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THE C.I.O. AN ENEMY

From all accounts the canker in the industrial situation in Ontario is the intrusion of the C.I.O. into the picture. The Ford Company of Canada is responsible for the statement that official statistics show that of all the time lost through strikes in the first six months of this year, 86.9 percent has occurred where the C.I.O. is involved, despite the fact that the C.I.O. represents only 1.4 percent of workers in Canada. Just now a fight looms between the mine operators in the Kirkland Lake goldfields and the C.I.O., and the next battle will probably be in the plant of the Ford Company of Canada, where the C.I.O. is endeavoring to gain a foothold. There is no question of wages at issue, as both the Ford Company and the gold mines' rate of pay is higher than the average for all Canadian industry.

The mine operators and the Ford Company, as well, are prepared to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement with the employees of their respective organizations. The C.I.O., an outside organization, demands to be recognized as the sole representative of the employees. Knowing the manner in which John L. Lewis dominated oligarchy respects its agreements, the corporations involved are not prepared to hazard placing their operations within the power of the C.I.O. Ontario has had some experience of what follows in the wake of C.I.O. demands. The abortive McKinnon industries strike at St. Catharines, the attempted hold up of the Campbell Soup Company plant at New Toronto, the election defeats at the Aluminum plant in Kingston and the flurry at the Canadian Packers' plant in Toronto, are some cases in point.

In respect to the gold fields trouble a strike will not bear so heavily on the mine operators or their shareholders, but a shut down would entail great suffering on the miners, business men and residents of the Kirkland Lake area. In 1940 the pay roll of the mines totalled $9,063,837, and purchase of supplies, equipment, etc., $6,726,200. The revenue from the mines is all the district has to fall back upon and municipal, school and other services would be placed at a low ebb with thousands of men out of work.

PERILS OF AGRICULTURE

The old cry of starvation amidst plenty is being heard in Ontario and Government agricultural representatives declare a shortage of food products may face consumers unless something is done to supply help to the farmers. It is pointed out that despite increased demand for farm products, agriculturists face a serious shortage of labor, hay and grain. This has placed a large number of farms on the market, while others are being used for pasture or worked on a share basis. Even a casual reading of the weekly newspapers of the province discloses a surprising number of auction sales, and this would seem to indicate that many people are forsaking the farm industry. The high wages prevailing in war industries have induced many young people to give up farming, and in some cases, farmers are renting their farms out for grass pastures in order to enter munition plants themselves. Lack of rain in Ontario last summer resulted in a shortage of hay and grain. It is hoped this condition will be alleviated in a measure by coarse grain shipments from the West, on which the Federal Government will pay the freight. Dairy farmers are said to be the hardest hit by the shortage, since more labor is involved and concentrated feeding now costs one-third to one-half more than in former years. Baled hay now sells for from seventeen to nineteen dollars per ton, compared with ten dollars a year ago. Loose hay in the barns is selling for from fourteen to sixteen dollars, while last year it was seven dollars per ton. The great lack, however, is help and the opinion is gaining ground that the government will have to take steps to rectify the situation, before many of the more elderly people left to do the farming, become discouraged and relinquish the struggle.

CHANGE IN STYLES

At some of the auction sales held throughout the province, old fashioned beds with springs made of hempen rope have been placed on the block with few bidders, the only purchasers being those with an obsession for antiques. These corked beds, however, were once regarded as a striking advance over the old succession of wooden slats on which the bedticks stuffed to repletion with nice fresh straw, were placed. Apropos of all this comes the announcement that wooden frames for bed springs, supposed to have disappeared a quarter of a century ago, are returning to popular use in streamlined form and the introduction will release thousands of tons of steel for tanks and guns. As the war goes on, probably many other old-time devices will disappear.

CLAIM EYE TEST NEEDED

The heavy increase in the number of fatalities on the highways has called for more patrols and a stricter check-up on erring motorists. The suggestion of a well known consulting automotive engineer, that all drivers should be compelled to undergo a re-examination driving test every five years, is worthy of consideration. He amplifies it by declaring that every motorist should be compelled to have his eyes checkd by an optometrist.

ROCK MILLS

Wedding bells are loudly ringing. The Rock Mills war workers met Thursday afternoon, Nov. 13th, in the basement of the church with 17 ladies present. They completed a quilt for the refugees.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Duckett and daughter, Reta, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hawkins and family.

A crokinole party will be held at the home of Walter Akitt Thursday night, Nov. 20th, under the auspices of Rock Mills war workers. A silver collection will be taken. Ladies will bring cake or sandwiches.

Messrs. Arthur Betts and Lloyd Morrison of Toronto spent the week end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Betts.

Visitors at the home of Mr. Walter Akitt over the week end were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Common, Mrs. Ralph Tyler of Toronto, Mr. I. J. Shirley of Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shirley of Orangeville and Capt. Henry Carson of Kingston.

(Intended for Last Week)

Rock Mills Willing Workers held a crokinole party at the home of Dick Clark on Friday evening, when about 40 attended. A silver collection realized $6.50.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Newell, Marjorie and Ted and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hill called on Durham friends recently.

Mr. Thos. Betts visited Friday with his sister, Mrs. John Robertson of Maxwell.

Mrs. Willis Coburn and babe of Barrhead spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Newell spent Saturday with relatives at Durham.

Mr. Fred Partridge of Toronto spent the week end at his parental home. His sister, Edna, of Guelph, accompanied him home and will remain for a time to recuperate from her recent illness.

Mr. Ned Croft made a business trip to Mt. Forest on Saturday.

Mr. Ed. White spent the first of the week in Toronto.

Some of the young men here have secured employment with Mr. Dave Weber, who has contracts at Alton and Camp Borden.

A few of the young people from here attended the oratorical and amateur contest held in Maxwell hall Friday night, and report a splendid program, one of the best they had ever heard.

8TH LINE OSPREY

A series of meetings are being held on our line in connection with the "Farm Radio Forum." This is an across-Canada project and all who are interested in the welfare of agriculture should attend. Visitors from other lines are cordially invited. Be at the place of meeting before 8 p. m., as the radio discussions begin promptly at 8 o'clock. Mr. Kendal Hawkins will be pleased to give you further information on the subject.

Mr. Ben Hanley of Thornbury spent the week end at his home here.

Mrs. Milton Roberts has been at the Hawkins home, caring for her mother.

We are sorry to report little Kathleen Somers on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hanley of New Toronto were week end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hanley. and Mr. and Mrs. Helmkay.

Mrs. Gordon Kellar, formerly of Markdale but now of Galt, where her husband is an instructor in the aircraft school, spent a couple of days last week with her niece, Mrs. Joe Porteous.

Mr. Jack Elliott and Mrs. Harry Page of Markdale and Miss Mae Elliott of Owen Sound visited on Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Wm. Hanley.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Porteous were: Miss Doris Magee of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. George Saigeon and family, Hanover.

ANNUAL MEETING GREY-BRUCE CONSERVATIVE ASSN.

The Grey-Bruce National Conservative Association will hold an annual meeting at the town hall, Flesherton at 2 p.m. on Friday, 28th, 1941, for the purpose of electing a provincial executive, and conducting such other business as may come before the meeting. An address will be given by the Hon. Leopold Macaulay. All members of the Association and all other persons interested are urged to be present. — A. E. Ball, president; W. R. Brunt, secretary.

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