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"If a business be unprofitable on account of bad management, want of enterprise, or worn-out methods, that is not a just reason for reducing the wages of its workers."Pope Pius XI.

The Rulers

"This book ('Who Owns Canada') shows that 100 great corporations dominate Canadian industry, operating in a Never-Never land of mergers, trusts, cartels, combines, watered stocks and interlocking directorates.

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"So it goes right down the line . . ."

"Our Town" by Jack Scott, Vancouver Sun, Saturday, January 3, 1948.

It Pays To Co-operate with Organized Labor

"Probably the best illustration in all Canada of the successful operation of a **daily all-union newspaper** is our own **Vancouver Sun.**

"A recent statement to shareholders by Donald Cromie, president, gives us ample evidence of the difference between publishers who get along with organized labor and those who do not—as, for instance, the Southam chain . . . .

"Expansion in all departments and operations—as well as **a record increase in paid subscriptions**—is also revealed in the (Vancouver Sun) report . . ."—Vancouver Typo Bulletin, Jan. 2, 1948.

Now We Know!

Finance Minister Abbott, in answer to a resolution passed by the Co-operative Union of Canada, asking the Government to make known to the people why the policy of decontrol had been pursued, said:

". . . the policy is designed for the general welfare of all Canadians, and not for the particular advantage or disadvantage of any group within our country."

Bill 39 "A Mistake"--James Sinclar M.P.

Addressing a meeting of U.B.C. Student Liberal Club, Mr. Sinclair said . . . if more students took part in public life, mistakes, like some features of Bill 39, might not be made. He rapped the 90-day conciliation period which, he said, should not be longer than 30 days.—"Vancouver Sun", November, 1947.

No Time for Fads and Frills

While school trustees Monday agreed to grant Victoria High School pupils one hour a year for the purpose of hearing a concert of symphony and classical music there were some objections on the grounds that "it took too much time."—Victoria Daily Times.

Duff Sums It Up

Former Premier Duff Pattullo, when asked why he was attending the December Liberal Convention called to select a new leader, replied: "To see the double crossers, double-crossed."

(As reported in the Vancouver Daily Press)

No Slums in Sweden

"There are absolutely no slums in Sweden," gasped Councilwoman Signe Hojer of Stockholm after a horrified look at Detroit's substandard housing.

"We used to have slums," said Mrs. Hojer, "but government subsidies and the co-operative action of private capital eliminated them."

In Passing

"We resent the attempts of Russia to create chaos in Canada when we maintain a cabinet at Ottawa quite able to do that.

—"The United Worker", Ocean Falls.

Coast Metal Trades Convention

Pacific Coast Metal Trades Convention In Vancouver

ORGANIZED LABOR IN BRITISH COLUMBIA extends fraternal greetings to delegates who are attending the Eighth Annual Convention of the Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council, representing some 150,000 workers employed in various phases of the metal industry, on the Pacific Coast.

The convention will be held in the Vancouver Hotel, February 9, 10, 11 and 12, and about 175 delegates are expected to be present from California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, as well as fraternal delegates from other places.

President Frey of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor will address the delegates some time during the proceedings, as well as Brother Ed. Wetson, President of the Washington State Federation of Labor, and other fraternal guests.

Greetings will be extended by officers of the Vancouver Metal Trades Council, the Mayor of Vancouver, officers of the Trades and Labor Council and representatives of the Federal and Provincial Departments of Labor and the Workmen's Compensation Board.

This is expected to be one of the most important conventions of the Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council for many years. A full attendance is expected, because unions and councils have been reminded that this is not solely a shipyard organization, it represents all sections of the metal trades field in the Western states, and joint action is being strongly emphasized insofar as the future welfare of shipyard, shop and all other types of metal trades work in the west are concerned.

THOMAS A. ROTELL
Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council. Member of the Molders' Union, Local No. 164.

During the past year, since the last convention held in San Francisco, the Council obtained a renewal of their Master Agreement granting a 16c wage increase in Pacific Coast shipyards, for most of the 150,000 shipyard workers covering all classifications. This was later followed by agreements with small boat yards, operating in all major ports on the coast. The mechanics' scale is $1.54 with 3¼c added for vacation pay. Helpers and Laborers get $1.37 with 3¼c vacation pay.

This did not embrace the British Columbia shipyards, because the dual union setup in this province prevented the unions here from being included in the Master Agreement.

Metal Tradesmen in British Columbia have been able to increase their wage scales this year, but the jobs have been considerably decreased, just as they have in other sections of the Pacific Coast.

Shipyard workers have obtained a 12½c per hour wage increase bringing the mechanics' wages to $1.27½.

There were three large shipyards in Vancouver, but one has closed down, leaving the other two with less than 2000 workers. One of these, the Burrard Drydock Company employs at the present time 1432 shipyard workers, but only 376 of these are members of the American Federation of Labor. The Pacific Drydock Company employs 487 workers, of which only 185 are A. F. of L. The balance in both these cases are members of dual unions such as Boilermakers, Electricians, Shipwrights and Laborers. This dual union set-up is of pre-war making, and became strongly entrenched at the beginning of the late war, when they accepted 15c an hour below the wage being negotiated by the A. F. of L. unions, who were trying to get the Seattle scale.

RALPH W. JOHNS
President of the Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council.

In the uptown shops, where the A. F. of L. has control, such as in the Building Trades, the Boilermakers' scale is $1.60, the Electricians' scale is $1.59 and the Carpenters' scale is $1.40. But here again where the Machinists' are still having to battle the dual union, the rate is only $1.27½, the same as the shipyard scale.

In the uptown shops the machinists have 15 agreements where they have obtained that scale and there are seven other shops where their men are employed, that have agreed to the 12½c increase, but agreements are not yet signed. The specialists' rate runs from $1.12 to $1.17, and the helpers' rate $1.04½.

R. Cormack Elected to 1948 T.L.C. Executive

Spearheaded by the re-election of Birt Showler to the presidency, the delegates to the TLC returned to office members of last year's executive, with the exception of Geo. Gee, who was defeated by Bob Cormack for the chairmanship of the Grievance Committee.

President Birt Showler was re-elected for his seventh consecutive term as president of the Council. He defeated F. M. Foster, Machinists Union, 145 to 123.

Another old-time trades unionist, Sam Smylie, Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Union, was re-elected vice-president with 164 votes to 107 polled by Josephine Hallock, Home Service Union.

Beginning his fifth straight year as council secretary-treasurer, R. K. Gervin defeated United Fishermens' delegate, Tom Parkin, 163 to 112.

Two-Vote Victory

Closest vote was for chairman of the Organizing Committee. C. E. Herrett, Barbers' Union, won with 127 votes—two more than his opponent, F. M. Foster, who received 125.

Sam Shearer, Railway Carmen, remains legislative committee, having defeated J. H. Irving, Laundry Workers' delegate, 142 to 106.

Tom Alsbury's continuing service as council press committee chairman, was uncontested.

R. Cormack

Bob Cormack, Street Railwaymen, was the only successful candidate to contest the election against a last year's executive member. He defeated George Gee, Electrical Workers' delegate, for the chairmanship of the Grievance Committee.

Jack Stevenson, Carpenters' Union, was victorious over delegate Barton and Mrs. Hallock in a three-cornered contest for the office of Warden. Mrs. Hallock was eliminated on the ballot, and Delegate Stevenson nosed out his opponent 136 to 126.

Jack Eaves, Painters' Union defeated William Rigby, United Fishermen, 148 to 108, for the post of statistician.

M.L.A.'s Invited To Attend Special Meeting Of T. and L. Council

The Council approved a resolution presented by the Executive asking that an invitation be sent to all Vancouver and district M.L.A.'s to meet with the Council at a special meeting at which they will be informed of our views on labor legislation.

It is proposed to hold the special meeting before the forthcoming session of the legislature and immediately after the A. F. of L. Provincial Executive has held its meeting with the Cabinet. It was felt by the Executive that this would be the best procedure to make sure that all M.L.A.'s and Cabinet Ministers are fully aware of the views of A. F. of L. unions before the opening of the 1948 session.

M.P.'s Reply to T.L.C. Re Price Controls

Communications were received by the Trades Council from M.P.'s in reply to the Council's request for support of its demand for the reimposition of price controls.

Angus MacInnis, M.P. for Vancouver East, stated he is in full agreement with the Council's stand and that his party had already urged this policy in the House of Commons. He quoted in full the six-point programme which they had urged the government to adopt:

1. Reimposition at the earliest possible date of price controls on all the basic necessities of life—food, clothing and fuel.
2. Renewal of subsidies on milk, butter, bread, feed grains, cotton and wool.
3. The closing of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange and the elimination of all speculation in essential foods.
4. Reconstruction of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in such a manner that it can adequately administer the price controls.
5. Continuance of the Excess Profits Tax beyond December 31.
6. The rationing, if necessary, of any essential commodity which is in such short supply that some Canadians may not get their minimum share.

C. C. Merritt, M.P. for Vancouver-Burrard, acknowledged the Trades and Labor Council's reference to price controls, subsidies and tariffs.

James Sinclair, M.P. for Vancouver North, acknowledged receipt of the Council's letter regarding price controls. He stated that the government has called a special session to consider price controls, and that he would be glad to do anything he could to alleviate this matter.

5,000 Older Workers Seeking Employment

Employers Refuse to Hire Them

President Birt Showler, reporting as representative on Advisory Committee for the City of Vancouver, stated that a survey of the number of unemployed men and women over the age of 45 had been made. At the present time there are in excess of 5,000 out of work, with very little hope of being able to find work.

Employers are tending to adopt regulations against employing workers over 40 years of age. The Dominion Government will not accept anyone over 35, and other employers have similar restrictions ranging from age 35 to 45.

This is leading to a serious situation which will grow more acute as number of persons increase in the older age groups.

The Advisory Committee is planning to use all avenues of publicity—press, radio, the Canadian Manufacturers Association — to impress upon employers that persons over 45 are still capable of doing efficient work and should not be discriminated against when labor is being hired.

