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Eastern Collieries of Bienfait, Ltd.

MINERS AND SHIPPERS OF
High Grade Lignite Coal

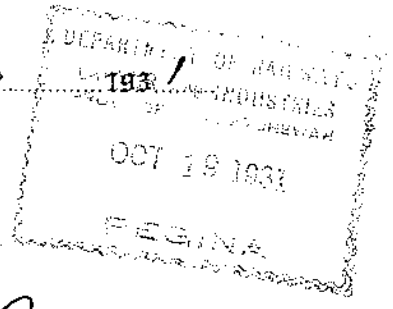
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Mine at Bienfait

*M. Malloy Esq
Deputy Minister of Labour
Regina Sask.*

Dear Sir:

*I am enclosing a leaflet
that is being broadcast around
here by the thousand. I thought
you might be interested in seeing
it*

*Yours truly
Edw. Luce Jr*

Protest Against Brutal Murder of Miners in Estevan!

**Demand Immediate Withdrawal of Armed Government Forces
from Strike Area and Punishment of Murderers!**

HELP THE STRIKERS IN THEIR HARD STRUGGLE!

Workers and Farmers! Sympathizers of the struggles of toiling masses against their exploiters and oppressors! Raise your mighty protest against this latest brutal and murderous attack of the armed forces of capitalism against the working class of Canada. Following all kinds of terrorizing measures against the impoverished and starving masses of workers and farmers, and the attack upon their rights and free speech, press and organization, the capitalists of Canada are now using their armed forces for massacring the unarmed workers peacefully demonstrating for the purpose of gaining sympathy for their demands.

On Tuesday, September 29th, several hundred miners of Bienfait, Sask., who are on strike, went on trucks and cars to the nearby city of Estevan, for the purpose of advertising a meeting that was to take place in the Estevan Town Hall in the evening to win the sympathy of Estevan workers for the Bienfait strikers. They carried some banners upon which the demands of the strikers were inscribed, but no fire-arms or any weapons whatsoever. All they intended to do was to hold a peaceful demonstration. Their wives and children were also with them. As soon as they reached Estevan, their trucks and cars, some of them decorated with Union Jacks, were attacked by the Mounted and local police.

The police attempted to stop the parade and arrest Martin Day, on the advice of Chief McCutcheon of Estevan, having previously incensed the miners by trying to break the windows of the cars with their loaded sticks. The miners defended their comrade and Chief McCutcheon, without any warning, started to shoot, followed by the Mounties. Men leaving Estevan to return to Bienfait were fired at and wounded when they attempted to climb on the trucks. People at the windows of nearby houses were shot at. The only weapons used by the strikers in self-defense, were stones and pieces of iron picked up from the streets. This is the toll of this bloody massacre: three dead, eighteen wounded (some of them not expected to live) and twenty-three arrested. Wounded miners were not admitted to the local hospital.

The 100% strike of the coal-miners of Bienfait was called about three weeks ago. Following are the unbearable conditions the miners are fighting against: Average wages amount to 25c per ton of coal; miners have to buy their own powder and pay rent for tools, boots and slickers. They work fourteen to sixteen hours a day and yet practically nothing is left of wages after deductions are made for different charges by the company. The miners are cheated on the weight of the coal dug. They have to buy food and clothing from the Company-owned stores and pay from 100% to 300% higher prices than in private stores. They have to live in company houses and pay exorbitant rentals. The houses are unrepaired. Bunk houses for single men are not fit for human beings to live in. Over and above prices for board, miners are compelled to pay 5c per day for the rent of dishes. They have to pay for the use of water. With one exception, there are no wash houses. Provisions of the Health and Mines Act are not adhered to by the Company. There are no first aid stations, etc., etc.

In order to change these conditions, the miners of Bienfait, for the first time, have successfully organized themselves into the Mine Workers Union of Canada, and put forward the following main demands:

(1) Recognition of the elected pit committees composed of miners working in the mines. (2) The eight hour day. (3) The right to appoint their own check weighman in order to see that they are not cheated on the weight of the coal dug. (4) Right to purchase goods where they please. (5) A minimum wage of \$4.00 for underground workers, \$3.50 for workers above ground and \$2.75 for young workers. (6) Proper housing, fair rents, free tools and powder to be supplied at cost. (7) Pure drinking water to be supplied free. (8) Wash houses to be provided in all camps at fair charge to the miners, etc.

The operators have employed all means in their power to crush the heroic struggle of the miners. They called on the police and militia to terrorize the strikers and arrest their leaders. They are responsible for the attack on the peaceful strikers' demonstration. They have enlisted the aid of the Government in setting up the Royal Commission presumably to enquire into the miners' grievances, but in reality to lull the fighting spirit of the strikers by placing their hope in the "justice" of the Commission's findings. They have enlisted the aid of the Deputy Minister of Labor, Malloy, an A F of L faker, to get the strikers back to work under vague promises of a satisfactory settlement later on. They have temporarily succeeded in getting the men back to work with the aid of the police and troops on the one hand and treacherous manoeuvres of Malloy and part of the strike committee on the other. Some of the demands of the miners were temporarily agreed to; the negotiations to be continued after the findings of the Royal Commission. A dastardly betrayal of the strike is being prepared and the miners are getting ready to continue their struggle in the near future.

This in brief is the situation which demands an immediate action on the part of every thinking worker and poor farmer. The bloody massacre must be answered by the toiling masses with a thunderous protest to the Saskatchewan and Federal Governments, and with assistance greater than ever to the struggling miners of Bienfait.

**RAISE YOUR MIGHTY PROTEST AGAINST THE ESTEVAN MASSACRE!
STOP THE BLOODY HANDS OF THE MURDERERS OF WORKERS!
DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARMED FORCES
FROM THE STRIKE AREA AND THE PUNISHMENT OF MURDERERS!
DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE ARRESTED WORKING
CLASS FIGHTERS!**

**ORGANIZE A UNITED MASS DEFENSE FRONT OF WORKERS AND
FARMERS!**

RAISE AND SEND DEFENSE FUNDS TO:

**CANADIAN LABOR DEFENSE LEAGUE,
Room 308, 331 Bay St., Toronto 2, Ont.**

**ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CANADIAN LABOR DEFENSE LEAGUE.**

Estevan Strike file