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Canada's Wheat Goes Through U. S. Ports

The following communication, and also a telegram, was received by the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, from the editor of The Telegraph-Journal of Saint John, N.B., and replied to by President and Acting Secretary Colin MacDonald of the Trades Council, his action being endorsed by the Council:

St. John, N. B.,
April 6, 1932

President,
Trades and Labor Council,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,—Your organization will, no doubt, be vitally interested in the attached editorial, which refers to the announcement made by the United States Department of Commerce, that during the last six years, on the average, approximately one-half of the grain exported by Canada has gone through United States ports.

We realize that this means that the work of handling this product of our country, which should go to the railway and port workers of Canada, goes instead to those of a foreign country.

In view of the fact that the people of Canada last year were taxed to the extent of $11,000,000 to pay a bonus of five cents a bushel on all Canadian wheat exported from the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and in view of the fact that approximately half of this bonused wheat was handled over American transportation systems, we feel that the time has come when a concerted move must be made to divert this valuable traffic to our own railways and through our own ports, so that Canadian citizens can obtain the full extent of the employment to which they are entitled.

We beg to suggest that you submit this matter to your organization and if you deem it advisable, to have a resolution passed and forwarded to the government and the members from your constituency. We suggest also that any action which you take might be communicated to the press in your own locality.

Yours very truly,
F. X. JENNINGS,
Acting Editor-in-Chief.

Colin MacDonald replied by wire as follows:

April 8th, 1932.

St. John Telegraph-Journal:

Having in mind the deplorable condition in Canada, as a result of unemployment amongst the workers of this country, we feel that the fullest possible advantage should be taken of the transportation facilities available within our own boundaries. It is to be regretted that, in spite of the fact that these facilities exist, such a percentage of our wheat is allowed to be shipped by the route you mention. Every possible influence should be brought to bear upon those responsible for such a state of affairs to compel them to bring about a change which would result in home grown wheat being shipped by Canadian routes and handled by people at present seeking an opportunity to earn a livelihood.

This being a national question, an opinion from P. M. Draper, Secretary, Trades and Labor Congress, Ottawa, should be secured.

COLIN MacDONALD.

Reply endorsed.

U. S. Women Will Vote on Unemployment

A canvass of representative women has been made by the political editor of the Woman's Home Companion with rather startling results. Eighty per cent of the women interviewed declared that unemployment will be foremost in the minds of women voters when they go to the ballot box this year.

Many women refuse to consider any other issue—compared to unemployment, disputes about tariff, prohibition and foreign debts seem trifling to these managers of American homes. Others, while willing to consider other issues, consider them of relative unimportance.

This is a fair [illegible] woman's instinctive grip on matters which affect her family. Unemployment is a devastation to the homes it has entered, and a threat to all other homes. Women sense this, and demand what is going to be done about it. The pay envelope, after all, is the basis of most things which make life worth living; and women hold to that fact when men grasp at shadows.

Many men get a good hearty laugh out of pictures in an old family album and then look in a mirror without as much as a grin.

Proposed Compensation Board Change Halted

While the Legislative Assembly was in session in Victoria, word was received by the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council that pressure was being brought upon the Government to remove Mr. Winn and Mr. Gilmour from the Workmen's Compensation Board. We concluded that a hungry horde of Conservative healers wanted the jobs and other interests wanted them removed. Mr. Winn had been sick for some time previously, but, despite the fact that he had greatly recovered, this was used as an excuse to ask for his resignation, and if that was not forthcoming other ways of removal would go into effect.

The Trades and Labor Council had a telegram sent to every member of the Legislature. After this telegram had been thoroughly digested, Tom Uphill brought the subject up in the House, and the Government, having seriously weighed the consequences, informed Tom Uphill that there would be no change on the board.

The Trades Council knows that a large number of workers have not been satisfied with the compensation received, but it also knows that the hands of the three commissioners are partly tied by the Act, and that, generally, they have been as fair as could be in the face of opposition from employers who have to foot the largest part of the cost. Having had many years of dealing, advice and help from these commissioners, the Trades Council did not want the board changed to probably include men who would be more sympathetic to the employer than to the worker.

The Trades Council's telegram to every member of the Legislature was as follows:

Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, representing over 15,000 directly affected by any changes in the personnel of Workmen's Compensation Board, emphatically protest against removal of any member of the board failing any charges being submitted by the Government where they have proven negligence or inefficiency in administration of Act. We are advised that reason given of ill-health of Chairman is not founded on facts, as Mr. Winn is fully recovered and able to carry on his duties.

The name of organized labor has been used in the press as having approved of proposed changes in the board. In the name of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and this council we categorically deny such reports.

COLIN McDONALD, President,
Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council.

British Navy and Gold

Norman Angell, famous British editor and pacifist, speaking in New York recently, told his audience that preponderance of power could no longer bring security to a nation and the greatest fleet in the world could not keep gold in the banks of its capital.

People used to ask him, he recalled, what would become of British trade and finance if the British navy were not there to guard the gold reserves in the Bank of England. "I have been observing with interest," he said, "that of late the gold has been melting away. Why does not the British navy protect it?"

"When as a result of successful war, one nation takes the territory of another, what precisely does it get?" he asked. "Fields, factories, mines and houses. These things, in the case of developed countries, remain almost invariably in the same hands as before conquest. Britain 'owns' Canada, but could I, as an Englishman, get anything Canadian without paying for it? Suppose America 'took' Canada? What would you take? You would not destroy titles to railroad stock and farms, because the disturbance of these titles would hit your own finance as severely as it would hit British."

The old use of armaments, he said, has failed. The nations must find a better means of defence than armies and navies.

NEW YORK FACTORY WORK REACHES ITS LOW POINT

Albany, N. Y.—Factory employment in this state during February was at the lowest ebb ever recorded for a similar period. Miss Frances Perkins, labor commissioner, declared in her monthly report, issued recently.

Jobs usually increase between February and March, she said, but this year they showed a drop of about 1 per cent, almost 0.3 per cent under February, 1930, and 0.8 per cent below 1914—the only two instances on record where employment did not rise after the close of January.

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LABOR-FARMERS WORK TOGETHER

Planning to place several candidates in the field for the coming Manitoba general elections the Independent Farmer party and the Independent Labor party joined forces at a week-end conference in Winnipeg. Organization plans will be laid at once and a common platform was agreed upon on which an appeal will be made to rural as well as urban voters.

SCHOOLS FINANCED IN PERU BY OIL MONOPOLY

Peru plans to educate her children by means of a state monopoly on petroleum products. All profits from the sale of gasoline and oil would be turned into the school fund. It is thought that enough to establish 4000 new schools can be obtained in this manner. The rapidly-growing strength of labor organizations and radical parties is responsible for the agitation for better educational facilities.

VETERANS COST $55,000,000

Care of Canada's veterans of the Great War costs this country in the neighborhood of $55,000,000 annually, of which the largest item is the $48,000,000 paid out in war pensions.

Oh, for a lodge in some vast wilderness,
Some boundless contiguity of shade,
Where rumor of depression and deceit,
Of unsuccessful or successful war,
May never reach me more.—Cowper.

Miners' International Plans Big Offensive

Brussels.—To impress on the public the gravity of the coal situation, the Miners' International Federation is to organize big demonstrations in all countries for Sunday, September 4th.

The committee of the Federation decided on this course at its sitting here recently.

The committee is also to issue a manifesto to the mine workers of all countries.

This will not only state that no solution of the trouble can be found under capitalistic ownership, but will also point out that even the palliatives again and again demanded by the workers' organizations have not been applied effectively owing to the resistance and incapacity of coal-owners and governments.

In the discussions which preceded the adoption of the manifesto, it was pointed out that the fall of the British Labor Government and the succession to power of a Conservative Government had had a markedly bad effect on negotiations at Geneva.

Instead of Britain being the chief driving force at the League of Nations and at the International Labor Office, there was now a British Government which preferred delay and inactivity.

The committee of the Miners' International Federation decided to address a manifesto to the miners of all countries setting out the failure of the governments and owners to alleviate the coal situation, and expounding the Socialist solution favored by the workers' organizations.

Delegate after delegate reported a serious aggravation of the coal crisis in every country.

Even countries hitherto relatively spared the depression, such as France and Belgium, are now in the throes of the slump, and in some countries, including Austria and Germany, the situation is growing tragic.

The International Miners' Congress will meet in London on August 2.

JAP STUDENTS DENOUNCE WAR

The first public demonstration of any moment against Japan's course in Shanghai and Manchuria took place last week at the Imperial University, Tokyo. Twenty-five students were arrested for participating in a protest meeting at which handbills, urging the people to "stop this imperialistic war," were distributed.

Eight hundred students, assembled in front of the main lecture hall of the university, heard speeches by four of their cohorts and then attempted to parade through the streets in the vicinity carrying red banners. The police dispersed them and arrested the leaders.

COMPLETES HOUSING PROJECT

New York.—A new apartment house containing 426 rooms and accommodations for 115 families has been opened in the Bronx by the Amalgamated Housing Corp., founded by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. The amalgamated group of buildings now contains 744 apartments. It is truly co-operative, owned and controlled by the residents.

In the old buildings, rents of some apartments were cut February 1st. This was the second time since the beginning of the depression that the management had decided on rent reductions.

World Unemployment Affects 70 Million

There were from 20 million to 25 million totally unemployed persons in the industrial countries of the world at the end of 1931.

This is the estimate given by M. Albert Thomas, Director of the International Labor Organization, in the report presented to the annual conference of that body at Geneva.

These figures—which do not cover China and Russia—mean, says the Director, that "some 60 to 70 million persons are deprived of the means of existence arising from their own activity or that of those on whom they are dependent."

The position worsened during 1931 in every country. France added 400,000 to her unemployed. In Germany the increase was 1,000,000. Britain showed a rise of 170,000, Italy of 340,000.

Figures Doubled

In Belgium and the Netherlands the figures were doubled during the year. For many other countries the increase was 40 to 50 per cent.

In the United States, it is estimated, the unemployed total some eight millions, or even 10 millions, and the demand for labor fell during the year by a further 10 per cent.

