old type of politician.

Ideas and ideals we do not repudiate. Politicians of the old type have amply demonstrated their lack of both. We are carrying a new banner and standard into the political arena. If you are one of the many who work for a living why not vote for the party that represents the interests of the workers only?

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I request your vote and support, not for myself personally but as the candidate of the Canadian Labor Party.

Ward 3 will not be overlooked if represented by me. I will not demand benefits for our ward at the expense and to the detriment of the other wards, but I will see that we get our fair share of attention.

The whole world is beginning to look to Labor as the one power capable of shaping the fast changing social organism into an order of society where fighting and unemployment will have no place.

Shall we in Vancouver lag behind? Or shall we, where West meets East, show the West and the East how to do it?

WE CAN LEAD THE WORLD FROM HERE IF WE WILL.

I regard Vancouver as one of the coming chief strategic cities of the world and with that conviction would represent Ward 3 on the City Council.

Yours faithfully,

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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.

Another Big Money Saver For Municipal Enterprises

THE facts and figures from which the following summary was made were gathered from answers given to a questionaire sent out by the undersigned. This questionaire was sent to over six hundred public authorities in Canada and the United States, spread over every province in the Dominion and every state in the federation.

The figures at the end of article were copied from "Best's Insurance Reports," which are, as you may know, the authority from which all insurance data is secured. These reports are the Dun and Bradstreet of the insurance world.

A complete report dealing with the experience of school boards and cities, as far as it affects fire insurance costs, is being compiled, and on completion will be sent to anyone who desires same. If you are interested, send your name and address, kindly stating what position, if any, you are filling on a public body.

W. EWART TURNER,
2331 Sixth Ave. N. W., Calgary, Alta.
Chairman, Building Committee, Calgary Public School Board.

When you vote public monies to pay fire insurance premiums, are you cognizant of these facts:

(1) That 125 school boards in this province (Alberta) paid out in ten years for fire insurance **three hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars ($355,000.00)** and collected for losses only **fifty-three thousand dollars ($53,000.00)**, leaving a margin for the companies, on that item alone, of **three hundred and two thousand dollars ($302,000.00)**.

(2) That twenty of the largest school boards in Canada paid out in ten years **eight hundred and seventy-three thousand dollars ($873,000.00)** and collected only **two hundred and one thousand dollars ($201,000.00)** leaving a margin for the companies of **six hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars ($672,000.00)**.

(3) That had a Mutual Municipal Fire Insurance been operating for the ten largest city school boards in Western Canada for the last ten years, they would now have a reserve of approximately **four hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($450,000.00)**.

(4) That the State of North Dakota has built up a reserve of **seven hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars** in seven years by insuring its own public buildings and that in spite of the fact that in order to meet the opposition of the insurance interests a re-insurance provision was made that has contributed to the profits of the insurance companies to the tune of **two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000.00)**.

(5) That the State of Wisconsin (in spite of statements made by interested parties to the contrary) has built up a reserve of more than a **million dollars**.

(6) That South Carolina insures its own schools through the sinking fund department of that State and has built up a reserve of over a **million** dollars, and with the exception of those boards who have paid into the fund for less than five years, no more premiums will be collected until the fund is depleted to less than a million.

(7) That Philadelphia has its own insurance fund with a reserve of **two and one-half millions.** That New York finds it many times cheaper to carry its own insurance on school buildings. Boston, Kansas City, Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco and a number of the largest cities in the United States all carry their own insurance at a great saving to themselves.

The above statements are all founded on returns by the authorities mentioned. Why not look further into it?

Dividends Paid by Ten of the Largest American Stock Fire Insurance Companies from 1910-1923

Figures taken from "Best's Insurance Reports"

	Combined Capital	Total Dividends	Rate
1910	$21,900,000.00	$5,740,000.00	26.2
1911	$23,400,000.00	$5,070,000.00	21.6
1912	$24,400,000.00	$5,745,000.00	23.5
1913	$24,400,000.00	$8,850,000.00	36.2
1914	$27,400,000.00	$5,850,000.00	21.3
1915	$27,400,000.00	$5,850,000.00	21.3
1916	$35,700,000.00	$13,888,000.00	38.9
1917	$35,700,000.00	$7,172,000.00	20.0
1918	$35,700,000.00	$7,426,000.00	20.8
1919	$38,200,000.00	$9,475,000.00	24.4
1920	$48,200,000.00	$10,610,000.00	22.0
1921	$48,200,000.00	$10,940,000.00	22.6
1922	$54,200,000.00	$24,488,000.00	45.1
1923	$72,000,000.00	$14,710,000.00	20.4
1924	$89,750,000.00	$18,117,000.00	20.2
1925	$93,000,000.00	$19,167,400.00	20.6

Total dividends paid, $173,098,400.00. Average rate of dividend, 25.3. Lowest, 20 per cent.; highest, 45.1 per cent.

To fully appreciate the above table, it must be remembered that in many instances the increased combined capital simply represents the stock dividends that have been handed out to make more plausible and less significant the high dividends. Note the jump 1922-23. (This comment is ours).

Patriotic Millionaires Avoid Income Tax

Hansard, the official publication of the Dominion Government, reporting a speech made in the House by one of the members, quoted Mr. Church (Conservative) as saying:

Hansard, page 3910: "The worst feature of the matter is that many people in receipt of large incomes escape the payment of income tax altogether. They go over to England and are not subject to income tax because they say their domicile is in Canada. In Canada they escape because they say they are domiciled in England, with the result that they escape in Canada and England as well. I know of three prominent Canadian citizens who are in receipt of an income of at least a million dollars, and yet do not pay a cent of income tax in England or Canada. . . 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 $1,000,000; he pays no taxes in Toronto, no income tax in Canada, and he escapes the British tax as well. They are dodging the tax collector in Canada, and they dodge the tax collector in the Old Country. . . ."

Municipal Insurance Saves Huge Sums

By establishing their own insurance departments, instead of paying huge premiums to private profit-making insurance companies, municipalities can save large sums of money.

These savings can then be applied either to the extension of useful social services or to the reduction of the local rates.

London County Council saves huge sums.

During the year ended March, 1925, the London County Council, by insuring with itself a small percentage of every risk, and paying itself exactly the same rate of premium as charged by the companies, received into its insurance fund £8,517 and only had to pay out £3,104 to cover claims.

