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Canadian Labour's Opinion of Hon. Wesley A. Gordon

In the current issue of "The Canadian Unionist," which magazine bears the sub-title, "Canada's National Labour Magazine," there is an interesting and well-merited tribute to Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Labour, Minister of Mines, and Minister of Immigration and Colonization, in the Bennett cabinet. "The Canadian Unionist" is the official organ of the All-Canadian Congress of Labour, the largest Canadian-controlled Labour organization in existence, and so is well justified in speaking for Canadian Labour. "The Canadian Unionist" says:—

"Now and then reports are published on the progress of the great geological survey which is being conducted by the Federal Department of Mines, under Hon. Wesley A. Gordon. This vast undertaking, involving some 65 main projects and 160 field parties with a personnel of about 850, is rightly regarded as one of the most promising ventures launched by any government in recent times. Therefore it is news, dramatic news, and has been so in its every stage since Mr. Gordon asked Parliament to earmark a million dollars for the survey.

"Yet the Department of Mines is only one of three departments presided over by the same minister, and what is done by the other two branches of government, though at least as important and involving much greater effort and expenditure, has no news value whatever. The Department of Labour and the Department of Immigration and Colonization carry on their less

spectacular work in the best traditions of the public service. On this page is mentioned the successful mediation of the Chief Conciliation Officer in a Winnipeg strike—merely one of the more difficult cases out of the dozen that occur every month. Occasionally a little information trickles out about the efforts made to secure equitable treatment for Canadian citizens whose business takes them beyond the national boundary, but the immigration department has developed economy of words, in press statements on such subjects, to a fine art. We see a brief spurge of publicity when a new agreement is made between federal and provincial governments for relief works, but the supervision of expenditures and the planning of the projects are assumed to be routine jobs requiring no audacity and incurring no risks. An error of a failure, a breach of trust would instantly make the headlines; but such things don't happen. So long as the service is carried on efficiently the reporters are at a loss unless they can infuse life into dry-as-dust statistics.

"But when the story of this slump is written in more genial days the administrative actions that are not news now will be outstanding incidents in the record. To justify that forecast only two plain facts need be mentioned. The first one, unfortunately, is a statistic, to wit: that in the last five years the Dominion has paid through the Department of Labour's Unemployment Relief Branch \$160,686,331 for the relief of the unemployed and their dependants. The second fact is that there has been no breath of scandal, no suspicion of irregularity, no suggestion of partiality attaching to a single detail of the whole multitudinous transaction.

"In the rough and tumble of party politics few forms of attack are barred; every administration is vulnerable through the mischances of its tour of duty. But it is a matter of intense satisfaction to those who have had dealings with the departments directed by Wesley Gordon, and who have come to appreciate the fairness and frankness of the minister and his helpers, that his and their conduct of public business has been beyond reproach."

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The complicated story of how canoes are made from wood grown near Cochrane, cut by hand in one Northland post, made up in another, and shipped down below again, was unfolded by a trader at Moosonee a short time ago.

It seems that the Indians at Rupert's House River which drains a vast area in Northern Quebec, are experts in the art of making cedar canoes. Cedar is difficult to obtain in the far North, but the coming of steel solved a problem of supply and demand. Now, cedar logs are shipped up the T. & N. O. to Moosonee, from where they are taken across to Moose Factory by boat. Indians there split the logs into long thin strips, and trim the wood by hand until it is almost as smooth as machine sawn lumber.

After being carried back to Moosonee the wood is shipped by boat to Rupert's House, where the deft Indian craftsmen fashion their broad-beamed, sturdy canoes. Canvas covered and painted, the finished product is taken by boat back to Moosonee, and from there it is shipped by freight car to more southerly points, for use by prospectors and bushmen who know their worth and find it economical to pay the necessarily higher price.

At the same time Indian canoes are being shipped south, factory-made craft go up to the North, since some of the natives prefer them to their own make.

Born in Birch Bark Canoe 92 Years Ago

Blind River Lady Says that Girls Obedied Their Parents in Her Young Days

"Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land," is the opening of one of the Ten commandments. Mrs. Peter Pelon, of Blind River, whose days have certainly been long, having reached the age of 92 years, says that in her girlhood days young people obeyed their parents. She suggests that the parents saw to that. She sees a great change in this, and suggests that perhaps the commandment has more force today than the old saying that "the good die young." In her young days, Mrs. Pelon says, there was no sneaking off to hang their clothes on a hickory limb if mother said "don't go near the water." Now, the old lady thinks that the young people do pretty much as they please and she doesn't think they will live as long as she is doing. Mrs. Pelon likes the train and the motor car and until the last year or two had an ambition to ride in an airplane. But some of the machine methods of cooking and washing do not meet with her unqualified approval. She doesn't think things are always done as well by machinery as by skilled hands and trained minds. Up until the time she was nearly 91, when she was taken ill, Mme. Pelon was accustomed to bake 27 loaves of bread a week and to make all the pies and cakes necessary for a family of ten. Now, although she still hears well, does a little plain sewing and takes a certain amount of interest in life, she is not able to attend to the duties of the household. She never went to school and can neither read nor write, except a little in the Indian tongue picked up many years ago from a sister-in-law who taught in an Indian school.