Record Wheat Supply Again Anticipated

In issuing estimates of world visible supplies of wheat and flour as at March 1, compared with the same date in the previous four years, Broomhall's "Corn Trade News" says:

"Our compilation of total visible supplies on March 1 shows that stocks in sight keep large, although there was a normal decrease in February, this comparing with a most unusual increase of 29 million bushels in February last year. The present stocks are indeed heavy. The total, on the usual basis, is moderately less than a year ago, but if N. S. bonded wheat in Canada is included, the present total exceeds that of a year ago and is the largest total shown in our records with two exceptions. The following figures give the totals on March 1 in this and previous years, not including United States bonded wheat in Canada:

Year	Bushels
1932	612,000,000
1931	630,000,000
1930	550,000,000
1929	526,000,000
1928	407,000,000

BELGIAN LABOR OFFERS PROGRAMME FOR CRISIS

Washington, D.C.—The press reports of the International Federation of Trade Unions, Berlin, telling of a special congress of the Belgian trade union centre to consider the economic crisis, says:

"General Secretary Mertens, in his introductory speech, pointed out that the last congress of the Belgian trade unions had foreseen the impending economic crisis in Belgium and had proved to be right in the face of the more optimistic views of many economic experts.

"In the resolution on the crisis, it was first of all emphatically pointed out that there is urgent need for a reconstruction of the present economic order and its conversion into an economic order organized to supply needs and to distribute the goods produced justly among all consumers.

CANADIAN INVITATION TO SCIENCE MEETING ACCEPTED BY SOVIETS

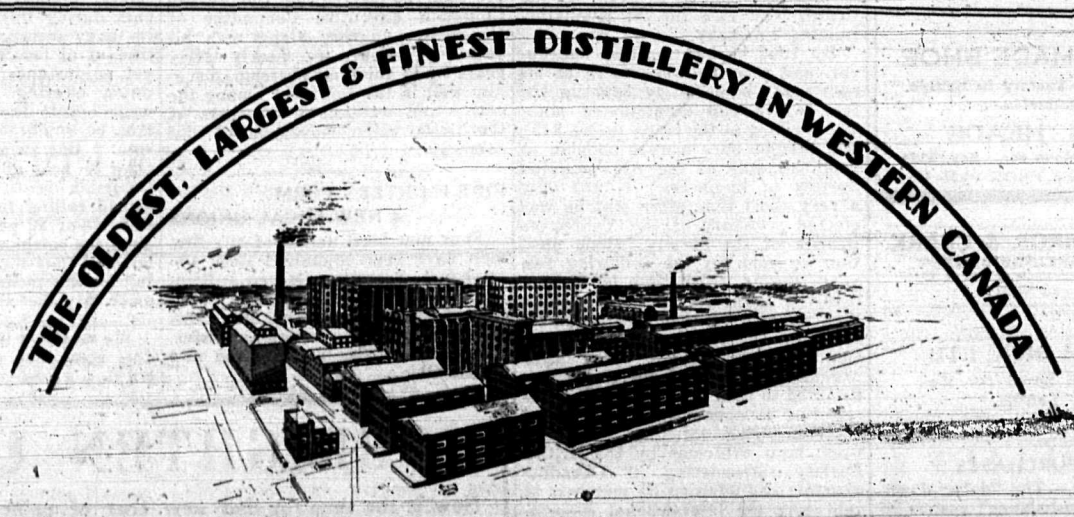
Russia has accepted the invitation to participate in the fifth Pacific science congress scheduled to meet in Canada in 1933 and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will be represented by at least ten official delegates. The congress sessions will be held in Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.

Notification of acceptance has been received by the national research council through which the Dominion Government extended the invitation.

The delegates will include Dr. P. Schmidt, secretary of the Pacific committee of the Academy of Science of the Soviet. Papers to be delivered by the Russian scientists will deal with Pacific coast fisheries, etc.

SEATLE STREET RAILWAY MEN TO BUILD NEW HOME

The Street Railwaymen's Union of seattle is planning a new home that will cost $75,000. The building will be located at 8th North and Republican, situated on property 120x120. It will consist of a large auditorium, 7 offices, a committee room, 2 small lodge halls, dining hall, with kitchen equipment, recreation rooms and six stores.



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Vancouver Trades and Labor Council—President, C. McDonald; general secretary, Percy R. Bengough. Office, 200 Labor Headquarters, 531 Beatty St. Phone Sey. 7495. Meets in Labor Hall at 8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays in month.

Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union, Local No. 468, meets first and third Saturday in month at 7:00 p.m. at Labor Headquarters. President, R. P. Davis; Secretary's Office, Room 304, Labor Headquarters; Hours 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Phone: Sey. 3349.

Beverage Dispensers' Union, No. 676—Meets last Sunday at 8 p.m., Room No. 2, Labor Headquarters; second Friday at 10 a.m. at the office. Pres., M. J. Galvin; Secretary and Bus. Agent, T. J. Hanafin. Office: Room 1, Eagles' Hall, 535 Homer St. Phones Sey. 4783 and Bay. 1656-R. Hours: 9 to 2 p.m.

Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, Local 97, Int. Assoc.—Meets every Wednesday, Hall 311, Labor Headquarters, at 8 p.m. President, W. Dickson; Secretary, P. Lauret, Room 311, Labor Headquarters. Phones: Office, Sey. 7495; Residence, High. 5679-X.

Building Trades Council, Vancouver—Meets second and fourth Tuesday in Hall 315, Labor Headquarters. President, E. H. Morrison; secretary-treasurer, W. Page, Room 301, Labor Headquarters. Phone Sey. 7495.

Barbers' Journeyman International Union of America—Local 120, meets second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, in Hall No. 3, Labor Headquarters. President, Fred Dawe; Sec.-Treas., C. E. Herrett. Office, 304 Labor Headquarters.

Bookbinders' Local No. 105, Int. Brotherhood—Meets second Tuesday in month at Professional and Business Woman's Club, Empire Bldg., 603 Hastings W. President, Mrs. Harvey, 4487 Quebec; Secretary, Fred Kinsella, 3131 Portland St., New Westminster.

Bricklayers and Masons International Union No. 1—Room 309, Labor Headquarters. Meets second and fourth Wednesday, in Hall No. 3. President, L. Padgett, Phone Bayview 1558-R; Secretary, W. S. Dagnall, 1244 East 20th, Phone Fair. 845-R; Fin. Sec., Albert Wright, 4128 Knight Road, Phone Fair. 2005-R.

Camp and Mill Workers' Federal Labor Union No. 31—Vancouver and vicinity, meets every second Wednesday at 8 p.m., at 544 Powell Street E. President, T. Sude; Secretary, K. Tsuyuki, Tsuyuki.

City Hall Employees' Association—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 195 East Pender St. at 8 p.m. President, E. Mitten; Treasurer and Business Agent, W. J. Scribbins, 3208 Pender St. E.; Secretary, J. Tarbuck, 3517 West 25th.

Civic Employees' Union, Local 28—Meets first and third Fridays in the month at 195 East Pender, at 8 p.m. President, Jack Wood, 4571 Fraser Street; Secretary-Treasurer, George Harrison, 3427 Triumph Street.

Electrical Workers, Local 213, International Brotherhood—Meets first and third Monday, at 8 p.m., at Labor Headquarters. President, D. McDougal; Business Manager, E. H. Morrison. Office, 201 Labor Headquarters. Phone Sey. 3510.

Fire Fighters, No. 18, International Association of—Meets 2nd or 3rd Thursday at 195 East Pender. President, N. McDonald, 1136 McLean Drive; Financial Secretary, C. A. Watson, 1626 East 13th Avenue.

The Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Marine Cooks and Stewards.—Local 28, Suite 39, 413 Granville St., meets second Monday each month at 3 p.m., and last Monday at 9 p.m. President, J. R. Kitto; Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent, Harry Wood. Phone Seymour 125.

Machinists' Local 692—President, Thos. Sills, 1352 Burrard St.; Secretary, P. R. Bengough. Office, Room 200, Labor Headquarters. Meets on second and fourth Tuesdays in Hall 313.

Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees, Local 464—Office: 308 Labor Headquarters. Meets second and fourth Fridays in Hall No. 1. President, J. Paterson; Secretary-Treasurer, Birt Showler, 2841 Triumph, Phone High. 5327.

Motion Picture Projectionists' Union, Local 348, of I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O.—11:30 p.m., first Friday in month, in Hall No. 3 Labor Headquarters. President, Locksley Clark; Secretary, J. C. Richards, Box 345, Phone Douglas 1574-R; Business Agent, J. R. Foster, Phone Trinity 5708.

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, J. Bowyer; General Secretary, Edward A. Jamieson. Office, Suite 307-319, West Pender Street.

Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, Local 138—Meets second and fourth Thursdays at Hall No. 2. President, A. B. Hodge; Rec. Secretary, A. E. Varah, 1442 Clark Drive; Financial Secretary, Ed Smith. Office: Room 313, Labor Headquarters. Phone Sey. 3609.

Pile Drivers, Bridge, Wharf and Dock Builders, Local No. 2404—Meets every Friday night at 8 o'clock in 122 Hastings St. W. President, A. E. Jones; Jas. Thomson, Secretary, P. O. Box 320. Phone Sey. 7874.

Plumbers and Steamfitters, No. 170, International Association—Meets every second and fourth Friday in Hall No. 2. President, Val Pearson, 787 East 52nd; Financial Secretary and Business Agent, W. Watt, 305-7 Labor Headquarters.

Printing Pressmen and Assistants, Local No. 69—Meets every second Tuesday in the month at 8 p.m. in Hall No. 2, Labor Headquarters. President W. W. Quigley, 2829 W. Broadway; Secretary, Thos. S. Ezart, 1807 East Thirty-eighth.

Railway Carmen of America, Lodge No. 58—Meets first and third Friday in month at Labor Headquarters. President, A. S. Ross, 5806 Sophia Street; Rec. Secretary, J. D. Vaillamy, 2215 West 15th.

Street and Electric Railway Employees, Pioneer Division No. 101—Meets K. P. Hall, 8th and Kingsway, first and third Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. President, J. E. Smith; Recording Secretary, J. Price; Financial Secretary and Business Agent, H. W. Speed. Office: Corner Prior and Main streets. Phone Sey. 5000.

Sheet Metal Workers' Association, Local Union No. 280—Meets second and fourth Thursdays in Hall No. 3. President, Thos. Burke; Business Agent and Secretary, D. MacPherson, 308 Labor Headquarters.

Tailors' Journeymen Union of America, Local No. 178—Meetings held second Monday, each month, 8 p.m. Executive meets fourth Monday of every month in Labor Headquarters. President, Colin McDonald; Secretary, W. W. Hocken, 1582 13th Ave. E.; Financial Secretary, H. Nordlund, 1930 12th Ave. E.

Taxi, Stage and Bus Drivers, Local 151—Meets second Monday at 8 p.m. and second Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. President, C. Kontze. Office, 306 Labor Headquarters; Phone, Sey. 7495.