The average amount it had to pay out during the last twenty years only amounts to £586 a year.

Moreover, in addition to the premium income referred to above, the London County Council gained another £13,131 in dividends and interest on the invested profits of the insurance fund.—Forward.

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Trades Union Directory

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. 678—meets second and last Sunday in month at 2:00 p.m., Room 310, Holden Bldg. President, W. H. Clancy; Secretary and Business Agent, T. J. Hanofin. Office: Room 5, Flack Block; Phones: Sey. 4783 and Bay. 1656-R. Hours: 9 to 12 a.m.

Bridge & Structural Iron Workers, Local 97, Int. Asso.—Meets every Monday, Room 804 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 second Saturday in month at 8 p.m.—President, A. Morris, 2834 Vine St.; sec., T. Rigby, 1482 Broadway E. Phone Fair. 2355X.

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, 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, 1718 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. Pettaplece; Fin. Sec. & Bus. Agent T. A. Newbigging. Office, Room 806 Holden Building.

Fire Fighters, No. 18, International Association of—Meets every month at call of president, at 251½ Hastings E. President, N. McDonald, No. 3 Fire Hall; financial secretary, C. A. Watson, No. 3 Fire Hall.

Floorlayers' Union, No. 1875, U.B. of C. & J. of A., meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays in 310 Holden Bldg., at 8 p.m. President, 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 8 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 810 Holden Building, at 8 p.m. President, Mrs. Nickels, 2388 Forty-second Ave. E.; secretary, Elizabeth J. Hope, 1138 Seymour St. Phone Sey. 9074L.

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.

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, 809 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.

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 313 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. 69—Meets first and third Friday in month at Cotillon Hall, Granville and Davie Streets. President, A. S. Ross, 5873 Pr. Edward St.; secretary, J. D. Vullamy, 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, W. H. Cottrell; recording secretary, F. E. Griffin; treas., H. G. Blazier; 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. 1932-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, F. Franco; 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, 880 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.

London.—Workers on the state-owned railroads of Czecho-Slovakia have begun a week of "passive resistance," or refusal to work, as a protest against the leasing of the lines to an American syndicate, controlled by the House of Morgan. It is believed the government will retaliate with a lockout.

MOST workers
Have NEVER voted
For their OWN interests,
Nor for ANYONE
Whose PRIME interests
Are also THEIRS.—Glengarry.

Correspondence

The Editor.

Sir: There are many interesting points in Mr. Moore's letter of last week and I have so very little time for study to adequately answer, that I hope I shall be excused in not being able to do justice to any point. I am glad to be credited with honesty and courtesy as I feel nothing can be gained without them. I am sorry Mr. Moore brought "an eighth-grade schoolboy" into the discussion as it gives one the impression that if one disagrees with him or any question it is so trifling as to merit very little consideration. There are many fourth-grade schoolboys who could "contradict" Haeckel's views, but to contradict is not to refute. Personally I would not care to take issue with an opponent whom I did not consider "worthy of my steel." Credit must be given to Haeckel for his biological contributions as he was preeminently a biologist. "We may say that the elements of a biological compound are physical and chemical; or that of a psychological fact, biological and chemical; but we are not in the least committing ourselves to the proposition that we can, therefore, explain psychology in terms of biology, or biology in terms of physics and chemistry. The mere fact that science is compelled to describe some things as physical, others as biological, and yet others as psychological, is enough to show that they belong to different categories, and so need a different set of terms to describe them. That is why Professor Needham and Sir Oliver Lodge and others are so hopelessly unscientific in saying that the materialist must explain psychological facts in terms of physics and chemistry as are those who foolishly accept the challenge and attempt to prove the scientifically impossible." The word psyche originally meant soul but there are many modern psychologists who have left the word "soul" out and replaced it by "mind." Fiske, the author of "Through Nature to God," admits, "It is not likely that we shall ever succeed in making the immortality of the soul a matter of scientific demonstration for we lack the requisite data. It must ever remain an affair of religion rather than of science."

Professor Metchikoff, in "The Nature of Man," says, "Science cannot admit the immortality of the conscious soul for consciousness is a junction of special elements in the body that certainly cannot live forever." Dr. Maudsley, in his work, "The Physiology of Mind, observes, "Instead of mind being, as assumed, a wondrous spiritual entity, the independent source of all power and self sufficient cause of all causes, an honest observation proves incontestably that it is the most dependent of all the natural forces. It is the highest development of force, and to its existence all the lower natural forces are indispensably requisite. It is strangely overlooked by many who write on this matter, that the brain is not a dead instrument, but a living organ, with functions of a higher kind than those of any other bodily organ. What, then, are those functions if they are not mental? No one thinks it necessary to assume an immaterial liver behind the hepatic structure, in order to account for its functions. But so far as the nature of nerve and the complex structure of the cerebral convolutions exceed in dignity the hepatic elements and structure, so far must the natural function of the brain exceed that of the liver." I could quote many such passages but will presently give a list of some thinkers who cannot be so easily refuted as Mr. Moore would imply. I believe it to be an accepted statement among modern scientists that there can be "no psychosis without neurosis." What then happens to psychosis when the body manifesting neurosis has disintegrated? Many arguments both pro and con on this deep subject may be found in the work, "The Mind and its Workings," by C. E. M. Joad.

Dr. Osler asserts "Modern psychological science dispenses altogether with the theory of the soul." Another modern writer says "The psychic fact is not merely the equivalent of the physical one, it is the same fact viewed now objectively and now subjectively. Our mistake lies in first separating in thought two things that are not separate in fact, and then forgetting that the distinction is one that we have made purely for our own convenience." It is true, if one postulates a soul, that many so-called proofs will be readily accepted by a casual enquirer, but that is on a par with the savage who sees proofs of supernatural beings in storm and earthquake and not having scientific knowledge of the cause of either. These people are a psychological study in themselves as are the modern hysterical and neurotic types, the latter being, in addition, subjects of pathological interest. The whole space of the States could be taken up with this subject and could prove interminable. I doubt if the average reader would care to follow such articles and I would regret greatly if it were continued ad nauseam." I will mention a few works that any interested reader may study for himself. "Science and the Soul," "Modern Materialism," both by Walter Mann; "The Other Side of Death," "Materialism Re-stated," both by Chapman Cohen. This latter work is only recently off the press so is decidedly up-to-date.

