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### LETTERS To The Editor

**How to Maintain High Wages.**  
New York, Dec. 6. (To the Editor): No one with a love for humanity believes in war. Yet it took just such a horrible thing to demonstrate an important economic truth.

During the war several million men and women went into the service, some to the front and others into the business of producing war materials and supplies. This greatly depleted the ranks in the ordinary industries, and wages advanced by leaps and bounds. Unemployment practically disappeared. Men who had worked all their lives for small wages suddenly found themselves in a position where they could command a return for their labor higher than they had ever before dreamed of.

And more than that. They really began to be treated by their employers as human beings! Something almost unheard of, after all the years of abuse and insult to which they had been accustomed. It was a severe awakening for employers in general, but they simply had to do it or lose the services of their helpers.

What was the cause of this right-about-face condition of affairs? Simply this: the labor market had become exhausted, and labor was in great demand.

Here at last was a condition of economic freedom for the worker; the man who had nothing to sell but his labor. He had never known such a condition before; and it came upon him so suddenly and without any effort or preparation on his part, that what was more natural than for him to be fairly overwhelmed with the new sensation?

The tables were completely turned. Instead of workers bidding against each other for the privilege of working, thus lowering wages, employers began this same interesting little experiment to the great advantage of the workers. Whatever the prevailing union rate of wages happened to be made no difference. The employer who bid the highest got the man.

To become so suddenly and unexpectedly possessed of their economic freedom, who can blame them for taking advantage of it? Wasn't it analogous to the child in the candy store for the first time, who was told to help himself? A taste of real freedom increases the craving for it, but in the course of time these excessive outbursts would give way to a more even adjustment on both sides.

Since the war closed, the tendency has been toward a return to the old conditions, excepting in the building trade. The building of houses during the war was discouraged by the government which needed the men and materials in the grim business it was then prosecuting. When building operations were resumed the demand for houses was so great and artisans so few that wages jumped even beyond the war-time figures.

Now the question arises, how can prosperity for all be made permanent? We think it can be done by simply utilizing the existing machinery of taxation. All that is necessary is to gradually increase the tax on land up to its full rental value, and at the same time and in the same proportion reduce the tax on all products of industry until such time as all of our public revenues will be

raised by a single tax on the value of land.

This will produce two important results. It will make land monopoly unprofitable on the one hand, and tremendously stimulate production on the other.

No one will be foolish enough to hold valuable land out of use when it will cost as much to keep it idle as to put it to its best use. From this it follows that opportunities will greatly multiply for the profitable employment of labor and capital.

The abolition of all taxes on labor products and from the processes of industry, will, by making them cheaper, immensely increase the demand for all things that contribute to the comfort and happiness of mankind.

Under our present system of taxation we take private property for public uses. This is confiscatory. Under the proposed system taxes would be paid according to the value of the benefits conferred by government and would be collected from a fund that is created by the presence and activity of all the people in any community, namely: land value.

Even now, the taxation of land values is in partial operation all over the country. We would simply extend the principle to its logical conclusion, and the happy condition we all look forward to so eagerly would be achieved.

—E. B. SWINNEY.

### TRUE BILLS ARE FOUND IN TWO CRIMINAL CASES

Judge Lavell Hears Civil Cases  
in County Court on Tuesday Afternoon.

The grand jury sitting before Judge H. A. Lavell, at the general sessions of the peace, on Tuesday afternoon, brought in a "true bill" on three counts, in the case of Edward McMullen, the London bank robber, who is accused of having been at large, when he should have been in custody; escaping from the Portsmouth penitentiary, and theft. The charges arise out of the sensational escape McMullen made from the prison on Sept. 10th last, with "Red" Ryan and three other convicts.

The grand jury also brought in a "true bill" in the case of William McIlquham, a local taxi driver, who is charged with criminal negligence. On Sept. 10th last his automobile ran down Alfred Wart, near the corner of Montreal and Stephen streets. Mr. Wart died as a result of the injuries he received.

William J. Fleming was selected as foreman of the grand jury. The other members of the jury are Willie Aykroyd, C. W. Babcock, Arthur Well Cowdy, Allen Donnelly, William Dingnum, H. Elkington, Edward J. Gow, Russell A. Gerald, D. G. Hay, Daniel McDonald, Donald Rutan and F. L. Wormwith.

In his address to the grand jury, Judge Lavell pointed out that the docket at this court was very light. There were but two cases to be considered by the grand jury. On the whole he felt that during the past year the city and the county had been remarkably free from serious crime. His Honor then outlined the nature of the two cases to come before the jury.

During the afternoon Judge Lavell took up two civil cases. In the case of Leonard Kelly vs. George Ford, action for trespass, in which a small shed figured his honor reserved judgment. The plaintiff lives at 280 Sydenham street, and he claimed that the defendant gave him permission to remove a small shed at the rear of his home, as water draining off the shed caused injury to his property. The walls of his house were damaged. Plaintiff claimed that the defendant was present when the shed was taken down and made no complaint. The defendant claimed that he did not give permission for the permanent removal of the shed. Later on, however, the defendant put the shed up again, and plaintiff claimed that through the water running off the shed his property suffered damage.

While reserving his decision his honor stated that he would have to find that the shed erected by the defendant was on plaintiff's property, and had no right to be there.

W. M. Nickle conducted the case for the plaintiff and John Hickey was counsel for the defendant.

Late in the afternoon, the court proceeded with case of Percy Kane vs. Frank Hogan, an action for damages to a motor car. The action is an aftermath of a collision which took place on the Barrield hill between 1 and 1.30 o'clock on the morning of October 21st last. Mr. Kane was driving from the city on his way towards Gananoque. A. B. Cunningham is counsel for the plaintiff and John Hickey for the defence.

In this case, judgment was given for the plaintiff for \$250 and costs.

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### GANANOQUE

Dec. 12.—Dr. and Mrs. Sinclair motored to Ottawa yesterday to attend the big banquet being tendered to Premier King, Mrs. Byron Healy and Mrs. B. O. Britton accompanied them.

Dr. and Mrs. Davis, Mrs. W. W. Bennett and Miss Evelyn Bennett motored to Brockville yesterday.

The Badminton Club bridge party held last evening in their rooms in the G.W.V.A. building was a great success. Eighteen tables were in play, and those winning the prizes were: Lady's royal pete, Mrs. F. W. Bell, which was a very dainty Minton cup and saucer; second lady's prize, Mrs. J. J. Davis, set of bridge markers; gentlemen's royal, F. W. Bell, Indian ash tray; second, C. S. MacKenzie, golf score; lucky number, Huber Rogers, pack of cards.

The Canoe Club is endeavoring to arrange a large New Year's ball.

Among those who motored to Brockville yesterday were John Shine, Joseph Conlin and W. G. Rogers.

J. A. Balloch's many friends are glad to know he has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be on "Broadway" again.

Miss Isabella Macdonald, who has been the guest of Mrs. Walton, Brockville, for the past few weeks, returned home Monday last.

The new dam at Marble Rock will be completed in a few days now. This has been quite an engineering job, and has attracted many visitors to the site during construction.

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