Theatrical Stage Employees' Union, Local 118 of the I.A.T.C.E. & M.P.M.O. Meets second Tuesday in Labor Headquarters at 9:30 a.m. President, Geo. W. Allen; Recording Secretary, H. Pearson; Business Agent, Syd. Summers, address, P. O. Box 711.

Typographical Union, No. 226—President, C. S. Campbell; Vice-President, T. A. Holland; Secretary-Treasurer, R. H. Neelands, 300-2 Labor Headquarters. Meets last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m., in Hall No. 1, Labor Headquarters.

Union Label Trades Council meets in Hall No. 4, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street, last Monday in each month at 8 o'clock. President, C. E. Herrett; Secretary, Mollie Dolk, 1587 Fifth Avenue East. Phone High. 477-Y.

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TIME PURCHASES

Oslo, Norway.—The "dollar-down-and-chase-for-the-balance" system of buying is on its way out in this country. The Bank of Norway—the nation's financial boss—has "requested" all commercial banks to refuse new credits for installment businesses and to curtail existing ones.

Furniture dealers will be hit hardest, and hardly any line of business will escape feeling the effects of the bank's order.

GOVERNMENT SENDS BENGOUGH TO I. L. O. CONFERENCE AT GENEVA

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED that Percy R. Bengough has arrived safely in Geneva, where he is attending the International Labor Conference as advisor to Tom Moore, the Labor delegate appointed to attend the conference by the Dominion Government. Senator D. G. Robertson has been elected chairman of the conference. Percy R. Bengough reports a pleasant journey and will undoubtedly have an interesting and educational story to tell when he arrives back in Vancouver early in June.

The following sketch of his activities, taken from the Canadian Congress Journal, gives a slight idea of his work in the labor movement, but his closest friends know that words cannot describe the efforts he has put forth, and the benefits gained thereby, for the trades union movement.

P. R. BENGOUGH
General Secretary-Treasurer, Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council.

He is a man of dignity, force and ease of manner, which enables him to discuss the most serious questions in an easy manner with both friend and foe alike. This has enabled him to earn a good reputation, not only in the labor movement, but also among many of the leading business men of this city, when doing business with them in connection with organized labor, and his judgment is sought and commended upon in high places. His many friends wish him a pleasant journey and a safe return.

Elected at its last convention as a Vice-President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Mr. Percy R. Bengough, Secretary of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, has a long and varied career in the organized labor movement. He first joined the Amalgamated Society of Engineers in October, 1903, in London, England, in which city he was born some twenty years before. Two years later he emigrated to Canada, leaving the Old Country as a registered member of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers.

His first year in Canada was spent in Edmonton and being unable to obtain employment at his own trade of machinist, he took any kind of work which came to hand, including unsuccessfully hunting for gold in the Saskatchewan River. Like many others he then decided to try his luck a little further West and arriving in British Columbia started work first in that province as a logger in the Crow's Nest Pass for the Kimberley Lumber Company.

By 1907 he had reached Vancouver, and securing work there at his own craft immediately paid up the fees which had accumulated since last working at the trade (some $45) and became once more a member in good standing of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. It was only a very short time after that he was elected secretary of the Vancouver Branch of the Society, which position he held for the following two years during which time he became involved in the jurisdictional dispute then existing between that organization and the International Association of Machinists, of which latter organization Brother Bengough was destined to later become such an outstanding member in the Pacific Coast District. This difficulty was, however, later overcome by the British Society surrendering its Canadian charters and advising its members to join with the International Association. "Percy's" willingness to undertake the more serious duties and obligations of trade union activity resulted in him being elected Vice-President of the Vancouver Lodge of Machinists in 1917, which was only one year after he had transferred his membership from the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. In the same year he was made Vice-President of District Lodge No. 78 of the International Association of Machinists, which district at that time covered practically all of British Columbia.

In 1918, by referendum vote, he was elected business agent for the same district and during the years 1919-1921 filled the position of general organizer and Grand Lodge representative for the Pacific Coast area. He subsequently resumed his previous position of business agent and at the same time was elected Secretary of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, which office was afterwards combined with that of Secretary-Treasurer and District Organizer and was made a full-time job.

No further testimony is required as to his sterling worth other than the fact that he has been re-elected continuously since then to this same position some twenty times in all.

As the chief administrative officer of the Labor Movement in the City of Vancouver, Brother Bengough has represented "labor" on numerous occasions. Among these might be mentioned the following: Congress delegate at the Child Welfare Convention held in Vancouver; Commissioner on Industrial Disputes Boards on several occasions; Commissioner on the Civic Salary Survey of the City of Vancouver; Director of the B. C. Safety League, and, in addition, has almost continuously represented the Trades and Labor Council at the annual conventions of the Congress.

He is also a notary public for the Province, having held this appointment for the past seven years.

As Secretary-Treasurer of the "Labor Statesman," the official publication of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, with him lies most of the responsibility and credit for the success of the same. Brother Bengough was also one of the leading spirits in the movement for the securing of a permanent home for Labor in the city of Vancouver, and the present Labor Headquarters, of which he is secretary and building manager, stands as a monument to his untiring efforts in this direction.

He obtains his chief relaxation climbing the mountains with which Vancouver is plentifully surrounded, and is the proud possessor of a mountain bungalow, built entirely by the labor of himself and his two sons from trees growing on the site.

Of sturdy physique and of a temperament that is not easily disturbed, Percy Bengough has been a powerful factor in helping to maintain the Labor Movement of the Province on an even keel.

Seeking no personal reward, but always willing to place himself at the service of his fellow-workers, he has ultimately reached the high administrative position of Vice-President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. For many years previous he served on the British Columbia Executive Committee of Congress, and this, along with his varied experience of nearly thirty years trade union membership, places him well in the forefront among the active and well-known members of the trade union movement of this country.

FIRE-FIGHTERS FORM 4 NEW LOCAL UNIONS

Four new local unions of city firemen have been organized since December 1, Secretary George J. Richardson of the International Association of Fire Fighters, announced this week. They are located at Lancaster, Pa., Racine, Wis., and Warren and Nines, Ohio.

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All-Canadian Racket

The dual union movement, unde the nationalistic name of the All Canadian Congress of Labor, is mak ing a last desperate stand by makin further reductions in their wag scales. Offering their labor powe at a scale lower than that called fo in International union agreement has been part of their stock-in-trad for a long time, but, even on tha basis, they have not been able t build up their unions and now tha they have been reduced to jus enough members to gather round a table, they concoct schemes to ge firms to sign agreements calling fo very much lower wage scales.

These unions don't have to hav many members, but once they hav got an agreement signed they figur that men in that trade will be gla to take out a union card in order t get a job under that agreement. Thi is quite a new racket for so-calle union men. The policy of the Inter nation union movement used to b get a higher wage scale in the agree ment in order to encourage those stil outside the union ranks to get int it, but the nationalistic All-Canadia outfit takes on the dirty job of offer ing to supply labor at the bosses own terms.

It is quite true that many Interna tional unions have accepted wag cuts during this depression, having in many instances, either to accep the cut or lose the job, but there i yet no instance of an Internationa union offering to accept a lowe wage before the boss had intimate that he could not pay the standar rate. But what the nationalisti gang is now doing right in Britis Columbia is to get an agreemen signed calling for a cut—in one in stance—of $2 per day, and then cal upon the workers to rally round tha union if they want a job. If sucker fall for this racket it would be a goo place to picket with strong arm men

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WINNIPEG LABOR PUTS SIX CANDIDATES IN FIELD

A joint meeting of the three Winnipeg branches of the Independent Labor Party chose six candidates to contest the ten Winnipeg seats in the coming Manitoba general elections. They are: John Queen (leader of the Labor group in the Legislature); S. J. Farmer (M.L.A.), William Ivens (M.L.A.), Miss Beatrice Brigden, S. B. Alderson and Marcus Hyman.

FIVE-DAY WEEK ADOPTED BY ASSYRIANS AND HITTITES FOUR THOUSAND YEARS AGO

Chicago.—The Assyrians did other things besides "come down like a wolf on the fold" back in the early dawn of history. They established a five-day week 4000 years ago.

Experts from the University of Chicago who have just finished deciphering 60 clay tablets dug up by an expedition from that institution say the writing shows the shorter week was universal among both the Assyrians and the Hittites.

UPTON SINCLAIR ON CAPITALISM

Upton Sinclair, speaking of Capitalism in his great masterpiece, "Mammonart," says: "It fails to employ its own workers; it makes misery out of its own plenty, and war and destruction of its abounding prosperity. It is as certain to fall as a pyramid standing on its tip, and when it falls, what is left but the workers? What other force is there having solid gravity, the sense of brotherhood, the ideal of service, of useful labor as against the buying and selling and exploiting, the robbing, killing, and enslaving which is capitalism?"

Milwaukee Re-elects Hoan by Big Majority

Daniel Webster Hoan, Socialist, has been re-elected mayor of Milwaukee by more than 45,000 majority. Cries of "bolshevist" and "radical" were raised against him through the campaign; but the people have sent him back to the city hall with the biggest vote he ever has received.

The Trades Council and its 90 affiliated unions supported the candidates and helped give the Socialists a majority on the City Council.

As a sign that American voters are getting tired of names intended to deceive and looking behind words to facts, the Milwaukee election could scarcely be bettered.

Of course, Hoan has advantages. He has been on the job for 16 years, and Milwaukee, once noted for the quality of its beer, has become famous for good municipal government under the leadership of Hoan and his Socialist lieutenants.

And Milwaukee is an important part of Wisconsin, where people have long since ceased to stampede every time some blatherskite shouts "radical"!

But even so, it is cause for congratulation that Milwaukee has recognized "Dan" Hoan's ability and devotion by such a handsome majority in the face of a hard fought and liberally financed campaign to beat him.—Labor.

Mayor Daniel W. Hoan received 107,681 votes to 62,631 for his opponent. Dr. John W. Mudroch, who was elected city treasurer, received 103,392 to 63,540 for his Capitalist opponent. Max Raskin, a young Socialist attorney, won 83,218 to 81,498. Seven new Socialist aldermen were elected, who, with the five holdovers, will give the Socialist 12 aldermen on the council.

Control Council in Beaver Dam

The Socialists of West Allis, a Milwaukee suburb, overthrew the capitalist machine that has ruled the city for 12 years, electing Dr. M. V. Baxter, a former Oklahoma Socialist, by a 1700 majority.

The Socialist hold on Beaver Dam was strengthened by the election of 11 out of 14 aldermen and the re-election of Ray Weaver, mayor. The vote was the largest ever cast in the city. The Socialist mayor of Iola, R. I. Anderson, defeated his Republican opponent by a two to one vote.

