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### Dismissed Girls Parade to City Hall



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Representing all of the white girls employed in Chinatown restaurants, this group paraded to City Hall Friday to interview Mayor George C. Miller, who they expected to intercede on their behalf. They didn't succeed in getting an audience with His Worship, however. The girls want to continue working in the Chinese restaurants but the city license department is in negotiation with the cafe owners for an agreement whereby suspended licenses will be restored if the restaurant men dismiss their white help.

## Chinese Cafe Owners Dismiss 15 White Girls

### Willing to Dismiss All if City Council Will Re-new Licenses

Negotiations between civic authorities and representatives of Chinese cafes along East Pender Street, regarding the right of Chinese to employ white girls, were at a standstill today, with the authorities apparently content to wait until all the cafes fall into line with a proposal to dismiss all their female white help.

A delegation of 15 white waitresses, led by Margaret West, who said they had been dismissed by three of the cafes, waited in vain at city hall, Friday, to appeal to Mayor G. C. Miller for a reconsideration of their plight.

The girls left, vowing they would ask to be put on relief.

Meanwhile, the girls said, they are being fed by their former employers.

#### WILL DISMISS GIRLS

Lum Fun Ting, proprietor of the Hong Kong Cafe, one of three owners summoned to appear in police court Monday to answer License Inspector Urquhart's charges of operating a restaurant without a license, said today the cafe owners are waiting for the city to act upon their proposal that the cancellation of their licenses be revoked and the police court prosecutions withdrawn in return for the promise of the Chinese to discharge their white waitresses as from October 1.

Mr. Ting said if the city consents, Denis Murphy Jr., counsel, will move for dismissal, without costs, of the Supreme Court action brought against the city.

The 15 girls who tried to see Mayor Miller Friday afternoon declare they are out of work, with no prospect of securing other jobs.

"We are fired just at a time when Old Man Winter comes along," said Margaret West, their spokesman. "Most of the girls have bought winter clothes and are still paying for them. Many of us support families and are right up against it."

The girls expressed indignation at what they declare is an implied reflection on their reputations.

They deny bitterly that the morals of girls working on Pender Street are in any greater jeopardy than girls working elsewhere.

Miss West said only one Pender Street waitress is married to a Chinese, and none, so far as she knows, have Chinese men friends.

She spoke highly of the treatment accorded white waitresses by their Chinese employers.

### Three Restaurants Get Council Permission To Re-open

### Alderman Hurry Makes Protest

Ignoring the protest of Ald. Alfred Hurry against "bartering the livelihood of white girls in exchange for cafe licenses," the City Council voted unanimously today to restore licenses to three Chinese restaurant proprietors who undertook to discharge their white waitresses.

Mayor G. C. Miller announced that he understands that "the others are coming into line." By this he referred to the proprietors, Yen Tong, Modernized and Muir cafes, who also employ white girls, whose licenses have not yet been cancelled.

It was authoritatively stated at City Hall that the licenses of these three will be revoked unless they obey the civic ban.

Corporation Counsel D. E. McTaggart assured aldermen that the promise of the operators of the Hong Kong, B.C. Royal and Gee Kong cafes afforded a satisfactory solution of the license dispute that has raged since September 14.

#### LEGAL POSITION

As solicitor for these three, Denis Murphy said that they will co-operate with the city by agreeing to fire the waitresses and employ no others to take their places. His clients have been advised, he added, that their legal position is good and that their licenses cannot be cancelled because white girls are employed in their cafes. He asked that the spirit of co-operation shown by his clients be remembered by the city in future dealings with Chinatown.

Ald. Hurry leapt to his feet to voice his distress "at the method of barter used by certain individuals."

"White girls are subject to certain alleged moral conditions," he said.

"There is no mention by learned counsel with regard to the livelihood of those particular girls. I would like to inquire what steps have been taken for their employment elsewhere. Is there a possibility that those who employ Chinese in their private homes may make room for the girls."

#### COUNCIL DICTUM

"I am not in the position to barter over white girls," Mr. Murphy firmly declared. "This is a dictum of the City Council and we had no option but to obey. Because the livelihood of these three men was going to be taken away from them by the City Council they were obliged to let the girls go."

## City Refuses Plea for Girls

### Waitresses' Counsel Asserts Chinese Treaty Violated

The statement by Alderman R. P. Pettipiece that there was "no provision made for bartenders when prohibition came into effect" was all the comfort which the Vancouver Mothers' Council and Women's Labor League drew from the City Council today when they appeared to protest against the recent dismissal of thirty white waitresses from six Oriental cafes on East Pender Street.

While Sergeant-at-Arms Alex. McKay cautioned two girls in the audience to restrain their audible endorsements, Alderman Alfred Hurry castigated his council colleagues for failure to treat all of Vancouver's hot spots in the same manner.

"Why penalize all these girls because one or two fell by the wayside?" he hotly asked.

#### COLOR BAR

Determined to enforce the color bar in the East Pender Street section of the city, Mayor G. C. Miller authored the resolution by which council, sitting as a social service committee, declined to alter its former decision that the six Chinese cafe owners may obtain their business licenses only on condition that they do not employ white girls.

While on the subject of immorality, Alderman Hurry took a random shot at the police department by asking what has been done about the \$1500 of bail money that disappeared from headquarters a few months ago.

Garfield King, counsel for the girls, quoted statistics of the thirty waitresses. He found, he said, that all but one are Canadians; that their average age is 22; that two years and seven months is their average period of employment as waitresses; that one out of three is married; that a total of twenty-five people are dependent on them; that their average wage was \$9.50 a week plus meals valued at \$1 per day.

#### \$495 A WEEK LOST

Their lost earning power grosses \$495 per week, and each has an average debt for clothing and other goods bought on instalment of \$39.50.

"The Japanese Government is the only body that derives comfort from these dismissals," King argued, after quoting Vancouver's Chinese consul as telling him that a treaty between Canada and China obliges each signatory to give the subjects of the other all privileges accorded to nationals of any other nation.

Claiming discrimination against Chinese, he said that Japanese and Greek restaurant owners are not affected by the ban.

News-Herald 23-12-37

Citizens are warned against solicitations making unauthorized collections in behalf of the Chinese war refugees in an announcement from the Chinese Benevolent Association. Foon Sien, secretary, reported to The News-Herald that contributions had been solicited in Vancouver and New Westminster. The public is urged by the association not to contribute funds unless an official receipt is tendered.

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### Chinese War Fund

Collectors who declare that they are soliciting subscriptions for the War Refugees' Fund of the Chinese Benevolent Association are not official collectors for the fund, states Foon Sien, secretary of the Chinese Benevolent Association.

All Chinese stores have been appointed as collectors, but there are no outside canvassers.

Raffle and lottery tickets, said to be in aid of the fund and sold by certain salesmen, are not authorized by the association, it is added.

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### Mayor Refuses City Support For Waitresses

Mayor G. C. Miller has repudiated all civic liability for the support of white waitresses, recently dismissed from Chinese cafes, at the same rate of pay that their employers formerly gave them.

A resolution alleging the liability was passed unanimously this week by the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union.

Although the girls lost their jobs because the City Council "drew the color line" around East Pender Street eating houses, the Mayor disclaimed any obligation on the city to give them a pension.

"They have no claim on the grounds suggested," the Mayor declared. "They are not wards of the city."

An assertion that the girls have been denied relief was contradicted at the Relief Office today, where officials said that they have no record of any of the girls applying for assistance.

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# DOMESTICS ASK HIGHER WAGES

## Have Formed Union And Seek Shorter Hours Also.

Domestic workers in Vancouver

homes have organized a union and are beginning a campaign for higher wages and shorter hours.

As soon as the Legislature opens, probably in October, delegates will ask the government for amendments to the Minimum Wage Act fixing working conditions for domestic help.

Leaders of the organization claim that between 300 and 400 workers, out of an estimated 2000 in Greater Vancouver, have signed the rolls of Federal Union No. 91. It obtained a charter from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada last fall and is affiliated with Vancouver District Trades and Labor Council.

### REQUESTED SCALE.

A memorandum submitted to the government claims the average wage paid at present to experienced help varies from \$12 to \$15 per month for an average working time of twelve to fourteen hours per day, while inexperienced help receives \$5 to \$10 per month. It is stated that many girls are working long hours for only their board. Day workers are paid as low as 50 cents per day, it alleges.

The following scale of wages and hours will be presented as a basis for draft legislation:

|                           | 54-Hour Week.<br>Per Month. | 60-Hour Week.<br>Per Month. |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cook-general, experienced | \$25                        | \$30                        |
| Mother's help             | 15                          | 18                          |
| Cook                      | 25                          | 40                          |

For day workers the union is asking a minimum of 25 cents per hour for light housework and 35 cents for heavy work, plus carfare and one hot meal, for an eight-hour day.

### COMPENSATION ALSO.

For workers employed on a monthly basis but living away from the place of work, the demands are for \$25 per month for a 45-hour week, \$30 for a 54-hour week and \$35 for a 60-hour week.

The union also includes chambermaids in hotels and boarding-houses, and a lengthy list of minimum standards for them is included in the memorandum. Demands include a maximum deduction of \$2.50 per week for a single room, one week's vacation after six months' employment and two weeks after one year, recognition of the union as the bargaining agent for the workers, inclusion of all domestic workers under the Workmen's Compensation Act, and two weeks' notice of dismissal.



# Union Men, Read This!

## And Then Start Washing The Dishes

The old saying, "Man's work is from sun to sun," is no longer true where unions and labor laws prevail. The second-half of the old saying, "but woman's work is never done," remains sadly true.

