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GETTING ACTION ON OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Premier Oliver is losing no time in the attempt to put into effect an undertaking with respect to old age pensions for which he was criticized during the last federal election campaign. The consensus of opinion expressed at that time was that the federal government should have the co-operation of the provinces in this matter before taking any definite step itself. It is gratifying to see the provincial government of British Columbia alive to the requirements and it is to be hoped that the other provinces of the Dominion will follow its example so that there may be no further delay in putting the scheme into operation throughout Canada. With the federal government again promising action and the provincial government prepared to support it, adequate reformation is given the cry of the Conservatives during the last election campaign that the old age pension was but an election dodge.

CALLING OFF THE CUSTOMS PROBE.

Certain Conservative papers are attempting to spread the propaganda that the Royal Commission investigating the customs is to be called off because revelations are being made in the matter of campaign funds that would damage the Liberal party. The fact that the power of the commission has been extended by the government rather than reduced is sufficient answer to give the lie to such suggestions. The fact that the Vancouver bootleggers are flying to the four corners of the earth to escape exposure and possible prosecution would indicate that they, the people, who are so far most affected, believe the commission, with the government behind it, means business.

THE MEANING OF AN ACCLAMATION.

Acclamation does not always signify that the recipient has the unanimous endorsement of the voters, says the North Vancouver Review in commenting on civic affairs. More often than not it simply indicates a dangerous apathy existent in the electorate. The city council is hardly justified in congratulating itself on the facility with which it has waded through the campaign which reached its climax in the election.

There is a psychology of politics as there is of every other activity. The city council has escaped the interest of those who should vote—most of whom do not—simply because it has escaped their interest throughout its term. It has failed to inspire the voters in any way as leaders should.

While it has not advanced the fortunes of the city materially, neither has it noticeably retarded them; while it has been productive of too few good ideas for civic betterment, it has also produced few of a harmful nature; finally, though it has not been so good, it might have been worse. It has succeeded in evading the close scrutiny of the voters, which would have been followed by a spirited election contest.

Acclamation is not always a receipt for satisfaction given. Often it is accorded the public servant who is just "getting by."

MANSON REFUSED TO RATIFY LICENSE OF EXPORTING COMPANY

VICTORIA, Jan. 21.—The Manitoba Refiners of British Columbia Limited, bonded warehouse by the Federal Department of Customs was made to Moeller, which was stopped from sailing him on March 31, 1926, and was recommended for a warehouse license by Attorney-General Manson. This was stated by Mr. Manson in answer to questions by R. H. Pooley, leader of the Opposition in the Legislature. Mr. Pooley asked: "Has an export license been issued to the Manitoba Refiners of British Columbia Limited?" To this the Attorney-General answered that an application for consent to the issuing of a customs bonded warehouse by the Federal Department of Customs was made to Moeller, which was stopped from sailing him on March 31, 1926, and was recommended for a warehouse license by Attorney-General Manson. This was stated by Mr. Manson in answer to

Provincial Government Urged to Enact Reforms on Matters Pertaining to Labor Interest

At the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Trades & Labor Council last night, S. D. Macdonald, president, submitted his report on the meeting recently held in Victoria of the British Columbia executive of the Trades Labor Council of Canada of which he is a member and which he attended. The executive which consists, besides Mr. Macdonald, of W. H. Cottrell, chairman, P. R. Bengough, (Vancouver) and R. W. Nunn (Victoria) submitted a number of proposals to the provincial government with respect to the Workmen's Compensation Act, Mothers' Pensions Act, Eight-Hour Day Bill, Old Age Pensions, Minimum Wage Act, Factory Act, Weekly Half-Holiday Act, Automobile Owners' Insurance, and Municipal Act.

Mr. Macdonald reported that the conference was one of the most successful in years. The entire cabinet, except Hon. William Sloan, who was away from the province, was in attendance at the meeting which lasted two and a half hours. That the ministers were taking a keen interest in the matter was evidenced by the fact that they made special inquiries with respect to various items on the memorandum which was presented by W. H. Cottrell of Vancouver assisted by other members of the executive. The labor delegation was given a cordial reception and there was every reason to believe that sincere consideration would be given by the cabinet to the matters thus brought before them. These proposals, as reported to the meeting by Mr. Macdonald, were as follows:

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT

- (1) That the Act be amended by deletion of words "By accident" in 2nd line of Part 6 (Part 1, Div. 2—Compensation).
- (2) All compensation to be based on rate of wages being paid to workman at time of injury.
- (3) In all cases of dispute on questions of physical disability the workman shall have the right of appeal from the decisions of the Board's medical adviser to an independent medical board consisting of three doctors nominated by B.C. Medical Society. The decisions of such appeal Board shall be final and binding.
- (4) Increase of compensation from 62 1/2 per cent to 66 2/3 per cent same as Ontario and Manitoba.
- (5) Amend Section 20, Clause 1, by deleting the following words:—"or is able to earn in some suitable employment or business after the accident" and substitute an amendment in conformity with sub-section 4, Section 9, British Compensation Act, 1925, which reads as follows:—"If a workman has so far recovered from the injury as to be fit for employment of a certain kind proves to the satisfaction of the judge of the county court that he has taken all reasonable steps to obtain, and has failed to obtain, such employment, and that his failure to obtain such employment, is a consequence, wholly or mainly, of the injury, the judge shall order that his incapacity shall, for the purposes of this Act, continue to be treated as total incapacity for such period, and subject to such conditions, as may be provided by the order, without prejudice however to the right of review conferred by this Act."