Racine elected three Socialist aldermen, a school commissioner, and two supervisors. The Socialists elected a mayor in Racine last year, but he has been expelled from the party on charges of "conduct unbecoming a public officer."

Labor and Service

Working people regard labor and service as a most valuable and sacred thing. It cannot be classed as a commodity compared with tangible, perishable products manufactured and created by industry. Labor is life because workers give their lives and their minds when they work with their hands. Because of the deep appreciation of the importance and value of labor and service the trade unions are constantly endeavoring to elevate the standards of life and living. They seek to make life worth while; to create opportunities for development of the body and mind; to regulate the hours of labor so that all may enjoy leisure and the surcease from exacting toil. The ultimate objective of labor is the realization and enjoyment of a higher and better life.

CO-OPERATIVE CONQUEST OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Review of International Co-operation, in commenting on the annual statistics of the British Co-operative Union, describes the progress made during recent years in the number of members of affiliated organizations as indicating the "co-operative conquest of Britain." In 1901, it is stated, the members of the retail consumers' societies numbered 1,785,072 out of a total population of 41.5 millions. In one generation, therefore, the co-operative membership has risen from less than one-twentieth to almost one-seventh of the population. Most of this increase has taken place within the last fifteen years.

GOT RESULTS!

Superior, Wis.—Organized labor, at the recent election here, demonstrated what the workers can do when they get together at the ballot box.

Labor succeeded in electing three out of five of its candidates for the city council and five out of ten county supervisors. Its candidates for the school board were nosed out by a small majority.

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Daylight Ahead

We have been brought to understand that capitalism needs urgent attention. It has permitted grain to rot in one part of the world while in other places stomachs are empty. It has forced men to remain idle when other men were badly in need of the things the unemployed could produce. It has caused wealth to be distributed unfairly and has failed to safeguard civilization against evils of unproved theories. All of which does not mean we must hastily scrap our established machine, but it does indicate the vital need for immediate changes.

Management, as a science, will now take rank with other highly developed arts. Under the new order no executive will go over the head of a responsible officer to give orders to someone lower down. Criticisms of subordinates will be made privately. No employee will be required or expected to become a critic of the person he is serving as an assistant. No one will be subject to definite orders from more than one source. Praise will be used more than criticism, the policy being to spur the worker on through an appreciation of his efforts. Slave-driving technique will die out. The avoidance of praise has cost American business billions of dollars worth of held-back energy, initiative and devotion.

Business is now entering a time when, instead of picking gold nuggets off the ground, the gold will have to be mined. Corporations that win profits will have to work for them. Physics, chemistry, psychology, physiology and biology will be required to join hands in order that conditions may be improved and efficiently increased. The trained psychologist will have a place in all large organizations. The fellow who does the buying will be a purchasing engineer, not a purchasing agent. It will be less serious for him to make a mistake in the matter of price than of quality, for inferior quality may mean failure of development, sacrifice of life and loss of property. We will have a complete overhauling of our banking system. There is absolutely no excuse for a condition that permits four bank failures a day in a nation possessing resources like ours. It is shocking to note that one-sixth of all the banks existing in the United States at the beginning of 1929 have involuntarily closed their doors, the result being the tying of nearly two billion dollars in deposits belonging to more than 7,500,000 depositors.

Two years ago we faced a crisis filled with hidden dangers. Today the lurking evils are exposed—the worst is known. Those who see daylight ahead are not only supported by generations of precedent, but by most of the available facts.—Floyd W. Parsons, in National Grocers' Bulletin, reprinted in Commerce and Finance.

Imports to Canada during the calendar year 1931 were $628,100,000, while the exports were $617,200,000, leaving an unfavorable balance of $10,900,000. During the preceding year imports were $1,008,500,000 and exports $905,500,000, leaving a balance of $103,000,000.

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SOCIALIZATION TO BE AN ELECTION ISSUE

The New South Wales labor conference decided socialization of industry and agriculture would be one of the main issues in the next state election.

Premier J. T. Lang in a speech before the conference accused Prime Minister Joseph Lyons of the Australian Commonwealth of trying to reduce the standard of living in the country to a level below that of the lowest European state. "The Labor party must insist to the uttermost or itself be wiped out," he commented.

ONTARIO LABOR SEEKS THIRTY-HOUR WEEK

Adoption of a 30-hour week with "wages in accordance with the productivity of labor" was advocated by the Ontario Labor party in the course of its two-day annual convention in Windsor, Ont. The convention called for a six-hour day and a five-day week.

In his address of welcome to delegates Mayor David A. Croll of Windsor urged legal sale of beer and wine by the glass, legalization of sweepstakes to finance hospital services for the poor.

No Needless Haste

There was once a club formed of lazy men. Fines were inflicted on those who ever forget themselves so far as to do anything in haste.

One day several members saw an old doctor who was renowned for his laziness drive past the door of the club at a furious rate, and loudly they chuckled at the thought of fining him. But on applying to him on the ground of his having been in such a hurry, the doctor slowly replied: "No. I wasn't in a hurry, but my mare wanted to go fast, and I was too lazy to stop her."

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MANITOBA PREPARES FOR PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

Fred Lawrence was nominated to contest the St. Boniface constituency in the coming provincial election, at a meeting of the St. Boniface-Norwood and St. Vital branches of the Independent Labor Party.

Winnipeg branches will hold a nominating convention on Sunday, March 27th.

Radio League Wants Nationalization

Safeguarding of the interests of small, lower-power stations catering to local interests, development over a five to seven-year period of a complete chain system that would provide coverage to all Canada and a scheme of financing that would not add anything to the burden of the taxpayer, were the highlights of the Canadian Radio League's scheme for nationalization of radio broadcasting, presented to the house of commons committee recently.

Graham Spry, chairman of the league which heads the movement to establish public ownership of broadcasting in Canada, presented the brief.

BIG INCREASES IN MUNICIPAL DEBTS

The bonded indebtedness of Canadian municipalities, urban and rural, has grown from $701,118,230 in 1919 to $1,209,645,181 in 1930, which is the last year for which complete figures are available, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The debt of the urban municipalities was $1,089,963,269 and of the rural $119,681,912.

The highest per capita urban bonded indebtedness was British Columbia with $297.47. Saskatchewan came fifth with $180.63; Prince Edward Island, $91.40, was the lowest.

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Trades Council Notes

Milk Salesmen reported that canvassers for the Jersey Farm Dairy are getting to be a public nuisance. This firm does not pay commission on sales, it only pays its salesmen $80 per month for a 10 and 12-hour day, seven days a week, and gives them 50c for each new customer they get.

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Civil Employees report that the All-Canadian Congress of Labor have asked the City Council to favor a rotation of work system. This is opposed by the Civic Employees' Union because it will further reduce the standard of living of those working, who now receive only about $21 a week. The union contends that the Federal Government should take care of the unemployed, and that the workers should get more spending money, and the bankers and financiers less.

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Helen Gutteridge, a former delegate to the Trades Council and active in trades union affairs, is back in the city after an absence of eleven years and hopes to be able to take an active part in the movement again. She addressed the delegates and was well received.

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Del. Shaw of the Taxi Drivers' Union reminded the delegates that not only were the Gray Cabs the only union cabs in town, but that the Terminal City Limousines, which is operated by the same company, has cars suitable for funerals, weddings, etc., operated by union drivers.

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Sheet Metal Workers reported that some beer parlors were having automatic glass sterilizers installed, and asked that the beverage dispensers do what they can to get union sheet metal workers to put in the sheet metal work.

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Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union will hold another "Night in the West" on Monday evening, May 2nd, in the Eagle Hall, 535 Homer St.

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Delegate Miller reported that Timms, the printer, was operating a non-union shop again.

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Painters report that the best mechanics available in the city are idle at the present time and that a lot of alleged painters are picking up jobs at low rates, making costly jobs.

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Milk Salesmen reported that some independent farmers are selling milk tickets and, when they go broke or give up the route, that they refuse to honor the tickets.

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Shingle Weavers' Union reported that the membership is still growing despite the fact that Huntting and Merritt, manufacturers of Dryhome union label shingles, operate right alongside of a Chinese mill, whose packers get 12c per 1000.

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Stenographers and Typists' Union is still growing, two new members being admitted at the last meeting, one of them being Miss Pedden, a public stenographer, and the other a daughter of Toby Hammersmark of the Electrical Workers' Union.

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Electrical Workers' Union reports paying out about $1000 per month to its unemployed members in the city. Members of organized labor having electrical work to be done can get first class mechanics from the union or union contractors.

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The Bakers' Union is paying its unemployed members to distribute 60,000 leaflets in the city, urging the patronage of union bakeries. The union will hold a smoker in Labor Headquarters [illegible]

FRUIT GROWERS CO-OPERATIVE

The Yakima County Horticultural Union, a Washington state co-operative fruit growers' concern, made profit of $45,167 in 1931, and the executive board has just declared a dividend of 6 per cent to be paid out of these profits on the outstanding stock of $714,900.

In its 29 years the union has not failed to pay a dividend, and in some years it has been greater than 6 per cent. The small amount of original stock issued in 1903 at $10 a share now has a value of $110 a share.

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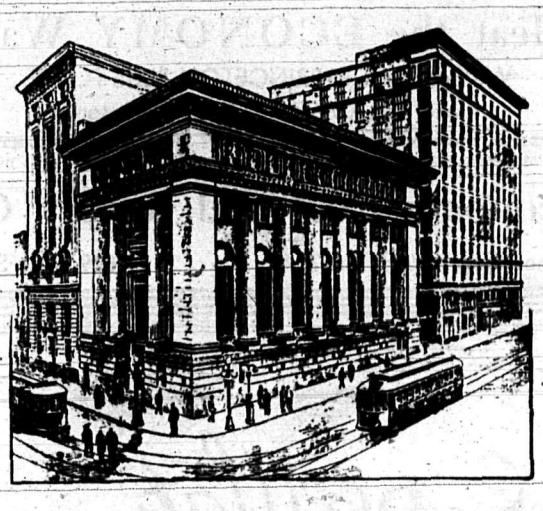

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Brewing is an Important Industry in British Columbia

FEW citizens give thought to what the Brewing Industry means to British Columbia, as an industry, yet it is an important factor in the industrial life of this province.

It is not necessary to emphasize the millions of dollars invested in the brewing industry in this province. The thing that must not be lost sight of is that there are hundreds of men employed throughout the year in making, storing and transporting the products of the breweries of British Columbia.

Breweries are constantly improving and keeping modern their plants. The Pacific Brewers of British Columbia have spent over $500,000 in the last few months for improvements and equipment.