I am sure Mr. Moore will feel very well repaid if he can start others to do a little thinking "on their own" whether they agree with him or not and that is exactly my attitude also.

JACK CHAPPLE.

To the Editor.

Sir: In my article of last week entitled "Religious Imperialism" there is an obvious misprint. The last paragraph should read "The opium of the people" has not entirely lost its soporific qualities.

JACK CHAPPLE.

Organized Theft by Our Best Citizens

Mr. Henri Bourassa, an Independent in the House at Ottawa, has a splendid habit of uncovering the truth when speaking in the House. Hansard, page 5235, reports him as saying:

". . . . Our whole economic 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 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 who have been acclaimed as making their fortunes by exporting 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 of 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. . . ."

SAILORS IN CHINA SUFFER

BALTIMORE.—Acting on information from Y. M. C. A. officials stationed on the Yangtze, the Baltimore religious Society of Friends has asked Secretary of the Navy Wilbur to protect American sailors of the fleet in Chinese waters against the disastrous results of vice conditions in Chinese up-river ports. The stay of American naval vessels on the Yangtze, they find, has resulted in widespread moral degradation among the bluejackets.

Severing Home Ties

Reggie had been very rude to his father and had been sent to his bedroom as a punishment.

A little later his mother went to see what the boy was doing, and found him writing.

"Is that a letter to daddy asking for forgiveness?" she said.

"If you must know," replied Reggie, "I'm writing to the Archbishop of Canterbury to get a divorce from both of you."—London Tit Bits.

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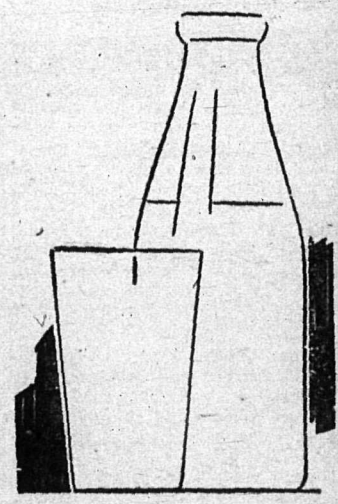
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Knew Her Ablutions.

The kindergarten teacher asked one of her young pupils what the eyes were for, and was promptly answered:

"To see with."

Another was asked what the nose was for, and the answer was correctly given.

Then she asked a little lass, "What are your ears for?" The child replied, "To keep clean." She got a 100 mark.

Greeks Join the Union.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—Seven hundred Greek restaurant workers have joined the Restaurant Employes' International Alliance during the last three weeks. They are seeking increased wages, shorter hours, and better regulations as to split time.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

Where are we heading? Is all this prophecy of war and calamity that we hear on every hand from certain types of preachers true, is the world actually getting worse? Is Labor impotent to help, and has the church no power? These will be the questions discussed at the morning service at First United church. The minister, Rev. J. Richmond Craig, will be the preacher. The service on Sunday night will be in the hands of the Young People entirely. Seven of our own young folks will take part. The theme will be "The Great Adventure." What is it?

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HEALTH INSURANCE

The subject of health insurance is becoming a live matter in British Columbia. Some twenty-five municipalities, the provincial convention of the Farmers' Institutes and many trades unions have endorsed the principal and asked the government to enact legislation along these lines. To labor this would appear very satisfactory. Unfortunately, however, while these different organizations are using the same terms, they do not mean the same thing. All that the farmers and the municipalities have in mind when they endorse health insurance is a scheme by which medical and hospital service will be paid for by a monthly fee.

In the old days when the doctor's horse would lope over the ill-kept roads, at six miles per hour, a trip to a farm twenty miles out was a six and a half hours affair and to secure some recompense for his time the doctor charged mileage at the rate of 75 cents per mile, charging for the one way. Today the doctor will visit the same farm and return in an hour, but he still charges the farmer the mileage fee that had its justification when old dobbin held him on the road for seven hours. The result of all this is that medical service is a decidedly costly affair to the country resident. Again, the hospital knows where to find the farmer and there is no escaping his hospital bill, and in addition to all this, the farmer has a well grounded suspicion that a material portion of the population do not pay for their medical and hospital service, and that if they were compelled to do so, the costs to himself would be materially less, and consequently the farmer favors a scheme under which everyone while working would be compelled to provide for his medical service when he falls sick, and this is as far as the farmers' conception of health insurance goes.

At the present time the government of British Columbia pays to each hospital a per diem grant, varying from sixty cents to one dollar for each patient day—in the hospital.. The purpose of this grant is to enable the hospital to give service to indigent persons who by reason of age or misfortune are unable to pay for it. Unfortunately in British Columbia possibly the larger portion of this grant is expended to give free service to immigrants and aliens. Men in the prime of life and who have no burdens other than their own maintenance, when overtaken by ill health or accident the hospital must accept them and in very few instances is it found possible to collect for their maintenance. This condition could be very much improved if the hospital managements made a determined effort to follow up these birds of passage, but they do not do so. They prefer to throw the burden of meeting their financial shortage on the municipalities, and the municipalities to get from under have endorsed a scheme which they call health insurance, but which means nothing more than requiring each individual ot pay a monthly fee while in health sufficient to secure hospital treatment for themselves when in need of it.

During any period of disabling illness the wage worker's income ceases, and under modern conditions this is very quickly followed by want and destitution in the home, and often recovery is retarded and sometimes illness becomes chronic by reason of the work and privation incidental to a period of sickness and so wherever the term health insurance is used by the wage worker it means an arrangement whereby he is guaranteed the necessary medical and hospital service and most important of all a subsistence allowance in the same manner as is provided under Workmen's Compensation in the case of injuries had in the employment. The payment under health insurance to automatically step in whenever it is found that the disability is not covered by Workmen's Compensation. This is a very much larger scheme and the financial and administrative end involves very much greater problems than the thing asked for by the farmers and the municipalities, and although medical and hospital service is a part of the wage earners' scheme, any scheme confined to this alone cannot be said to be even a start on health insurance proper, and we use the word "proper" considerately, for in this matter our friends have borrowed the term from us.

