Proceedings of Labor Congress.

W. G. Garson believed there was sufficient in this world for all. He claimed that no man should get a living in this world without working for it. Under the present land policy of the country, it was the schemer who made the best living.

Messrs. Rose, Harris, and Martin, having briefly endorsed the utterances of other speakers, the resolution was put and declared carried, with only two dissenting votes.

J. Rose moved, seconded by J. Bedford,

"That this Congress deems it advisable to call upon all towns and cities to organize themselves and form trades' councils, where practicable, these councils to communicate with one another throughout the Dominion, and consider all subjects of importance to the interests of the working community, and to carry out their best endeavours to obtain the object in view, whether socially or otherwise."

Mr. Rose said he thought that unity of action in labor matters was of great benefit to all the country. They should get up organizations wherever possible, and these organizations should be in union with one compact body.

J. Bedford believed that unity was strength in labor matters.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and adopted.

H. E. Griffiths moved, seconded by J. Rose,

"That, in the opinion of this Congress, Stipendiary Magistrates should have summary jurisdiction in all cases of non-payment of wages, where it is the custom of the trade to pay by the week, two weeks, or the month, where no written agreement is entered into by the parties concerned, irrespective of whether the employees work by the hour, week or piece."

H. E. Griffiths explained that as things were at present, if a workingman wished to sue an employer for his wages, he had to put the suit through several courts. It was not every workingman who could afford this.

Mr. Rose thought a magistrate should be allowed to settle all questions of wages.

A. F. Jury supported the motion, as it was one of those motions which helped the weak. He knew of a case in Toronto where a "boss" tailor owed one of his girls \$200 for wages. The Police Magistrate should be in a position to order the amount to be paid.

Mr. Davidge said that at present a man had to attend court day after day, losing valuable time, before he could get a suit against a "boss" settled.

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