Breweries are important customers of the farmers of British Columbia, their purchases of grain and hops running into huge figures each year. There is no British Columbia industry that spends more of its total income right in this province than the brewing industry.

The brewing industry brings large sums of money into the province. British Columbia beer is attracting attention abroad for its purity and high quality. Export markets in Australasia, China and India are constantly growing.

British Columbia beers are winning their way in these countries in direct competition with beers from Great Britain, Germany and other European countries. They are winning their way on quality, and they are powerful advertisements for this province.

Facts like these are not romantic, but they are important and should be considered by every citizen. They are not commonly mentioned by those whose business it is to attempt to destroy the brewing industry in their determination that the people of British Columbia shall be prevented from enjoying a pure and healthful beverage in an open and above-board manner.

Proof of the high quality of the beer manufactured by the Pacific Brewers is the remark, on recent analysis made by McDonald & McDonald, analytical chemists of Vancouver, stating:

"By the analysis, samples prove to be excellent beer. They are high in extract, nitrogenous matter, phosphoric acid and ash, while the acidity is low and the volatile practically nil, which is proof that the beer is a wholesome nutritious beverage.

(Signed) "McDONALD & McDONALD,
"Per A. W. Satterfield, Chemist."

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The Canny Scot

The annual trout-fishing match between England and Scotland took place at Loch Leven and was successful enough to prove the truth of the old adage that "trout will out." The secretary of the Propagation of Truth Among Anglers told a good story of the event. It seems an Englishman and a Scotsman had a bet that the first one to catch a fish should pay for drinks. After fishing for nearly an hour the Englishman caught a fish and lost the bet. Then the Scotsman decided to put some bait on his hook.

New York.—The five-day week and six-hour day were advocated this week by the national unemployment commission of the American Legion.

"We have declared war on unemployment," National Commander Stevens declared.

THE SHIP

She was loading, someone said,
Western wheat for British bread,
And stored already in her hold
Was fruit for London, I was told—
Mountain apples, frozen berries,
Tons of purprunes and cherries;
This afternoon at four she sails
For England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales,
And hungry boys at tea will spread
Our jam upon their toasted bread;
While I, so far from Thames and Tyne,
Eat English marmalade on mine!

—Phyllis B. Morden,
in Christian Science Monitor.

LABORITE WINS A SEAT ON MONTREAL'S COUNCIL

Montreal, P. Q.—Georges Brunet, vice-president, International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, was elected to the city council in the recent civic election.

His election gives labor two seats on the board of aldermen in the metropolis.

Shingle Weavers Have Severe Competition

Conditions in the shingle weaving industry have gotten so rotten that the men are gradually building up the union again, having lost their conditions when they let the union go to pieces. Wages have been cut to less than half in many instances and working conditions are far from tolerable. Last year employees of the Huntting-Merritt Company obtained a union agreement and since then the firm has been very well satisfied with the results, although they have a lot of unfair firms to compete with. Right alongside of this mill is one operated by a Chinese crew at greatly reduced wages, and there are many other similar mills in the province.

These Chinese cannot be organized, although they usually aid the union men in strikes, but between these periods the low wage competition makes it hard for the union to make headway. The organizing campaign, however, is still going on, and results are showing prospects of the union being built up to again become one of the biggest in the province.

Most of the shingles made in British Columbia are produced in Chinese operated mills, and in order to give a concession to these mills, the Provincial Government reduced the royalties last year on No. 3 logs, which are used for making shingles. If this had been made to apply only on logs going to other than Chinese operated mills, there might have been some reason to the Act, but for the Government to cut down its revenue to aid Chinese exploiters and then tax the rest of the white workers one per cent on wages is beyond our reasoning. Anyhow, the Trades and Labor Council has appointed a committee to aid the shingle weavers in their struggle for better conditions. Acting President C. Herrett appointed the following committee: Colin McDonald, W. Watt, H. W. Watts, W. Page and F. Stevenson.

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Jack Bruce, organizer for the Plumbers' Union, who has just arrived in Vancouver, has been reading the following editorial to meetings which he has addressed across the country. He thinks it worthy of a place in The Labor Statesman, as it shows how much the politicians think of the unemployment situation. The Ottawa Journal says:

The House of Commons has a membership of 245.

According to the press reports of Friday's division on the Government's unemployment relief legislation, the vote was 68 for, 28 against.

The total number of those voting, therefore, was 96.

Subtract 96 from 245 and the result is 149.

This gives rise to a question. For more than three weeks Parliament has been staging an alleged fight over this unemployment relief legislation, with the Opposition professing to be battling for parliamentary rights. This so-called fight, which was mostly a farce, has paralyzed the whole parliamentary machine, delayed vital business. Yet when the end comes and the final vote is taken less than one-half of the members thought it worth while to vote. Where were the others?

This, The Journal suggests, is an illuminating sidelight upon the character of the present Parliament.

WOODEN MONEY AS GOOD AS ANY HERE

Senator Clarence Dill reported to the United States senate last week that in the town of Tenino, Wash., all banks having closed, the chamber of commerce has issued money made "out of spruce cut from our own forests." The pieces are in the value of 25 cents, 50 cents and $1 and are redeemable from dividends assigned to the chamber of commerce from the Citizens' Bank of Tenino. Senator Dill says thousands of dollars' worth of this wooden money has been issued.

40 MANITOBA FARMERS PAID INCOME TAX

Only 40 farmers in Manitoba paid income tax to the provincial government in 1931, according to a report by the tax commission tabled recently in the legislature. They paid just $400 into the treasury.

In 1929 when Manitoba harvested a bumper crop, farmers contributed $4,300 to the province through income taxes and in 1930 paid $2,400.

While agriculture paid $400 income tax, the total amount collected was $812,500. Nearly 16,000 persons in the province paid provincial income tax.

"Night In the West" On Again Next Monday

The Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union are all ready for another big "Night in the West" dance and jamboree, Monday night. This popular event will be held again in the Eagle Hall at 535 Homer street, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Monday, May 2nd. Dick Gardner's popular orchestra will provide the music and the union members will supply the rest of the good things that will be passed out that night. Regular admission prices of 25c for ladies and 50c for gents will prevail, and members of other trades are cordially invited. Save this night for the big dance. If you can't dance, there are side attractions that will interest you.

I. L. P. News

I. L. P. CHOIR

Owing to the recent successful concert, given on April 9th, numerous requests have been received for repeats. Look out for announcements. Cloverdale, May 21st, and North Burnaby, May 28th.

This high class mixed choir, under the conductorship of Reeve W. Pritchard, is a wonderful asset to the Labor movement. New members, particularly male voices, are required, in order to ensure a better balance.

Organized labor has been in need of musical assistance for a long time, now it is here; all locals are asked to send us their singers. No fees. Names and addresses to Choir, care of Statesman office, or every Tuesday, 8 p.m., at Fuller's Hall, Nineteenth and Main street.

SOUTH HILL BRANCH

The South Hill Independent Labor Party will hold a propaganda meeting in the Horticultural Hall, Forty-second and Fraser, on May 4th, 1932, at 8 p.m. Miss F. Moren will speak on "Russia—Her Ways and Ours." As Miss Moren has just returned from a trip in Russia, her lecture will be based on her actual experiences supported by her Socialist understanding.

NORTH VANCOUVER BRANCH

Regular meetings are held by this branch on the second Tuesday of each month, in the K. of P. hall, West Fourth street. We invite all readers of the Labor Statesman in North Vancouver to line up for action, which is surely impending. There is only one way out and that way is pure, unadulterated socialism. Dr. Lyle Telford showed the way very clearly to a large and appreciative audience in the K. P. hall at our last propaganda meeting on April 22nd.

Comrade Harley Anderson will be our next speaker; his subject will be "Our Predicament in Municipal Financing."

PORT MOODY BRANCH

We have been devoting most of our efforts to propaganda, and to that end have held two public meetings. The first was addressed by W. Hawthorne, and the second by Dr. L. Telford. Both meetings drew fairly large audiences.

We are making progress slowly but surely, in spite of the influence of autocratic capitalistic superintendents of the local industries.

We hope to have economic classes this month and to establish a library for the benefit of the unread.

MARPOLE BRANCH

The Marpole Branch of the Independent Labor Party (Socialist) has quite a number of active members who are very enthusiastic over the Socialist movement, but, for the present, are still holding their meetings in their members' homes.

The business meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

SPANISH UNIONISTS ARE IN STRONG POSITION

The anarcho-syndicalists (Trade Unions) seem to have a stronger hold on Spain. They are ousting communists and have a grip on the workers that the communists and socialists cannot break. They adopt direct action, strike of idle hands, and, in labor troubles, print their own currency, which the merchants are made to accept. Case of direct taking over of big bakery shop by employees cited, when owner protested they threatened to throw him into his own oven.

"What has grown on my mind . . . is the conviction that it is of no use dealing with present-day economic problems unless one has a perfectly clear conception of the money—the Banking factor, which under modern conditions is of such supreme importance."—The Late Lord Milner.

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GREAT DEMAND FOR MOVIE THEATRES IN RUSSIA

Demand for amusement in Russia still outruns the supply, although theaters are being built everywhere. Theater attendance jumped from 30 million in 1930 to 70 million in 1931; "movie" attendance from 473 million to 817 million. As young children are discouraged from attending movies, and whole rural districts have not yet been equipped for amusement, attendance must average about once a week for adults in "movie-equipped" sections.

THE OPEN ROAD

AFOOT WITH JACK LOGIE

One of the girls in the office this morning was having trouble with her typewriter, and said impatiently, "Oh! this machine will drive me crazy." One of the boys at the end of the table never lifted his head from his work but said dryly, "That's not a drive. It's a putt."

As I have a look at the mental condition of the world at large I doubt if even a putt is required, as the ball is trembling on the edge of the cup, and I am reminded of that old Latin phrase so often quoted by that student of the classics, Tom Uphill, which says "Quem vult perdere Jupiter prius dementat," and which means "Whom Jupiter would destroy he first makes mad."

The world is in a state of flux and as the economic and political pot bubbles and boils, it requires considerable wisdom and foresight to foretell what form the solution will take when it cools somewhat and crystalizes out.

The political situation daily becomes more involved and complicated and new parties are either being planned or are already organized. The two old parties still have large followings, but no one has any confidence that they will ever be of any use in the crisis which approaches. The National Council of British Columbia is composed largely of disgruntled Conservatives who have some vague ideas of reform, and the Government Reform Party is more radical and advocates confiscation of wealth, but is also indefinite in its aims. It seeks to abolish political government, but as our plutocratic oligarchy is already doing that why waste time on anything so obvious!