Trades Council Opposes Cut In Streetcar Runs

A B.C.E.R. proposal to cut Wednesday streetcar and bus service by 300 car-hours, was vigorously protested by delegates to the Vancouver and New Westminster Trades and Labor Council (A. F. of L.) The T. L. C. will take the matter up with the street railway company and the city council.

A letter from Division 101, Street Railwaymen's Union, stated that Wednesday is the only day of the week the public is getting the sort of service it is paying for.

C. M. Stewart, Division 101 delegate, said the company is not playing fair with the public in reducing the Wednesday service. Instead the company should be doing something to cut down the over-crowding on other days.

T.L.C. Asks Reopening Of Health Insurance Act

Pressure on the provincial government to reopen the Health Insurance Act was advocated by the Vancouver and New Westminster District Trades and Labor Council (A. F. of L.) during a discussion on hospital rates.

William Black, Hospital Employees Union, No. 180, reported on satisfactory agreements with the Vancouver General Hospital. He said that orderlies who used to work for $60 a month are now getting $160, and nurses are getting $185 to $190.

Black stressed the fact that the hospitals have to carry so many non-paying patients that it is impossible for them to make expenses without assistance. The government, he stated, is still paying 70 cents a day for indigent patients as they have been doing for a "donkey's years." Therefore, until the government brings its grant in line with increased costs, the public will have to pay.

"Hospitalization, in the future, will not be given at the expense of the employees," Black said.

I.T.U. Strike Still On

I.T.U. Local 226 is still 100 per cent strong after 19 months on the picket line, they reported to the T.L.C. Tuesday night.

They are confident of winning and convinced that circulation will be the determining factor. They appealed to the public, and union members in particular, to support them by refusing to buy a scab paper.

The T.L.C. went on record in favor of compulsory car insurance.

Lively Debate on Letter Re Hollywood Jurisdictional Dispute

A letter to the T.L.C. from the International Alliance of Stage Employees regarding the recent disastrous jurisdictional strikes in Hollywood district produced some disagreement amongst delegates.

The communication alleged that A. F. of L. members had been abused, intimidated, and suffered violence and that "much damage had been done to the entire trade union movement by the C.S.U. Conference of Studio Unions and their pro-communist leadership who are accused of instigating the jurisdictional disputes.

The C.S.U. used "terrorism and intimidation" against fellow trade union members, stated the letter, and this "constitutes a flagrant abuse of labor's legitimate weapons."

that the actions of "violence and coercion" of the C.S.U. should not be supported.

Delegate Rigby strongly protested the reading of the communication to the council and stated that the letter was "one more example of red baiting and should not have been read in this council." His motion which have prohibited the reading of communications not addressed to the council failed to carry.

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Ottawa.—The lack of a national health plan in Canada was criticized in a public address here by Dr. W. G. Blair, Federal Progressive Conservative Member for Lanark.

Blair charged that the Dominion government had "failed miserably to implement promises made to the Canadian people" for such a scheme. There should be a new Dominion-Provincial conference called by the Federal government, as urged by Ontario and Quebec.

A new method must be found to meet hospital costs in Canada, and other medical costs, which are beyond the means of the average family, Blair said. There is a shortage of 40,000 hospital beds for immediate needs, and 10,000 additional nurses are required, while inadequate housing facilities are also contributing to ill-health.

The health of the people of Canada is being subordinated by the Federal government to "political expediency," Blair claimed. "There are thousands of people dying unnecessarily each year.

"Children are being left motherless or fatherless, families are being broken with all the sorrow and distress that follows, because our Federal government is engaged in a quarrel of its own making with the governments of this country's two most populous provinces, Ontario and Quebec."—Labor.

D.P. Doctors Needed Why Not Bring Them?

The general secretary of the Canadian Medical Association, Dr. T. C. Routley, thinks it would be unwise to bring refugee doctors to Canada. He stated, on his return from a visit to Europe, that most of these doctors had been away from practice for several years and would need retraining.

Would it lower the standards of medical service in a rural area which now has no doctor to bring in a refugee doctor? "Canada has the finest standard of medical care in the world, and we must maintain that standard," said Dr. Routley. There is, however, no standard of medical care whatever in a rural area which has not a doctor and cannot call a doctor in time of need. Dr. Routley is not unmindful of the lack of rural doctors: "Our problem here is to distribute our medical men on a proper basis as between urban and non-urban areas, and we can do this by making non-urban practice more attractive." But does the Canadian Medical Association intend to do anything about making rural practice more attractive? Would it not be simpler to bring in some refugee doctors who would be glad to undertake to practise in a rural area for a period of ten years?

Or is he (Dr. Routley) just determined to keep down the number of Canadian doctors in the interests of business ?—Andrew Hebb in The Rural Co-operator, Oct. 14, 1947.

PRICES

Food prices look like staying high levels for some time. The Marshall aid plan, however it works in relation to Canada—barring the reimposition of ceilings—makes that virtually certain; may send them up more in line with United States prices.

Here's how the situation may work out.

If the United States requires Canada to rewrite her food contracts in return for spending Marshall dollars in Canada, inflationary processes will be aided.

And even if she doesn't, expenditure of 500 millions or more United States dollars in Canada over the next 15 months or more will be a virtual guarantee of continuing high purchasing power and production—and prices.

In the meantime, revision upward of prices which Britain must pay for bacon, eggs, beef, cheese, under the renewed contracts, can be expected to have its reflection in upward trends to the Canadian consumer.

Meantime also the Canadian consumer can look to the grocery shelves and see:

Butter prices now anywhere from 70c to 75c a lb. being "seriously considered" by the government as due for reimposition of control.

Canned pears and peaches up 9 per cent to 18 per cent above a month ago (new ceilings for new deliveries from the canners);

Olives likely to go up in the New Year following increased material and labor costs at the Spanish exporter's end;

Coffee due for another 2c to 4c a lb. boost (following an increase of 2c at the beginning of the month, the fourth rise since de-control, bringing the total increase to 9c); and

Sardines at almost twice prewar levels—from $3.80 per 100 tins to the retailer then to 06.80 now ($5.55 under control).

Financial Post, Dec. 27, 1947.

Forecasts Over 60 Million Jobs in 1948

The outlook is for a boom in jobs in 1948, Robert C. Goodwin, director of the United States Employment Service, predicted recently.

Employment rolls are likely to stay above the 60,000,000 mark throughout most of next year, Goodwin declared. That figure was reached during the height of farm harvesting last summer, but has since declined.

Should the Marshall plan go through Congress, total jobs may reach the 64,000,000 level in mid-1948 when seasonal farm work hits a peak, Goodwin said.

"The demand for farm labor in 1948 will probably be the greatest in peacetime history," he added.

Immigration to Canada Shows 87 p.c. Increase

Immigration to Canada during October, 1947, showed an increase of 87 per cent over the influx of new citizens during the same month a year ago, according to latest statistics released by the Immigration Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources.

Total immigration for the month was 8,941, as compared to the figure of 4,760 for October, 1946. Worthy of note was a rise of 2,491 in the total of immigrants from the British Isles, 1947's October total being 5,5231 as against 2,740 for the corresponding month a year ago.

Apart from the British Isles, the total for European races was 2,696, an increase of 1,773 over the October, 1946, total of 923.

Indicating a marked upswing in the flow of Canadian citizens returning after having resided in the United States, the total number returned during the ten months ended October 31, was 7,774, an increase of 3,858 over the figure of 3,916 for a similar period in 1946.

There was once a little baby rabbit who would not be content until finally mother rabbit told him that baby rabbits came from magicians' hats.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE EXTENDED

(Authority, P.C. 4854, dated December 3rd, 1947)

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THE CHANGE will not affect the coverage of all hourly, daily and piece rated employees and those paid on a mileage basis, who will continue to be insured regardless of earnings.

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ALICE IN WASHINGTON

Guilty. "Let the jury consider their verdict," the King said, for about the twentieth time that day.

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"Stuff and nonsense!" said Alice loudly. "The idea of having the sentence first!"

"Hold your tongue!" said the Queen, turning purple.

"I won't," said Alice.

"Off with her head!" the Queen shouted at the top of her voice.

Something equivalent took place last week when Secretary of State George C. Marshall ruled "finally" on the firing of ten persons from the State Department. No charges; no. No hearings; no. Seven of the employees are fired and not permitted to resign without prejudice; yes. Charges cannot be revealed because they are based on "highly classified material" in control of another department of government.

To the man of stern military upbringing it was more important to respect the regulations of another government bureau than the rights of Americans under the Constitution.

—New Republic.

Protests Composition Of Labor Board

A resolution of the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Workers, Converters' Union, Local 433, protesting the composition of the recently appointed Labor Relations Booard was referred to the provincial executive.

Stand By Your Union

We are told all men are equal—
That's how the story goes;
All have the right to happiness,
Perhaps 'tis so—who knows?

Just ask your kind employer
To give you a small raise—
You'll find the right to happiness
Is just an idle phrase.

And where is the solution?
'Tis easy as A-B-C:
Solidify your forces—
The union will make you free.

We are told strength lies in numbers;
This maxim is known to be true;
There is power in organized labor,
Naught can be done by few.

The union is our salvation—
Can you picture what it would be
Were it not for the strength of the union?
We'd live in slavery.

'Tho you be black or you be white,
Stand side by side in lyabor's fight;
Let not enthusiasm wane—
We have all the world to gain.

United we stand, divided we fall—
A logical slogan for one and for all;
Standing together shoulder to shoulder,
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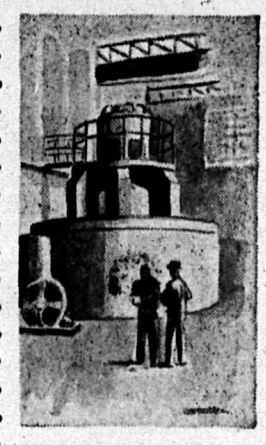

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At the same time, Canada has been buying more goods than ever before from the United States and other countries demanding U.S. dollars. This is because these goods were not obtainable elsewhere and because of demand pent-up during the war.