Of course, if we could all have a Westinghouse electric kitchen and all other marvellous modern appliances, housework would be infinitely easier even in the individual home. But even the people who make these shining and stainless beauties in East Pittsburgh cannot afford them. Many tasks have been taken out of the home and industrialized. But unfortunately plenty remain.

In pioneer days a group of women, the mother, the daughters, the single aunts, all worked in the home. Now there is usually only one. The others work outside.

The "housewife" as she is frankly called, has a variety of occupations, with makeshift tools and insufficient materials. She is a cook, dishwasher, laundress, chambermaid, seamstress, nurse, general cleaner and scrubber.

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# Women's World



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—Mrs. W. March, Secretary.

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## Housewives Of Austria Pray

Austria is seething with anti-Nazi sentiment. In addition to the widespread sabotage, underground groups, leaflets and similar activity, anti-Nazi agitation has found popular mediums through chain-letters and more recently a new "housewives prayer" which goes like this:

"Our Fuehrer, who are our guest,  
Give us the daily bread you promised us;

Not only cabbage, turnips, fish and herring,  
But what you eat as well, you and your Goering!"  
—Clarion, July 8.

"No country can call itself civilized which does not provide adequate care for its old people who can no longer care for themselves . . . generous pensions will not only benefit the old people concerned, but will put into circulation purchasing power which will benefit the whole country." — Union News Service, CIO.

know how successful the tag day was. The weather was unsettled and this would retard to the success of it, no doubt. A number of our union fishermen and loggers assisted in tagging too, and some of the children.

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## Revolt Of Lucy The Housemaid

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Some day I'm going to get so tired;  
Don't even care if I do get fired;  
I'm going to tell that dame.

You may live on top of the pile;  
There's nothing you ain't got.  
You may live in the swellest style—  
But sister, you ain't so hot.

Yeah, you look so high and mighty  
When you sit there sipping tea,  
But ev'ry time I look at you,  
Boy! I'm sure glad I'm me!

You got money, you got clothes.  
Lawd! You sure can act refined!  
Beats me how you put on dog.  
But, listen, woman, I ain't blind.

All the things you think you know,  
Long ago I done forgot;  
To me you're just a so-and-so.  
Sister, you ain't so hot!

You may look so nice and meek,  
Like a sweet forget-me-not;  
But you got a new man ev'ry week.  
Sister, you ain't so hot!

The mister works down on Water Street;  
He acts like he's the top,  
But, ask me what I think of him:  
He's just a lollypop!

I do all the work there is  
While you raise all the cain.  
Ev'ry time I look at you,  
Woman, you give me a pain!

You can yell like bloody murder;  
You've got me in a spot;  
But, some day, I'm going to yell right  
back.  
Sister, you ain't so hot!

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## Women's World



### SOCIALS, SEWING, BUSINESS ACTIVITY

St. Patrick's Day tea held last March 17 by the Women's Auxiliary proved to be a success, so much so that the women have decided to hold another one during Easter week. Watch for announcement of it in the next issue of The Fisherman.

The last regular meeting of the Auxiliary in Vancouver had a good turnout of members. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Sanvik on March 21.

The sewing committee is progressing favorably with their work, and a quilt is now being made and will be drawn for at the regular sale of work in the fall. Tickets are being prepared and will be on sale soon.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Sanvik and her daughter served a danity tea which was much enjoyed by all.

Our members are hoping for a speedy recovery of our treasurer, Mrs. Main, who is at present on the sick-list.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Wilhelmsen, 2110 Scotia Street, on April 4 at 2 p.m. Get off any Main Street car at 5th Ave. and walk one block east.

—Mrs. W. March, Secretary.

### It Can't Happen Here!

British housewives have launched a housewives' union. They have adopted a program and constitution. Some of their objectives include among other things: weekly wage for wives, fixed working hours, and paid vacations. Fears are held that the movement may spread to other parts of the Empire.

**JOHN LARSON**

### SUNBURY WOMEN HAD SUCCESSFUL DANCE

Advance advertising resulted in the largest turnout this season to the dance March 18 held under the auspices of the Sunbury Women's Auxiliary at the Bay-view Hall.

The satin bedspread was won by Mrs. A. V. Pekonen of Sunbury with ticket No. 171 and the socks went to ticket No. 274. We wish to thank all those who sold tickets and otherwise assisted us in putting this affair over and helping to make it such a splendid success.

At our meeting held March 21 we decided to donate twenty dollars to the PCFU and five dollars to the Mac-Pap Rehabilitation Fund. We have decided to hold one business meeting and one social meeting each month until further notice.

Our first social meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Sjobloman on April 4.  
—Mrs. M. Oja.

A tramp came with a weary look on his face and when Cora opened the door, he said:

"Oh, lady, I'm so hot an' tired an' thirsty."

"You poor man," sympathized Cora, "I'll get you some water."

"Water, hell," spat the 'bo, "I said 'thirsty,' not 'dirty.'"

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Some day I'm going to get so tired;  
Don't even care if I do get fired;  
I'm going to tell that dame.

You may live on top of the pile;  
There's nothing you ain't got.  
You may live in the swellest style—  
But sister, you ain't so hot.

Yeah, you look so high and mighty  
When you sit there sipping tea,  
But ev'ry time I look at you,  
Boy! I'm sure glad I'm me!

You got money, you got clothes.  
Lawd! You sure can act refined!  
Beats me how you put on dog.  
But, listen, woman, I ain't blind.

All the things you think you know,  
Long ago I done forgot;  
To me you're just a so-and-so.  
Sister, you ain't so hot!

You may look so nice and meek,  
Like a sweet forget-me-not;  
But you got a new man ev'ry week.  
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The mister works down on Water Street;  
He acts like he's the top,  
But, ask me what I think of him:  
He's just a lollypop!

I do all the work there is  
While you raise all the cain.  
Ev'ry time I look at you,  
Woman, you give me a pain!

You can yell like bloody murder;  
You've got me in a spot;  
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# DOMESTICS ASK HIGHER WAGES

## Have Formed Union And Seek Shorter Hours Also.

Domestic workers in Vancouver homes have organized a union and are beginning a campaign for higher wages and shorter hours.

As soon as the Legislature opens, probably in October, delegates will ask the government for amendments to the Minimum Wage Act fixing working conditions for domestic help.

Leaders of the organization claim that between 300 and 400 workers, out of an estimated 2000 in Greater Vancouver, have signed the rolls of Federal Union No. 91. It obtained a charter from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada last fall and is affiliated with Vancouver District Trades and Labor Council.

### REQUESTED SCALE.

A memorandum submitted to the government claims the average wage paid at present to experienced help varies from \$12 to \$15 per month for an average working time of twelve to fourteen hours per day, while inexperienced help receives \$5 to \$10 per month. It is stated that many girls are working long hours for only their board. Day workers are paid as low as 80 cents per day, it alleges.

The following scale of wages and hours will be presented as a basis for draft legislation:

|                           | 54-Hour Week.<br>Per Mnth. | 60-Hour Week.<br>Per Mnth. |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cook-general, experienced | \$25                       | \$30                       |
| Mother's help             | 15                         | 18                         |
| Cook                      | 35                         | 40                         |

For day workers the union is asking a minimum of 25 cents per hour for light housework and 35 cents for heavy work, plus carfare and one hot meal, for an eight-hour day.

### COMPENSATION ALSO.

For workers employed on a monthly basis but living away from the place of work, the demands are for \$25 per month for a 45-hour week, \$30 for a 54-hour week and \$35 for a 60-hour week.

The union also includes chambermaids in hotels and boarding-houses, and a lengthy list of minimum standards for them is included in the memorandum. Demands include a maximum deduction of \$2.50 per week for a single room, one week's vacation after six months' employment and two weeks after one year, recognition of the union as the bargaining agent for the workers, inclusion of all domestic workers under the Workmen's Compensation Act, and two weeks' notice of dismissal.



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- United Fishermen's Union of B. C., Local 100 - Secretary, ...
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A Column For the Union Man's Wife

The wife, mother, sister of a union man should strive to know something about his trade union activities. They should interest themselves about what his union does and what his union strives to accomplish. They should encourage him to pay his dues on time, so that he will always be sure to provide his family with the benefits accruing through sickness, old age or death. He should be encouraged to attend his union meetings regularly, so that he can help conduct the affairs of that union, of which he is no small part. Remember that the union is largely instrumental in helping him to properly feed, clothe and house his family. And remember that the women folks should encourage him to be loyal to the union.

FOR YOUR SCRAP BOOK

Finely chopped parsley, put in the butter used for baking gives a delicious and delicate flavor to the dish which is being baked.

A little vinegar added to stewed prunes will improve their flavor.

To roast meat, heat the oven to the higher temperature given and keep the heat at this degree for 15 minutes. Then reduce the heat to the lower temperature for the remainder of the period as given.

Too much flour will make a cake dry and crumbly. Bread, sold and heavy, saucy thick and heavy.

Too much liquid will make a cake that falls easily.

Custards usually wobble or curdle because they are cooked at too high a temperature or too long a time. Milk that is a little sour may cause curdling of a custard.

When it is necessary to make sauce, which several hours before they are to be served, they may be wrapped in paraffin paper or a slightly dampened cloth or placed in a stone jar.

MODERN SALADS

The salad is a very important part of the meal. This fact is appreciated by more women each year. Furthermore, most men who formerly scorned "rabbit food" now realize that many modern salads are mighty hearty, very tasty and extremely healthful dishes - filled with the minerals, salts and vitamins needed in a balanced meal. The salad has come into its own.