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At present almost every country is engulfed in a huge wave of patriotism. Britain is passing through it and, although it has not as yet struck Canada, I can feel it coming. The average Canadian is getting disgusted with Bennett and his Fascism, but between that and the bogey of the foreign "red" he is very likely to stick to the devil he knows rather than to take a chance on the devil he doesn't know. The ruling class will play this idea for all it is worth and as the workers are still more intent on fighting each other than they are on attacking their common enemy, Capitalism, the ruling class will still succeed for a while at their old game of divide and rule.

You can see how this works out in Germany. Communism has grown there but Hitlerism has grown much faster, largely because of its nationalist appeal and, if the despised Social Democrats had not been able to prevent Hitler from getting control of the government, the Communists would be fighting for their lives right now.

Out of all this clash of parties and confusion of tongues, there is one thing to remember and that is that while the ruling class may still befog the issues and still fool the people, there is one vital thing which they cannot do and that is to make Capitalism work. The important thing for us to do is to keep our heads cool and carry on an intensive campaign of Socialist education, which appeals to the mass of the Canadian people, as the final solution of the problem will rest in their hands. The leaders whom the Canadian workers will follow in the end will be those in whose private characters they have most confidence and before long they will also discover that noise has never yet proved an adequate substitute for intelligence.

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As it seems to be the popular idea now to organize a new party before breakfast every morning I have decided to start one myself. It will be composed entirely of young people like myself and no one suffering from hardening of the affections or sclerosis of the sense of humor will be eligible for membership. If you are too old to play baseball or to sing a lusty chorus in the moonlight you are simply out of luck so far as this party is concerned, and anyone who preaches hatred or intolerance of any sort will be automatically expelled.

We young people are getting very tired of the mess some of you old fogeys are making of the world and intend to do something about it ourselves. Capitalism is dying and we are quite content that all the competition and hatred between man and his fellow, between class and class and race against race which it engendered should die along with it. You old people are so enslaved by your dogmas, your petty hatreds and your narrow-mindedness that we have decided to let you fight it out and cut your own throats if you like, but don't expect us to help you, as we are simply disgusted with you.

I have decided to organize the shock troops or advance battalions of the new social order and out of our joy of living, our enthusiasm and our bond of comradeship we will stand the old order on its head and build our new Socialist State while you old people are still quarreling about it. I will call our group Logie's Ironsides or something like that and it will consist of hand-picked boys and girls who will educate and train themselves as pioneers of the new social order, and who will know what has to be done and how to do it. Boys and girls, how about it?

—Jack Logie, 1714 Cook Street, Victoria, B. C.

"Dip Your Bucket"

A story is told of a crew of shipwrecked sailors who drifted around in an open boat until their stock of water was exhausted and they were suffering the agonizing tortures of thirst. A ship appeared in sight; the shipwrecked men frantically signalled her and, as the ship came near to them they called for water. Back came the reply through a megaphone: "Dip your bucket." They did so and they found the water was fresh. They had drifted into the large area of fresh water in the sea fed by the gigantic volume of the mighty Amazon. They had been suffering for lack of what was theirs for the simple effort of reaching for it.

The world today is in about the same position as these shipwrecked sailors. Millions upon millions of men and women are out of work and they and their children are suffering from under nourishment and the distressful physical condition that comes from a dread uncertainty. Millions of men who produce the food of the world are in a similar condition; and it is impossible adequately to estimate the injury to health and physical and mental well-being of the millions of men and women to whom this terrific depression has brought a torturing anxiety.

And yet this suffering is taking place in the midst of plenty. Farmers have produced more food supplies than the world has ever seen before at one time. Industry possesses the technical requisites to supply almost any human want. The labor and the inventive genius of man have furnished a plenty that the world has never before known in its history, and we have not the sense to "dip our bucket." Perhaps it were better to say that we have not yet acquired the knowledge which would prompt us to dip our bucket. We have not learned the art of living together and of placing at the service of humanity what humanity itself has achieved. That is the cause of all the trouble in the world today, and men are vainly seeking for relief and trying anything and everything but the simple act of dipping their bucket.—Manitoba Co-operator.

CO-OPERATION

The value of co-operation to the individual in the material sense is determined by the co-operative and social interest of the average member. Many members—indeed some officials—unfortunately do mistake group selfishness for co-operation. There is no difference between group selfishness and individual selfishness except it may be more anti-social in its effects. The real co-operator is known by his social outlook.—The Canadian Co-operator.

STATISTICS AND FACTS

"During the past two years forecasters of returning prosperity have made many wrong prognostications and there has been a great deal of alleged humor at their expense," says an editorial in a Saskatchewan newspaper. "It is to be noted, however, that this year business leaders who speak hopefully invariably back their opinions with statistics and facts, showing that their conclusions are based on substantial ground."

But statistics may be fallible like forecasters. Perhaps indeed that was taken into consideration when the phrase "statistics and facts" was employed.

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The first farmer thought he was a liar and decided to find out.

A few mornings later, he got up at two o"clock and went to his neighbor's' house. He rapped on the back door and the woman of the house opened it.

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FINDS—KEEPS

The old maid living in No. 46 was very agitated when she went up to the police station. "Oh, constable, I found a dead cat on my front verandah this morning. What will I do about it?"

"Well, madam," he advised her, "you can't claim it just yet; but if no one asks for it within thirty days the law allows you to claim it as your own property."

RAILROAD WORKERS ARE NEARING SIX-HOUR DAY

Cleveland, Ohio.—Railroad labor is prepared to present an impressive plea for the 6-hour day when the Interstate Commerce Commission begins its hearings on that subject on May 11.

For months a corps of research experts have been at work gathering material to support the 6-hour day proposal. These men are familiar with every phase of the transportation industry, and naturally they have devoted their attention, in the main, to the effect of the reform on that industry, but they have also assembled all the facts concerning what has been achieved by the shorter work day in other industries in this country.

Ladies are wearing longer dresses and gentlemen are also wearing their old suits longer.

Popular Elks' Circus Opens Here Saturday

One of the most thrilling spectacles that has ever been offered to the public is "The Bombardment and Battle of Shanghai," which will be shown free, daily, at the Elks' Seventh Annual Bazaar-Circus, which will open a seven days' run at Cambie Street grounds on Saturday, April 30.

Original, timely and sensational, this monster fireworks attraction will portray, with gripping realism, the recent Chino-Japanese fighting. Literally tons of explosives will be used in the unfolding of this memorable war scene. Down to the smallest detail, everything—warships, airplanes, cannon, attacking armies, flaming buildings—will be depicted with gunpowder and electricity, while detonations of all degrees of intensity will faithfully reproduce the chaotic sounds of warfare, from the sinister rattle of musketry to the roar of bombs and the thunder of heavy artillery.

It is safe to say that every eye-witness of this enthralling pyrotechnic panorama will remember the sight long afterwards. And yet it is only one of the scores of fascinating attractions that will be available to outdoor amusement fans at the forthcoming carnival. Among the many sideshows to thrill and amuse young and old will be the Palace of Illusions, the World's Museum of Freaks, the Monkey Circus, Dolly the Doll Lady, the Flea Circus, the Mirror Maze, the War Relics Exhibition and the Athletic Stadium. Among the many sensational rides will be that latest and greatest thriller, the Lindy Loop (the only one in Canada); while countless other features will contribute to the fun and frolic of the fair.

The net proceeds of the seven big days of fun will be devoted to the B. P. O. E. benevolent funds. Go early and often, and do others (as well as yourself) a good turn.

And don't forget, the opening day—Saturday, April 30—will be Children's Day, when each and every attraction will be open to the young folks for a nickel only, until 7 p.m. And on Wednesday, May 4th, the orphans of the city will be entertained. All orphans will then be admitted to all attractions free, and will be served complimentary ice cream and peanuts.

Ancients Started the Debt Cancellation Acts

Back in 593 B. C. Solon cancelled all debts. In 367 B. C., Stolo and Sextus cancelled all interest. In 135 B. C., Tiberius Graccus secured a law by popular vote that reinstated the laws referred to, and was murdered by a body of aristocrats and their followers.

The Roman republic died 27 years B. C. in a sea of discontent, with the aristocrats installing a dictator, Augustus Caesar. In the fifth century the Roman empire plunged to ruin. Cities were sacked, churches burned, the fields wasted, the country abandoned, so that wild beasts supplied the place of men.

Martin Luther said: "Whoever eats up, robs and steals the nourishment of another commits as great a crime as he who carves a man or utterly undoes him. Such does a usurer, and he sits the while on his stool when he rather ought to be hanging from the gallows."

In the fourteenth century, under the three Edwards, the taking of interest was an indictable offense, and Edward made it a capital crime.

Why is this history recited? Just to direct attention to the fact that the ancients were able to recognize the harm done by the money-changers and how to deal with it.

DES MOINES UNIONS "CLEAN" CITY HALL

Washington continues to receive evidence that unemployment is the biggest factor in minor elections throughout the country.

This week the American Federation of Labor was advised that the voters of Des Moines, Iowa, had swept the entire city administration, with one exception, out of office because of failure to assist the unemployed. The one official re-elected was backed by labor.

The fight was waged mainly by the labor unions, President J. C. Lewis of the Iowa Federation of Labor said. The jobless were particularly active.

STRIKE AGAINST PAY CUT

Mineola, L. I.—Union carpenters are on strike against a 33 per cent wage cut arbitrarily ordered by the Building Trades Employers' Association. The standard rate for carpenters has been $13.20 a day. The bosses are trying to flatten it down to $8.

BANKERS CLOSE UP GOVT. SAVINGS BANK

How the chartered banks of Canada, after refusing a loan to the Manitoba provincial savings office for the purpose of meeting unusual demands of depositors, demanded assurance from Premier John Bracken that the province of Manitoba would definitely go out of the savings business before they would agree to take over the accounts, was disclosed in correspondence before the special committee of the Manitoba Legislature investigating the wind-up of the savings office.

Nearing Election in U. S. Helps Bare Truth

Democrats are telling a few truths in the House of Representatives at Washington, in order to carry favor in the forthcoming election. J. M. Fitzpatrick of New York said:

"Some members of this House think if they speak in favor of Big Business they are statesmen, but if they say one word in favor of the common people they are demagogues, socialists, communists. Would to God we had more people today who would speak in favor of the common people.

"If we get socialism it will not come from the working men and women, but from the capitalists. I know whereof I speak. I remember toiling 11¼ hours a day in a mill for 75 cents a day. I worked down in the mines for 90 cents a day for years. I don't want our working people to be forced back into those conditions."

