

THE WINNIPEG STRIKE.

In three ways, the strike which has reached such a great proportion in Winnipeg is an ominous affair. It began with a refusal by men in the metal trades to arbitrate a demand for increased wages. This refusal was not reasonable; nevertheless a well-nigh complete strike of other trades followed in support of the metal workers—but followed in contravention of right in two respects, namely by violation by some unions of contracts with employers, and by violation by some other unions of the LAWRENCE Act, which forbids public-service employes to strike without notice. The strike as now developed is unreasonable altogether, in part dishonest, and in part illegal. That so large a body of workers takes part in a movement of the kind is disheartening enough to Canadians who think that reason and honesty and respect for law are important things among us.

Suspicion exists that the extent of the industrial unrest in Winnipeg and by all accounts throughout the west is in part fomented by Bolsheviki work and money. However this may be, the trouble is unquestionably largely due to alien immigrants. Canada should assuredly enforce restrictive legislation against the indiscriminate entry to this country of ignorant and fanatical people from other parts of the world.