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Labor Troubles

IN order to start and maintain industries there must be initiative, courage and hard work. Those who have brought industries into existence frequently admit, years afterwards, that had they known what was ahead of them, the difficulties that were to be encountered, the long worrisome days and nights, they would never have launched their enterprises.

Every time I hear of labor troubles the thought is impressed upon me that another nail is being driven in our industrial coffin. He is a brave man who attempts to give employment, for tomorrow he may be asked to pay wages, which will cut out any chances of profit for those whose capital has made the industry possible. If employers of labor were getting rich themselves, while labor suffered, it would be a clear case, but the majority of companies are having their own troubles, with profits elusive enough.

If I were going to strike I would first find out for sure that my employers were making big money. Then if they refused to give me reasonable returns for my labor, I would then try striking as a last resort. Unfortunately in those days men strike first and then get the facts later.

It must always be remembered that the Consumer pays in the end. If shoe manufacturers are compelled to pay higher wages the increased cost has to be put into the price of the shoes, otherwise the industry goes out of business. The executive as well as the laborer is worthy of his hire. Unfortunately there is no set scale of wages for all jobs with the result that misunderstandings occur, with resultant loss to everyone.—(Editor, Sackville Tribune).

We Are All Christians

HERE is a good story of religious tolerance that is told by Bill Cunningham of the Boston Post. It concerns a conversation between Father Fahey, Roman Catholic priest, of Newport, R. I., and a Protestant layman.

The priest and the layman were talking of this and that in friendly fashion, when the layman mentioned the difference in their religious faiths.

"No," replied Father Fahey, "we have no difference there. Religion is religion. If it's real religion, it's one and the same. Where we differ is in churches. I think mine is best. If I didn't, I'd come over and join yours, and I presume you feel exactly the same way about it."

"I do," answered the Protestant layman.

"And, therefore you see," added Father Fahey, "we have no difference at all."

That's a little story that we commend to those who object to tolerance in religious matters.

Teaching French

THE CITIZEN, Saint John, has the following timely comments: "Those who are interested in the reform of New Brunswick's educational policy may well take notice that the Ontario department of education plans to change teaching of the French language in the schools so pupils may use it for practical conversation. The Deputy Minister of Education in that province speaking before the Canadian Institute of Economics and Politics said:

"We hope to do so by making certain changes, so that less attention will be paid in the earlier stages of teaching French to the dry structure of the grammar, as at present," said the deputy minister. "We intend to try in some schools to give pupils a conversational use of French by encouragement of reading aloud and conversation in French."

"I venture the opinion that not 5,000 Anglo-Saxons in this country speak French or understand French when they hear it," he asserted.

French-Canadians by the thousands speak excellent English, a member of the audience maintained. Why can't English children learn French? "The trouble is," Dr. McArthur suggested, "that the only place in numerous Ontario counties where English children hear a word of French is in the classrooms, and they are too busy learning the grammar of the language to learn how to use it in conversation."

Humanity Displaces Red Tape

PERHAPS the most interesting and satisfying announcement, from the veterans' point of view, made by Hon. C. G. Power, Minister of Pensions and National Health, at the Canadian Legion, Ontario Command, convention in Timmins, was that great inroads had been made on unsettled claims of veterans. There had been an accumulation of 2,500 of such claims when Major Power took charge of the department. All but 800 have been attended to, and these are being disposed of at the rate of about 200 a month.

For many years the complaint of veterans has been that they could not get a hearing for their claims. That grievance has been recognized. As Major Power put it, there has been "more humanity and less red tape." There was for veterans further encouragement in the Minister's reassurance that any suggestions they might make to the department would be carefully considered.

The Minister also cleared the air in regard to Government obligations to veterans: First came those who suffered war injuries and the descendants of men who died; second, those who had good records overseas and were now unable to earn a living because of age or physical infirmity, and third, those still able to work, but unable to secure employment. Of the latter class nearly 6,000 had been provided with temporary work, and 1,000 had been placed in permanent positions.

These statements provide evidence that, under Major Power's direction, the affairs of Canadian ex-servicemen, whether employable or disabled, are receiving sympathetic consideration. Canadians generally will be pleased to learn, on the authority of the Minister, that the plan of veteran's allowances in the Dominion is wider in scope and more successful generally than in any other country in the world.

Snapshots

There is said to be about two hundred and fifty blind persons in New Brunswick not including those in love.

A correspondent wants to know how many people keep books in Fredericton—most everybody who borrows one keeps it.

A beekeeper enters the Elgin election scramble, along with Premier Hepburn, onion farmer, and Mr. Norman Martin, dairyman. That favored county will then be a land of milk and honey—and onions.

The Mounties seem to be like a woman combing her child's head with a fine tooth comb—They are both after booze—or boos.