Connery, Democrat of Massachusetts said the General Electric Company last year had a profit of $50,000,000, yet had reduced wages and was preparing to do so again. Connery declared that workers of this corporation at his home town of Lynn were earning less than $3 a week, and that wages of New England mill workers were as low as five cents an hour.

"If Congress cuts wages," he continued, "the directors of these great corporations will regard it as their 'patriotic' duty to follow suit."

Against Rich Man's Club

"Representatives of the American Federation of Labor," Connery declared, "have told me that they did not want a rich man's club in the House; that they wanted somebody who knows what labor is fighting for—somebody to represent the working people, not Wall Street."

Mead, Democrat of New York, a member of the Switchmen's Union, said 98 per cent of all wages to federal employees goes to buy necessities of life.

"We now have approximately 20,000,000 people living on charity and perhaps 50,000,000 below the comfort level," Mead continued. "If they were given opportunity to supply their wants, they would readily consume all available surplus.

"The remedy is not a further reduction of purchasing power. The people must have work, and one way to provide it is to reduce the hours of labor. **There never was a low-wage country that was prosperous**—something which members seem to be overlooking."

Declaring that America "had reached the zero hour," Karch, Democrat of Illinois, said it was time to "sound a solemn warning to the rulers of this nation—the financiers and industrial leaders who brought about the condition they ask us to correct," and added:

"For 30 years they have been telling this nation they should be allowed to run business, industry and government. We have allowed them to do it, and they have brought us to this tragic hour of hunger, suffering and national disaster."

Rich Imperil Nation

Karch said that "nether the poor people nor the toiling masses" have ever destroyed a government, and that if this nation falls it will not be difficult to place the blame.

"I warn the wealthy that the power they have wielded for their own profit will turn and rend them," he declared. **"The people cannot be reduced to miserable serfdom by the power of money."**

Another New York Democrat told the House that department stores in New York City had put many girls on a commission basis and that some days they do not earn as much as 10 cents with which to pay car fare to and from work.

SIX-HOUR DAY LEGISLATION

Albany, N. Y.—A Bill to establish a universal six-hour day and five-day week throughout this State has been introduced in the legislature by Senator Alexander G. Baxter, of Schenectady. The measure applies to all workers of either sex in all industries, but excludes domestic and agricultural places having four or less employees. A fine of $500 or imprisonment for not more than a year, or both, are provided for vialations of the law.

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No one dare contemplate a continuance of the present state of affairs. Indeed, the present state of affairs patently cannot continue. It must get worse, very much and very quickly worse, or get better. If the leaders fail and continue to mouth tiresome phrases and sentiments that belong to a vanished world whose compartments were small and self-contained, is there no hope that the people behind them, suffering the consequences of their blindness, will demand an end of the folly of nationalism? They, in this matter, are ahead of their leaders.

What individual Englishman or Frenchman or German cares for tariffs and reparations and war debts and armies and navies compared with being allowed to live his life quietly and securely in his own way, sharing in the fruits of human ingenuity, not every so often being asked to take up a rifle and wave a flag, not perpetually tortured by economic insecurity, but left in peace to concern himself, if he has a mind, with the more secret and profound qualities in human life?—Manchester Guardian.

Unemployment insurance is operating in 17 countries today. These are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czecho-slovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Irish Free State, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Spain and Switzerland.

RUSSIA HAS WORLD'S LARGEST CANNING FACTORY

The world's largest canning factory has been opened at Stanitzia, 20 miles from a port on the Black Sea. It has a capacity of 100,000,000 cans yearly, and is equipped for pork and beans, corn, tomatoes, tomato paste, pumpkin, beets and carrots. It is a unit with a state farm of 35,000 acres planted to truck crops which will feed it. Workers on the farm and in the cannery live in a city of modern apartments which has sprung from the prairies almost "overnight."

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MAY DAY, 1932

In ancient days May Day used to be a day of rejoicing—rejoicing because of the survival of vegetable life—a day leading towards bountiful harvests. Later on organized labor used it as a day to "down tools" and demonstrate what they thought was their growing power. Today all that seems to be changed. It seems foolish to rejoice over prospects of a bountiful harvest, because these harvests only bring joy and riches to the gamblers and money changers. And organized labor cannot conscientiously demonstrate its growing power, when that power is snatched from them by Fascists, Hitlerites, Nationalists and Communists.

And this year especially seems to be without prospects, without hope, without power for the masses. Those who sit in the seats of the mighty admit their incompetency to change economic conditions, but refuse to give up the power that they now hold over the destinies of the masses. The powers-that-be have tinkered with the economic structure in an attempt to bolster it up, but the breach is widening and they have now arrived at the stage where they are afraid to even hold their conferences, but prefer to wait vaguely for something to turn up. But what will turn up?

Austria, Hungary, Greece, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Jugoslavia are on the verge of bankruptcy. Germany, Italy and Poland are seething with discontent. France is rattling its sabres at Germany or anybody else whom she suddenly takes a dislike to, and England is being throttled with the gold that every foreigner is pouring into her because of the worsening conditions in Europe and the United States. Revolutions are flaring up in one South American country after another, while North America flounders in an orgy of debts that she cannot wriggle out of. And during all the time that this situation has been developing, our statesmen, our financiers and our diplomats have had it in their power to make the world "safe for Democracy," to pave the way to prosperity, to economic peace and freedom; but if one is to believe our eyes and our ears we must admit that they have all miserably failed. Their dope and their cures, their laws, economics, and politics have only added to the confusion, to the depression, and to the misery. And prospects of improvement are remote.

Germany is about to thrust itself into the hands of that scab painter, Hitler. Hitler who spied upon the labor movement in the interests of the industrialists who have since financed his political party. Hitler, who is supported by the petty bourgeois, the bankers, the monarchists and the young cannon fodder who want to march into France. The unemployed have rallied to his call for the sake of a few meals, and the workers have fallen prey to his cunning Socialistic claptrap. The election results of last Sunday appear to us to have set Germany on the march towards France. Next Sunday will practically decide whether France will accept the challenge.

Important French elections take place on Sunday. While there is a mass of political parties in the field, the issues really amount to peace or war. The French Socialist Party is fighting the battle for peace, while most of the other groups are prepared to accept Hitler's challenge or to uphold France's present antagonistic attitude. The Socialists have the best chance, judging by reports, and so there is just the merest chance that France may lead the way to a more peaceful outlook, although that will not save the impending bankruptcy of Europe. If the Socialists obtain power they will find the treasury empty, the budget with a heavy deficit, trade demoralized, and unemployment increasing. But with all these obstacles in the way there does not appear, at this distance, to be any attempt to avoid obtaining control. They are putting up a tremendous battle against the fire-eating Nationalists, and, despite the money being thrown into the campaign, political opinion seems to indicate that the 111 seats now held by the Socialists in the French chamber will be vastly increased.

England is being ballyhooed as the arbinger of prosperity, but it is only a passing phase of the economic chaos. The Nationalist victory gave a sense of financial security to the monied interests of the rest of bankrupt Europe, and she has become the banker for the money grabbers, and this, along with the trade created by the Chinese boycott of Japan, has aided certain lines of industry, but despite the ballyhoo we insist on pointing out that correctly interpreted official government figures show that there were 225,000 more unemployed in Great Britain in March, this year, than in March of last year. And don't forget that these figures are published from government reports by the Daily Herald and have not, and cannot, be refuted.

Coming closer home, to the United States, we find that she is also among the bankrupt. Her debts are greater than her total assets, and if that does not spell bankruptcy we would like to know what does! It has been stated in the House of Representatives that the United States is bankrupt, and nobody has denied it. And the more she monkeys around with Finance Reconstruction Corporations and similar legislation for the relief of the bankers, railroads and mortgage companies the worse it will get. There is no let-up in the increase in general unemployment and the situation is very tense at the present time.

In Canada we are doing just the same as the other countries—waiting for something to turn up. In fact, we are so sure that things are on the mend that we have decided to cut out unemployment relief work, exempt certain personal incomes and raise the sales tax because more goods are going (?) to be sold. Now that ex-Premier King is out of office he knows how to solve the unemployment that did not exist under his regime, and Premier Bennett's blast into the markets of Europe seems to have just about blown up Europe, and in a sort of bommerrangic way knocked us flat also. Provincial governments and municipal governments are about at the end of their financial resources, and when they try to collect the money with which they expect to balance their budgets, they will find that the taxpayer cannot pay taxes on his property and that income taxes are around zero because everybody's incomes have been greatly reduced. Aside from these necessary governmental pastimes, our peanut statesmen (?) take the same attitude as the bigger racketeers in other countries and wait and hope for the turn to capitalist prosperity and its continuation of breadlines, misery, unemployment and war.

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Employers Getting Away With Low Wages

Quite a number of firms are getting away with almost murder in the payment of wages these days, through lack of organization among the employees. We have just heard of one instance where a firm going under the name of the Vancouver Rose Company, on Main street, is alleged to be paying its employees 50c per day of 10 hours, and charging them 30c out of that for meals. Five men and one married woman, who does the cooking, are employed by this firm, but in order to make this 50c per day wage look a little bigger, the firm graciously lets the men sleep in the basement, but they have to provide their own blankets. These men are supposed to be gardeners and truck drivers.

Another instance is that of the Women's Bakery, who are quite notorious for their working conditions, girls and women working seven days a week for wages that are alleged to be as low as $4.50 per week. These sort of conditions, however, will undoubtedly continue so long as there is no effort or desire to organize.

55,187 FARM FAMILIES ON RELIEF IN SASKATCHEWAN

55,187 families were on relief in Saskatchewan, or approximately 275,000 people, according to a report of the Saskatchewan Relief Commission made public in the Legislature by Hon. W. C. Buckle, minister of agriculture.

The commission had spent on relief up to March 20 the sum of $7,961,024, or an average of $144.25 per family. The chief items were: Orders issued for seed, feed and fodder, $3,327,300; food, $1,851,594; fuel, $1,719,762; clothing, $783,722.

NOVA SCOTIA WORKERS ACCLAIM NEW DEPARTMENT

Nova Scotia trades unionists are elated at the decision reached by the provincial government to establish a labor department. For many years the provincial executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and legislative committee of the central labor union at Halifax have been urging establishment of a department of labor. Halifax labor officials state that the proposed department will constitute a tribunal wherein organized labor may discuss its problems and go far towards eliminating industrial unrest and other phases of disputes common to the field of labor.

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Seattle.—Organized labor is backing a state unemployment measure which it hopes to have placed before the voters at the next election. The Central Labor Council here and at Tacoma have indorsed the proposal and are securing signatures to the initiative petition required to bring the matter to a vote of the people.

