



THE PRISON LABOUR PROTEST OF THE WOODENWARE MANUFACTURERS.

Free Labor Cannot Compete With Prison Labor—The Good Thing Which is Enjoyed by a Toronto Firm.

Bradford Enquirer.

The thirty-cent government is the one which now administers affairs in Ontario. On July 20th, 1905, this government, without advertising and without notice to the public, entered into a contract with Ellen Charlotte Taylor, of the City of Toronto, leading under the firm name of Taylor, Scott & Co., for the manufacture of woodenware at the Central prison. A delegation representing manufacturers and labor unions waited upon the government, and placed their position formally before the government in a document bearing date May 25th, 1908. After recalling the steps taken to abolish the contract system under the late government, it contained the following:

"Now, after this long lapse of time, although the cost of living has greatly increased and the wages of all classes of mechanics have materially advanced—in most cases from fifty to seventy-five per cent.—and the cost to the manufacturer for paid labor has in consequence greatly increased, yet prison labor is now hired at a very much lower rate than it was fifteen years ago, it now being based on only thirty cents per day instead of fifty cents, as formerly. Surely prison labor, if it is to compete with paid labor, ought to bring the same proportionate increase in value.

"We are very strongly of the opinion that the present system of equipping the prison industries with the latest improved machinery and hiring out prison labor at such ridiculously low rates is wrong in principle, and should be stopped. If the object sought to be obtained by such a system is to give employment to a prison laborer, then why not use machinery that would require more hand labor, and thereby give more employment to the prisoners. In this way the prison labor could be used, without coming into such strong competition with free labor. The present system of equipping the prison industries with improved machinery and hiring out prison labor is inconsistent with the policy of extending prison manufactured goods from this country."

"In looking over the prices of piecework on the various goods mentioned in the present agreement, we notice that they range from one-fifth to one-third of the cost at which these same goods can be manufactured by paid labor, and that the prices for paid labor are less than one-fifth of the price at which unskilled labor can be had in the market. We also notice that the Central prison prices include, not only labor, but all general expenses, and the only item entering into the cost of production, which Taylor, Scott & Co. have to supply, is their raw materials. All this gives them a great advantage in the sale of their goods, for they can sell and use, placing these goods on the market at a very much lower price than any other manufacturer. In addition to the piecework prices arranged by present agreement, clause 3 therein gives the firm of Taylor, Scott & Co. the right to manufacture of which the products in the manufacture of which the use of machinery or tools of an unskilled character is not required. Under this clause, the company can manufacture almost any kind of wooden goods, and in this way would compete with almost every other factory manufacturing wooden goods in the province of Ontario."

The woodenware contract made by Mr. Hanna was the most unjustifiable ever consummated in the province of Ontario, and what is more, it was made when it was the declared policy of the province to put an end to the contract system, and when the labor market was rapidly rising. If the officials could get fifty cents per diem for prison labor when they were making contracts, the Whitney government ought to have been able to get at least seventy-five cents.

Lost Eyesight In Mine.
Smith's Falls, Ont., May 16.—An action brought at the assizes being held in Perth, before Justice McMath, was that of Michael J. O'Donoghue, Lanark village, against the Standard Coal mines, the plaintiff claiming damages for the loss of his eyesight through the alleged negligence of the foreman of the mines in leaving an explosive cartridge near where plaintiff was working without warning him of its proximity. The plaintiff stated with an eye witness, in testimony which resulted in permanent injury to his eyes. This case was settled, the defendants paying O'Donoghue a gratuity of \$1,500 and paying medical and other expenses amounting to \$2,000 in all.

Australia Is Not Rebellious.
London, May 16.—Replying to a question in the commonswealth house of representatives about the statement Cardinal Logue is reported to have made in America, to the effect that there is evidence of absolute rebellion in Australia, Premier Deakin said the statement was incorrect. On the contrary, self-government was drawing Australia and the motherland closer together. The attitude of Australia was thoroughly understood in Great Britain.

Burglars Steal A Hint.
Budapest, May 16.—Some time ago burglars broke into the house of a man named Dr. Kasch, at Bapat, Hungary, and a local newspaper, in reporting the incident, mentioned that a number of valuables had been overlooked. Next day these disappeared. The editor has now challenged Dr. Kasch to fight a duel for saying that his paper has its largest circulation among thieves and robbers.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE KINGSTON, SMITH'S FALLS AND OTTAWA RAILWAY COMPANY

will be held at the Randolph Hotel, in the City of Kingston, Ontario, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st, 1908, at the hour of 10 a.m., for the election of Directors of the Company and the transaction of the business as may be brought before the meeting.
FRANK SCOTT, Secretary, Kingston, Ont., April 30th, 1908.

EXHIBITION

Miss Shaver will have an exhibition of her Water Color Paintings of English Scenery, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st, at 2.30 p.m., at Mrs. Kirkpatrick's Art Gallery.

They consist of Views of the Interior of Westminster Abbey, St. Bartholomew's Church, the Charter House, also Scenes in Clonville, Haddon, Hall, Derbyshire, Cornwall and Yorkshire.

Tenders for Privileges.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE undersigned until TUESDAY, 19th inst., for the privileges of the Fair Grounds, for May 20th and 21st.
C. T. MCKAY, Sec. and Treas.

CUSTOMS SPIES IN CANADA.

Detroiters Object to Smuggling Clothes From Windsor.
Windsor, May 15.—So many residents of Detroit have formed the habit of buying their clothes in Windsor, which is in fact being done by ferry, that the United States Secret Service was appealed to by the Detroit tailors. For some weeks spies were sent across the river, and stationed within sight of the Semi-ready tailoring shops, on Sandwich street, for the purpose of learning how much trade was being done with American customers. It is stated that the proprietor of the Semi-ready store very cleverly outwitted the customs officers by making use of an entrance opening on another street. The customers came in this way, but they were never seen going out with the parcels. Windsor merchants talk of reprisals. They say that shoes are smuggled into Canada to save a paltry dollar duty.