Buying from the United States or U.S. dollar areas must, therefore, be temporarily reduced until our trading again becomes normal.

To meet this emergency, purchase of goods and services or expenditures for travel, which must be paid for with U.S. dollars, are now subject to control.

IF YOU ARE AN IMPORTER OF CONSUMER GOODS and wish, to find out what goods are (1) prohibited, (2) subject to quota, or (3) unaffected by controls, see or write your nearest Collector of Customs and Excise.

IF YOU WISH TO IMPORT GOODS SUBJECT TO QUOTA and wish to establish your quota authorization to import, or need special information, consult your nearest Collector of Customs and Excise. Quota application forms (E.C. 1) and instructions for completing them, are available at all Customs Offices. These applications must be filed with the Collector of Customs and Excise.

IF YOU WISH INFORMATION ON THE AMOUNT OF YOUR QUOTA. After your application has been filed with your Collector of Customs and Excise, all correspondence about the establishment of quotas or cases of exceptional hardship through import prohibitions should be directed to Emergency Import Control Division, Department of Finance, 490 Sussex Street, Ottawa. Quotas are issued on a quarterly basis and any unused portion may be carried over into the following quarter.

IF YOU ARE AN IMPORTER OF PRODUCTION PARTS, STRUCTURAL STEEL, stone, machinery or other capital goods or automobiles, and wish to know the import restrictions in these classifications, write or see Emergency Import Control Division (Capital Goods), Department of Reconstruction and Supply, 385 Wellington Street, Ottawa.

IF YOU INTEND TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE CANADA and wish to know about foreign exchange available for this purpose, consult any bank or the Foreign Exchange Control Board at Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Windsor, Vancouver. If you wish information about personal purchases of goods made during travel outside Canada, consult the nearest Collector of Customs and Excise before departure.

IF YOU ARE A MANUFACTURER, WHOLESALER OR RETAILER and wish information about excise taxes, or about the list of goods to which they apply, consult the nearest Collector of Customs and Excise.

IF YOU NEED OTHER SOURCES OF IMPORTS consult the Foreign Trade Service, Department of Trade and Commerce (Import Division), Ottawa, regarding your supply problems arising from import quota restrictions. Through the Trade Commissioner Service, the Import Division is endeavouring to arrange increased supplies from the United Kingdom and other "non-scheduled" countries.

IF YOU ARE A HOUSEWIFE and wish information on available alternate foods which have comparable nutritional values to those now prohibited or subject to quota, informational material which has been prepared by the Nutrition Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare may be secured from your Provincial Health Department or local health unit.

The administration of these emergency import controls is the responsibility of various departments of the Government. The above information is given to aid Canadian citizens in complying with the new import control regulations with a minimum of inconvenience in their business and personal affairs.

Douglas Abbott
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Financial Post's 'Inside News'

STOCK YIELDS UP

Yields on preferred, bank, common and mining stocks are all higher than a year ago; commons up 20.9 per cent, preferred 18.7 per cent, banks 15.2 per cent, mines 0.5 per cent. A Financial Post staff writer tells why (p. 3).

GOOD YEAR FOR BANKS

Canadian chartered banks are closing a year marked by new high levels in assets, deposits, loans and net earnings. Actual cash value of loans outstanding increased to over $2 billions, up 45 per cent on the year and nearly 90 per cent since the end of the war.

DIVIDENDS HIGHER

Dividends declared by Canadian companies for payment in January, 1948, total $51,871,734 to December 22, against $33,874,733 for the first month of 1947. Biggest increases are in pulp and paper and base metal issues.

U. K. Timber Deal In B. C. Extended

Ottawa.—Out of the recent U. K. food discussions has come an important decision to extend the present British Columbia timber contract through till the end of 1948.

This means Britain will take the same amount of lumber as had been contracted for but spread deliveries over 12 months instead of six. This will conserve their dollars and at the same time provide an opportunity for Canada to divert a much larger share of West Coast timber to the United States and other dollar markets.

Details of the new plan are still to be worked out. Involved as well is a possible switch of some purchases to the East Coast. No consideration has been given to any further B. C. contract beyond the end of 1948.

Estimated amount of U. K. expenditure on timber in Canada in 1948 is about $80 millions.

Industrial Accidents Cost $48 Million in '46

Industrial accidents cost Canada a staggering $48.2 million in 1946. This was nearly twice the cost of 1945 industrial casualties although there was little increase in the number of accidents and fatalities were lower.

The 1946 accident toll added up to a sickening total of 375,804 mishaps. This included 1,010 fatalities. In 1945, there were 331,483 accidents, 1,101 being fatalities. But although fatalities were slightly higher than in 1946, the cost was away down to $25.1 millions.

But this only tells part of the story. Besides the dollars-and-cents costs of $50 last year, there was the untold cost in human misery and suffering.

Furthermore, for every dollar paid out in compensation and medical bills, it has been estimated that industrial accidents cost industry another $4.

Thus last year's toll may be said to have cost Canada $250 millions.

Provincially, Ontario leads all the others with British Columbia and Quebec vying for second place.

Following are the accidents and accident costs for the eight provinces:

Alberta, 23,068; $2.6 millions.
British Columbia, 58,927; $12 millions.
Manitoba, 18,074; $1.4 millions.
New Brunswick, 13,891; $1.2 millions.
Nova Scotia, 20,367; $2.6 millions.
Quebec, 90,000; $11.6 millions.
Ontario, 138,570; $16.5 millions.
Saskatchewan, 10,787; $1.1 millions.

Check Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

A Federal Bill of Rights guaranteeing protection for every citizen against infringements of civil rights is urgently needed. Here are a few fundamental suggestions for inclusion in a Canadian Bill of Rights:

1. No government laws by order-in-council except with consent of parliament.
2. Equal protection under the law.
3. Outlaw arbitrary arrest and detention.
4. Outlaw pre-court statements as a police device for securing convictions.
5. Outlaw cruel and unusual punishment.
6. Outlaw all police promises of fines and forfeitures of particular persons before convictions.
7. Speedy and fair trials.
8. Outlaw excessive bails, and fines.
9. The right of habeas corpus.
10. The right to sue the crown for tort.
11. Protection from arbitrary or unreasonable interference with privacy, home, correspondence or reputation.
12. Equality of Canadian citizenship.
13. The right to vote regardless of race, creed, sex or color.
14. The right of political opinion.
15. The right of petition.
16. The right of association and assembly.
17. The rights of access to information.
18. Freedom of the press.
19. Freedom of worship.
20. And freedom of speech and expression.—H.S.T., Manitoba Commonwealth.

OCCUPATIONAL PAINS

When the symphony concert was in progress the conductor noticed that one of the violinists had an expression of extreme pain on his face. In great concern the maestro stopped the orchestra to question him. "Guido," he said, "you appear ill. Are you in pain?"

"No," Guido replied sadly, "it's just that I don't like music."

Trades Council Notes

RE USE OF R.C.M.P.

A letter was received from the Minister of Justice, Mr. Ilsley, acknowledging the protest against the use of the R.C.M.P. at the Sheridan Mines.

The Minister stated that the R.C.M.P. sometimes act as provincial police and in this instance the action was solely in the interests of law and order and in no sense was it intended as a threat against the workers on strike.

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FISHERMEN NEGOTIATE NEW AGREEMENT

Delegate Rigby reported that his union had negotiated a new agreement for herring at $7.40 a ton. This compares with $2 a ton received as recently at 1939.

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DEEP SEA AGREEMENT

Delegate Thompson reported that the recently negotiated deep sea agreement included substantial increases across the board. His union naw has basic pay of $120 a month, a 10-cent-an-hour increase in overtime rates, a 40-hour week in port, and a completely closed shop.

A. F. L. Will Rally Unions In Europe

Mobilizes Support for Marshall Plan As Offset To "Red" Propaganda

A campaign to assist democratic trade unions in Europe and to mobilize support for the Marshall plan was announced this week by the A. F. of L.

The Federation declared it will soon call a conference of labor representatives in 16 European nations, outside the Soviet zone, to discuss means of "combating the propaganda of Moscow which misrepresents the Marshall plan and seeks to destroy it."

Also, the A. F. of L. will expand its present program of assistance to free trade union movements in Europe and appeal to all unionists in this country to purchase "Care" food packages for distribution to needy workers overseas.

"We believe that world peace and security can best be fulfilled by the revival of free trade unions as bulwarks of democracy in Europe," the Federation asserted.

President Green also announced that Frank P. Fenton, heretofore director of organization, will supervise the world-wide activities of the A. F. of L., succeeding the late Robert Watt.

She was fat and over forty, but she was still kittenish. The young man she had cornered at the party was thinking hard for some excuse to escape.

At last he murmured: "Do you remember the youngster who used to tickle you under the chin at school?"

"Oh," she exclaimed, gushingly, "so that's who you are!"

"Oh, no," said he, blandly. "That was my father."

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Still No Action On Price Controls

The present price crisis is the most serious problem facing the Canadian people today. When the special session of Parliament was called, it was fair to assume that effective measures to deal with this menace to living standards would be introduced by the Government and receive priority over all other matters.

This has proven a vain hope. Parliament opened on December 5. It sat for two weeks and then adjourned for the Christmas and New Year holiday. It will not reconvene until late in January.

As yet, the government has neither dealt with the price crisis nor given any indication that it intends to do so. Apparently it has decided, by a policy of inaction, to let prices continue to rise still higher.

To date, the special session has been a complete waste of time. The government has continued to ignore the demands of the majority of Canadians for th re-establishment of price controls. This refusal ensures the continuance of bigger profits for the few and lower living standards for the many.

The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has consistently opposed the removal of price controls. It has repeatedly urged upon the government the fallacy and dangers of such a policy. At present it is conducting a campaign designed to impress upon the Government and Members of Parliament the necessity for the re-establishment of price controls if living standards and the stability of the economy are not to be further jeopardized. This campaign should have the aetive support of every local union, and of every citizen.