A grave error made by many business is the serving of the same simple salad regularly. Shred tomatoes in crisp lettuce leaves makes a good salad, but this dish should not appear regularly like bread and potatoes. Salads should be varied as new fruits and vegetables are in season.

Electricians Sign Score of Utilities

Contracts worth over a score of utilities in three states poured into the headquarters of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Washington recently.

Trades Council Notes

Paint Makers Union, Local 566, chartered by the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, has been accepted in affiliation with the Trades Council.

President Jamieson has been appointed by the Executive to act as representative on the Board of Directors of the Vancouver Symphony Society.

Aeronautical Workers Union, Lodge 736, thanked Secretary Benough for organization assistance. The union reports 216 members.

The City Council informed the Trades Council that it had decided not to grant further sightseeing licenses. A Trades Council delegation had opposed the granting of further licenses, claiming that it would tend to reduce the employment of those at present on those jobs.

delegates that he wished to contradict a recent press item to the effect that he would be a Liberal candidate in the East Vancouver Federal election.

Discussing the proposed Labor Day celebration, delegates suggested that inasmuch as the Vancouver Exhibition grounds were not available, that the celebration might be held in the Exhibition grounds in New Westminster.

Machinists' Union reported that the International Office had appointed Brother Reg. Jackson to carry on the work of the late Brother Atkinson in this district in organizing the machinists. The cooperation of other trades and members in his machine work done in other cities will be appreciated.

Journal Workers' Local No. 42 has signed its Journal Brothers, manufacturing jeweler. This is the second closed shop obtained by the union and they are expecting further financial assistance from their International Office to organize other firms.

In conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Trades Council which is to be celebrated by a Banquet in the New Hotel Vancouver, the Carpenters' Union suggested that the lead table should be occupied by old members of the trades union movement rather than politicians.

At the request of some unions, the Trades Council has requested the Provincial Utilities Commission to take up the question of an all-night car service with the B. C. Electric Railway Company. The City Council is also being asked to support the suggestion.

The Executive recommended the appointment of Chris Pritchard of the Plumbers' Union to act on the Board of Directors of the Vancouver Occupational Industries.

A communication from the Toronto Brotherhood of Iron asking that the Federal Government take steps to have the prohibition of the Holy Bible being printed in Canada, removed. Canadian hobbies are printed in foreign countries, including free entry into Canada. Canadian printers are defeated in a printing in Action campaign to remove the prohibition.

Camp and Mill Workers' Federal Union No. 21 outlined organization program and will urge the Vancouver Japanese Extermination Association (Japanese Extermination League) affiliate with the Council. Will also try to organize Japanese sawmill workers.

A communication from A. Head of Brotherhood suggests that the small producers of milk from production in 1939 might better show price conditions if they were to organize and act in a united front.


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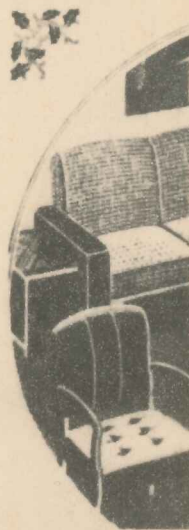
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No. 28

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Officers of Local 28 are: President, Wm. Stewart; Vice-President, Julie Leckie; Business Agent and Secretary, Wm. Gateman; Recording Secretary, J. H. Meirte; Inspector, Tom Parker; Press Agent, Roy Gregg; Social Convener, E. Schmidt; Trades and Labor Council Delegates: Wm. Stewart, Wm. Gateman, J. H. Meirte, Julie Leckie, Anita Sarich, Barbara Gehle, Roy Gregg.



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Members are employed in most of the large machine and contract shops in this district, as well as the shipyards and other industrial plants.

Its officers take an active part in the trades union movement, and are active in the labor movement.

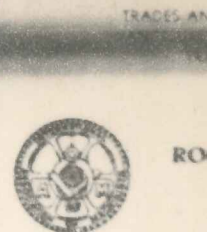
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**EDMONTON HAS A SURPLUS OF BUILDING TRADESMEN**

Commenting on a report appearing in a daily paper in connection with the meeting of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council, a representative of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters points out that while there is some building activity in Edmonton at present, there is still considerable unemployment among qualified members of the building trades.

**"PINS AND NEEDLES"**



IT ISN'T CRICKET TO PICKET—SCENE FROM "PINS AND NEEDLES"  
 Labor Stage brings their sensational musical revue "Pins and Needles" to the Empress Theatre, two nights and Tuesday matinee, beginning Monday, September 20th, coming direct from a New York run and acted by the original New York cast of L. L. G. W. U. players. No stage musical in the history of the theatre has met with the astounding success that has greeted this magnificent effort of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. Recruiting a cast from the ranks of their organization, 18 months of rehearsal under expert direction and a casual Broadway private presentation, turned instantly into a glamorous success and following enthusiastic and cheering audiences in Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago, the attraction comes here to show the latest thing in youthful entertainment that bubbles with song and story that carries a satiric bite and a laugh, with and at, the world affairs in general. Fascism and Nazism, too, come in for their share of the bitter barbs. "The Mussolini Handicap" scene, in which Il Duce awards prizes for women producing the greatest families of future cannon fodder, is an example in point. So is "Four Little Angels of Peace", in which Hitler, Mussolini, the Mikado and Chamberlain are depicted.

These are sort of sidelights, for most of the big guns are reserved for the Tories at home, particularly in such numbers as "I'd Rather Be Right", in which everything having to do with labor is "un-American". Much of the music—"One Big Union for Two", "Sunday in the Park", "Sing Me a Song With Social Significance" and "Doing the Reactionary" already are familiar to night clubbers and radio listeners. Credit for almost all the tunes and lyrics goes to Harold J. Rome. All in all, "Pins and Needles" is highly entertaining stuff, whether you're interested in labor or not. Of course, if you are, you have no business missing the greatest hit labor has ever produced. Local 276 of Vancouver is sponsoring the play here, and has arranged for a fashion show in connection with the play of local union-made ladies' cloaks and suits. Admission prices are 55c, \$1.00, \$1.60 and \$2.20.

**5,000,000 A. F. of L. Members**

Atlantic City, N. J.—The A. F. of L. now has 5,000,000 members—2,000,000 more than it had before the C. I. O. split occurred, and 1,000,000 above its war-time peak, President William Green said here recently. The A. F. of L. chieftain's declaration was made during the course of her speech to the international con-

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The FAI at the same time recognized the altitude flight of 6,518 metres of the airwomen Irena Vichnevskaya and Katya Mednikova as international records for the C Class. This record was established May 4.

NEW YORK. John Henry Lewis this week agreed to defend his light heavyweight title against Jock McAvoy, British middle and light-heavyweight champion, in a 15-round bout in London some time in November. *WBC - People's Advocate*

Garrison is the new entry and Victoria West, Esquimalt, Saanich Thistles and Victoria City the other teams. Joe Bloom, manager of the City club, is the new president and Mulcahy, temporary secretary.

### Henri Cochet Wins Soviet Series

MOSCOW. Henri Cochet, well-known French tennis player and former world champion won against the best tennis players of the Soviet Union in a series of matches here. Among those defeated was Soviet Union Champion Boris Novikov—7-5, 6-2, 6-1. Also in Leningrad, Cochet remained undefeated. He won against Negrebetsky 6-1, 6-0 and 6-1. In the mixed doubles Cochet with Klotschkova as partner, beat the combination Kudrawtsev-Nalimova 6-2, 6-4. *Oct 1/37 pg. 5*

## Domestic Workers Prepare Brief Working Conditions Of Chambermaids Rapped

Through the efforts of the Domestic Workers' union a representative group of working chambermaids in Vancouver recently conferred to draw up a memorandum for presentation to the provincial government on the deplorable conditions that many were forced to work under and requesting that legislation be introduced to better their lives.

### Writer Accuses National Guard

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 30. (FP) — That military espionage is carried on in labor unions by the Illinois National Guard will be revealed shortly by the LaFollette civil liberties committee in its final report on the Memorial Day massacre at Republic Steel's South Chicago plant, an article by Harold Rossman in People's Press states.

The paper publishes extracts from correspondence, as well as quotes from an interview with General Roy D. Keehn, commanding officer of the guard and former Hearst

Complaints are laid that chambermaids are often forced to live 3 in a room, each paying \$3 per week rent and that in some of the largest hotels the food is poor, with kitchens over-run with mice and cock-roaches.

Most of these workers work 52 hours per week instead of the legal 48 hours and this is spread over a 7-day work week.

The memorandum shows that the number of rooms looked after by chambermaids is now 50 per cent more than formerly.



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# Problem of White Girls Goes to Court

## Counsel for Orientals to Apply For Injunction Against City Urquhart Says 'They Did Not Abide by Agreement'

Court action over the employment of white girls in Vancouver's Chinese restaurants looms today following the summary cancellation of the licenses of three Pender Street cafes by City License Inspector H. A. Urquhart.

Denis Murphy, of the firm of Murphy, Freeman and Murphy, counsel for the Hong Kong Cafe, 126 East Pender Street; Gee Kong Cafe, 168 East Pender Street; and B. C. Royal Cafe, 61 East Pender Street, whose proprietors have all been notified that their licenses are cancelled, said today that he may ask for an injunction to restrain the City from taking this course under the bylaw.

As an alternative, Mr. Murphy said, he will advise the cafe owners to continue to operate, risking a show-down by Police Court prosecution on their right to earn a livelihood in their business.