There is a saving of from \$10 to \$20 on the suits bought in Canada, as compared with the prices across the border. Coupled with this incentive is the admission that in both style and fitting qualities, Semi-ready tailoring is much superior to that of the average custom tailor in the large American cities.

A SQUEAL FROM LONDON

About Canada Not Wanting Any Englishmen.
London, May 16.—At the meeting of the chairman presented a report of Canadian restrictive regulations. Arrangements have been made for placing the whole of the facts before the local lord with a view to seeing if it could influence the dominion government to give Great Britain a freer hand.

Mr. Lambourne stated that the regulations were the result of a political move by the Canadian labor party, but declared that the Canadians preferred the raw-boned Italian or Pole to the Londoner on the railroad. Canadians loved the English flag and the old country, but said "For God's sake don't send any of your people." The names in which a Southwark man had been treated by the officials in Canada was infamous. The Canadian government, he said, should be brought to the bar of public opinion.

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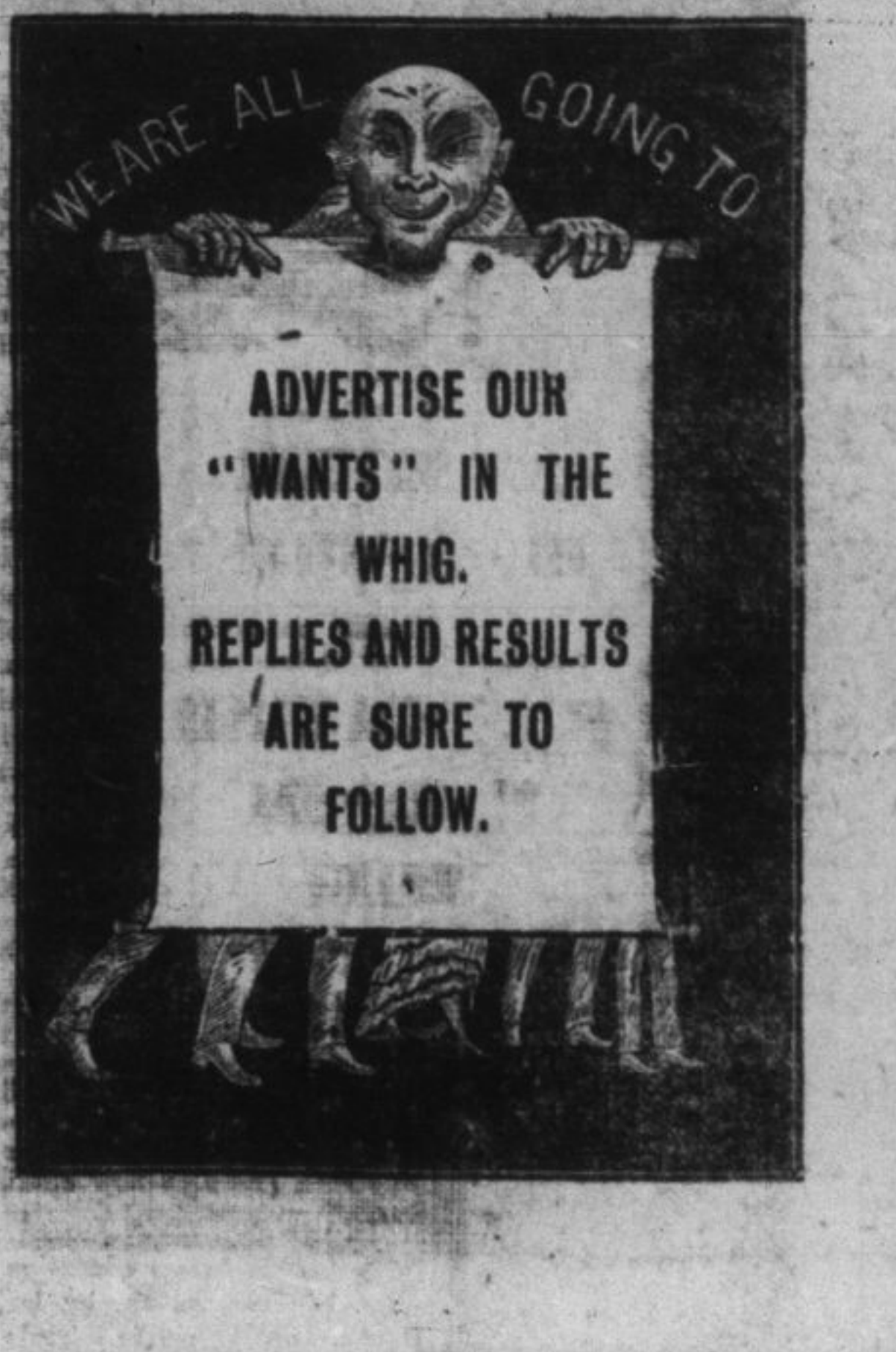
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Too Industrious.
London, May 16.—A charwoman, who sought to recover a compensation under the workmen's compensation act, at Southwark, yesterday, lost her case because she injured her hand in the mangle while doing work for her mistress that she had not been asked to do, and after her ordinary work was completed.

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Village of Portsmouth

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court of Revision for the Village of Portsmouth will be held in the Town Hall, Portsmouth, on THURSDAY, June 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.
All persons having business with the Court, must notify the undersigned six days before the meeting.
J. W. HENSTRIDGE, Clerk.
Portsmouth, May 16th, 1908.