The School Board and the Police Commission believe in taxation without representation. The chain stores in representation without taxation.

When the citizens place the control of police affairs where it belongs truck drivers with garbage for the dump will not be allowed to scatter paper and decayed fruit all along Brunswick Street and Waterloo Row en route to the dump.

Do you remember when old-fashioned ladies used to spend the day over a hot stove cooking for visitors who arrived from St. John by the David Weston?

A funny thing happened a few days ago. The firemen went down into a dangerous section of the city where there is an exceptionally bad fire hazard and practiced on an old abandoned building that looks like a fire trap. They wished to be able to fight a fire that might sometime break out in the building. A better way would be to tear the building down. When an abandoned building is a fire hazard in a congested business district, it should not be allowed to remain unless its owners agreed to fix it up and make it free from hazard.

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pieces were brought from various circles of business and social life in the capital city. One especially beautiful piece was from the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Among the Saint John flowers was a shield from Union Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias.

In the Church of St. John and St. Stephen Rev. C. J. St. Clair Jeans, minister, conducted the service. A choir led in the singing of the hymns

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United States that Britain can be expected to take any responsibility at all for the innumerable foreign international settlements along the China coast.

"Bear in mind that Shanghai is not part of the British empire. It is not a territorial possession like Hong-kong, which is a crown colony.

"Well, that is serious for those who own the capital, but if we fought for the private trading interests of the British in Shanghai, then we should, on the same principle, engage in every war from China to Peru, for there can be no war anywhere that does not damage some British trading interests."

Ultimate Ejection Foreseen

"The Times," which is the most influential paper in the realm, has been a little more concerned with saving face in the Far East. It concedes that nothing much can be done about the situation save to cut the losses as much as possible.

Says The Times: "Our Tokyo correspondent this morning analyses the kind of blow which, by distortion of the facts, Japanese prestige would suffer if Japan accepted the British proposal for demilitarizing the Shanghai district. It is much to be feared that the prestige of Great Britain, and, indeed, of all the Western powers, will, with rather less distortion of the facts, be gravely impaired in Asiatic eyes by their impotence to make good their lawful position at Shanghai in time of crisis."

"Common Policy" Noted

A liberal view is represented by "The Star," which does not blame Washington for allowing the 1932 incident to fester, but hopes that it will not be allowed to interfere with the common policy.

'Abide With Me' and 'Now The Laborer's Task Is O'er.' Prof. Robert W. Watson, organist, rendered the recessional 'Dead March In Saul' A body of Pythians sat in the congregation and banking officials of the city were also represented. Among mourning relatives was E. S. Crawford, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia's interests in Havana, Cuba, here on vacation, visiting his mother. Mr. Thomas was his uncle.

Among others attending the funeral were: Brigadier-General F. W. Hill, Fredericton, Charles Macdonald, Alex. C. Jardine, Alex. Thomson, Douglas V. White, Dr. F. Gordon Sanction, H. H. McLellan, Lieut.-Col. H. F. Morrissey, J. C. Chesley, R. M. Bartsch, J. Cecil Mitchell, Charles O'Brien, F. P. Starr, W. A. Clark, Rowland Frith, Ralph N. M. Robertson, F. W. Coombs, Percy B. Holman, James Logan, Fenwick M. McKelvey, Frank L. Peters, F. A. Winnear, E. E. Thomas, C. T. Jones.

MIRAMICHI STRIKE

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operators they do not expect to take up very extensive operations during the winter months.

It is stated that many of those who voted for the strike are men who were not regularly employed at work and that the real workers in the labor union were the men who were adverse to the strike. All praise is given to the citizen's committee of Newcastle for their efforts in having the strike settled. The agreement of settlement resulted from efforts of the citizen's committee which sat from ten o'clock a. m. on Monday all through the night and up to 1.30 yesterday morning, meeting both employers and strike representatives. The committee representing the men voted eight to four to return to work.

All agreed the committee, composed of Mayor J. R. G. Brander, Newcastle; Mayor Daniel Desmond, Chatham; Warden Menzies, Whitney; D. S. Creaghan, Newcastle, and A. G. Dickson, president of the Chatham Board of Trade, had done excellent work.

Acting in a neutral capacity in an endeavor to get the employers and employees together, this committee, sat from 10 a. m. yesterday until 1.30 a. m. today and listened to the grievances of each side, acting in a conciliatory capacity. Yesterday morning the New Brunswick Farmer-Labor Union officials met, and in the afternoon the employers met. Then in the evening the committee met the employees.

A vote was taken, and the men returned to work today, and the strike ended. Fraser Companies, Ltd., mill at Chatham Head commenced operations this morning. Burchill's mill at Nelson was getting up steam and commenced this afternoon.