The Real Test of Prosperity

According to reports published in the daily press, British Columbia's four basic industries—lumbering, farming, mining, and fishing —have "pumped close to half a billion dollars worth of wealth into the people's hands in 1947—an all-time record."

Such reports, no doubt, give rise to the boastful declarations which leading politicians are so fond of making, that "we" are enjoying the most prosperous period in our history.

There is no question that the workers in these industries produced this half billion dollars' worth of wealth. What is open to question is that either the workers who produced it or the public generally have obtained their fair share of it. There is abundant evidence that a disproportionate amount of productive income is absorbed by profits at the expense of lagging wage income.

What the writers of these reports and boastful politicians overlook is that prosperity cannot be measured merely by the size of our provincial or national income. The real tests of prosperity are: first, the extent which the people share in it, and, secondly, what the money will buy. Judged in the light of these tests, it is extremely doubtful that "we" are enjoying our greatest period of prosperity.

The Cost of Sickness Goes Up

On January 1st, hospital rates increased $1.50 a day. No doubt the hospitals can justify the increase. They too, have been victims of the upward spiral of prices. But the most serious aspect of the matter is its immediate and ultimate effect on health.

Medical and hospitalization have long been a heavy burden on the income of the average worker. A serious illness in the family can cripple it financially for years. This latest rise in the cost of hospitalization will serve to put it still further beyond the reach of many people. We are rapidly approaching the stage in which adequate medical and hospital care is a luxury which only the well-to-do and those of high income can afford.

There are in operation a number of trade union, employee, and independent co-operative sickness and accident plans, which perform a good service in providing their members with protection against the risk of expensive illness. These organizations should receive encouragement and support.

But there are still far too many people who lack protection of any kind against the hazards of accident and ill-health. The only effective solution to meet the health needs of all the people is a government sponsored health insurance plan. Recent prohibitive rises in the cost of hospitalization serve to emphasize the need for immediate steps in this direction.

Starvation Deadlier Than War

Lord Boyd Orr, Director of Food and Agricultural Organization, told the U.N. Economic Committee in New York recently: "The number of people in Europe and Asia who will die from direct or indirect effects of the food shortage in the next 12 months will be greater than the number killed in the fighting or in the bombing in any year of the war."

130,000 Veterans Enrolled For Training

Ottawa.—Approximately 27,600 war veterans enrolled for "training-on-the-job" in Canadian industries up to the end of October under the Canadian vocational training plan, Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell announces.

In private trades schools and business colleges, 14,609 additional were enrolled.

Other kinds of training being carried out under the plan include correspondence courses, "pre-matriculation" classes and training at vocational training centres.

For all classes of veterans' training, 130,000 had enrolled up to October 31st.—"Labor".

Living Costs In U. S. Set All-Time Record

Washington—(AP)—Living costs in the United States reached a new record high in mid-November, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported recently, adding the hint that 1948 may start at an even higher level.

Statisticians of the Bureau of Labor Statistics said privately that a two per cent wholesale price jump since mid-November indicates the United States may swing into the new year at a consumer's price level even eclipsing the mid-November peak.

Attention: Union Secretaries

Has your local sent in the information required for the new UNION LABEL DIRECTORY. If not, do so immediately.

—Ed Smith, Secretary.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

By PERCY R. BENGOUGH, C.B.E.,
President, The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada

I appreciate this opportunity, afforded through the courtesy of the Press, to extend to all people in Canada, New Years Greetings and wishes for health, happiness and prosperity in the name and on behalf of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. The three hundred and sixty odd thousand Canadian men, and women from the Atlantic to the Pacific comprising this great labor organization that I have the honor to represent sincerely desires peace and security both at home and abroad. We will continue to strive for such worthy objectives.

The vast majority of the working people of Canada are not a dissatisfied section of Canada's population that hollers just for the sake of it. They are loyal Canadians who value Canada's democracy and democratic institutions. We want to make our democrtic way of life work. We don't feel that it is working effectively as long as we have fear and want still the lot of many Canadians. It is with such views that organized labor strives for change and improvement.

We can be proud to be citizens of this great country. At the same time we cannot take pride in the way in which we look after our sick and care for our aged. We believe the time has arrived in Canada where the fear of inscurity can be readily eliminated. Thre is no insurmountable barrier in the way of establishing a full and comprehensive scheme of health insurance and less in the way of establishing laws that will guarantee full protection to our aged citizens. We ask that these laws be established on a contributory basis. These are not dreams. They are practical objectives and in operation would do away with a lot of the fear and want and insecurity that gives rise to unrest and dissatisfaction.

There are faults in our Canadian way of life. Let us recognize them and rectify them. The best contribution we could make to our democracy is a little more team work on the part of all Canadians, both on the outside and inside of government.

None can deny that Canada has done a commendable job in assisting the citizens of other countries with urgently needed necessities of life. The Organized Labor Movement has strongly supported such worthy objectives. We do say, however, that more attention must be given to improving the lot of the many thousands of our own citizens who are on small salaries and pensions and whose far too low a standard of living has been drastically reduced as a result of the increase in the cost of commodities.

There are a few in Canada who seem to believe that the only way to adjust social and economic wrongs is to have a Government that prohibits all opposition and criticism. The trade union movement does not subscribe to any such beliefs. As a democratic institution, functioning in a democratic country, we do not want any form of dictatorship. We value freedom and all that it implies, including the right to take issue with our Governments for delaying the introduction of the much needed laws to give more protection to our sick and aged.

The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, setting a high value on the freedoms that have been inherited and enjoyed by Canadian citizens, pledged itself to do all in its power in 1948 to prevent their abuse.

Are You a Part-time Citizen?

By RUTH TAYLOR

Being a citizen in a democracy is a full-time job. In other forms of government the citizenry makes up the background, appearing only in mob scenes to "yes" the rulers of the nation.

In a democracy there is no room for part-time citizens. Our government is what we make of it. Ours is the fault if the wheels of government do not run smoothly, for the laws we make are the roadbed, and the men we elect are the machine.

Do you fulfill all your duties as a voter? Do you show up just at election time to cast your vote without due consideration of the full qualifications, record and principles of all candidates? Do you neglect to help select the proper candidates at the primaries? Are you a part-time citizen?

Do you obey the laws you have had a hand in making? Is your only thought, when you break what seems like an inconsequential little law, how you can get away with it? Are you a part-time citizen?

Do you evince interest in all issues —or only in those problems which directly concern you, and then object when other groups do the same and infringe on your prerogatives? Only as citizens work for the common good of all can democracy progress. Are you a part-time citizen?

Do you lend an ear to subversive elements who tell you how much better conditions are or would be for you were there a different form of government? Do you thoughtlessly pass on these tales without checking on their accuracy or considering their source? Are you a part-time citizen?

Do you stand up for democracy or do you condemn its mistakes without consideration of the good it has to offer? Do you stress only its shortcomings and never let its long range programme which, slowly but surely, and in spite of stumblings, discriminations and detours has made this country of ours the best in which to live? Are you a part-time citizen?

Now as never before the United States needs the full-time allegiance of all of its people. Don't be a part-time citizen!

He who has lost all confidence can lose nothing more.

Closed Shop

The closed shop is the essence of democracy, the rule of the majority. It applies a sound unit whereby workers can express themselves. To say that this exercises a tyranny over the minority would be to strike at the very roots of our political philosophy.

Outlawing the closed shop is against democracy in its full sense, the rule of the majority, the American way.

A partial union divides authority between management and the union, but leaves the minority entirely without representation, and a primary cause of friction between the two authorities. Rising costs, poorer merchandise and lack of effort in product improvement are natural consequences of such a situation. The public is certainly the loser.

The crux of the question of the closed shop is the effect of the closed shop on the community as a whole. Regardless of how the employee, employer or the business is benefited, the public must also gain.

The effect on business of a closed shop can best be judged by the showing of business in which the closed shop prevails.

Unions, despite all their real or imaginary excesses, have done more to free the working man and raise the standard of living in this country than any other force.

It is the union that protects the employees from abuses and elevates workers from the low levels of servitude to the dignity of self-respecting citizens, enjoying equal liberty and bargaining power. It is a travesty to say that to be obligated to join a union is a violation of individual freedom when, in fact, it is a guarantee of freedom from the absolute authority of the employer.—Herbert J. Buchsbaum, a Chicago manufacturer.

Wealth and Health

Your chances of dying or being sick depend, to a considerable extent, on the size of your income, according to the Twentieth Century Fund, a research institution.

One evidence it cites is the fact that, in the depression years, 1935 and 1936, "persons on relief averaged 17 days illness a year," while those with incomes over $5,000 were ill an average of only 6½ days.

Canadian Profits Hit New Peak; Canadian Wages Take New Dip

A GREAT YEAR—FOR THE PROFITEER

Ottawa (CLR)—Canadian corporations made a net profit of $61.00 out of every man, woman and child in the country during 1946, compared with $31.00 per capita for 1938, the Dominion's Bureau of Statistics reveaied here. The 1947 total is expected to be even higher.

The profit figure, taking a total of investment and gross corporate profits, was actually $3,059,000.00on—one-third of the national income in a country of 12 million people.

The other side of the picture showed that real wages of workers, farmers and salaried people had dropped by 8 per cent since 1938. Consumers took a beating by being able to buy only 66 per cent of goods and services produced, compared to 72 per cent in 1938. "This drop is more glaring because output zoomed during the eight years.

No Longer a Secret -- Any Nation Can Make Atom Bomb that Has Equipment

There is no such thing as an atom bomb secret. Any nation can produce the weapon if it has the necessary industrial equipment.

So says Robert M. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, who played a big role in the development of the bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

In an article in the "American' magazine, Hutchins declares that "public utterances which wolud have us believe we own an atomic secret are rooted either in ignorance or deceit."

He declared the bombs can annihilate all life on earth—but that if war ceases, atomic energy can make man live "as long as Methuselah."

"Atomic energy," he writes, "makes all our conceptions of daily living obsolete, eradicates virtually all our limitations, cures all our maladies, and opens the door to a way of life as uncomplicated as that of a South Seas native basking in the sun and plucking his food from the breadfruit tree.