MOTHERS' PENSIONS ACT

- (1) The word "indigent" to be eliminated from the regulations of the Board and the benefits of the Act extended to all cases where there are not adequate means of support.
- (2) Widows with or without children, to be brought within the Act.
- (3) Amend sub-clause (2) of Clause 2, by deleting the words "five hundred dollars" in the third line, and inserting the words "one thousand dollars," and by deleting the words "fifteen hundred dollars" in the 4th line and substituting therefor the words "two thousand dollars."
- (4) A woman otherwise eligible to receive the Pension, except for the fact that she is still a married woman and, therefore, cannot be naturalized in her own right, may complete her eligibility by appearing before the proper authorities and declaring her allegiance to the British Empire.
- (5) Where there is only one child and the mother is not receiving the Pension but working for a wage equal or less than the minimum wage for women as stipulated in the "Minimum Wage Act" that the mother shall receive from the Mother's Pension Fund a sum equal to that paid for a child in a case where the mother is in receipt of the Pension.
- (6) That the Pension allowed the mother under this Act shall not be reduced or cease because a mother has one or more children over the age of sixteen working for wages, when the wages received by them does not exceed the minimum laid down in the Minimum Wage Act, while there is still a child or children in the family under the age of sixteen.
- (7) Where a mother in receipt of the Pension owns her own home that there be no deduction made in her Pension allowance because of the same.

EIGHT HOUR BILL

We favor the extension and enforcement of the eight hour principle to all industries within the province.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

We appreciate the fact that the British Columbia Legislature reaffirmed its decision of last year:—"That the necessary steps be taken to formulate some plan in conjunction with the Dominion Government to provide Old Age Pensions and that the other

provinces of the Dominion be requested to take similar action."

We urge the Provincial Government to continue its efforts to co-operate with other provinces and the Federal Government in instituting adequate Old Age Pensions. In the meantime grants should be made to aged persons without means of support.

MINIMUM WAGE ACT

- (1) This Act should be amended to include boys by substituting "Minors" instead of "Girls under eighteen."
- (2) That the Minimum Wage Act be amended to prevent its evasion by what are known as Trade Schools.
- (3) That we urge upon the Government the vital necessity for an amendment to Clause 3, Section 2, compelling employers to keep orders posted in a conspicuous place in each room in every establishment in which employees affected by the order are employed.

AMEND FACTORY ACT

Strike out those sections wherein it permits children of any age to be employed in the business of curing fish or packing fruit and the work incidental thereto, during times of the salmon run or runs of other classes of fish and during the respective fruit seasons.

Also strike out the clause which removes the limit upon hours children may be employed which reads as follows:—"Provided further that the limitations upon the hours of labor, the hours of commencement and cessation of work, as set forth in the Act shall not be binding upon the employers of any child, young girl or woman in the business of canning, or curing fish, or fruit packing within the time or times aforesaid."

WEEKLY HALF HOLIDAY ACT

Amend Sec. 1—definitely setting "1.30 p.m." as the time, not later than which employees may be kept employed, instead of the wording now used—"not later than one half hour after 1 p.m."

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

That all automobile owners be compelled to carry insurance against physical or property injury to others.

MUNICIPAL ACT

- (1) That legislation be enacted giving to every person, male or female, in all cities and municipalities, who is a British subject of 21 years of age (and to all from whom a poll tax is collected) the right to vote in all civic and municipal elections.
- (2) That legislation be passed prohibiting any person to vote in any more than one polling division in any "city or municipal election."
- (3) Legislation abolishing property qualifications for all elective offices in cities and municipalities. As an alternative qualification we suggest five years' residence and endorsement by one hundred and fifty electors. We particularly request your earnest consideration to the proposed legislation being placed before this session, covering better protection for public safety while fire apparatus is answering fire calls, etc.; by the B.C. Provincial Federation of Firefighters.

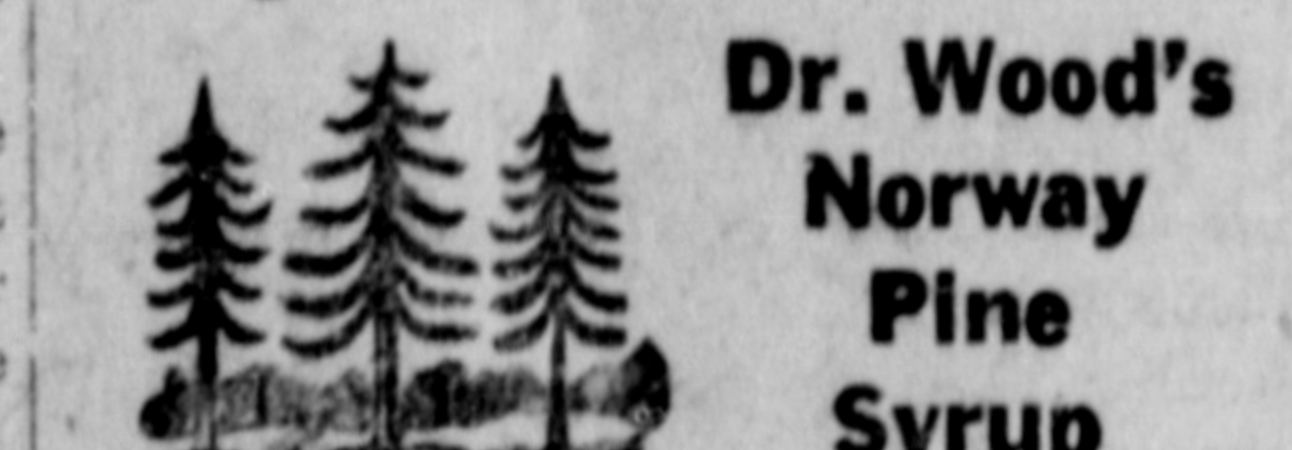
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LIST FOR 1927 IS ANNOUNCED BY W. O. FULTON, PRESIDENT

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