

Dreaming Of What Might Be: The Knights Of Labor In Ontario, 1880-1900

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railroading frequently offered an opportunity for travel, good wages, and glamour. For many, their first wage-earning experience rescued them from the drudgery and economic uncertainties of farm life.

Employees of the ATSF joined unions, just as peers did elsewhere. And strikes did erupt. For instance, the walkout of the American Railway Union's membership in 1894 to protest the Pullman Company's treatment of its operatives became violent. But Santa Fe men were not especially radical or class-conscious. A majority, for example, showed little desire to reduce their hours of employment. In fact, the unions they formed served as something more than vehicles to boost wages and to improve working conditions. Their dinners, sporting events, lectures, and the like enhanced the quality of life, and their well-developed fraternal insurance plans made the vagaries of life manageable. As Ducker concludes, "the social role was probably more in evidence in the membership's everyday experience than were the unions' economic responsibilities" (p. 168).

From the railroaders' perspective, the ATSF was not the arrogant corporation that members of the People's Party and others often alleged. While the carrier showed a resourcefulness in combating some work stoppages, it allowed employees to organize; at times, it even encouraged them. Santa Fe brass knew that brotherhoods provided order and that they frequently set a proper moralistic tone. Occasionally the railroad had little choice in the matter. If workers had flexed their collective muscles during the depressed days of the 1890s, cancellation of trains would have inflicted serious damage on the corporate treasury. Where the road operated in remote desert country, recruiting capable workers caused endless problems. Trackmen got the right to unionize, even to strike, for the company this was the price of doing business.

Ducker's book is a model study of labor on a major American railroad. Unfortunately, however, he chose to end his inquiry at 1900. Indeed, exciting developments occurred early in the twentieth century, most notably the introduction of scientific management principles in the Topeka shops. Later the impact of dieselization and other labor-saving devices brought a revolution to the ATSF worker. While the Santa Fe is an important carrier, much more data is needed about labor on sister roads before definitive conclusions can be reached about men of the steel rails in the last century and in more recent times.

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DREAMING OF WHAT MIGHT BE: THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR IN ONTARIO, 1880-1900. By Gregory S. Kealey and Bryan Palmer. (Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 1982. xv + 487 pp. \$49.50.)

Reviewed by David J. Bercuson

This is the first and, so far, only history of the Knights of Labor in Ontario, Canada's most industrialized province, in the late nineteenth century. The book is an outgrowth of earlier work by these two labor historians and covers much they have already written on. It is an exhaustive survey of the Knights, which places that organization within the context of the industrializing society of the province, analyzes its structure and ideology, tells of some of the men

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