"Our paramount problem, our chief hazard, in the atomic age will be what to do with our spare time.

"Heat will be so plentiful that it will be used to melt snow as it falls."

"Thinking People"

Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb . . . told an annual meeting of the Victoria Provincial Progressive Conservative Association . . . "It is evident . . . that we have lost contact with the thinking people of the province."—Victoria Daily Times.

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International Longshoremen's Association, Local No. 28/162—Secretary, James Darwood, 2049 Kitchener St.; HAstings 2154-M.

Ironworkers, Local 97—Business Agent, E. G. Cook, 193 East Hastings Street, Room 216; MArine 0940.

Jewelry Workers' Union, No. 42—Secretary, W. Routley, 144 West Hastings St., Room 76; PAcific 2714.

Ladies' Garment Workers, Local 276—Business Agent, C. Carr, 119 West Pender St.; Phone: DExter 2782M.

Lathers' Union, Local 207—Secretary, M. Finlayson, 4848 Dumfries St.; FA. 0279-Y.

Laundry Workers, No. 292 — Business Agent, J. H. Irving, 531 Beatty St.; Phone PAcific 4548.

Lithographers, No. 44—Secretary, A. Robold, 2974 W. 15th.

Machinists, Local 692—Business Agent, Alf. Dyer, 531 Beatty St.; PA. 2435.

Machinists, Local 182—Secretary, J. Bygate, 1784 E. Seventh; HA. 5760-Y.

Machinists' Lodge, No. 151—Secretary, J. D. Wildy, 1606 Seventh Avenue, New Westminster.

Mailers' Union, No. 70—Secretary, R. G. Taylor, 1176 Duchess Avenue, West Vancouver, B. C.

Maintenance-of-Way Employees, Local No. 167 (C. P. R.)—Secretary, S. Wray, 2487 Kitchener Street.

Maintenance of Way Employees, Local 11—Secretary, R. McLure, 1736 East 8th Avenue.

Marine Engineers, National Association of; Council No. 7—Secretary, D. Heard, 319 West Pender Street.

Milk Salesmen and Dairy Employees, Local 464—Secretary, Birt Showler, 531 Beatty St.; PAcific 6546.

Molders' Union, Local 281—Business Agent, Louis Herzeg, 531 Beatty St.; phone FA. 1878-L.

Motion Picture Projectionists, Local 348, Business Manager, J. R. Foster; Secretary, J. H. Leslie, P. O. Box 345; Phone MArine 3042.

Musicians' Union, Local 145—Business Manager, E. A. Jamieson, Suite 21, 553 Granville St.; Phone PAcific 7848.

Office Employees' Int. Union Local No. 15—Secretary, O. E. Vaughan, 3042 E. 17th Avenue.

Painters, Local 138—Business Manager, J. Eaves, 531 Beatty St.; MAr. 1516.; Res.: HAst. 5879-L

Paint & Varnish Workers Union, Local No. 1550 — Secretary, N. Stewart, 1610 East 11th Avenue.

Paper Makers' International Brotherhood, Ocean Falls, Local No. 160—Secretary, N. H. Compton, Ocean Falls, B. C.

Papermakers' Int. Brotherhood, Local No. 456 (New Westminster) — Secretary, Walter Ross, 222 Ninth Street.

Pile Drivers and Wooden Bridgemen, Local 2404—Business Agent, S. Allen, 193 E. Hastings St.; PAcific 4046

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Plasterers' Union, No. 779—Secretary, H. West, 3419 West 23rd; BAy. 6233-M.

Plumbers and Steamfitters, Local 170—Business Agent, Frank Carlisle, 529 Beattie St.; Phone MArine 3819

Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, No. 69 — Secretary, Thos. S. Esart, 1807 East 38th Ave., FRaser 2065.

Pulp and Sulphite (Converters) Union, Local 433—Secretary, C. T. Gillard, 3640 Nootka St.

Pursers and Chief Stewards, Local 180—Secretary, R. Stover, 1451 Woodland Drive.

Railway Carmen (Port Mann), Lodge No. 280—Secretary, A. M. Cawley, R. R. No. 4, New Westminster, B. C.

Railway Carmen, Local No. 58—Secretary, Samuel Shearer, 2256 West 22nd Avenue; phone BAyview 5452-L.

Railway and Steamship Clerks, No. 630—Secretary, T. W. Kirby, 3566 Triumph Street.

Railway and Steamship Clerks, No. 626 President, G. Stubbs, 4327 E. Hastings.

Refrigeration Workers, No. 516, U. A. J. P. S. F.—Secretary, L. R. Wintle, 187 West 40th, Vancouver; FRas. 4469.

Retail Grocery and Food Clerks, Local No. 1518 — Secretary, Geo. Johnston, 198 West Hastings, Room 406; Phone PAcific 5720.

Retail Meat Employees, Local No. 222—Business Agent, J. O. Stinson, 198 West Hastings St., Room 406; Phone PAcific 5720.

Retail Clerks, Local 279—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Johnston, Room 406, Province Bldg., Phone PAc. 5720.

Secondary School Teachers' Association—Secretary, Wm. Alsbury, 2604 East Sixth; HAstings 2072-R.

Sheet Metal Workers, Local 280—Business Manager, James Walker, 531 Beatty St.; PAcific 9032.

Sheet Metal Workers (Railroad) Local 214—Secretary, G. H. Dobb, 1116 7th Avenue, New Westminster.

Shinglers' and Roofers' Union, No. 2346—Secretary, J. A. Gildermeister, 1974 W. 7th; BAy. 8513-L.

Shingle Weavers Union, Local No. 2802 Secretary, Alex Low, 1184 West 72nd Avenue, Vancouver, Phone LAngara 0985R.

Shoreworkers' Local of the U. F. & A. W. U.—Business Agent, Alex Gordon, 138 E. Cordova; Phone MAr. 4046.

Sign and Pictorial Painters, Local 726—Secretary, J. Middleton, 5381 Dundas Street.

Street Railway Employees, Division 101—Business Agent, A. Jennings, Lee Building, 175 E. Broadway; FAir. 4262.

Street Railway Employees, Division No. 134—Business Agent, R. Cormack, 26 Lorne St., New Westminster, B. C.

Taxi Drivers, Local 151—Secretary, C. Gower, 531 Beatty Street, Phone PAcific 6546.

Teachers' Association, New Westminster—Secretary, Hester L. Richards, 2036 Stride Ave., New Westminster, B. C.

Textile Workers' Local, No. 12—Secretary, Betty Mellis, 78 East Second Ave.

Theatrical Stage Employees, Local 118—Secretary, Walter Blake, P. O Box 711.

Tile Setters, Local No. 1—Secretary, W. Richards, Pleasantside P. O., B. C.

Tile Setters' Helpers, Local No. 78—Secretary, T. F. Rowan, 1661 W. 65th Ave.; KErrisdale 0177-L.

Truck Drivers' Union, Local No. 31—Business Agent, Reg. Lenfesty, 531 Beatty St.; Phone PAcific 6546 & 7884.

Typographical Union, Local 226—Secretary, Harry Neelands, 531 Beatty St.; MArine 3542.

United Garment Workers' Union, No. 232—Secretary, Mrs. L. Weir, 1496 Nanaimo St.

United Garment Workers' Union, No. 190—Secretary Walter W. Shaw, 3435 West 6th Avenue.

United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union—Secretary, Wm. Rigby, 138 East Cordova; MArine 4046.

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Vancouver Metal Trades Council Elects 1948 Officers

TABLE Officers of the Vancouver Metal Trades Council were re-elected at the regular meeting of the Council this month. Jack Eaves of the Painters and Decorators Union, Local 138, was re-elected to the office of president. H. D. Foster of the Machinists Lodge No. 692 was re-elected vice-president, and H. W. Watts of Electrical Workers Union No. 213 was re-elected financial secretary-treasurer of the council for the year 1948.

W. H. Goldsby of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union No. 280 was elected Warden and the trustees elected were W. Slinn of the Painters' and Decorators' Union No. 138, and James McMillan of Machints' Lodge No. 692. Brother Val Pearson of the Plumbers and Pipe Fitting Industry, Local No. 170, carries over as a Trustee.

Banquet For Convention

The local council has arranged for a Dinner Dance and floorshow to be held in the Vancouver Hotel Banquet Room on Wednesday, February 11th, starting at 7 p.m., to which all delegates, guests and their ladies will be invited. Other programs are also being arranged, details of which have not been concluded.

Legislative Amendments

Majority of council delegates reported trade fairly good, but material shortages still curtailing work in some trades. Molders reported employers would not accept award of Conciliation Board.

JACK EAVES
President, Vancouver Metal Trades Council, Member of the Painters' and Decorators' Union No. 138.

H. W. WATTS
Financial Secretary, Vancouver Metal Trades Council, Member of Electrical Workers' Union No. 213.

In connection with the coming session of the Provincial Legislature, the Council is recommending some changes in the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, but is opposed to any change or removal of Section 10 which provides for the certification of craft union units. The Council favors amendment of Section 15-b so as to exclude the words "except in the ordinary course of the operations". Section 16 schould be amended so as to provide that if the employer or his representative is sick, called out of town, or in any way causes a delay in the concluding of an agreement within a reasonable time, that the employer shall provide a deputy to take his place. Section 31-a should also be amended, say the delegates, to provide that only members of the union having the bargaining rights, shall be included in the strike vote.

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Building Trades Council Notes

(By Business Agent H. W. Watts)

Some unemployment still prevails in one or two of the trades, but the situation is by no means serious. There is plenty of work ahead for this year, which will be getting under way soon to take care of those who may be unemployed.

The Carpenters' Union, Vancouver, with nearly three thousand members have only just over 100 unemployed on their books. The six hundred houses project in the east end of the city is getting under way and the contractors will be calling for more men every day from now on. All the other housing projects are making fairly good progress.

Many large industrial and commercial projects are either in the blue print stage or are calling for estimates. Government building projects are also increasing.