The arrangements which the farmers and municipalities have in mind would require the individual, either through his employer or personally to put up a monthly fee sufficient to secure the curative attention which he and his family would require during sickness. The cost of this might run any where between one and two dollars per month. This scheme at its best may be seen in the arrangements which the railway men and the coal miners make for themselves, and at its worst where the American up-coast logging company holds a dollar per month, week, day or hour, whichever it is that the man stays on job and the broken logger drifts into town and becomes an indigent patient when he requires medical service.

Health insurance, its possible cost, would be influenced by the maintenance paid, and by the date, in relation to the beginning of the disability, at which the payment would commence. Who should pay the cost has to be argued out. Two-fifths by the employer, two-fifths by the workmen and one-fifth by the State is a possible suggestion. The form of administration has to be devised. This is sufficient to show that there is much to do, and a substantial possibility of health insurance being side-tracked and a compulsory medical plan being substituted. Our idea would be that organized labor should at once appoint a live and vigorous committee to press to health insurance legislation, and to, if possible, bring the farmer and the municipality in line behind the movement.

M.

Trades Council Notes

The South Vancouver Fire Fighters has asked the Trades Council to inquire of the prospective candidates in the municipality if they are in favor of increasing the wages of the South Vancouver fire fighters. This will be complied with.

The Greater Vancouver Preventorium Association, organized to arrest or prevent the development of tuberculosis in children, has asked the Council to elect a delegate to be represented on the board.

The money bylaws for exhibition purposes were endorsed by the Trades Council after an address from Mr. Leek and Manager Matheson of the Exhibition Board.

Word was received from the Canadian National Railway that three of the bodies of Structural Iron Workers, members of Local 97, who were killed in the bridge accident at Entrance, Alta., have been recovered, but the body of Brother Conaghan has not been found, and they are of the opinion that it has been swept down the river.

Word received from Alderman G. R. Williams of Kamloops, in reply to a communication from the Trades Council on the subject of endorsing health insurance, stated that he had not heard that the medical men of this province favored a tax of $12 a year on each worker for health insurance. (The Labor Statesman is informed that the doctors propose to get $3 a month for each person. $1 supplied by the worker, $1 by the employer and $1 from the government.)

BRANDON ELECTS THREE LABOR MEN IN ELECTIONS

Two Labor aldermen and one school trustee were elected at the municipal elections held at Brandon, Manitoba, last week. This Labor party made a 100 per cent success of its campaign electing every candidate it nominated.

Roy Davis and Harry Spafford took second and third place out of the five aldermen elected. Alex Cairns was elected by acclamation to the school board.

Good morning, sir! Haircut? Yes sir. Nice moustache you have, sir. Looks almost like the one that adorns the face of Mr. A. E. Phipps, general manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada. Go on, surely you are not Mr. Phipps! Well, I must say you have changed since I saw you last. You are feeling fine, eh? So you may, seeing the good year your shareholders have had. You think that is the result of good management, do you? Well, I don't. I think it is the result of legalized theft.

Now, now, be careful, I am liable to carve a chunk out of your ear if you jump about like that. It's a darned funny thing, sir, that this year is better than last year in the banking business and worse in practically every other business, including the business of working for a living. Your bank made $1,265,000 last financial year and $1,383,000 this year. Your shareholders have subscribed a total of $7,000,000 in capital and have regailed themselves at the rate of 12 per cent. interest, plus a bonus of 1 per cent., and they have carried to the "puggy," yes, I mean the reserve account, $1,272,929.81, making a total profit of $2,655,929, not forgetting that 81 cents, or approximately 37 per cent on the capital invested and that, mind you, after allowing for all sorts of things, including a $250,000 reduction of bank premises, income taxes and doubtful debts. All in fact has been cared for except some more wages for the $80 a month slaves who have to work sometimes 16 hours per day to look after your dough.

Now, I maintain, that while the workers are turning the Labor exchanges into miniature battlegrounds in their eagerness to get work, your 2,000 odd shareholders have no moral right to that amount of profit. Quit your kiddin' now! I will examine your robber institution further if you like. I said a minute ago that your shareholders had subscribed $7,000,000, but of that amount over $5,000,000 are tied up in bank premises, leaving only about $2,000,000 liquid capital. Of course, I know that your reserves allow you to issue over $10,000,000 of paper money, on which you draw interest. Money for dirt, so as to speak, but the point I want to make is this: The Bank Act says that banks can legally DEMAND 7 per cent. interest on loans, but the law says that if an individual agrees to pay more than that the bank can force payment. Don't I see the camouflage? More than 7 per cent. cannot be demanded but if the borrower does not agree to pay 12 per cent., or even 20 per cent., then there is no loan forthcoming. Why, Mr. Phipps, it is the biggest joke imaginable! What's that you say, good business management? That be hanged, Mr. Phipps. Take a walk down Granville street, say from Georgia to Hastings, then down Hastings ot Abbott and there you have an example of good business management. Ten large banking establishments in seven blocks and it is said that two more are to be built within that area. All needed! Nonsense! We have one post office and four branches which cater to the whole of Greater Vancouver. Now would you suggest that it would be good business to build nine more on Hastings street? I should say not! Well that's good business management and it is just as reasonable to suggest that we turn over the distribution of our mail to ten different companies in Vancouver, as it is to state that our money is more efficiently handled by ten banks than it would be by one bank. I listen to a lot of guys who come into my shop raving about the capitalist class. They mean the boss, the man who employs them, and who is probably more in debt than they will ever be. They never stop to think that Mr. Business Man, the Farmer, the Butcher, the Baker and the coffin-maker, all pay tribute to the Shylocks who year after year, good business or bad business, declare their profits in millions of dollars. If only those guys would use their beans enough to control the financial octupus it would not take them long to control their jobs. Go after the big stuff; that's my motto! I'm an enemy to society, am I? Put it there, old boy; there's two of us, only you are more so. Next please!

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SMALLPOX HOSPITAL

A small contract for additions to the smallpox hospital is to be dealt with by a special committee. The cost will be around $400. Four tenders were received.

Union Label Trades Council Organized

The election of officers of the Label Trades Council was held at their last meeting on Wednesday, November 30th. The following delegates were elected: Delegate Herrett, Journeymen Barbers' Local 120, president; Delegate Hanafin, Beverage Dispensers' Local 676, vice-president; Delegate McDonald, Journeymen Tailors' Local 175, secretary-treasurer; Delegate Quigley, Printing Pressmen's Local 69, sergeant-at-arms; Delegate Wood, Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Local 28, publicity agent. These officers will constitute the executive.