RAIL UNIONIST WINS

Quebec, P. Q.—Hon. C. J. Arcand, minister of labor and a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, has scored another victory. He has persuaded the Quebec provincial government to establish the 8-hour day in all government contracts and provincial undertakings. Wage rates are unaffected.

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Moose Regret Using Unfair Sign Co. Labor

The Trades and Labor Council and the Building Trades Council have placed the Neon Sign Company, of Second Avenue East, on the Unfair List, on account of the shockingly low wages and unfair working conditions being imposed upon the employees of that firm. These unfair conditions enables the firm to compete against the prices of the Neon Products Company, which is a union firm employing the highest class of mechanics. The wages paid by this firm are alleged to be down to 15c per hour, and in the instance of an apprentice he is lucky if he gets $2 a week working under a fourth rate mechanic. Other instances are recorded of the men having to take out their pay in meal tickets from non-union restaurants, who think they are getting a good job done cheap. Even the Deputy Minister of Labor, who investigated this firm, stated that the employees worked under one of the worst conditions in the city.

The Trades Council learned that the Loyal Order of Moose was getting a sign made by this unfair firm so they were notified about it by the Grievance Committee and the following reply was received:

Loyal Order of Moose
April 16th

Dear Sirs,—At our regular meeting, on Tuesday, a motion was passed that a letter be written to the Trades and Labor Council expressing regret that a committee of ours had let a contract for work to be done to a firm which is not paying union wages. The Loyal Order of Moose uphold union labor, and, in this instance, that we should have slipped is much regretted by all.

A. BAIN,
Acting Secretary.

Inasmuch as the sign is not finished the delegates decided to send the committee back to the Moose Lodge in an effort to stop further work on the sign.

The Trades Council intends to follow this matter up and will place firms on the Unfair List who use these signs after being notified by the Trades Council.

Members of organized labor are urged to inform the office of the Trades and Labor Council of any firm having work done by the Neon Sign Company. This should be done immediately so that the Trades Council can get in touch with the firm and give them a chance to stop the work.

Care should be noted, however, regarding the names of the fair and the unfair firms. The fair firm is known as the Neon Products of Western Canada, Limited, and is old established in the city. The unfair firm is known as the Neon Sign Company, and is alleged to have changed its name about seven times in the last five years in a probable attempt to avoid its previous reputation.

39,000 Mississippi Farms Are "Sold Out"

On Tuesday, April 12th, 39,699 farms in the state of Mississippi were auctioned off for nonpayment of taxes. They represented 16.2 per cent of the agricultural acreage of that remarkably fertile state. At the same time, 12 per cent of the city property of Mississippi was forfeited for nonpayment of 1931 taxes.

One state official estimates that one-fourth of the state's private property has now been sold for taxes. Another official says that at least 7,000,000 acres of agricultural land has been disposed of. Eighty-two sheriffs acted as auctioneers.

While this was probably the largest transaction in tax title certificates ever consummated in the history of this country, Mississippi's plight is little, if any, worse than that of a number of other states. Newspapers reaching the office of "Labor" from every section of the United States tell the same story. Everywhere thousands of farmers and city home owners are being "sold out," either because of nonpayment of taxes or because they cannot meet interest payments on their mortgages.

The advantages of a short working day are set forth by Mr. Lewis J. Brown, President of the Kellogg Company of Battle Creek, Michigan, in a pamphlet entitled "What of the Six-hour Day?" The Kellogg Company adopted the six-hour day on December 1, 1930, as an emergency expedient to relieve the unemployment situation in Battle Creek, but it is likely to become a permanent operating policy.

Rotation of Work Not Good For Workers

The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Vancouver Zone Council, forwarded a letter to the Trades and Labor Council stating that the Legion passed a resolution supporting the principle of rotation of work as a means of alleviating unemployment. A similar resolution was passed by the Ward 7 Ratepayers' Association.

The Trades Council will reply to the Legion and send a delegation to the Ratepayers' Association, expressing organized labor's opposition to the rotation plan. While the plan suggests a sympathetic way of relieving the job question among a few, actually all it does is to intensify the situation by spreading it over the many. It greatly reduces each workers' standard of living and intimates to the employers that a man, or a woman, can exist on far less than previous wages provided for. It practically forces workers to work in a half-starved condition because the number now working is so small that to rotate the work amongst all those previously on the job would vastly reduce the pay envelope of all working under the rotating system. The rotating system would relieve the Government of providing relief to the unemployed and it would greatly affect business, because those now working would have far less to spend and those now receiving relief would probably not be able to purchase as much with their wages as they now receive in the form of groceries from the relief department.

Organized labor has suggested a remedy for the relief of this present situation, that is a reduction of the number of hours worked per day and per week, with no decrease in wages. If that remedy is not finally adopted the situation will become intensified and a more drastic plan adopted by the workers than the Government and employers of labor would desire.

British Trade Unions Increase Membership

Although it has been battling in the face of an industrial depression and widespread unemployment since 1921, organized labor in Great Britain has made a remarkable showing, according to a report by the British Trade Union Congress.

Declaring that the figures are based "on the lowest computation," the report says at least 115,000 new members have been added to the unions between August, 1929, and March, 1932.

Financial figures are even more striking. In spite of the enormous amount paid to members in various benefits, **the unions' reserve funds are $22,500,000 greater than wher Britain's unemployment period began 11 years ago.**

Some idea of what the unions' outlay has been for benefits is shown by the fact that during 1930 they paid their members $22,500,000. The unions' total income during that year was $35,000,000. Which means that three-fifths of all the money the organizations received was handed back to the members in the form of sickness, death, strike, superannuation and unemployment (separate from the government job insurance payments) benefits.

The total membership of all unions is a little less than 4,000,000. Latest unemployment figures place all of Britain's jobless at 2,567,332.

Unemployment Puts Burden On Business

PHILADELPHIA. — Workers are not the only sufferers from unemployment.

It is costing business men in Philadelphia alone nearly $4,000,000 a week—something more than $200,000,000 a year—according to the industrial research department of the University of Pennsylvania.

These estimates, it says, are conservative, being based on an average wage of only $25 a week for the 291.000 jobless workers.

The research department is making a house-to-house investigation directed by Dr. Joseph H. Willits, professor of industry at Wharton school, and the report which will follow is expected to be the clearest picture of the unemployment situation yet developed.

MOLDERS SEC. APPOINTED DEP. LABOR COMMISSIONER

J. G. Jenkins, Oakland Cal., secretary of Molders' Union No. 164, was appointed to the position of Deputy Labor Commissioner for the State of California, by Governor Rolph, last week.

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Lumber exported, 277,173,726 F.B.M.

Canned Salmon, 937,620 cases.

Deepsea exports, 2,932,203 tons.

Okanagan apples, 82,000 boxes.

Vancouver Harbour Commissioners

Unemployment Stirs the Newfoundlanders

Newfoundland — Great Britain's oldest colony—was the scene of actual revolution recently. The House of Assembly was wrecked—not a whole pane of glass or a door left in the building—and every movable object in it, even a piano, tossed into the street and destroyed by an angry mob of 15,000 men, women and children.

Prime Minister Sir Richard Squires narrowly escaped with his life from the crowd which threatened to drown him in the harbor.

Unemployment the Cause

The reason for this rebellion of an English-speaking and ordinarily conservative people can be told in one word—unemployment.

While other factors ostensibly caused the uprising, it is generally agreed that back of it all is the acute unemployment situation and the government's dilatory tactics in dealing with public demands for relief.

This is the second violent demonstration within two months. On February 11 a mob of unemployed knocked down Premier Squires and came within an ace of throwing him out of the window.

Although Premier Sir Richard Squires has since broken his promise to "resign immediately"—a pledge he made to escape being "drowned in the harbor"—the people of Newfoundland are to be given an opportunity to vote him out of public life.

Announcement has been made that as soon as its business in the resumed Legislature has been concluded, the Government will be dissolved and a general election held.

Hot Fight Looms

It will be a hot fight, however. Feeling is intense against him. The voters are also stirred by newspaper stories quoting Governor Sir John Middleton as threatening a committee of citizens with a "squadron of naval vessels to blow you all to hell."

A British cruiser, bristling with guns, is now in St. Johns harbor. Five hundred sailors have been landed to assist the local police force.

Following a new wage cut, employees of the Ford Motor assembling plant at Cork, Ireland, have gone on strike, charging that they formerly received as much in a week as they now receive in a fortnight.

Ice Cream Made from Reconstituted Butter

Now that the ice cream season is with us again, organized labor is reminded that there is still only one Union ice cream firm in the Vancouver district. This firm not only employs union labor in its inside and outside staffs, but it makes its ice cream from pure cream and not from Alberta butter, as quite a lot of ice cream is made. There is a process known as reconstitution, and this takes the form of surplus butter —which can be in a not very palatable condition—being made into a creamy form, and not only turned into ice cream, but in some instances it is turned into alleged cream and sold to cheap restaurants.

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The Key to Prosperity

You can measure without fail the prosperity and well being of any country by its ability to consume the products of its own industry.

That nation is prosperous where consumption is expanded. That nation is panic stricken with depression when consumption fails and falls.

It is all very well to aid great and powerful banks and to slip assistance in the shape of globular millions to tottering railroads. But unless some means are devised for enabling the people to consume the products of industry all other plans are futile to save the situation.

It seems amazing that statesmen who seem to desire it to be known that their knowledge is universal, do not even know and insist upon trying to treat the financial symptoms which have nothing whatever to do with the real disease. Business can only revive when business can sell. And business can only sell when folks have money with which to buy. That's all.—Tacoma Labor Advocate.

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SOCIAL ITEMS IN BUDGETS

A great deal has been said about balancing budgets of cities, industries, and nations. The principle is sound—essential to honest dealings. The process of balancing budgets raises the issue as to what items are to be accepted as legitimate and what to be reduced or excluded. The items that most commonly are discarded are expenditures for social welfare. The items fail of justification because they are concerned with intangible values. The investment does not involve direct financial or material returns. Clearly, then, runs the usual comment, such expenditures should be deferred until better times.

But expenditures for social welfare conserve that vital producing force which our political and economic structures are intended to serve. The wealth of a country loses meaning if the citizens decline. The government which reduces legitimate services and thereby throws employees out of work, which discontinue provisions for the conservation and development of men and women, is taking a grave risk which may later be reflected in increased costs of law enforcement, medical care, relief work and retarded progress i all lines.

Social values while invisible, mus be included in the audit of nationa resources if we are to plan intelli gently and exclusively for our var ious national resources. The natio that fails to make the proper pro vision for social welfare is laying th foundation for decline or revolution

This fact is of fundamental im portance in this period which call for economy—not unwise curtailmen of essential expenditures.

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