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Material shortages are still holding up work. The steel workers' strike is still tieing up structural steel, but an ever increasing supply is now coming from Eastern Canada. Sheet Metal is still on the very scarce list and there does not appear to be any relief in sight although there is a considerable quantity coming to the city, but the supply cannot keep up with the ever increasing demand. Pipe fittings are getting more plentiful but the mechanics complain about the make of these parts. Apparently, the workmanship in the manufacture of these parts are not of the best and the plumber or the pipe fitter has to do a lot of adjusting to get the parts to provide for a good job.

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The Annual Banquet of the Building Trades Council will be held in the Georgia Hotel on Tuesday, March 30th. This is a fifth Tuesday and will not interfere with any union meetings. The usual good time is assured, and delegates are urged to see that their union provides them and other officers of their union with tickets.

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The Tile Setters' Union has obtained a wage increase of 13½c, bringing the wage up to $1.60 per hour. The Helpers' scale has been increased to $1.00 per hour. The Plasterers' and the Painters' and Decorators' Unions have both opened negotiations for wage increases. The Glaziers' and Glass Workers' Union has accepted a conciliation award of 12½c increase across the board, with some other changes in working conditions, but the employers' group have not yet indicated acceptance.

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Dual union welders, members of the Boilermakers' Union C.C.L., again tried to break into welding on construction work, but were stopped cold on the job. Bill White, along with reinforcements, had to take his men off the job, before they even got started. This was on a refrigeration job.

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The construction industry will be closed down for the week commencing July 19th as a vacation week. This date has been approved by the Building Trades Council and the Building and Construction Industries Exchange, and the Building Industry Labor-Employer Relations Committee. The Council and its affiliates are not satisfied with the way the "vacation pay" is being handled, and efforts are again going to be made to get the Provincial Government to adopt the book and stamp system, or some system that is better than the present hit and miss arrangements now in operation, so that the casual employee can draw his vacation pay the week prior to taking his vacation.

STRUCTURAL IRONWORKERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1948

Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforced Ironworkers Union, Local No. 97, elected the following officers for 1948:

President, J. Fitzpatrick; vice-president, E. Foote; business agent, E. G. Cook; executive board — A. Wilson, N. McLeod, J. Marcus, H. Taylor, V. Bratt.

Demand Recognition for Overseas Fire Fighters

The TLC endorsed the request of the Provincial Federation of Ontario Fire Fighters in their efforts to obtain "recognition and justice" for fire-fighters who volunteered for overseas services during the war. These men had answered the call of the Dominion Government, risked their lives and health. Their term of duty was for the war's duration and in general, they served under the same conditions and terms as men in the armed services. For these services, they were promised the same treatment as those on active service. To date, these promises had not been kept.

The Ontario Federation has taken up their case and has asked labor support for it petition to the Government to implement the recommendations of the Veterans' Affairs committee to keep faith with these men and honor its wartime promises to give to the fire-fighters the same treatment accorded to men in the armed services.

Beverage Employees Elect Officers for 1948

The following officers were elected by the members of the Beverage Dispensers Union, Local No. 676.

President, Wm. Lindsay; vice-president, R. Binney; business agent and financial secretary, Fred W. Mills; recording secretary, Robert Beddome; inspector, Mike McCarthy; inner guard, G. Rouke; outer guard, Stan Buckley; chaplain, Dave Kenney; trustees, Bill McEachnie and George Addison.

Union Member

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home
To criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along?
Or are you satisfied
To only just belong?

Do you ever go to visit
A member who is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few
Then talk about "The Clique?"

Think it over, member;
You know right from wrong.
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

—Oregon Teamster.

$5 Into Jobless Fund For Each $1 Paid Out

Ottawa. — An all-time high of $413,008,000 was in the Federal Unemployment Insurance Fund on October 31 last. Since the start of the jobless insurance system on July 1, 1942, less than $100,000,000 has been paid out of the fund.

That means it has taken in more than $5 for each $1 it has paid out to unemployed workers.—Labor.

The Major and the Lower Clawses

Major Douglas in The Social Crediter (England), Nov. 8:

"The lower class of unskilled labor in Great Britain has never been so well off in modern history, and it would ensure the return of 'Labor' if there was an election in the near future. It is doing little or no work, and being paid fantastic wages, most of which are spent in the Black Market, and the Black Marketeers are equally delighted with the state of affairs. These sections of the country are entirely contemptuous of national or any other interest save their own—even that of their wives and children, whom they intimidate."

U. S. Foreign Assets Are Over $13 Billion

Washington (FP)—Aside from the purely humanitarian reason in which millions share, the revival of American interest in foreign affairs and particularly in maintaining the political status quo in Europe has a financial basis.

The United States Treasury department, December 14, released a "Census of American-Owned Assets in Foreign Countries," which showed that total foreign assets owned in the United States on May 31, 1943, was $13,542,000,000, of which $8,866,000,000 was held by corporations and other profit organizations and $1,106,000,000 by estates, trusts and non-profit groups.

Of the total United States investment, $4,446,500,000 was in Canada, Newfoundland and French North America, and $4,418,300,000 in Europe, of which $1,027,600,000 was in Great Britain; $1,079,800,000 in Germany and $397 million in France. The Treasury said total United States investment in assets in the Soviet Union were $13,200,000.

UN-CORN-CERNED

"Does my practicing make you nervous?" asked the saxophone player.

"It did when I first heard the neighbors talking about it," said the man next door, "but now I don't care what happens to you."

SWINGING BELLE

"Where did you get the black eye?"

"I went to a dance hall last night and was struck by the beauty of the place."

"Does your husband talk in his sleep?"

"No, and it's most exasperating. He just grins."

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Goitie: "Sure they play games. Didn't you ever watch 'em playing hydrant seek?"

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

A farmer brought a load of produce to town, sold it for a good price, then decided to surprise his wife. So he bought a complete new outfit of clothes and stowed the packages under the seat of the car. Half way home he came to a river. He pulled off his clothes, threw them in the river and reached under the seat for the new ones. They were gone. Some thief had got them. Thoughtfully he climbed back into the car, stepped on the starter, and said:

"Well, I'll surprise her, anyway."

COULDN'T HELP IT

"I hope, Nellie," Arthur remarked primly to his new lady love, "that you don't park with boys on dark roads?"

"Not unless I'm driven to it," was the hopeful reply.

NO DIRTY DIG

City Visitor: What do you raise on your farm?

Farmer: Hogs.

City visitor: Do they pay better than corn or tobacco?

Farmer: Nope, but they don't need hoeing.

RING OUT WILD BELLS

Wife: "Darling, aren't those chimes beautiful? Such harmony! Such a lovely tone!"

Husband: "You'll have to talk louder, honey. Those damn bells are making such a racket, I can't hear a word you say."

THE EAGLE ONLY WHIMPERED

Before signing a receipt for his pay cheque the young man was handed a company form slip with the wording: "Your salary is your personal business—a confidential matter—and not to be disclosed to anybody else."

He read it carefully, then, shielding the paper with his hand, he wrote:

"I won't mention it to anybody. I'm just as much ashamed of it as you are."

SWEETEN WITH ARSENIC

Customer: "Give me a pound of those grapes. My husband is fond of them. Do you know if they have been sprayed with any kind of poison?"

Clerk: "No, ma'am; you'll have to get that at the drug store."

SAVING THE DIFFERENCE

Along a country road came a $7000 limousine. As it caught up with the small car, the owner of the big car could not resist the temptation to slow down and heckle the other driver a bit.

"Good gosh, man," he said, "what is it about your car that makes such a dreadful rattling sound?"

"That? Oh, that's the $6500 jingling around in my pocket," said the driver of the small car.

Must Kill Only People

Some of them are not satisfied with the effectiveness of the atom bomb. It should only kill people! This was the terrifying and "sane" thought raised by P. B. Harwood, vice-president in charge of engineering at Cutler-Hammer Inc.

He is quoted in the Milwaukee Journal as saying: "The atom bomb is a poor weapon because it destroys too much property.

"Although it sounds cold-blooded," he went on to say: "the type of weapon we should have—if we must wage war at all—is one that will kill only people!"

A. F. of L. Political Action in 1948

"At no previous time in history have the rank and file members, as well as the leaders of labor, been so aroused as at present to the imperative need of organization in the political field . . .

"If we are to serve most effectively the interests of the workers of the nation and adequately meet the challenge presented by predatory and vested interests, we must wholeheartedly respond to the urgency of the occasion and unitedly co-operate to the early attainment of the ends for which it is proposed to form and launch Labor's Educational and Political League . . ."

(From "Program of Action of Conference of A.F.L. National and International Presidents held in December, 1947).

B. C. Job Situation Causing Concern

More than 14,000 Unemployed in Vancouver, Labor Office Reports.

"Ottawa. Winter has seen growing unemployment in Canada which the Federal Labor Department admits is 'slightly more than seasonal. . . "

". . . Pacific Coast employment 'continues to deteriorate,' said the Labor Department. . . "—Vancouver Sun, January 5, 1948.

De Gaulle Calls for Fascist-Style Unions

St. Etienne, France.—(AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle called Sunday for a scrapping of the present French trade unions system in favor of an association of management and labor "incorporated into the state."—Vancouver Sun, January 5, 1948.

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Minister: "Why, really, I'm surprised that you wish to get married so soon. Your husband passed away only four months ago."

Widow: "Well, you see he was an invalid for almost a year."

Munitions Shipments To China Opposed

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is calling on all labor bodies to strongly protest the shipment of munitions from Canada. They are urging citizens to write their local member of parliament to use his influence to all shipments of munitions cancelled and that steps be taken that no further shipments are made.

The Council delegates went on record in support of the resolution and campaign.

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Well, how do you measure freedom? Are you free if you can't live and work without paying tribute to somebody else? Are you free if a few people who are members of a few groups control everything you need and use, right down to the very job you must have in order to keep on living?