The following organizations have affiliated with the newly formed Union Label Trades Council: Beverage Dispensers, Hotel and Restaurant Employees, Tailors, Barbers, Musicians, Milk Salesmen, and the Allied Printing Trades Council, comprising the Typographical, Printing Pressmen, Bookbinders, Photo Engravers, Sterotypers and Mailers. Several other locals have been requested to affiliate and it is expected that they will do so at the next meeting.

Arrangements for future meetings have been made for the second and fourth Thursdays each month at 8 p.m. in room 814, Holden building, and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 22.

The Union Label Trades Council intend to carry on an extensive campaign to boost the Union Label, and every effort will be made to acquaint organized labor of firms and stores where Union goods can be secured.

By adopting the "Boost the Label" policy, the Union Label Trades Council expects not only to achieve greater recognition of their trades, but to add considerably to the membership in general, and it is up to every member to get behind and lend every available assistance to "Boost the Label."—H. W.

SPOKE TOO SOON

The health committee's fortnightly report had just declared the city free of poliomyelitis when two new cases came in on Monday—one outside the city.

I. L. P. Add One More To Winnipeg Council

With the election of S. J. Farmer, M.L.A., and former mayor, the Independent Labor Party gained one seat on the Winnipeg city council in the municipal elections held on November 25. Two of the 1927 aldermen, F. Flye and John Blumberg, were re-elected. One Labor candidate was defeated by 47 votes.

John Queen, M.L.A., the Labor candidate for mayor, was defeated by Lieut.-Col. "Dan" McLean, pioneer citizen, who had a mojority of 6,874, McLean polling 23,361 votes and Queen 16,487.

The standing of the council now includes: 11 non-partisan members, 6 Labor and 1 Communist.

The election was conducted under the proportional representation system of voting.

IN THE HAM AND EGG FOUNDRY

(By THE MUSTARD MIXER)

Mr. T. Stamatis, who is manager and part owner of the Trocadero Cafe, and who undoubtedly takes great pride in telling Vancouver by signs upon the front of the cafe that his establishment is the Epicurians' Paradise (although we in the land of the living have no desire for Paradise right away), requested by letter to the Trades Council, to know whether we have any logical reason why his establishments are on the "We do not patronize" list and the White Lunches are not. In the first place, we would advise the gentleman that we are not interested in the keen competition that is being exhibited between the two firms in question; and although the Trocadero Cafe was the originator of the "3 eggs for 20c," and the manager boasted that the display card bearing this announcement was the cause of producing big business, he should not get peeved because the White Lunches appropriated some of his thunder. We only hope that they will continue throwing eggs at each other. However, if Mr. T. Stamatis will look over the "We do not patronize" list he will no doubt experience great pleasure by finding the White Lunches listed there; and to measure matters up we are posting the National and Trocadero's two new houses on Granville street there also. Write us again, Tom; we like to hear 'em squawk!

MILK SALESMEN HAVE ANOTHER GOOD DANCE

The Milk Salesmen and Dairy Employees Union held another whist drive and frolic at the Ambassador on Wednesday evening. Everybody was supplied with cute little hats and novelties while the six-piece Arcadian Orchestra delivered frisky music. The crowd was very sociable and everybody was having a wonderful time right up till 2 p.m., in spite of the fact that most of the men had to get up very early the next morning.

The winners of the splendid whist prizes were: Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Foot; 2nd, Mrs. Barker. Gents, 1st, E. J. Sopp; 2nd, T. Wilson.

Civic Programme of Canadian Labor Party

Public ownership of public utilities. This is a cardinal principle of the Canadian Labor Party, as it is of all Labor parties. (The collective ownership of those things collectively used, and essential to the life of the community and which the community makes possible.)

Abolition of contract work and substitution of the day labor plan on all civic work whenever possible. Where contracts have to be let same to contain clauses covering the eight-hour day, 44-hour week, and union rate of wages.

Adult suffrage.

We favor the election of aldermen at large (similar to the method of electing School Trustees and Parks Board) in place of the present ward system.

Abolition of property qualifications for candidates.

Work to be found for the unemployed at the prevailing rate of wages and a demand made upon the Federal government to assume full responsibility.

The re-assessment of the city for taxation purposes. Assessment to be based on the market value of the property.

"Everybody ought to work," then everybody ought to be permitted to work.

Ald. H. E. Almond

Candidate for Re-election in Ward Two

IF you are satisfied with my five years' past record and the fact that you always know just where I stand on any question that comes up in the Council meeting, your vote and influence on my behalf will be appreciated.

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The Board administering the above Act has decided to apply the Statute to the above industry, and establish a minimum wage for employees.

Public meetings will be held at the Court House, Vancouver, on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 13th and 14th, at 10:30 a.m., and 2 p.m., each day, for the purpose of hearing arguments on the minimum wage question as applicable to this industry.

Representations from employers will be heard on the 13th, and from employees on the 14th.

It is desired that everyone affected should attend one or more of these meetings, and in the event of inability to be present the Board will be glad to receive a written statement setting forth your views, which should be addressed to the Chairman of the Board, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C.

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Evolution or Revolution

(By F. W. MOORE)

(Suggested by the title of a church notice in the "Sun.")

Can you explain why puny man tries to resist the dictates of an all-powerful evolution? Several times has civilization been overturned by this reprehensible habit. One would think that mentally insignificant as he is, experience would have endowed him with sense, sufficient to enable him to recognize its irresistibly ubiquitous force. One would imagine that he'd see the uselessness of pitting himself against the incomprehensible vigor that hurls incalculable masses of matter into white-heated collision, giving birth to nascent planetary systems that under normal circumstances remain under the sway of its ascendency for untold aeons of time. One would fancy he had heard, at least in the case of our earth, of its indomitable pertinacity in swinging its ponderous babies around during the said aeons until the coldness of space reduced the temperature sufficiently to suit an arena for myriad millions of animated monera to commence the arduous ascent of the ladder it was presumably intended to climb; and finally, one would suppose that he would see the fatuity of opposing an everlasting resistless force that stimulated for boundless ages the progressive activities of the forms of life until a goal was reached in the ultimate appearance of man.