The three Chinese restaurant proprietors each received a letter from License Inspector Urquhart, written Tuesday, curtly advising them that their licenses are cancelled and that continued operation would result in prosecution.

Further cancellations of Chinese restaurant licenses are understood to be pending. Four more are reported in the balance today.

Last April negotiations were carried on between the Chinese restaurant owners, police officials, Mayor G. C. Miller and License Inspector H. A. Urquhart concerning the employment of white girls in Chinese restaurants.

### AGREEMENT MADE

At that time the city officials asked the Chinese to agree to gradually eliminate the white girl employees. It was suggested that this be done by not re-employing another white girl when the service of one already employed came to an end.

The Chinese would not agree to this, though they promised not to increase the number of white girls then employed.

They said if there were any other complaints against their restaurants they could be dealt with by law. For example, if it was a criminal abuse, the Criminal Code would cover it.

### FIRE 'OBJECTIONABLES'

In a letter to the city officials on May 6 last, the Chinese agreed to dismiss any women from their employ that might be classed as "objectionable." If the police would name any such woman, the letter said, she would be fired. There was no answer to this letter, Murphy said today.

Only comment made today by License Inspector Urquhart on the license cancellations was: "They didn't live up to the assurances they gave."

At the time the fight to eliminate white girls from Chinese restaurants was at its height last spring, the girls themselves made a dramatic plea to be allowed to retain their jobs there. They came to the City Hall to personally beg the committee of officials not to shut down on their means of livelihood.

## Police Seize Potato Truck

### Chinese, 'Ignorant of Law' To Be Treated Leniently

Provincial police, co-operating with the B. C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board, stopped a truck containing 110 sacks of potatoes at the Fraser Avenue bridge, Wednesday. The vegetables were being driven into Vancouver by Wun Long, Chinese grower Bruce Mackay, inspector for the board, ordered the confiscation, asserting that the sacks did not bear tags necessary under provisions of the Marketing Act, and no authority for exporting of potatoes was produced.

Officials of Oppenheimer Bros. Wood, Ltd., agent for the B. C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board, today stated that although the potatoes are being held at the agency, confiscation is only temporary.

It is said the shipper was ignorant that he was breaking the law.

The potatoes, the agency stated, will be placed in properly tagged sacks for the shipper and sold by the agency for him, with his permission.

## Three Cafes To Fall in Line

### Chinese Decide to Discharge White Girls by Oct. 1

Events moved swiftly in Chinatown today as the city's ban on the employment of white waitresses in Chinese cafes was assured of success by Oct. 1.

Although proprietors of three cafes whose licenses had not been cancelled in the city's first drive said this morning that they had no intention of discharging their female help, the Chinese Benevolent Association, through its secretary, Foon Sien, advised City Prosecutor Oscar Orr at noon that the reluctant operators have decided to abide by the civic ruling.

Notice has been given to all the white waitresses that their employment will cease on Friday.

(See also Page 13)

## White Girls Treated Well

### Would Rather Work for Chinese Than Many Others

By CHRISTY McDEVITT

In the controversy raging over the employment of white girls in Chinese restaurants, many of the waitresses insist that they are "perfectly satisfied" with working conditions, wages, treatment at the hands of their employers and, one of them declared emphatically, she would rather work for a Chinese than for any other restaurant owner in the city.

In the Hong Kong Cafe, 126 East Pender Street, right in the heart of Chinatown, there are seven white girls employed.

Kay Martin, who has been there more than one year, declared her willingness to continue under present conditions.

"I would much prefer working for a Chinese employer than for some other nationalities," she told me.

"She wonders what the 'old women' who are trying to get the girls out of Chinatown would do for them when they lose their jobs.

### 'TREAT US SWELL'

"They treat us swell," she said. "We work eight hours each day, seven days a week and are paid good wages.

"There is never any trouble with the boss. Of course, some of the customers try to date us up at different times but that happens in the best of restaurants.

"We are not compelled to go out with anybody."

Another Hong Kong Cafe waitress, Dorothy Crutchley, who has been there six months, voiced similar sentiments.

In the Gee Kong Cafe, 168 East Pender Street, there are five white girls and two Chinese.

Two of the girls there, Gladys Hall and Betty Lenhardt, said they had no grievance about their working conditions.

Many of the girls have had previous experience in other local cafes, and declare they receive finer treatment from the Chinese than from a lot of the "high-class places."

### ILLEGAL MEDDLING

The general feeling of the girls is that they are being meddled with by persons who do not understand their position.

One girl was particularly bitter in her condemnation of "a bunch of fussy old bridge-playing gossips who are self-appointed directors of morals for the girls in Chinatown."

"They are bound to get us out of here," she complained, "but what will they do for us then."

"We must live and heaven knows if a girl is inclined to go wrong, she can do it just as readily on Granville Street as she can down here."

In six Chinatown restaurants, where the girls were interviewed, the feeling was one of perfect satisfaction.

While some of the places visited were untidy, most of them seemed clean and sanitary. The girls are all young, many of them attractive and apparently of decent families.

The Chinese employers were non-committal and left the matter entirely to the girls.

According to City License Inspector H. A. Urquhart there are eight Chinese restaurants in the city employing white girls.

The girls are prepared to appear at City Hall again as they did last spring to make a plea on their own behalf.

### PROBLEM OF WHITE GIRLS

"I am very dissatisfied with conditions existing in these restaurants in Chinatown," Mayor Miller said.

"As far as I am concerned, I will oppose the reissuing of the licenses unless they agree to employ only male help."

The Mayor emphatically denied that he had ever agreed to any proposition that the number of white girls employed in Chinatown should be maintained at the same figure it was at the time of last Spring's meeting.

"I certainly never agreed to having new girls replace those already there," he said. "The understanding was that the number of girls would be gradually decreased."

"I have had complaints from the police on the activities down there and they are not satisfied with the conduct of the white girls in the Chinese restaurants.

"Following the reports that I had from police, I instructed our license department to make an inspection, and acting on the recommendation of the chief of police, Mr. Urquhart suspended the licenses of these three restaurants.

"A check-up is being made of the remaining restaurants in Chinatown," the Mayor added.

Under the city charter the restaurant owners have a right to make a direct appeal to Council for rein-

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## Operate Without License

### Police Summons Three Pender Street Owners

## Must Appear In Court Monday

Summonses charging three Chinese restaurant operators with conducting restaurants without a license, returnable Monday, were issued at police headquarters today.

Those charged are Toy Wing, 61 East Pender Street; C. Ting, 126 East Pender Street, and Harry Lee, 168 East Pender Street.

Their licenses cancelled, and with a threat of prosecution hanging over them, three Chinese-owned cafes on Pender Street, remained open for business today.

Meanwhile Denis Murphy, counsel for the Hong Kong Cafe, 126 East Pender Street; the Gee Kong Cafe, 168 East Pender Street; and the B.C. Royal Cafe, 61 East Pender Street, contemplates seeking an injunction against the city to restrain it from preventing the owners from earning a livelihood in the cafe business.

Two police officers who entered the Hong Kong Cafe, Thursday afternoon, informed the proprietor, Charlie Ting, that he would be summoned today.

All three restaurants were notified by City License Inspector H. A. Urquhart when their licenses were cancelled Sept. 14, that continued operation would result in prosecution. Licenses of four other cafes are also reported in jeopardy.

Reason for the cancellation of the licenses was given by Mr. Urquhart in reply to a letter from Mr. Murphy asking for this information.

"The licenses in question," said the Inspector's letter, "have been cancelled principally for the reason that the assurance given to the Mayor on the question of the employment of white girls in certain Chinese restaurants, has not been lived up to."

## Waitresses Plead For Their Jobs

A delegation of sixteen waitresses from the three Chinese restaurants which have had their licenses cancelled by the city, visited the City Hall this afternoon to interview Mayor George C. Miller.

Margaret West, spokesman for the delegation, said the waitresses are requesting the mayor to intervene against the ban that bars them from employment in these cafes. The mayor was unable to see the delegation.

Miss West said the waitresses were discharged two days ago without any explanation although they had been permitted to eat in the cafes since then.

The waitresses, of whom there are about thirty in Chinese cafes, have no complaints regarding their work and intend to make a strong protest against the ban, said Miss West.

Additional details of the cafe situation appear on Page 2.

statement, and it is expected that they will come before next meeting of City Council, Tuesday afternoon. Between 30 and 40 white girls were employed in the restaurants in Chinatown at the time of last Spring's inquiry.