Why not stop merely saying the word and start thinking about the meaning of freedom? Here are some of the facts that may help you to understand whether or not you really are free—facts that show how you are controlled by private monopolies and how the tentacles of the economic octopus of capitalism are wrapped around your very life:

1. Two hundred and fifty corporations control almost two-thirds of the manufacturing facilities of this country.

2. These same corporations either own or are in a position to control to those of all corporations in America in 1939.

3. All the government-owned manufacturing facilities or the assets of 71,000 smaller manufacturing firms could be purchased with the liquid asset holdings of the 63 largest manufacturing corporations.

4. During the war $1 billion was spent on federal research development. Sixty-eight large corporations received two-thirds of this money.

5. Eighteen thousand American corporations received government contracts during the war but 67 per cent of these went to only 100 corporations.

6. Six large corporations controlled almost 10 per cent of the manufacturing facilities in 1939 but by June 30 of last year they had acquired almost half of the value of war plants sold by the government.

7. Two hundred of the largest non-financial corporations own about 55 per cent of the total corporate assets.

8. One-tenth of one per cent of all American corporations own 52 per cent of the total corporate assets.

9. Less than four per cent of all manufacturing corporations earned 84 per cent of all the net profits of manufacturing corporations.

10. More than 57 per cent of the total value of manufacturing production is produced under conditions where the four largest producers in each industry turn out over one-half of the total output in their industries.

—From the "Reading Labor Advocate."

World War II Set Your Fears at Rest . . .

"Who is fooling us? Not the Russians. Winston Churchill pointed out, the other day, that if the Russians were intending to catch us off guard in a shooting war, they would be lulling us to sleep instead of shouting at us."
—Carlyle Morgan in the "Christian Science Monitor" (Oct. 17)

"I don't thing we can get along with Russia, but I don't think there will be a war."—Louis Fischer, "Saturday Review of Literature" (Oct. 4).

"From what I can determine, the Russians do not want war any more than we do. They fear us. We fear them. It seems as if fear is the bogeyman. Isn't that ridiculous?"—Earl Bunting, president of the National Association of Manufacturers (Oct. 18).

Oct. 27—United Nations Assembly unanimously passes resolution condemning warmongering by anyone against anyone at any time.

. . . But Not Entirely

A gathering of Toronto teachers, last week, was told that the atomic bomb is a "has-been" as a weapon war.

Dr. G. Brock Chisholm, secretary-general of the World Health Organization, said that methods of bacterialogical warfare provide the "final offensive weapon".

Addressing a gathering of 500 Toronto district teachers, the war-time director of the Canadian Army's medical services said even a small country using bacteriological warfare could "kill all living persons on any continent very quickly."

"Any number of millions of human beings can be killed in a few hours by methods now available. It is impossible now to gauge a nation's war strength by its capacity to produce aluminum, guns, tanks and so on.

Dr. Chisholm said there was grave doubt in his mind "whether the major part of the human race will survive the next few years or not."
—"Manitoba Commonwealth"

Life Expectancy Average Now 66

Seven-league strides of medicine and public health have increased the average life expectancy a full one-third since the turn of the century. In 1900, the expectancy was 49 years. Now it is 66 years.

This means that the proportion of old people in the total population is steadily increasing, and since age brings illness the problems of caring for the chronically ill are mounting fast.

The Council of State Governments points out that the New York State Health Preparedness Commission recently issued a comprehensive report calling for a broad state programme among the aged. A report on the same subject has also just been completed in Illinois.

EDUCATION—1947

By L. B. SCHWELLENBACH

Secretary U.S. Labor Department.

Emphasizing the great value of education in the getting and keeping of a worth-while job, Secretary of Labor L. B. Schwellenbach told a press conference here that high school registration is lagging. Although about a million fewer people of 14 through 17 had jobs this summer and last than during the peak of the war, high school enrollments have not picked up more than a quarter of a million since the war ended, he said.

"The total population of high school age is smaller now—because of the low birth rates in the early 1930's—than it will be in another decade when the crop of war babies gets into high school," the Secretary said. "But the boys and girls who have left school for work—many of whom have never found jobs—are still a very important factor in the low high school enrollments of recent years," he added.

Between 3½ and 4 million boys and girls 14 through 17 years of age were working this summer, the Secretary pointed out, compared with a little less than 2 million in April. "A summer job may be a fine thing to give young people some work experience, but my advice is that they go back to school this fall and get the best education they can. For those who failed to find jobs this summer, school is even more clearly the answer. It is shortsighted in my opinion to quit school and work. It is ruinous to quit school and loaf.

"It happens that I am in a position to know these things—through the child-labor inspections carried on by the Wage and Hour Division of the department under the Fair Labor Standards Act—through the investigations of the extent and conditions of child employment and the hazards of specific occupations for young workers, made by the Child Labor Branch of that division—through the study and appraisal of state labor legislation affecting the employment of minors, for which the Division of Labor Standards is responsible—through employment statistics collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics—and through reports on job applications and placements received from the United States Employment Service.

"I know, for example, that few employers are willing to give worthwhile jobs to young people who have not finished high school, now that experienced workers and specially trained veterans are available.

"And I know that good education is a young worker's best recommendation on the job market today, and that it will pay lifelong dividends not only to him in increased job satisfaction and income but to society through his greater contribution as a citizen and as a worker."

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"Where," asked the Arab, "are you going?"

"For a swim," said the Bronxite.

"A swim, effendi? Why, the ocean is 800 miles from here."

The man from the Bronx blinked. "Wow! Is dis a beach!"

VERSATILE CUSS

Detroit reports that Zigmund ....orkoski, 39, paroled on his promise never to lay hands on his wife again, went home and butted her in the teeth with his head.

HAS SOMETHING THERE

Gypsy Rose Lee said: "Men don't like me for my mind, but for what I don't mind."

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Everything having come out satisfactorily, Mr. Hart may expect at any time to hear Mr. King's voice on the telephone: "I have recommended to His Excellency that you be called to the Senate."

That is how it is usually done . . .

Vancouver Sun, January 7, 1948.

Sun Poses Ian's Dilemma

(CABINET PLUM—OR SENATE SECURITY FOR LIFE)

"Mr. Hart's appointment would still leave one vacancy in B. C.

"Rt. Hon. Ian MacKenzie has first claim but as Cabinet Minister he draws $18,000 a year—a Senator gets $6,000."

Capitalist On Unions

"If we don't get enterprise going, we shall have some other system forced upon us—not by revolutionaries from Europe, but by popular demand."

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"Americans have seen what their productive power can do; they will never again submit meekly to the misery and stagnation of the 1930's."

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"Unions will not be knocked out by anything less than a revolution that will first destroy all employers."

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"Workers may be bitterly disappointed with this or that union, but they have not lost faith in unionism. On the contrary, they are more convinced of the necessity of unionism than ever before."

T.L.C. Protests Death Law For Greek Strikers

Reported action by the Greek government in passing a law, decreeing the death penalty for strikers was condemned by Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council (A. F. of L.), and the Trades and Labor Council of Canada will be instructed to protest to the Greek consul at Ottawa.

The motion was introduced by Local 101, Street Railwaymen's Union.

Rest Rooms Requested

A demand by the Home Service Workers that more adequate provision be made for men's and women's rest rooms in factories, restaurants and shops, was endorsed and referred to the provincial executive for action.

Mrs. Hallock, Home Service Employees, said that in the construction industry, particularly, there is very little provision for the men to change their clothes and eat their lunch.

Soaring Living Costs Cause Crime Wave

The epidemic of larceny sweeping over the country receives much of its impetus from the fact that living costs are climbing faster than incomes, according to many police officials.

In 1945 insurance companies paid out about $18,000,000 on burglary and theft insurance policies. Last year they doled out over $27,000,000. This year claims are running about 50 per cent higher than last year.

Shoplifting Increases

Thievery on the shoplifting level is of great concern to many merchants. Some big department store managers report that 1947 losses on this type of theft have zoomed about 50 per cent above last year.

Store officials in many cities report stealing by clerks—often greatly underpaid—is on the rise. Several large stores have established "special detection bureaus" manned by criminologists.

These disclosures were backed by FBI figures covering 295 cities showing that robberies of business establishments in 1946 jumped 45 per cent over 1945 and that shoplifting increased 34 per cent.

NO NEED FOR IT

A lawyer became somewhat acrimonious in his cross-examination, but the little woman in the witness box remained calm.

Eventually he said: "You say you had no education, but you answered my questions accurately enough."

The witness replied: "You don't have to be a scholar to answer silly questions."

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One way of ending the housing shortage, says the bright-young-man-in-the-office, is to build more houses.

Why hasn't Washington thought of that?

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Now that Herbert Hoover's working in Washington again, there's only one thing missing to bring back the "good old days."

And if current predictions of competent economists come true, we'll have that with us pretty soon.

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With the eatless, wasteless, drinkless, eggless, meatless, chickenless program already in effect and more and more politicians talking about less and less, you can still bet your 47c dollar on a sure thing.

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ON EDUCATION

"The tax which will be paid for the purpose of education is not more than the thousandth part of what will be paid to kings, priests and nobles who will rise up among us if we leave the people in ignorance."—Thomas Jefferson.

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RADICAL IDEAS—1847

"We (cannot) agree with those who affirm that it (the state) should provide education for the people. We reprobate its interference with education . . . We are convinced that from calling on the State to educate the people, to calling on it to equalize property, the stages are few and short. . . .

"Education is, with much parade, provided by one class for another; after many years of schooling, the children have learnt little more than their catechism, and, perhaps, some little contempt for their less-instructed parents. After leaving school, it is a chance whether they ever find any use or advantage from what they have been taught. Were education left untouched by the State, its own beauties and inherent advantages are so great that the people would be as naturally attracted to it as they are to high wages, and would be as eager to obtain it as they are to get plenty of fine clothing and wholesome food."—From "The Economist," London, England.

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Grandmother was busily engaged in the kitchen the night before the wedding, finishing up sandwiches and pastries for the reception. The bride, with the groom in her wake, bounced into the kitchen. As the bride leaned over the table to admire the platters of lovely food the young man stooped and kissed the nape of her neck.