Reid & Cambridge, who are interested in pit props, had their men sorting the various pit props during the strike. The men of the firm were on strike, but the trucks were allowed to bring in the pit props to the Ritchie wharf and unload. Today the wharf was a beehive of industry, with men carrying the various lengths to their proper places. A large steamer was expected to dock this afternoon to take cargo to the English market.

The settlement of the strike, it was believed, means renewed activity in this Miramichi area, and the towns of Chatham and Newcastle today were experiencing conditions prevalent before the strike. The County of Northumberland generally is exceedingly pleased that the strike is settled.

It was a difficult job to get the employees together, and the efforts of the committee under the chairmanship of Warden Menzies has done excellent service to the county in being able to get operations resumed, all agreed.

The strikers and the employers came to terms. It was a give and take affair, and conditions now are said to be satisfactory to those concerned. The committee has been highly congratulated.

The men will receive a minimum of 28 cents an hour for a nine-hour day in all mills except those of the Fraser Companies, which operate on an eight-hour shift. Regular time for loading boats will be eight hours. Longshoremen handling long lumber will be paid 45 and 60 cents an hour—a five cent increase. The rate for loading pulpwood remains the same.

Campbellton Deadlock

Campbellton, Aug 31—No change was noted today on the local strike front. New Brunswick Farmer-Labor Union officials and employers conferred this afternoon with the New Brunswick Fair Wage Board now in session here, but the situation re-

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An address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Grant to the guests assembled prior to the introduction of Premier Dysart. The St. George Band escorted the Premier and other visitors to the bandstand and the ceremony was one of the most impressive held in the township of St. George.

Hon. W. S. Anderson congratulated the people of Charlotte County for their efforts in bringing hydro into the county. He explained the functions of the Hydro Commission and its benefits throughout the province. He declared there was about \$10,000,000 in hydro distribution throughout New Brunswick. He remarked that the commission will show a surplus. Concluding, Mr. Anderson complimented the Charlotte County members of the legislature for their efforts. Mr. Mersereau and Mr. Weston spoke along the same lines.

Other speakers were Mr. Calder and Mr. Doane, who referred to the co-operation they had secured in the efforts to bring hydro to Charlotte County. They especially referred to Mayor Grant and his council. Councillor Walter H. Maxwell also spoke briefly.

Hydro power extension into Charlotte County is giving current to an area that embraces Chance Harbour, Dipper Harbour, Mace's Bay, Beaver Harbour, Pennfield, Bonny River and the surrounding areas.

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"MARRIED BEFORE BREAKFAST"

—with—

Robert Young, Florence Rice

mained deadlocked. The stand taken by the board is that no order can be made while the men remain on strike. On the other hand, the men refuse to go back to work until their demands have been met.

More than 300 men are involved in the strike which began last Friday at noon. Most of the men are employees of W. H. Miller Co., Ltd., and a smaller number are employed by J. & D. A. Harquail Co., Ltd. About 100 longshoremen are out in sympathy with the mill workers. The millmen are demanding a minimum wage of 28 cents an hour and a nine-hour day.

The fair wage board, headed by A. B. MacKinnon, Newcastle, chairman, arrived here last evening, and a session was held last night in the town hall.

Mr. MacKinnon said tonight that it is likely that an order with reference to the Miller and Harquail companies would issue by the end of the week, provided that the men have returned to work in the meantime. He added that it was beyond the power of the board to issue an order while the men remained out. Other members of the board attending the session were Raymond Roy, Dalhousie; Frank H. Gillespie, Moncton; Roy W. Cameron, Fredericton; C. Allan Beattie, Saint John, and John S. MacKinnon, Saint John, secretary.

Havelock Sansom, president of the local branch of the Farmer-Labor Union of which the strikers are members, said that the men had decided not to return to work until their employers met their demands.

Premier Expresses Appreciation

When informed at St. George last evening of the settlement of the Miramichi strike Hon. A. A. Dysart, Premier of New Brunswick expressed his appreciation of the work of Mayor J. R. G. Brander, Newcastle; Mayor Daniel Desmond, Chatham; Frank Menzies, warden of Northumberland County; A. G. Dickson, president of the Chatham Board of Trade and D. S. Creaghan, Newcastle, comprising a citizens' committee, for their efforts in co-operation with the government in bringing about an amicable settlement of the dispute involving 1,500 workers in the 11-day strike.

"Now that the situation is clear, the industrial expansion of the Miramichi area will progress more favorably," stated Mr. Dysart.

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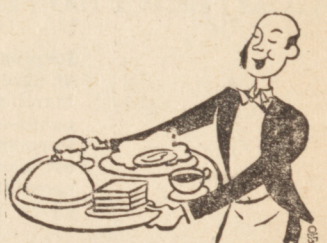
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