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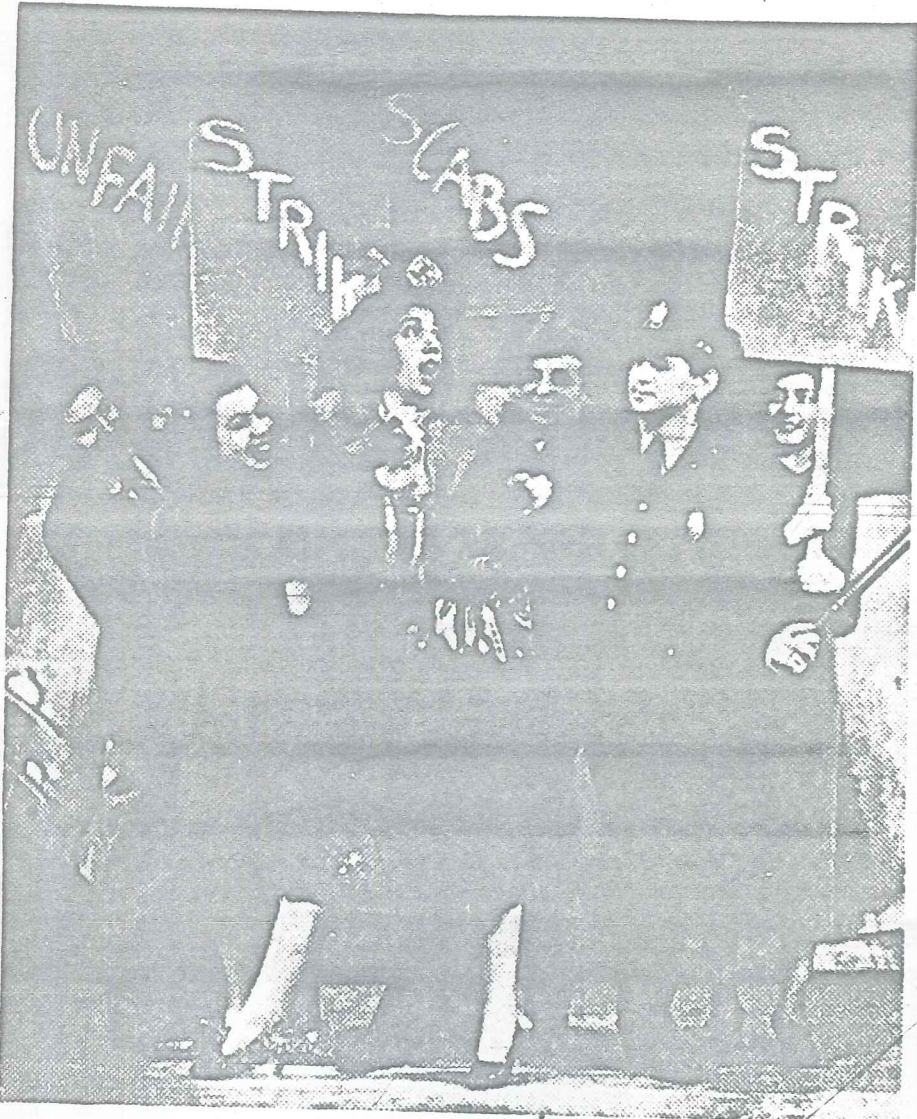
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# 'Pins and Needles'



A scene from the sensational musical revue, "Pins and Needles," to be staged by the ILGWU Players at the Empress Theatre here on September 19 and 20.

## Famous Revue To Be Staged In City Soon

ILGWU Players Will Appear In "Pins And Needles," Big Hit Of Broadway.

### UNION SPONSORSHIP

From 'sitdown' strike against the revue to membership in Equity because of it is the history of "Pins and Needles," the unusual musical revue which the garment workers of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union are presenting at the Empress Theatre here September 19 and 20, with an extra matinee on Tuesday, September 20.

The cast never dreamed that the show would be such a success, in fact, when the proposal was first made it was against producing it. Instead the ILGWU Players asked for something more orthodox until convinced that the revue provided an ideal form for a labor play.

No stage musical in the history of the theatre has met with such astounding success. Songs from the score, "Sing Me a Song With Social Significance," "Doing the Reactionary" and many others are now New York night club favorites.

Fascism and Nazism come in for a good share of the bitter barbs. "The Mussolini Handicap" scene, in which Il Duce awards prizes for women producing the greatest families of future cannon fodder is an excellent scene, as is "Four Little Angels of Peace," in which Hitler, Mussolini, the Mikado and Chamberlain wind up by destroying each other.

Local 276 of the ILGWU in Vancouver is sponsoring the appearance of the play in this city and has arranged a fashion show of union-made ladies' coats and suits during the performance.

Tickets are on sale at Kellys, 659 Granville street, priced at 50

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## North Shore

favor of a parks commission, representing all lower mainland municipalities, immediately acquiring the property by obtaining a loan under the Municipal improvements assistance act and have signified their willingness to pay a nominal weekly fee until the loan is repaid.

Suggestion is also made that the park commission should buy the Heep timber at market value. If

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## Liberals

There was little discussion on the resolution to stop all Oriental immigration into Canada, Mrs. Main being the only delegate to raise the question of alarming Japanese control of British Columbia's natural resources. A resolution to include the Doukhobors in the Oriental resolution was ruled out of order by the chairman.

Similarly, a resolution favoring



# A Reply to "This Freedom"

By A SPINSTER



A slashing retort to the charge that women are more suited to the home than business life

In the July 15 MacLean's "A Business Woman" writing under the title, "This Freedom," vehemently criticized the entry of women into business and argued that young women today should be encouraged to marry and forget business "careers." This article stimulated a deluge of replies, of which this is one. Others will appear in subsequent issues.—The Editor.

I READ "This Freedom" with incredulity. Maybe it was written by a woman, but it has strange masculine overtones.

Its author believes that a woman is unwise to enter the business world, because if she wears clothes other than fig leaves, eats food and has a roof over her head, she cannot save enough money to retire when she reaches middle age. She then collapses and is likely to be replaced by a younger woman.

The married woman, however, according to the article, faces this time in her life "with a feeling of security." When tired, she relaxes on a chesterfield and listens to the radio while her husband brings her a fur coat.

"Business Woman" suggests further that in an argument with her man, a wife always has the last word.

She thinks the present slump has arisen because women cut down on the baby supply; consequently there are not enough people to use available commodities and trade stagnates.

She suggests that most economic problems would be solved if a brave government arranged a labor quota for women, trained the rest for domestic service, and conscripted them "to build up the nation not in the factory but in the home."

I judge they would be coerced into bearing children to populate "our waste spaces."

And—crowning joy—she wants the married woman "elevated to the position she used to hold."

She finds women incapable of friendship with women, but a "man's friendship with a man is a religion in itself."

She is forty years old, has been twenty-one years in

business, and knows women "like a cat knows milk and then some."

## A Woman Who Knows Men

NOW when it comes to appraising women, and men, I suggest that I have an advantage over her.

I'm ten years older and happier, and have been six years longer in the wage market.

My mother died when I was nine. I was brought up by a man. I had twice as many brothers as sisters, also two boy cousins close at hand.

I swam, bicycled, skated, paddled with boys and girls; more boys than girls.

As a young woman I taught in a man's country. Part of this time I lived alone, many miles from the railway, in a log cabin from which there was no sight of other human habitation.

I remember I ran out of coal oil, and for several nights had no light but a flicker from a cotton rag in a saucer of pork fat.

Bachelors came many miles to visit the only unmarried woman in the neighborhood.

Later I taught in a town in which men largely outnumbered women.

I was a bookkeeper in a large city and a police woman in the seaport with the most mixed foreign population in Canada.

I now meet men and women in industry, professions, business, manual occupations.

I sit in the drawing-rooms and kitchens of the wealthy. I have talked endlessly with prostitutes, drunkards, thieves, procurers, criminals of all types; have guarded women

struggling unwillingly back from the borders of death to face charges of murder.

I've seen men and women fight for their lives from the prisoner's dock, witnessed the grief of honorable families when prison doors closed behind their best beloved, have heard a mother's screams when her seventeen-year-old son was sentenced to lashes and penal servitude for life.

I know our saddest hospital wards; have had many contacts with the insane.

I have been in old-fashioned bars, cabarets, Chinese gambling houses, beer parlors, brothels.

I visit countless normal homes.

I know not only women but men "as a cat knows milk and then some."

## Conditions for Women Workers Improving

I SUGGEST that all life is a mixture of joy and sorrow, vice and virtue, success and failure; that marriage is not a cure-all, that "this freedom" has greatly increased opportunities for women, that if the latter have not often succeeded in business it is because men have made it a game difficult to play honorably. I have found loyal friendship and good sportsmanship more common among women than men, and have learned that a drinking or drug-using girl is no more degraded than a man similarly afflicted.

"Business Woman" says few women reach conspicuous business success.

What constitutes success?

