

# NO WAGES FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

## MAYOR ASKS BOARD OF ARBITRATION IN OTTAWA

Fifth Week of Strike Approaches  
City Council Takes  
Assisting Strikers.

As the fifth week approaches there is no material change in the strike of carpenters and laborers employed in the woodworking industry at Ottawa. The employers still refuse to deal with the men in a collective way, and despite the requests of such public institutions as the City Council they stand on their dignity and refuse to lay the Justice of their case before an independent court or Board of Arbitration. The men have taken the matter out of their hands and are willing to lay the whole matter before a Board of Arbitration, and asked the Department of Labor to appoint such a board under the Department of Labor unable to do under the existing Industrial Disputes Act, but the department used its good offices in an endeavor to bring about a settlement weeks before the strike actually occurred. Every peaceful means of settlement was exhausted, and it was then, and not until then, that the men laid down their tools.

The Ottawa City Council, through the Mayor, wrote to all of the employers last week asking them to appoint such a board under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, 1917, as amended. In accordance with these instructions, the Mayor has made formal application to the Department of Labor for a Board of Conciliation.

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## LABOR ELECTS ELEVEN MEMBERS IN MANITOBA

Final Returns Show No One Party in Majority.

It was 2 o'clock Saturday morning before the final counting and allocation of the ballots in Winnipeg constituencies was completed. This elected four Norris Government supporters, four Labor, and two Conservative-Crowds hung around the newspaper offices until that hour awaiting the final returns, and chatters went up from the various factions as the results were posted. The Government elected Hon. Thomas Johnson, Duncan Cameron, coal merchant; John Stovel, master printer, and Mrs. Arthur Rogers, whose husband is head of the Crescent Creamery. She is the first woman elected to sit in the Manitoba Legislature.

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## SPECIAL CONVENTION OF BRITISH TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

The agenda for the special convention of the British Trade Union Congress to be held in Central Hall, Westminster, on July 13, has been published and deals with the Irish question, stating that the recent condition is due to the refusal of the British Government to recognize the claim of the Irish people, expressed in a constitutional way for many years, and calls for a truce between all parties of the Irish people themselves, and summons the Government to withdraw its army of occupation, much on the lines of the resolution presented at the board under any condition, and the secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, will preside at the congress, and the executive will have its hands full in convincing the delegates that the railwaymen have obtained by the recent award of the National Arbitration Board as much as they are likely to get.

Mr. Grant Davidson, who is head of perhaps the largest of the factories, says the Ottawa Journal was quite frank in its criticisms in the matter. "It looks as though they have taken the matter out of our hands altogether," he said. He further stated that he would not agree to a board under any condition, and that the mill owners would not appoint a member. It is understood that this is the attitude of the remaining owners.

Mr. Davidson said that the dispute between him, the other mill owners, and their employees, is not a matter that is covered by the Lemieux Act, and that the department has not the power to do so.

"We have nothing to settle, and there is no need of a board. If our men are willing to return to work we will sign a committee of arbitration and talk things over with them. At present our men are not on strike, they have simply quit our employ and are at liberty to go where they please. We will have no dealings with paid agitators," was the way he summed up the situation as far as he was concerned. He further stated that the employers were not particular when the men returned to work.

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## MORE LIGHT RECEIVED ABOUT RUSSIA

BLACKER IS THE PICTURE.

By J. A. P. H. While the Soviet Administration of Russia has made it impossible for the mission from the International Labor Office to visit that country the recent visit of a delegation from the British Trade Union Congress and the British Labor Party has brought back more information about that dark country. The more light that is let into Russia the blacker becomes the picture.

At the time of writing we have at our disposal only the interim report brought back to England by the two delegates, Ben Turner and Tom Shaw, who preceded the main body to England so that the annual convention of the British Labor Party, which met at Scarborough last week in June, might have some accurate and reliable information at its disposal before that body's final decision is reached. The report gives a clearer and more reliable idea of what is actually taking place in Russia than can be obtained from the reports of individual visitors to Russia, even though they be written by such men as George Lansbury.