Indeed, one could dilate endlessly on its omnipotent prowess in bringing to maturity whatever contract is placed in its hands by nature. Its present business here ought to be replete with interest. Man has passed through savagery and barbarism and now, from a state of semi-civilization, characterized by mental subservience to Mammon, it is trying to elevate him to the rank of an emancipated manhood; but, alas! although he possesses the potentialities of a god, these, are a very long, long way fro mdevelopment. Indeed, he resembles Shakespeare's "mewling" infant far more than he does a deity: He prefers baubles to the valuable supply of material and spiritual wealth that exolution holds in its hands for his acceptance. In his predominant pursuit of profits be is baiting his hook with salmon to catch sprats; he is paying in the gold coin of the realm to have a hole plugged in a nickel. For instance, it cannot be repeated too often that international civilized humanity is paying approximately in proportion to its means and necessities what the United States paid in 1920 out of her national annual revenue of almost six billion dollars, to wit, 92 per cent for war and defence and one-eighth of one per cent for education—Social Service Bulletin, April, 1921. And as to such education, a highly suggestive heading to a lecture appeared in the "Star" of Nov. 28th: "Are We Over-Educated" it ran. The discourse was given by a learned dean who lives less than a million miles from Vancouver. He was honestly trying to enlighten his hearers on the stern realities of life; but oh, ye gods and little fishes, what a sad commentary that is on our industrial system! Surely it shows the need of stressing an economic education such as will enable men to develop a government under which the street scavangers who have the capacity may have also the time and means to acquire, if they so wish, all the learning of a college don.

The next advance on the upward path must of necessity be incidental to public ownership. What steps the bourgeois should take in bringing about this condition, when millions of unemployed would be started to produce gainfully, and when dependence on a dwindling market would no longer exist, it is hard to say: as businessmen their experiences ought to help them to discover that for themselves. Their efforts in the League of Nations are, owing to circumstances, comparatively crude, yet, they are a beginning although a very weak beginning because of the absence of an international police force to restrain men who have not yet totally discarded their feudalistic prejudices. But whatever success the League may or may not have, the duty of the ordinary man is plain and consists in acquiring an economic education through which he will recognize the dollar and cent motive for most political and industrial ills. Knowledge like that creates a bond of union. It is also power, and power is equivalent to might. Who will deny that might having its basis in the commendable knowledge of the community is right?

"Might was; it is; it e'er will be
The one and only right;
And so, hosts of toil awake!
Oh, workingmen unite!
Unite, unite, for might is right—
'Tis freedom's only way—
'Tis the logic of the ancient world
The gospel of today."

This is splendid advice, and if followed will greatly minimize, if not quite destroy any chance of revolution that the laws of nature impose on disobedient children of men.

Unemployed Insurance

Whether the unemployment problem is greater, or not so acute, as a year ago, matters very little so long as there is an unemployment problem. It will not feed workless men to tell them that there were a larger number of them last year. The important thing is that men are walking the streets with no jobs and without the means of securing the necessities of life.

All that the cities and the provincial governments can do is provide as adequate relief as possible. They cannot settle the problem. Unemployment is as deep-rooted as the economic system of which it is a natural product. And city councils and provincial governments cannot change the economic system. But they can do what lies in their power to relieve distress among those who are the victims of the scourge of unemployment. And they should do what they can, for there is no other source from which the jobless may expect to get either jobs or the means to keep alive. But city councils should not put unemployed to work at reduced wages on jobs formerly done by their own employees.

Canada needs a national system of unemployment insurance. No country is more in need of such a system. With the seasonable nature of much of the work that is carried on in Canada, periods of unemployment seem almost impossible to avoid. And because of the severity of the climate at the time when employment is at its lowest ebb, it is essential that means be provided for relief of those who are workless and without money. Unemployment insurance is the best solution yet devised or suggested to take care of the unemployment problem in Canada, and it is up to the Dominion government to put such a scheme into operation. It is up to provincial governments and cities and towns to press for the enactment of such a measure by the federal government.

Warned to Steer Clear of Manitoba

Winnipeg, Man.—The province of Manitoba and the city of Winnipeg—the principal industrial centre—are planning to meet an unemployment problem during the coming winter. Notices have been posted in all parts of western Canada warning workers to stay away.

"Jobs will be very scarce in cities and towns of Manitoba this winter," it says: "'No help wanted' signs will be general. Men now on farms should arrange for winter work and stay there, or locate jobs in lumber or wood camps.

"Be warned that cities and towns of Manitoba will not give assistance to able-bodied men when work can be had in the country. Furthermore Winnipeg will not give any assistance to any persons who are not citizens of Winnipeg."

The "Western Producer," the official publication of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and United Farmers, declares that "tens of thousands of farmers have enough to do this winter to keep their own families without making work for others' 'and that the "question of providing winter work for unskilled workers and for thousands of immigrants who have just come to Canada and are not yet properly established is one which must be made part of the government's immigration policy."

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Stage and Screen Stars at New Orpheum

Vancouver's newest and most palatial theatre, the New Orpheum, still continues to be the popular rendezvous with theatregoers. Besides being one of the show places of the city to surprise visitors with, there is always a big show of variety features and photoplays to please everybody.

Ethel Clayton and Ian Keith, celebrities of screen and stage, will appear in person as the leading features of next week's program at the New Orpheum. Blonde of hair, with perfect features, marvelous complexion and a manner of speaking that is at once charming and friendly, Miss Clayton bears out and adds to the favorable impression she creates on the screen. Her present vaudeville vehicle, which brings her starring partnership with Mr. Keith, is a one-act dramatic gem entitled "Clipped." This sketch reveals in an entertaining and laughable manner unfortunate incidents happening to a presumably devoted married couple who stray from the path of rectitude in a harmless manner, but with considerable attendant publicity. The denouement is a surprise and here both stars contribute their finest work.

Al. Trahan and Vesta E. Wallace in "The Curtain Speech" are irresistible. The skit is rightly described as a classic and the team has always been considered a first aid to the risibilities. If a person cannot laugh at and with them, it's a certainty that that person hasn't a laugh in his system.

The greatest of all laugh creators is the famous Zeigfeld Follies' "Shadowgraph" and the most sensational stage effect ever devised. Paper glasses and green and orange lenses are distributed among the audience. Then the shadows are shown by a patented process. The effect is that the shadow walks right out of the sheet, giving the sheet, in fact, a fourth dimension.