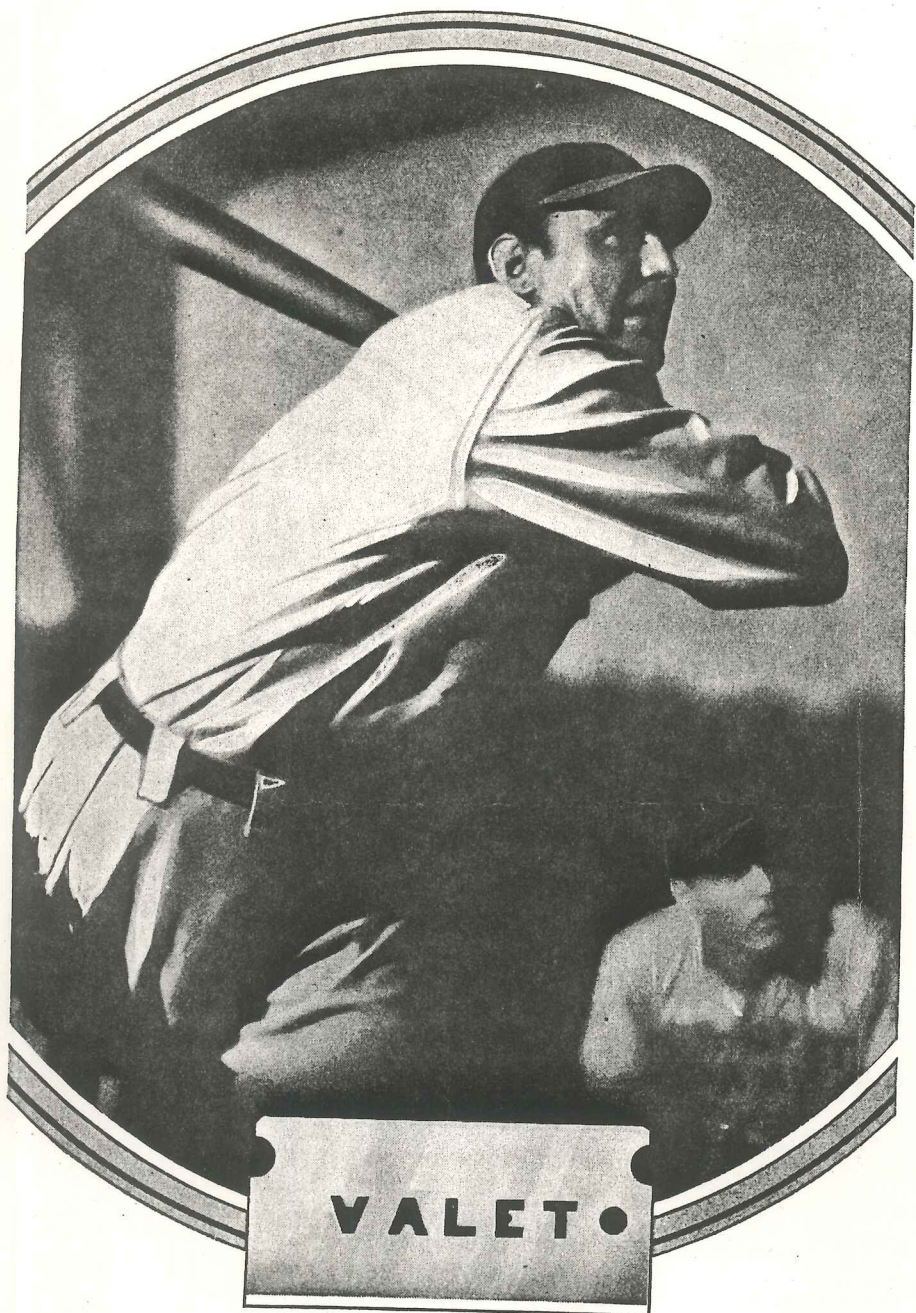
Is it not usually buying in the cheapest market and selling in the dearest, giving as little and taking as much as possible?

In our province men offered themselves in especially large numbers for overseas service. While they lived—and many of them died—when their loved ones at home existed from newspaper to newspaper, and casualty lists and telegrams

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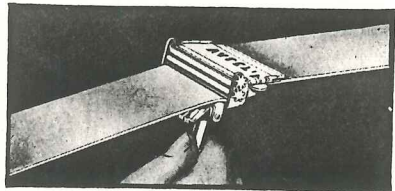
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firmly into the wound it had inflicted. In this hot weather it soon melted. She was dead before that occurred.

"The effect on Christina was exactly what might have been foreseen. Those who feel themselves called by Heaven to take action against the powers of evil, and who are greatly successful, develop immediately a spiritual pride that is nearly if not quite insanity. Christina constituted herself the protector of the Gregor family. When she heard that Dundas suspected you, Captain Gregor, she marked him down for destruction. The room above his, as you know, is empty. All she had to do was to wait there till he leaned out of his window and he did that no doubt at very frequent intervals on account of the heat. She knew that McDonald and I were coming upstairs; she heard Dundas wish us good night. He appeared below her. The block of ice was not shattered in this instance, for there is no spike above Dundas's room. It rolled down the bank and went splashing into the burn. The current carried it out into the loch. The procedure was the same in Barley's case except that a bait was necessary to induce him to walk under the window. It was supplied by the dropping of a preliminary block of ice. The resulting thud and splash, heard at the moment when he was about to arrest you, Mrs. Gregor, naturally excited his liveliest interest."

He stopped and bowed his head.

"I planned tonight," he said in tones of deep regret, "to excite Christina's fears and

direct her hostility against myself. That was the object of my visit to the nurse and of the directions I gave. I succeeded to well. I had arranged my hat in such a way that, when I pulled on a thread, it would swing out from the French window. Christina was guilty I felt sure she would strike again. Then, as I coughed to give the signal, Duchlan appeared. As you know, shouted; but it was too late."

He drew a long deep breath.

"The knowledge that she had killed her master, was sentence of death to the woman at the window," he added. "Her fall did not kill her; as soon as she knew herself to be alive she rushed headlong down the bank to the water."

The chorus of the birds filled all the spaces of morning. McDonald rose stiffly dragging his leg.

"I believe," he said, "that the ice came from the Ardmore fishmonger. There are herring scales on every square inch of his walls and floors."

*The End*

Now that "The Silver Scale" is ended and you can say either, "Well, what did I tell you!" or "What do you know about that!" we advise you to take it easy until you receive your October 1st issue of MacLean's, in which will appear the first chapter of "There's No Such Word," a new novel by none other than Roland Pertwee. Here is a story which makes you catch your breath and giggle at the same time. So we want you to feel fit before you start it.—The Editor.

## A Reply to "This Freedom"

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poured in, some of our best citizens purveyed army supplies at a handsome profit. Some increased the misery of wives and families at home by selling them necessities at inflated prices.

Many of our city's older successful business men owe their prosperity largely to the personal use they were able to make of the sorrows of the world.

I am neither muckraker nor a sob sister. I was a bookkeeper on Wholesale Row during the war.

One of our millionaires made his fortune in peace times selling to Canadians bread made from Canadian wheat at more than twice the price at which bread made from Canadian wheat was being sold in England.

I know only one outstandingly successful business woman. She owns and manages an industrial plant. She has a comfortable home, a yacht, motor cars, European trips, and her children enjoy university educations. When our Minimum Wage bill was introduced in Parliament, she went to the Capital to lobby. She wanted the number of employees that she could call apprentices increased, so that while she took thousands of dollars annually out of the business she could clip fifty cents or a dollar from meagre weekly wages of adolescent girls toiling in her service.

I don't blame such women, but I don't want many women to succeed when success has to be won that way.

Nor do I want women to run away from industry. We have mothered legislation making it easier for workers. Let us stick, not to make fortunes, but to make life easier for all humanity.

"Business Woman" thinks that men's discrimination against women is "modern." In reality it is less marked than ever before.

Man always viewed women wage earners as they did foreigners, as intruders to be suppressed if possible.

Formerly they fought them with a degree of viciousness which they dare not show now.

We were excluded from universities, forbidden to practise medicine or law, to sit on legislative bodies.

Discourtesies shown the first Canadian women studying medicine were unprintable, but women doctors and lawyers are now accepted as a matter of course.

Women principals of city schools were

almost unknown of old; now they are slowly making their way into this field.

Women in industry are better off than ever before.

Minimum Wage and Factory Acts have metamorphosed conditions in most provinces. I understand that Quebec, which is lauded in "This Freedom," is backward in social legislation.

Air, light, sanitation, space, hours of labor, wages, are now controlled by law.

Conditions for female workers are steadily improving.

### Married Women are not Secure

ARE married women financially secure? I'll tell the world they're not.

We have Mothers' Pension Acts and crèches solely for women who have found matrimony an unreliable meal ticket.

To the latter mothers take their children and sit for long, dreary days waiting for disagreeable, badly paid work. Sometimes they get it, sometimes they don't.

We have also a Relief Department.

I visited the head of its women's division, an old friend. I said that I had not come officially but about a somewhat personal matter.

Her eyes twinkled. "Has your husband left you?" she demanded. "And did he beat you before he went?"

"That's funny," I replied. "Do you assume that an applicant for relief is married and deserted and is often beaten by her husband?"

I told her what I wanted.

"The number of unmarried women we help is almost negligible," she replied. "Those who apply are nearly always older when they first come than are their married sisters."

Our Government Labor Bureau gives the same report. They have an overwhelmingly greater number of applications from married women than single ones.

The latter, mostly accustomed to the labor market, know the ropes, have a connection. Being childless, they fit into many positions unavailable to women with dependents.

In our province in 1930, 19.67 per cent of the women in industry were married; 3.68 per cent were widows.

Among public women in our city we have



had two moving picture censors, both married; two Juvenile Court judges, one married; two factory inspectors, one married, one a widow; two inspectors of our Women's Police Division, one a widow, one married. The head executive woman in our Mothers' Pensions Department was married; the head executive of the women's department in the Relief office is a widow.

Some married women enjoy greater luxury than most working women achieve. Hundreds of them have less, and when forced into the labor market are at a disadvantage.

Business is full of married women who are not sitting on chesterfields or wearing fur coats.

Thousands of hard-working men cannot buy their wives either of those articles.

**Penniless Wives of Rich Men**

WHAT of the man who will not give his wife money?

Years ago I belonged to a Canadian organization which included members from all over the world. There I met the wife of an extremely wealthy Canadian. We were building a clubhouse, and she tried in vain to get her husband to give us five hundred dollars. I heard long after that she had left him without taking a cent and was running a tea room. I wondered if she had wanted some spending money of her own.

Nor does a married woman always have the last word in a marital dispute.

Mrs. Cantor is a charming woman, graduate of a Canadian university. Her husband provides plenty of chesterfields and fur coats. One evening they had a quarrel about a girl friend of his and he put his wife into one of their bathtubs, turned on the tap, and held her there till she was half-drowned. He wasn't drunk. Women sometimes marry that kind.

"Business Woman" wants married women "elevated" to the position they used to hold.

