

Lessons of the Strike

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The asbestos strike was the longest in the history of industrial relations in the province and those who provoked it and prolonged it must now draw up a balance sheet and learn a lesson from it. They must ask themselves particularly if the strike's length could not have been shortened by a spirit of conciliation, vigilant and eager to seize favourable opportunities. Because the strike is not wholly regulated and there remain a number of problems to be solved by negotiations that were interdicted by the strike itself, it is necessary, for the edification of all workers' groups in the province to exhibit the pros and cons of an industrial dispute of such magnitude.

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