The golf wizard, Jack Redmond, will present his original novelty, "A Golf Lesson." He will demonstrate trick and fancy shots on the stage. As a feature of his offering he drives a ball teed on the forehead of his wife. "Ballet Caprice" is a beautiful dance offering featuring Day and Aileen. It is divided into ten scenes, each typifying a mood and a condition. The settings are exquisite and the lighting effects unique. Brooks and Ross announce themselves as "Two Boys and a Piano." Both boys have real voices and harmonize beautifully together. The piano, of course, becomes a part of the harmony. The film feature for the week will be "American Beauty," starring Billy Dove. It is a most delectable dish of screen entertainment.

We appreciate even the common things of life if we are denied them.

Correspondence

Sir: It seems to me that the late pow-wow between the high medium men of the Church of England is a hopeful sign.

Bishop Barnes stood up in the chief joss-house of the empire and dared to say that he agreed with Darwin. Disraeli said that Gladstone could talk an infinite deal about nothing. So can the Archbishop of Canterbury. In his long and carefully worded letter to the rebellious Barnes he said, in effect, that he was of the same mind, but that it was impolitic to say so bluntly. It is generally allowed that the Church of England is the most tolerant of all religious bodies so that there is no danger of the two bishops and Dean Inge being burnt because they believe that man came into being naturally, instead of being made of a lump of clay, in a few hours.

When the president of the Royal Society and the heads of the church declare for evolution, as opposed to an impossible sudden creation, it looks as if reason is coming into its own and superstition dying a natural death.

Some day, perhaps, people will cease to worry about what comes after death and try to make this mismanaged world more fit to live in.

At present, we have thousands of churches, charitable institutions, friendly societies, bazaars, tag-days and such like, all of which things may help certain individuals, but make little impression on the vast amount of unnecessary poverty and suffering which exists.

I once heard Chiazza Money say: "The problem of production has been solved long ago, the problem of distribution is not solved, and never will be, until we have collective ownership."

It is not likely that any part of the British Commonwealth will ever put the churches out of action, as they have done in Russia and are trying to do in Mexico; they are more likely to be ignored.

A great many clergymen are modernists and socialists at heart, and a few of them are not afraid to say so, the others make friends with the mammon of unrighteousness and are on the side of the rich.

Plenty of capitalists are good fellows who honestly think that competition and blatant advertising are necessary.

In the meantime there is privation and carking care because the factories and farms produce commodoties faster than they can be used.

Oh love, could thou and I with fate conspire,
To grasp this sorry scheme of things entire;
Would we not shatter it to bits,
And then remould it nearer to the hearts desire?

RICHARD WESTAWAY.

SAVINGS AND LOAN

We have heard much in the past few years of co-operative industries of all kinds, men and women have formed into mass combinations, and such of these that really serve humanity are retained, and those that are found useless go into discard.

The general discussion of a co-operative financial institution such as savings and loan associations now operating in British Columbia, has frenquently been referred to as a new idea. Mutual associations such as these represent what is undoubtedly the most effective form of financial co-operative organizations, known in the worlds history. Masses of people have banded together to effectively and economically safeguard their savings as a first mortgage on some member's home.

The history of savings and loan associations may be traced back into the lengthening shadows of history, which had their beginning with the Greenwich Union Society, Greenwich, England, which was founded January 7th, 1809. At the beginning of 1924, these societies had over 1,300,000 members with assets of over $569,380,500.00. In the United States today there are about 13,000 associations with assets of six billions of dollars, and an ever increasing membership of over 10,000,000. This tremendous growth is the strongest endorsment of savings and loan associations.

Now the question of interest here is, has the savings and loan associations a place in our national life? Has it given a genuine service to humanity; should it be encouraged and fostered in this province, (now that it is regulated by special legislation) or should it be condemned as an economic itch, temporary and ephemeral in character.

We should have no especial patience with the bank that feels that these associations will draw certain small deposits from its savings accounts, for if they are home builders, if they are constructive, they are going to give back to society, benefits that must reflect into the general prosperity of a group of the banking fraternity.

The great foundation underlying this co-operation of many, is built on a systematic saving of money, as many must first save, create capital, before one of its members may secure a loan, therefore the savings feature is of first importance.

Membership in a co-operative mutual association is a constant incentive to thrift and industry, awakens ambition, and provides a way for higher and better modes of living. The second purpose for which these associations exist, is to enable every man to be his own landlord, which is the most worthwhile accomplishment that any man or family can have.

Savings and loan is a business of great magnitude, and what has been accomplished in England and the United States, is now being done in Canada. And the people of this province should investigate and cooperate with associations operating on the mutual plan, where the members are getting the full benefit of all the profits in place of a favored few.

City Hall Notes

BACK-WASH

This is the 10th Christmas since the war, and returned men are to be allowed to sell Christmas trees from the street and sidewalks subject to the approval of the Chief of Police.

The Columbia Amateur Athletic Association is also to be allowed to sell tickets on the streets for a benefit to disabled veterans in the drill hall.

The application of the Federation of Veterans in Canada for a tag day was left over for the Tag Day Committee of 1928.

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SETTLING UP

Mrs. F. Bradford is to be tendered "without prejudice," $400 in full settlement for injuries by falling on the sidewalk last summer.

Mrs. N. Ellis's similar claim is to be settled for $93, and Mrs. Hardman is to be paid $25 "on compassionate grounds" for injuries by falling over a fire hose.

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DEAD TREES

It takes $10 to remove a dead tree in the West End. Some scores of dead and dying trees are to be removed, "subject to the necessary financial arrangements."

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LAW

Because a non-support case was brought under the criminal code, the judge had no jurisdiction to order any contribution for past or future maintenance.

The City Prosecutor states that the complaintant has no status to make complaint under the proper statute for maintenance.

The Relief Department now recommends that the $200 fine be paid to the complainant at the rate of $50 per month.

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COAL

The Canadian Coal Publicity Committee complains that Canadian people pay the U. S. some $52,000,000 per annum for domestic coal and coke and its transportation on American railways, there being an ample supply within the province of Alberta, and that "the only obstacle to the full use of Alberta domestic coal throughout the Dominion is the securing of satisfactory rates for moving coal over the Dominion railways."

The City of Edmonton passes the complaint on to Vancouver, adding the following resolution: "We also urge that the Federal government, in co-operation with the Provincial government, insist upon such control as regards capitalization and working conditions as will tend to stabilize these conditions and bring about more satisfactory economic and living standards for miners and railway workers employed in producing and distributing this commodity."