The report, however, while containing much valuable information, is not all that is desirable. The British mission was a Labor one, and its members, and members of the delegation were either members of the Trade Union Movement, the Co-operative Society or the British Labor Party. The mission as proposed by the International Labor Office and the League of Nations was to be composed of workers, employers, and Government officials. However, Ben Turner and his advisers did not desire this mission fearing no doubt that it would give the world an unfavorable report. We do not for one moment believe that the report is a fair one, but it is a report that is being sent from this country to the world, and it is being used to bring up the issue of the Russian Revolution in England in order to prove whether Lenin is right or wrong. The Bolsheviks, it is said, should be able to prove whether their revolution is being sent from this country to the world, and it is being used to bring up the issue of the Russian Revolution in England in order to prove whether Lenin is right or wrong.

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## CHIPPAWA DISPUTE NATIONAL ONE AND STRIKES AT ROOT OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

President Tom Moore, of Dominion Trades Congress Defends Workers' Public Ownership Policy—Attacks Autocratic Attitude of Hydro-Electric Commission.

The Hydro-Electric Commission, said President Tom Moore of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in the course of an address at Niagara Falls on Friday last, "seems to be neither fish nor flesh. It is apparently not a private enterprise nor is it a public utility, it is one thing one day and another thing another day, and neither where the workers are concerned."

Despite all reports to the contrary, the organized workers of the Chippawa Canal are still willing to negotiate for a settlement of their differences with the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario. A meeting held at Niagara Falls on Friday night, Labor leaders dealt a hard blow at the manner in which the Hydro-Electric Commission is conducting the affairs of public ownership.

The meeting was attended by the citizens of Niagara Falls, in addition to the workers affected, and although it did not provide any sensation, yet it was important in that Tom Moore made decidedly plain organized labor's attitude towards the situation. "This is not a local situation," he said. "It is a national situation, and strikes at the roots of public ownership."

The president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress did not mince matters. He went straight at Sir Adam Beck and the Hydro-Electric Commission. He had followed the developments of the strike in the public utility, and he also quoted statistics showing that the increased cost of wages was almost negligible compared with the increased cost of materials. Labor could not be expected to sacrifice itself for underestimates, in which it had no share in the first instance.

Mr. Flett, general organizer of the A. F. of L., reviewed the situation as it had progressed from the start of the trouble. He emphasized that the men could not go back on their eight-hour day principle, "we have to fight it out all season," he said, "we are going to object to a ten-hour day straight."

The organizer of the blacksmiths and James Riley both spoke in defiance of the federation, which they said had been misunderstood by the public.

President Moore staunchly supported the strikers in their demands for an eight-hour day. He recalled the day when it was rumored that the Hydro-Electric Commission was to be sold to the coal company.

Officials of the United Mine Workers, who regard the successful organization of the miners of Mingo county as one of the most important pieces of work yet done in West Virginia.

Ontario Carpenters Delegates to International Convention. Delegates to the general convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America from the Province of Ontario were elected recently under the auspices of the Ontario Carpenters' Association.

Quebec Carpenters' New Officials. The convention of the Quebec Provincial Council of Carpenters, which was held at the City Hall, was brought to a close Saturday morning, and the delegates left for their homes in the afternoon. A group photograph had been taken, which will be presented to each delegate.

What Was Increase in Living Costs During Year? Until Senator Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, explains his method of calculation whereby he reached his estimate of ten per cent as being the increase in the cost of living during the year ending May 31, there will be no report from the Board of Conciliation which is dealing with the wage demands of electrical workers in the employ of the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission. The Minister's estimate is questioned by the parties to the board.

The representatives of the Hydro-Electric Commission are prepared to give increases equivalent to the increased cost of living during the year, which they assume to be ten per cent, accepting the Minister's communication to Fair Wage Board, Commission, during the recent "Carpenters' Strike," said one of the Blacksmith representatives of the Hydro-Electric Commission.

It was decided to hold the next convention in Quebec on the first of August. The delegates, who were wired him asking for an explanation of the contradiction.

Canadian-made ships for foreign interests. Having completed her trial run satisfactorily the second boat launched by the Canadian Vickers' yard this year is leading for Norway. The S. K. Loch Tay built for Norwegian shipping interests docked on Friday at Pointe aux Trembles and will carry an oil cargo on her maiden trip.

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