How far back shall we go? To the days when men had the power of death over their wives, and commonly chained them in the cellar when annoyed?

Would she prefer a later era when a man was forbidden to beat his wife with a rod "thicker than his thumb," when her property automatically became his when she married, and he could give it to the first strumpet that pleased his fancy?

How about the period during which she entered business? In British Columbia at that time a married couple could hew a home out of the living forest, but it was the man's property. She could bear and rear children under unspeakable difficulties, but they were his. He was the "paramount parent." Short of sending them away from her overseas, he alone could decide every item of their destiny.

It was only when freedom-loving women got the vote and Mary Ellen Smith sat in Parliament that the Equal Guardianship Act was passed and married women were given at least some share in property they had helped to create.

**More Children Not Needed**

NOR do I want women conscripted to "build up the nation" as mothers.

In the days of slavery in the United States, negroes, like cattle, were expected to bear children whether they wanted them or not. Even then, slave owners had some ideas of eugenics. Stories of those times are not pretty.

Multiplying consumers will not help. There are enough empty stomachs now.

Nor will populating waste spaces overcome the difficulties. Some men who settled in wildernesses and made them blossom like

the rose cannot find markets for their produce.

Nor is it the women who have taken men's jobs. Machinery took work from men and women.

And if men, who so largely run the world, had moderate intelligence, modern inventions would have released much leisure for self-improvement and enjoyment.

Have men moderate intelligence?

I ask you.

Men divide legislatures into hostile camps. When anyone suggests that anything be done, the other groups find fault, criticize, obstruct. Ninety per cent of the energy of parliaments is absorbed by friction. We joke about it. And yet it's stark tragedy in a hungry world.

Co-operation cuts costs, multiplies production. Men consume most of their productive energy in ruinous competition.

Seven milk wagons pass our door every morning.

Men create straw companies, obtain charters, and sell for a million dollars that which costs almost nothing. They produce a commodity for our use, and we are forever burdened with the interest on a million dollars. They create on paper seven shares where one existed before. They sell us an essential of life, say power, and make ten per cent on their stock; that is, seventy per cent on their investment.

We pay these manipulators killing tribute when we light the gas for a humble cup of tea or turn an electric light button. Factories pay killing tribute before they turn a wheel to provide us with food or clothing. They re-collect the money by long hours and scanty pay for workers and high prices for their product.

So at forty a Business Woman is "fed up." I do not blame her.

The solution of the difficulty is not marriage, nor the criticizing of women for conditions produced mostly by men. The solution lies in the release of intelligence and the observance of the Golden Rule. The solution is to be found only in co-operation in business and an understanding of finance that will check the rapidly growing power of a few individuals to collect interest on paper assets.

**Men Not Better Sports Than Women**

BUSINESS WOMAN" says men are better sports than women. I don't agree. Men will freeze out partners to whom they owe loyalty, and undermine each other in business and the professions. That is, many of them do.

Boys and men inform about their companions in law-breaking more quickly and more often than do girls or women.

I have no quarrel with men. I like them when they have a becoming humility. But many of them have been spoiled, and a spoiled man, like a spoiled child, is unhappy himself and makes every one else miserable.

Mother Nature intended that men and women, married and single, should live together in this world. Common sense demands that we live decently and joyously.

Alongside of graft and corruption, kindliness and a growing knowledge that the other fellow's comfort is as important as our own are rapidly increasing.

Woman's greater power of expression in private and public life has helped to bring this to pass.

When we reincarnate, as "Business Woman" plans to do, we are going to find the world so greatly improved that she, as a married woman, and I, in the spinsterhood I intend to retain, will be happier than either the married woman or spinster dreams of being today.

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**AS A DRAUGHT**

*from a mountain*

*spring . . .*

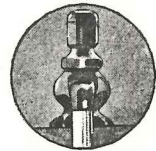
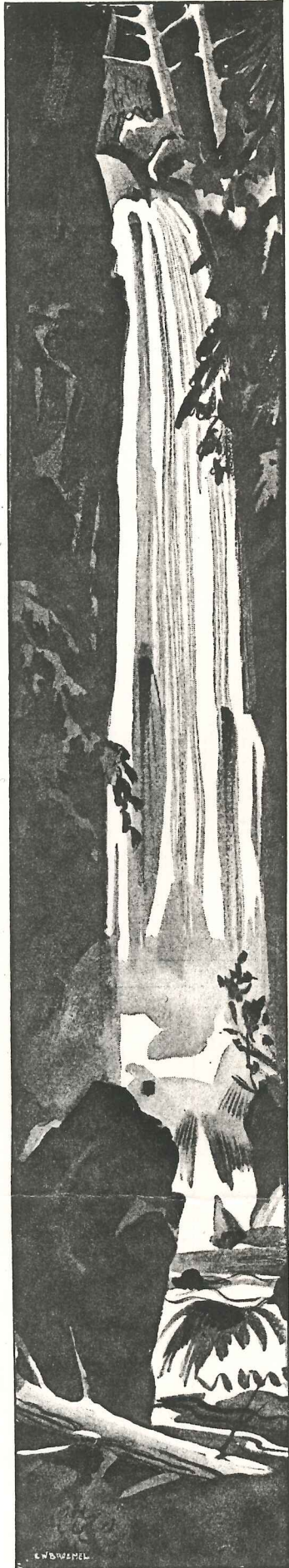
No spring-fed mountain stream splashing over jagged rocks is more invigorating than the refreshing draught that runs from the tap labeled "Ice Water" in every Statler bathroom. And, surely, none is more welcome to the traveler.

There it is to quench his thirst . . . instantly available at all hours of the day or night . . . a cool, sparkling-clear supply of pure, filtered water. Behind the tap, in cork insulated pipes, it is in constant circulation. It moves through the cooling coils, up through the hotel and then back through the cooling coils again; so that it is always live and palatably cold.

Before the first Statler was built, thirst was not as easily quenched as now. You rang for ice water and then you endured both the unpleasantness of waiting and the inconvenience of admitting a bell boy to your room. The water and ice that were brought you were only too often handled insanitarily, and you — if you were like most — felt impelled by common custom to tip.

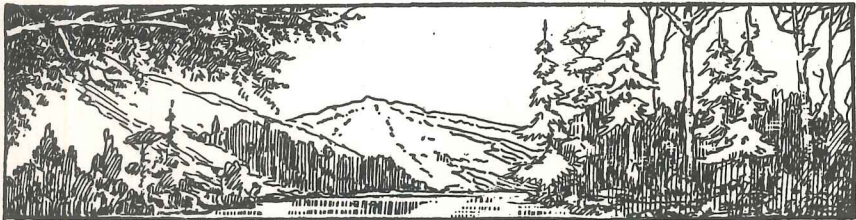
But the Statler Hotels put an end to these inconveniences. They first built a private bathroom with shower in every room, and first devised and installed circulating ice water systems.

These hotels did away with many other discomforts, too. They were the first to see that a bed-head reading lamp, a full-length mirror, free radio reception and a morning newspaper under the door were necessary to establish that criterion of comfort and convenience—the modern hotel. And the Statler organization does not rest content with its achievements, but seeks constantly an even higher degree of perfection.



**HOTELS. STATLER**

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# Conditions In Laundry At Hospital Hit

**Forty Girls Working In  
Over-crowded Building;  
Fainting Fits Common  
Occurrences**

## UNION NEEDED

Inquiries made by the PA into conditions existing in the laundry of the Vancouver General, of which there are many complaints both from girls employed there and their parents, show the need for sweeping improvements.

While the hospital has been enlarged, with consequent additions to the staff, and all washing required at the Haro Street Children's Hospital is done at this laundry, there has been no enlargement of the now over-crowded building in which over forty girls work.

Danger of electric shock from washing machines prevents the girls from wearing comfortable footwear needed for the concrete floor. Toilet facilities, too, are inadequate.

On the excuse that the mangles will cool off, windows are kept shut with the result that the laundry is constantly filled with steam. Fainting fits are common occurrences and insufficient provision for these cases prevents proper care.

Girls work nine hours a day for 28 1/4 cents an hour, the bare minimum wage. Girls are worked each Sunday preceding or after statutory holidays for the reason that there is no reserve of linen to permit a shut-down on these occasions.

Need for the enactment of the Trade Union Act is demonstrated in this laundry, officials of which threaten to dismiss any who take steps to introduce the Laundry Workers' Union.

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# WORKING WIVES' NUMBER ABOUT 4000 IN B. C.

## Labor Department Statistics Concerning Married Women on B. C. Payrolls—Many Employed as Part-Time Workers in Canneries and Stores.

*To work, or not to work, that is the question;  
Whether 'tis better for women to be idle  
And languish in unutterable boredom,  
Or to go to work and earn some pin money,  
And, having earned it—spend it!*

THE hue and cry against women working in offices has at last reached the Coast after having held the attention of labor students in England and Eastern Canada.

The number of married women working in British Columbia is set out by statistics compiled by department of labor of British Columbia. These show that 19.79 per cent. of the employed women of this province are married. In 1928 there were 19,377 women working, of whom 3835 were married. Some 7950 women were employed for less than a year, mostly on part-time labor.

The latter class, which includes more than one-third of the female employment reported, is concerned chiefly with canning and mercantile work, the former industry employing part-time labor in the summer and fall and the latter at Christmas time.

### MARRIED OFFICE WORKERS TOTAL 444.

The following figures are given in the report of the minimum wage board respecting married women employed in British Columbia in 1928, with the remark that the situation does not vary materially from year to year: Mercantile work, 739; laundry, 329; public housekeeping (restaurants), 742; office, 448; manufacturing, 503; personal service, 73; telephone and telegraph, 133; fishing, 5; fruit and vegetable (canning), 261.