Mrs. Pelon was born in a birch bark canoe on Georgian Bay 92 years ago last April. A despatch from Blind River says that it was in the days when Hudson Bay Company posts dotted Northern Ontario, and when the trading post of La Cloche was in its infancy that little Mary Beaudry's first wail blended with the sighing of the winds across the water that floated her father's canoe. This was her only real abode until at the age of 26 she married young Peter Pelon, who worked in the camp and mills along the Bay. Mary Beaudry's father was a trapper and fur trader, and with his family he traversed the waters of the French River and Green Lake and up the Mississauga River all summer, wintering at La Cloche, where he worked during the week for the Hudson Bay's ample rations of food and clothing. Scarcely more than \$100 in cash would come into the family in a year, Mrs. Pelon told the interviewer.

Mrs. Pelon remembers the coming of the railroad to Blind River many years ago, and then the automobile, the radio and all the other modern contraptions, some of which she thinks are good, and others not so good.

Mrs. Pelon remembers well when there was no such place as Blind River. In those days the only mode of travel to the Sault was by bark canoe, though with the coming of the railroad and the motor car, and latterly the airplane, Mme. Pelon has seen many changes in manners and customs. No longer than two weeks ago her son took her for a motor drive, but she has lately given up expecting or desiring a ride in an airplane, which for several years she coveted with a great longing.

Mme. Pelon had seven children, four of whom are living. They have families of 15, 13, 10 and nine children, giving her a total of 47 grandchildren. When she was 11 last year her son Joe, of Byng Inlet, visited his mother for the first time in 17 years.

Sudbury Star.—This is the time of year when you can identify the fisherman in any group by the fact that he is stretching his arms horizontally, and the hollyhock grower by the fact that he is reaching perpendicularly.

The Household by Lydia Le Baron Walker

GARDEN ROOMS, THE LATEST VOGUE, STRESS BEAUTY AS VIEWED FROM WINDOWS



Garden rooms are getting to be a vogue. It was many years ago when the name was first used, by the poet Whittier, if I am not mistaken. He had a room with a beautiful view of his flower-filled garden, and the name pleased his poetic fancy. It is a name that tickles the imagination, and the imagination becomes a reality when from the windows of the room a garden is glimpsed. There is a suggestion of coolness as well as beauty that lingers about the term, and a fragrance of flowers floats in the atmosphere. The drone of bees comes in with the shifting breezes, butterflies hover over the blossoms and sometimes a hummingbird stops to sip the honey, and darts off on the wings of the wind, so swiftly does he fly. If there is a bird bath in sight many are the kinds of birds which come for their dips, and it becomes a competitive pleasure of the family to count the different varieties of birds who enjoy the cooling waters.

Styles of Rooms
This style of room is within the reach of any homemaker who has a plot of ground suited to a garden, and who loves flowers well enough to cultivate them. There must be a love of plants as a background for enjoyment; it matters not whether the view is out over the landscaped grounds with fountains playing and gardens in variety a-bloom, or whether but a single garden is visible within a brick-walled enclosure. Beauty is present, but it can be drunk to its full only when this particular kind of loveliness fills a craving. Fortunately to-day, as never before in this country, the delight in gardens is widespread. The originator of the name "garden room" set a stamp of beauty on a room wherein windows frame flower pictures in their natural splendor.

The Room With the View
The room may be simplicity itself, as far as decoration is concerned, but it should stress comfort. Chairs should welcome those coming to it, and invite them to revel in the landscaped plot seen through the window, or from the

Hamilton Man Fined at North Bay for Peddling

At North Bay some days ago, Abe Polan, fruit and vegetable dealer of Hamilton, was fined \$20 and costs for selling without the required municipal license. The conviction was secured on the evidence of Constable Green and Deputy Chief Dennis, despite Polan's plea of not guilty. The evidence showed that Polan was not the grower of all the produce he offered for sale and that without first securing a license as required by the municipal by-laws of North Bay he attempted to sell the produce on the street or from door to door.

Historic Locomotive has "Mileage" of 780,000 Miles

One of Britain's historic locomotives has just been retired from service after running 780,000 miles, according to an item in the August issue of the Canadian National Railways Magazine. It is the last of the "single wheelers" in public passenger service in Great Britain and was built in 1888. The most distinctive feature is the single pair of driving wheels 7 feet in diameter. In recent years this historic locomotive has been engaged in passenger service between Perth and Dundee and in pilotting heavy summer trains on the steep gradients between Perth and Stirling.

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"Tumour" Turns out to be Bullet Received in War

John Shaw, 40-year-old war veteran of Sault Ste. Marie, was for some time past thought to be suffering from a tumour. Recently he consulted a doctor on account of the pain and swelling in the abdominal region and was ordered to the hospital for an operation for the removal of the "tumour." Last week the operation was successfully performed, but instead of the trouble being due to a malignant growth it was found to be caused by a bullet that had lodged in the abdomen. Enquiries showed that a bullet had struck Mr. Shaw in the leg at the battle of Cambrai in 1917. The bullet was not recovered but he seemed to make good recovery later.

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