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## THE REPLY OF WHITNEY TO ORGANIZED LABOR

It is Not Said to Meet With Favor.

### PREMIER'S STATEMENT

NO OPINION ON AMENDMENT TO ASSESSMENT ACT.

Considers Present Factory Inspection System Satisfactory—Does Not Believe Orientals are Employed in Ontario Hotels, and Regards an Eight Hour Working Shift as Desirable.

Ottawa, April 29.—In answer to the Ontario executive of the Dominion Trades and Labour Congress, which asked for a reply in writing to legislative requests at made through a deputation during the late session of the Ontario house, Premier Whitney has sent a formal statement to the officers of the congress. On many of the points the answers of Sir James are characteristic, and few of them meet with favor.

The resolution asking for the establishment of municipal technical schools is answered thus:

"The commission appointed by the Dominion government to enquire into technical education have nearly completed their labors, having held sittings in all sections of Canada and taken evidence from all classes interested in the subject, including labor organizations. It would be well for the labor congress to await their report, which will be issued within a few months, before asking a definite position."

The request for more factory inspectors he replies:

"Total accidents are decreasing and statistics do not show that minor accidents are increasing, but on account of Ontario having a capable staff of inspectors, accidents are more fully reported. Local inspectors in each industrial centre would not be so efficient as the present method of inspection; the best service is obtained from district inspectors. Ontario has at present nine inspectors for as many districts. They reside, one in Ottawa, one in Hamilton, one in Stratford, one in London, and five in Toronto."

Asked for legislation to debar Orientals from employment on any licensed premises, he states that he does not believe Orientals are employed either as bar tenders, waiters or cooks in Ontario hotels.

In reply to the request for legislation allowing only eight-hour working shifts where work is carried on consecutively for the whole twenty-four hours, for any lengthened period during the year,

The resolution approving of the proposed amendment to the assessment act of Ontario, to permit municipalities, if they so desire, to tax improvement values at a lower rate than land values, is met with.

"An economic question upon which I do not feel satisfied to express an opinion."

An appeal for the most up-to-date safety appliances for linemen and electrical workers elicits:

"The inspector of factories and the Hydro-Electric Commission have had this matter under consideration for some time. It may be necessary to require medical examination of all men proposing to engage in this work, and if found to have any organic disease, particularly heart trouble, they should be debarred from that employment."

Requests for labor representatives to be appointed justices of the peace;

"No objections to nominees of labor organizations being appointed as justices of the peace if satisfactory in all other respects."

### DYING, ALL APPROVED ACTION OF FATHER

Drowning, Boys Nodded Approval When Parent Carried Sister to Shore.

Geneva, April 29.—A Swiss father has just had a terrible experience in a boating disaster on Lake Constance. He, with his three sons and a girl, and accompanied by his brother, went for a row in a boat, and were overtaken by a sudden storm, the boat foundering.

The father was a good swimmer, and had to choose among his four children which of them he should save first. He chose his favorite, the girl, and swam with her to shore safely, returning at once to rescue his sons, but they had disappeared under the water, and were drowned. The boys could not swim, and their uncle only just managed to get ashore.

All the brave boys, with death staring them in the face, nodded approval, or smiled consent while their father chose their sister as the first to be saved.

The husband and wife are distraught at losing their three eldest children in a few minutes.

### DAILY MEMORANDA

Fire and light committee, 4 p.m. Tuesday. Young People's C.E. rally, First Congregational Church, 6 p.m. for life.

### LOST LIFE IN STRANGE WAY.

Window Descended on His Neck and Youth Hanged.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., April 29.—Henry Arbing, the eleven-year-old son of James Arbing, a blacksmith, of North Truro, came to his death this morning in a most extraordinary manner. Sometimes he was given the task of making the school fire ready for lighting. Not having the key, he stood a piece of board against the side of the building and climbed to the window. The board slipped and the window at the same time came down on his neck, leaving him suspended there. A neighbor, James Leard, happening to pass, noticed the boy hanging from the window and hastened to his rescue, but found that life was extinct.

### SMUGGLER PENITENT.

Ottawa, April 29.—Two hundred dollars "conscience money" reached the department of customs, one of the largest amounts yet received from a penitent smuggler. The money came by letter, a money order, but there was nothing to indicate the location of the sender. Officials of the department, however, think he is a Toronto man.

### IDENTIFIED BY MOTHER, BUT NOT HER SON

Another Man Buried by Mistake... Turns Up Six Weeks Later... Insurance Collected.

Demand Trained Force for the Panama Canal.

WHAT IS NEEDED.

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