Single women working during the same period were employed as follows: Mercantile, 3297; laundry, 1090; public housekeeping, 3499; office, 4668; manufacturing, 2324; personal service, 349; telephone and telegraph, 1898; fishing, 15; fruit and vegetable, 2150.

Enquiries made by officials of the labor department, it is declared, show that most married women are working because of economic necessity. In many cases their pay envelope is the sole support of their family, often it is only enough to supplement the wages of the husband for bare necessities.

### TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL INVESTIGATES.

Recently an investigation made in Toronto by the trades and professional committee of the Local Council of Women showed that 35 per cent. of working married women had to support themselves, 8 per cent. had to support their mothers, 13 per cent. were working to support their children, and 4 per cent. to assist in supporting themselves. Twenty-eight per cent. did not have to support themselves, but claimed financial obligations, such as doctor bills and mortgages, which made employment advisable. Five per cent. were working to provide for old age, and 1 per cent. to make their homes more comfortable.

It is claimed by some persons that a greater number of single women work for "pin money" than married women and that the number of unmarried women supporting themselves is small in comparison to those of the married class.

### ENGLISHWOMAN TO UPHOLD SITUATION.

One of the most notable champions of the "working wives" is Lady Rhonda who for the past few years has valiantly championed women's freedom against the onslaught of labor. Recently Hon. J. H. Thomas, Lord Privy Seal of England, who has been attempting to find a solution for the unemployment problem, brought the matter into the limelight with an attack on the "not uncommon pest of pin-money women." Lady Rhonda, one of the most successful British business women, took up the cudgels and in the following interview ex-

pressed her opinion of the economic position of married women.

"It is ridiculous to say that it is against the interests of the nation for women to work," she declared. "Everybody works, or is kept by somebody else. All wealth is produced by work. It is obvious that the more workers a nation has the more prosperous a nation will become. Few women are engaged on the pin-money basis. Most of them work because they need the money."

"No human being, and it matters not a rap whether that human being is a man or woman, has the right to remain idle or semi-idle, and no human being has the right to expect the community, through the medium of her father or her husband, to keep her if she is not giving her full day's work in return. If the small family has come to stay, then with it must come the realization that motherhood is no longer a full time job; it is not in itself sufficient to justify existence."

The present position of women in England she describes as "halfway house." They have been given freedom, but they have not been given training, opportunity, or the sense of responsibility that would teach them to use that freedom wisely.

## 10,000 Germans Plan Migration To Canada

Most Are Farm Workers But Some Will Bring Capital.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—Ten thousand Germans will settle in Canada during 1930, according to the estimate given by Paul Setow, editor of *Der Canadische Herald*, a monthly organ published here with the view of fostering closer commercial relations between Germany and Canada.

This figure represents an increase of 2000 over last year. Setow maintains close contact with prospective emigrants throughout the country and also with those already in Canada. He says the new settlers will be mostly agricultural, but some domestics will be included, and also a number of men with capital, seeking an opportunity to establish business where taxation is not so burdensome as here.

Asked regarding the effect of the publication here recently of a series of letters from disgruntled settlers, in which Canada is referred to as "a land of slave drivers and coal traders," Setow said little harm had been done.

"I have received a hundred letters myself from Germans who have made a success in Canada," he said. "It is only a disgruntled minority and chronic grouchers who write such letters. They should not have gone in the first place. No country, in my opinion, is better suited for trained German agriculturists willing to do a decent day's work; nor do I think Canada can find a better type of foreign-speaking immigrant."

Setow himself leaves in May to make a coast-to-coast tour of Canada.

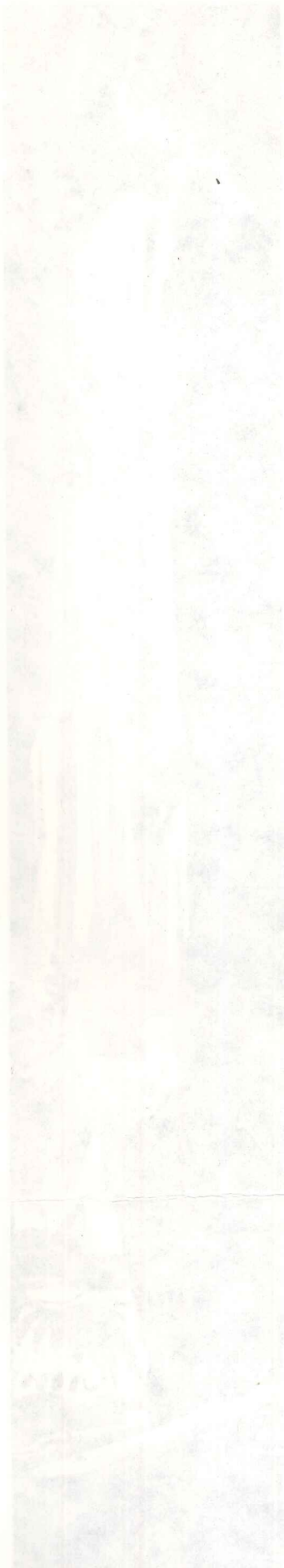
## SPRING FASHIONS SHOWN AT 'FAMOUS'

Very smart women in new thinking in terms of spring clothes, and accordingly 'Famous' comes to the fore with an advance showing of delightful and critically different modes for spring. The spring coats take on distinctly new effects—there is the flared coat, the straight line models, the cape effects, the Bolero. You will find them all at 'Famous'—developed in tweeds and new fibre weaves, spoolens, or-

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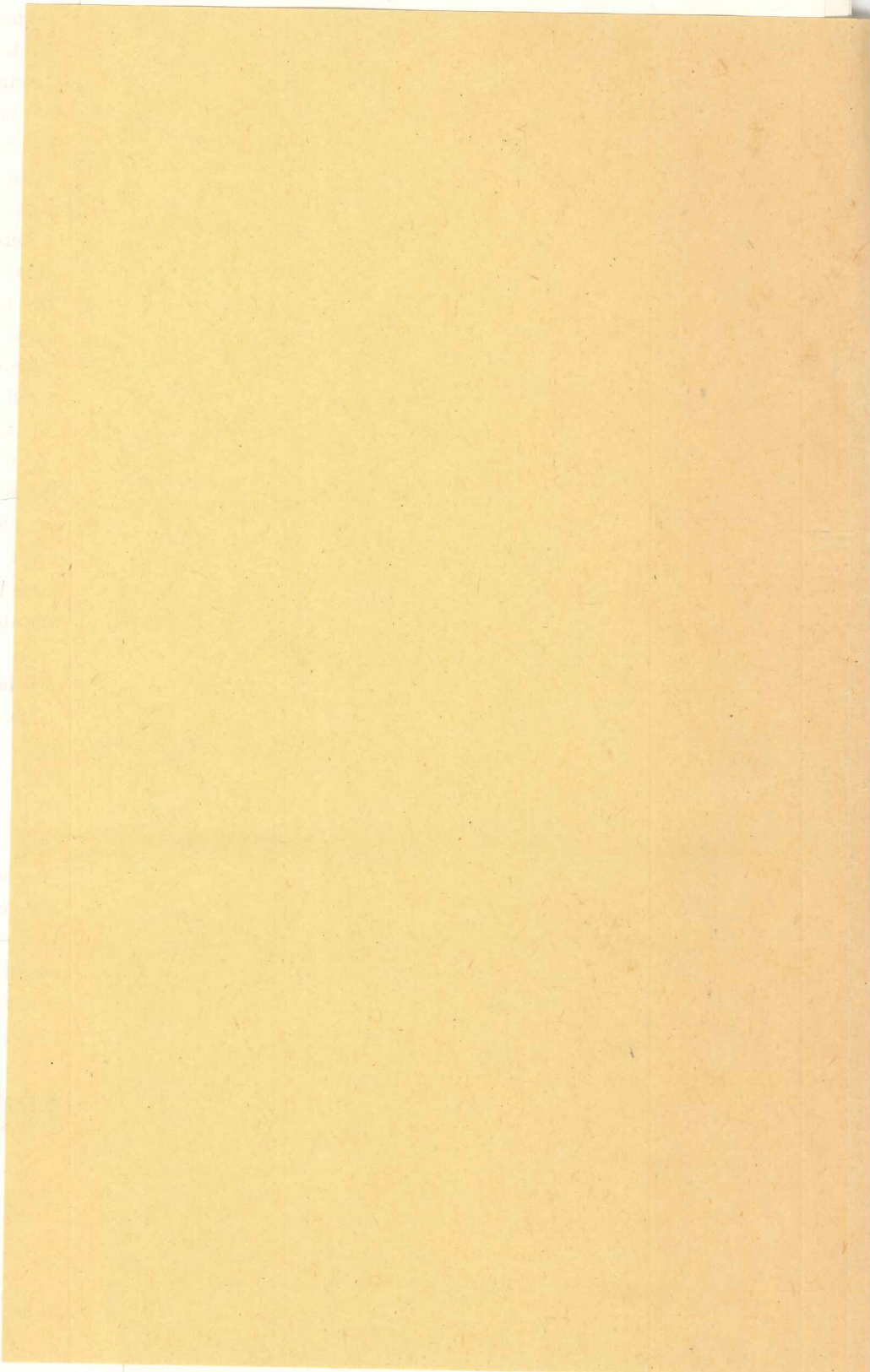
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