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THE MOBILE FISSURE

The family was having company for dinner. Julie, aged five, laid down her spoon, looked at her mother and said: "Mommy, there's a hair in my soup."

"Hush, dear," implored the embarrassed mother, trying to cover the situation, "it's just a crack in your plate."

Julie picked up her spoon, stirred dubiously a few times. "Mommy," she insisted, "can a kwack move?"

Lawyer: "Where did the car hit you?"

Lady: "Well, if I had been wearing a license plate, it would have been badly damaged."

PREVENTIVE MEASURE

Moitle: "You say you slapped your boy friend? I never do that—it only makes the boys mad at you."

Goitie: "I know, but I never slap my boy friend to hurt his feelings—just to stop them."

"In Good Faith . . ."

Grievance and arbitration procedures are not a cure-all for every strike, but if we can eliminate a percentage of strikes, no matter how small, through a greater utilization of voluntary arbitration, we will have indeed made a long stride forward toward greater industrial peace. The record indicates that there have been many instances where strikes have been averted through agreements between the parties to submit the dispute to a capable arbitrator who has the confidence of both sides. A popular phrase in many collective bargaining agreements is "union and employers shall bargain in good faith." Experience will make more popular the policy "let's arbitrate in good faith."—The Labor Management Arbitration Letter, December, 1947.

Who Makes The Dough?

By LORNE INGLE

With controls removed from the price of bread and the federal subsidy removed from flour; and with the price of bread jumping as much as five cents a loaf in some places and rye flour jumping overnight by more than 450 per cent from $4.40 a barrel to $23.20 it might be interesting to see just how "free" is the "free" enterprise to which the control over flour and bread has been returned by the Liberal government.

Flour milling in Canada is dominated by six large companies who control production of 72.2 per cent of all the flour milled in this country. These companies own 93.7 per cent of the total assets of all milling companies in Canada.

These companies are: The Maple Leaf Milling Co. Ltd., the Ogilvie Flour Mills Co. Ltd., the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. Ltd., Purity Flour Mills Limited, International Milling Co. Ltd. (Robin Hood Flour), Quaker Oats Co. of Canada Ltd.

Of these six, the last two, Robin Hood and Quaker, are wholly owned subsidiaries of United States corporations.

Flour milling, however, is not the only thing these companies control. Four companies, producing a large proportion of the nation's bread, control the Canadian baking industry.

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The Maple Leaf Milling Company Limited, for example, controls three bakery chains operating in every part of Canada. It owns the Eastern Bakeries chain in the Maritimes, the Canada Bread chain in Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba, and the Canadian Bakeries chain in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Thus Maple Leaf Milling is able to dispose of a large part of the 16,000 barrels of flour it produces daily to its own bakeries. The Maple Leaf company owns it own grain elevators, flour mills and bakeries. It even makes its own flour sacks. Like Chicken Little in the fairy tale, it handles the grain all the way from the farm to the consumer's table.

Ogilvie Flour Mills Company Ltd. is also interested in the bakery business through the Consolidated Bakeries of Canada Ltd. Six of the directors of the Ogilvie company, headed by Hon. Charles A. Dunning, are also directors of the Consolidated Bakeries. Consolidated in turn owns the Hamilton Bakeries Ltd., the Dixon Dairy Bread Ltd., and the Wonder Bakeries Ltd. The Wonder Bakeries Ltd., in its turn, owns and operates the following bakeries: James Strachan Ltd., Montreal; James M. Aird Ltd., Montreal; Dent Harrison & Sons, Westmount; Neal Baking Ltd., Windsor, London, St. Thomas and Sarnia, Ont.; Ideal Bread Co. Ltd., Toronto and Hamilton; Nasmiths Ltd., Toronto; Stocks Bread Ltd., Peterborough, Ont., and Palmer Baking Co. Ltd., Chatham, Ont. Ogilvie's also own seven flour mills, 146 country elevators, eight terminal elevators and its own carton mill.

Lake of the Woods Milling Co. Ltd. is also engaged in the bakery business through the Inter-City Baking Co. Ltd., which in turn own the Brown's Bread Ltd., Standard Bread Co. Ltd., and A. & L. Strachan Ltd.

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The other major milling company, Purity Flour Mills Limited, is linked with the baking chain of George Weston Limited, which has been purchasing large blocks of stock in the Purity company. The Weston chain owns 14 subsidiaries making bread, biscuits and cakes in every part of Canada and in some parts of the United States. Some of the subsidiaries are Edmonton City Baking Ltd., Lawrence's Bread, Toronto; Dietrich's Ltd., Paulin Chambers Co. Ltd., West-Bakeries, Kitchener; McCormick's ern Grocers Ltd., Dr. Jackson Foods Ltd., etc.

To sum up, the 34 major baking companies in Canada are owned or controlled by or directly connected with four large milling companies. According to the reports of these companies issued so far this year, the latest net profits (after taxes and all expenses) of these Canadian companies alone—excluding the giant U.S. corporations making Robin Hood and Quaker flour—was $5,883,367, compared with $4,349,434 for last year, an increase of more than 35 per cent. At 10 cents a loaf the latest net profits of these milling and baking companies would buy 38,833,670 loaves of bread. That is approximately five loaves of bread for every man, woman and child in Canada. The increase alone in this year's profits over last year's would buy 15,340,000 loaves of bread. These are the companies which would like the public to believe that it is the farmer and the government which are solely responsible for high prices for bread and flour.

A HOME TRUTH

Hon. Aneurin Bevan, British Minister of Health:

"A Government of businessmen at the end of 1914 war built 1500 houses in two years. The present Labor Government in the same period of time has built 250,000."

SPARE THE KIDNEYS!

With a dead pan we reprint an item which appeared in Dorothy Kilgallen's columns in the Journal-American a short while ago: "Ethel Smith, the recent Mrs. Ralph Bellamy, is in for more real estate troubles. The tenants of the apartment she and Ralph sublet (he subsequently moved out) are trying to evict Ethel and her organs, but she won't go."

Book Reviews

"Clarkton," by Howard Fast; New York; Duell, Sloan & Pierce; 1947.

Not so long ago we all had our eyes on Upton Sinclair as he went around lifting all sorts of lids to let the great American public see—and smell—what was cooking. Sinclair is still pen-pushing—and pushing is the word—as you'll know if you have been sampling his latest, an attack on race prejudice, "Kingsblood Royal"—but Howard Fast has now stepped into his place as priest and prophet of progressive America. Last year's testament of democratic faith, "The American", has now been followed up by "Clarkton," a moving picture of a company town.

We get a close-up of three vital days in the course of a typical post-war strike, and see it, remarkably fairly, from all angles. This does not mean that Fast is losing any of his sympathy for labor's cause. It is just that he is too good a writer to be content with the usual caricature of the local capitalist. The result is that George Clark Lowell (yes, one of the Lowells, though only just) virtual owner of Clarkton, is drawn very human indeed—a cultured gentleman whose thoroughly adequate income quite satisfies him, and who would gladly shut down his plant except that he feels he owes it to the town to keep things going. Then the strike hits him, he is far from clear why, but things have never been the same since the C.I.O. moved in on the excellent company union his father had sponsored. On the advice of his manager he calls in strike-breakers, who go to work with their usual techniques — bribery, red-baiting, manhandling, and so on. When the strikers reply by throwing in a mass picket, shooting starts and two picketers are killed (only a Jew and a k'nuck, however!) and the book ends in a ferment—the strikers far from quelled, and the strike-breakers figuring out a new angle. Only Lowell can't take it. Regularly unfaithful to his wife, he is now rapidly turning into a drunken sot in his futile search for security.

Lowell is the only person in the book who is developed at all fully—the book, for that matter, is just a long short story. In contrast to him are outlined the handful of communists—the doctor and his wife (Lowell's best friends), the lawyer, the workers, the party organizer—who are supporting the strikers. Distinct from capital and labor, who each believe in a cause, stands Gelb, the notorious strike-breaker, disillusioned and glib, and Butler, the professional stool-pigeon. Both of them, while admitting its falsity, carefully spread all the usual anti-communist propaganda for their own dirty purposes. Fast is remarkably objective in demonstrating all this, but he does not pull his punches. He shows quite clearly that red-baiting is the best labor-splitting tactic that has been developed this centry.

"Clarkton" is neither as great nor as moving a book as "The American" but it is just as provocative, and should not be missed. Most significant, I think, in these dark days, is Howard Fast's determined faith in the future of the common American.

N.B.: Books discussed in this column should be available at your public library. If the yare not in, keep on asking till you get them.

Bill 39 To Be Redrafted For House Meeting

Victoria.—Redrafting of "Bill 39"—the new labor code which caused so much trouble in British Columbia's industrial relations in 1947—looms now as one of the government's main tasks before the Legislature meets.

It is learned here that appointment of the new labor relations board, has been deferred until the return of Attorney-General and Labor Minister Gordon Wismer, who is in eastern Canada and expected back about January 10th.

After its appointment the new board will make a tour of main industrial centres of the province to hear what both labor and management think of the act as it now stands, and to get their suggestions for improving it.—Vancouver Sun, January 3, 1948.

How They Bought Factories in Sweden

The Swedish co-operative movement now famous for breaking the power of one trust after another by means of its co-operative factories was too poor 25 or 30 years ago to own any factories at all. It was not until the late 1920's that the Swedish movement began to expand rapidly into manufacturing.

Before the movement could go into manufacturing and processing it had to accumulate capital. This is did by asking members to contribute capital and provide for the plowing back of co-operative savings. Today the movement has capital to enter almost any line that needs the regulating effects of co-operatives.—The Maritime Co-operator, Sept. 15, 1947.

Page Churchill!

Despite all the gloomy predictions to the contrary, India and Pakistan announce an agreement on practically all important questions. That will be bad news for Mr. Churchill, because he predicted they would never get together.

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Professor: "Name a liquid that won't freeze."

Freshman: "Hot water."

"That's a beautiful nurse you have."

"I haven't noticed her."

"Man, you're sicker than I had thought!"