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UNEMPLOYMENT AND ITS CURE.

Due to the continuance of unusual unemployment in Canada requests are being made for a state system of unemployment insurance, and April 20, the prime minister announced that his government approved in principle of a contributory federal system of unemployment, sickness and invalidity insurance, provided it was participated in by all provinces, as well as by the Dominion, the employers and the employees, says the Nelson News.

One typical scheme which has been put forward, based on benefits of \$7 per week to single and \$16 to married men (and assuming average unemployment of 140,000) estimates a total cost of \$90,000,000. This sum is proposed to raise as follows:

- (a) \$30,000,000 from employers, which it is estimated would be from one per cent to two per cent on the wage bill. (b) \$30,000,000 from employees, which would mean about 30c per week. (c) \$15,000,000 from the Dominion. (d) \$15,000,000 from the Provinces.

The arguments adduced in support of such a scheme may be summarized as follows:

- (1) Industry being so organized that it requires a reserve army of workers in busy times, it should look after such workers in slack times. (2) Insurance against unemployment would make for a more contented and therefore a more efficient working force. (3) The present methods of relief are haphazard and inefficient and tend to pauperize. (4) Unemployment insurance would make for stability by maintaining purchasing power in bad times. (5) It would provide an incentive to employers to regularize employment and thus prevent unemployment.

As against these arguments it is urged: (1) That unemployment insurance tends to sap self-reliance and thrift and to create a class of unemployables. (2) That it checks that mobility of labour which is so essential, particularly in a young, undeveloped country. (3) That being impossible of application to agriculture it would intensify the drift from country to town, and at the same time add appreciably to the cost of goods to the farming community which would be excluded from its benefits.

(4) That it would be difficult if not impossible of application to those seasonal occupations where the bulk of unemployment in Canada occurs, viz., building and construction, lumbering, shipping, fishing and road-building. (5) That experience in countries like Great Britain, Germany and Australia shows that the cost tends inevitably to increase to a disastrous extent and that a scheme which begins actuarially sound, ends as a millstone on the neck of the community.

The present method of meeting the unemployment situation, for which unemployment insurance is advocated as a substitute may be described as follows:

- (1) Parliament has voted an unstated sum of money to be used in paying such proportion of the cost of direct relief and approved public works as may be agreed upon between the Dominion, the provinces and the municipalities. (2) Employers have to a greater extent than ever before endeavored to keep a maximum of men in at least part-time work; wage scales have been substantially maintained; certain of the larger firms have instituted their own unemployment insurance schemes; and an increasing number of companies have adopted various methods of regularizing employment, that is, forecasting the year's requirements and spreading the work as evenly as possible over the year. (3) Municipalities and charitable organizations have intensified their relief efforts.

NEWS OF THE MINES

AROUND PRINCE RUPERT

Dawson Creek Being Used as Outfitting Point for Peace River Mining Countries—Activity Around Vanderhoof—Granby in Alaska

Dawson Creek, now the end of steel in the Peace River Block of British Columbia, is rapidly becoming known as the outfitting point for prospectors and miners going into the mineral districts to the west and north. Steve Gilbert, with a crew of four men, left there recently for the Opsika River gold field, their whole outfit having been supplied at Dawson Creek. Other individuals and parties plan to start from there shortly for various destinations.

DEVELOPS TO NORTH

Movement of Canada Is Distinctly in That Direction, Prominent Engineer Asserts

Quite a few men are prospecting along Dog Creek in the Vanderhoof district. Good gold showings have been encountered.

Col. Victor Spencer of Vancouver flew south last week after a visit to the Gormanson and Manson Creek mining areas in the northern interior.

Most of the people who have been engaged in mining in the Rainbow Creek district during the past summer have returned recently to Fort St. James and Vanderhoof. There are several, however, who will remain on the ground during the winter.

Contingent upon assays from samples procured in the Surprise Bay area of Alaska in the Seward district depends whether further investigating will be carried on by the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co., according to J. M. McDonald, field engineer of the company, who recently completed a brief examination in that area. Big tonnage is what the company desires and this will have to be ascertained if the company is to interest itself further in the region. Developments to date, while showing excellent large ore bodies carrying good values in gold, have not reached that point necessary to justify operations on a magnitude which would entail initial outlay of capital with a view to several years' operation.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—"If the movement in the past decade was westward, Canada's development today is by contrast definitely moving northward," declared Brig.-Gen. C. H. Mitchell, C. B., consulting engineer of Toronto, in an address before the engineering section of the British Association for the advancement of science today. "The new north of Canada is beginning to be recognized and there is a distinct northward trend of population and development," Brig. Gen. Mitchell added. He spoke on engineering contributions to Canada's development.

Engineering, wherever carried on, demands design, construction and operation of engineering works in conformity with the characteristics of the country, he continued. Canadian conditions, demanding initiative and resourcefulness, have stimulated this independence and have developed the types of practice in the country.

Gen. Mitchell instanced the all-important part engineering played in the development of Canadian agriculture, which would continue to be the Dominion's premier industry, in the development of forest resources bringing about the "miracle of paper," in the growth of Canada's mineral production, but most of all in the development of water power.

Future Discussed "It is difficult to select a measure for the future," he said. "It would be easier if the extent of the country's resources were known, but they are not known. For instance, the mineral possibilities can, as yet, only be guessed at, as the contents of the pre-cambrian shield have been ascertained at only a few places. The water power already developed is but 15 per cent of the potentialities. "The outstanding feature in this is likely to be a greatly increased development on the St. Lawrence River, where the combination of power and deep ocean connection will be a large factor in stimulating the contiguous resources."

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UNEMPLOYED FISHERMEN

Staples Asked for Those Who Have to Stay on Boats—Game Act Amendments Asked

At a meeting of the Prince Rupert Unemployed Association last night in the Metropole Hall, called more particularly to deal with the problems facing unemployed fishermen during the coming winter, a resolution was passed requesting the government to provide staples of living for boat-owning fishermen who have not made enough during the past season to keep themselves and who are hardly in a position to leave their boats unwatched and go to the relief camps.

Another resolution was passed for submission to the game department requesting that unemployed be allowed to shoot game for food without being liable to the penalties involved in shooting without a license. It is also being asked that the game regulations be ameliorated whereby it may be legal for deer meat to be given to persons who need it.

There were seventy-five men present at the meeting which was held in the Metropole Hall. George Murray, president of the Prince Rupert Unemployed Association, was in the chair and Charles Lord acted as secretary.

Cinderella Dance Proves Enjoyable

Sons of Norway Hold First of Number of Affairs Planned for Winter Season

The Sons of Norway Society on Saturday evening held the first of a number of Cinderella dances it is planned to hold during the coming winter. The affair proved very enjoyable to the crowd of sixty or seventy persons present. Melodious accordion music was furnished for dancing by Julius Welle. The entertainment committee of the Sons of Norway was in charge of the affair, which lasted from 9 p.m. until midnight.

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