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Ald. John Bennett

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MOUNT PLEASANT I. L. P.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15th, at the house of Charles Mann, 264 23rd Avenue East.

British Labor "cleaned up" in the municipal elections in the Old Country. Let's repeat the dose in Vancouver. It can be done.

Correct Action Will Elect Labor Men

A very important feature in this election, and in most others of a similar nature is the correct action for workers to take at the polls in attempting to elect Labor Party candidates. In the present instance there are four School Trustees to elect, but only one Labor candidate. Every working class voter has four votes; that is they can vote for four out of the seven candidates. But if they do vote for four, they cancel the vote that they give to the Labor candidate. If you vote for Knowles only, and some other elector votes for four of the other candidates, then Knowles and the four other candidates have one vote apiece, but if you have voted also for three of the other candidates, then Knowles only has one vote and the other candidates have two votes each.

But supposing that you have "plumped" for Knowles only, and some other voter, not actually interested in the Labor candidate, votes for three of the other candidates and then decides to give one vote to Knowles, under those circumstances Knowles will have two votes and the other candidates one each. If two thousand Labor men adopted the plumping system—that is voting for the Labor man only—then the other votes accumulated by other voters swinging a vote here and there to Knowles would elect him easily.

Try it this time, with the School Trustee and also for Walter Deptford fo rthe Parks Board. Vote for one and let your other votes go into the discard. There is no penalty for this as the ballot is secret and you can vote for as many as you please and for whom you please.

I. L. P. Notes

SOUTH VAN. I. L. P.

The next regular meeting of the I. L. P. will be held in the Horticultural hall on Friday, Dec. 9th, at 8 p.m. At this meeting the municipal campaign committee will be organized and other items attended to.

NEXT MEETING C. L. P.

The next regular meeting of the Canadian Labor Party will be held in the Holden building, on Wednesday, December 28th, at 8 p.m.

NOTICE TO I.L.P. MEMBERS

The Provincial Executive of the I. L. P. has called a mass meeting of all members of the party of New Westminster, Burnaby and Greater Vancouver districts to be held on Saturday evening, December 10, at 7:30 o'clock, in I.L.P. hall, Jubilee, Burnaby. As matters of importance to the party are to be considered at this meeting it is hoped every member who can possibly make it convenient to be present will attend. A social time will follow after the business of the evening has been dealt with.

LADYSMITH I. L. P.

On Saturday evening last Frank A. Brown, M.L.A., and H. Neelands, M.L.A., addressed a meeting held under the auspices of I. L. P. at Ladysmith, giving a review of happenings in the Legislature at Victoria. The remarks of the Labor members were followed by discussion both interesting and instructive.

A live group of workers is carrying on the good work in that district.

S. VAN. I. L. P.

Win a turkey for Christmas. That seems to be the slogan in South Vancouver. Well, folks, we are going to give everybody who attends our whist drive and dance just this chance.

There will be turkeys as whist prizes and a big fat juicy turkey as one of the tombola prizes, and other turkeys will be drawn for. Everybody is assured of a good time with plenty of good eats. Mrs. McDonald's world famous coffee will also be served, and some party said on November 26th that one cup of that coffee was worth the admission alone. Plenty of nice ham sandwiches, made by nice dainty ladies, and oodles of Shelly's cake will comprise the refreshments.

So do not forget the date and place. We need the crowd at Elk's hall, 49th and Fraser, Saturday, December 17. T.R.

Open Spaces Must Be Beautiful for Workers

To a great many workers, the great out-doors is confined to the parks and open spaces in the city of Vancouver. Those who are lucky enough, or prosperous enough, are able, by means of the autombile and other transportation systems, to get into the highways and byways of the country, into the hills, along the creeks and into the places where nature in all its scenic beauty holds full sway.

There are many of us, workers who for various reasons, not always of our own making, must make the best of the open places that are available in the city, most of the time throughout the year. It is to these that the Labor Party should appear as a worthy organization, willing and capable of looking after the interests of those who must pass their leisure time within the confines of the city.

Labor members of the Parks Board will make it their business to increase the facilities at the parks, make more space available, without destroying the natural beauty, clean up and extend the beaches, take greater care of the playgrounds, and generally endeavor to make all these places more pleasant and available to the workers.

Stanley Park is one of the finest playgrounds of the world. The whole park system of Vancouver is in an outstanding exemplification of the value and possibilities of collective ownership—community service. Our candidate, if elected, will do his utmost to create an intelligent contribution towards further developing Vancouver's breathing and recreation spaces.

School Books Should Be Sold to Pupils at Cost

To the Electors of Vancouver:

The Labor Party bases its case for a share in the formulating and control of civic affairs on the economic truth that Labor applied to natural resources produces all wealth.

Civic representation, in the past, in common with all other governmental representation, was confined almost exclusively to the so-called businessmen. All this is being changed. Better educational opportunities has shown the workers that the employing class have no monopoly of the brains of the community, and they have also seen that when a representative of their own class was elected that he compared very favorably with the representatives of the other class.

They are also beginning to see that no matter who pays the taxes, they must be produced by those who toil.

The Labor party is out to raise the living and cultural standard of the working class. To do this, present educational opportunities must be increased, and as a nominee of that party we advocate, as a means to the end:

Adequate and healthy school accommodation for every child, and provision for absolutely free and equal educational opportunities, from the primary school to the university.

That the Department of Education take steps to ensure that text books now bought by pupils shall be made available at cost.

That physical exercises should be provided for each child every school day of the year, but the teaching of militarism under any guise should be abolished.

That citizens should have free use of school buildings for meeting purposes.

Abolition of the compulsory vaccination of school children, and that consciencious objectors' certificates be procurable without charge.

Levy of one mill for capital purposes for public schools.

As an active worker during the past 16 years in some phase of the Labor movement, I look with confidence for the help of every earnest advocate of social progress, in the endeavor to increase Labor representation on the School Board.

Yours for working class progress,
FRED KNOWLES.

In the last five years New Zealand has loaned $100,000,000 for housing settlers and workers. In Great Britain municipalities are building houses on city property and renting and selling them to workers. Vancouver has many acres of idle land that it could do likewise with, but the city council does not favor it. Labor does.

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