

under the head basic; metal workers another and miners another. Let me point out if you get a majority of the transport workers, the miners, and the metal trades you could force the others into line. Sure it is force, nothing but force in existence, and unless you are aggressive no other element counts. The boss doesn't take notice of the man that doesn't scrap; he takes notice of those who get up in the meeting and does the business. That is the fellow he will listen to and he will call. Let me remind you in opening operations our position is such that we must convince the majority that we are correct. That we are correct and that is the position in which we are placed. ((Applause)).

Del. Armstrong (Winnipeg)—The B. C. Federation is two-thirds vote of the basis or vital trades?

Del. Kavanagh (Vancouver)—A majority of the vital trades must be necessary to adopt.

Mr. Chairman, some professor of sociology in England makes the remark—"the intelligent few drag the masses behind." But it don't make any difference what you put through here, it is a pretty safe bet the majority attending the various organizations are going to dictate the policy of those organizations. That the great mass only attends organizations to pay dues from time to time, practically have no idea. In fact what they don't take from the capitalist press, why, they take from the majority who attend meetings of the organizations.

Mr. Armstrong (Winnipeg)—Hence we have got to adopt some other tactics. Now the question comes to this, that those occupied in those vital industries hold the whip in their hand, they hold the situation, they hold society by the throat. Once they become conscious of that fact, and it is upon those men that we have got to rely for the emancipation of the worker, so that if this move that you have instigated here is successful in getting control of those vital industries you have not much more to worry about.

Mr. Roper (Winnipeg)—If those outside the vital industries really don't amount to a great deal, why take the vote or why a majority of the whole? As has been said they (the vital industries) control the situation, it seems those outside the vital industries are not important, so why jeopardize it by allowing their votes to be counted.

MR. COTTRELL'S RESOLUTION.

Del. Cottrell—Mr. Chairman, I would move as an amendment, that these alterations in the constitution of the B. C. Federation be handed to the central committee and the provincial committees for their guidance, and let them deal with the matter. I think it is rather too complex to deal with in this conference. I think the central committee when meeting the provincial committees following the adjournment of this conference will get to know about these; that ought to be satisfactory.

My amendment is these resolutions be handed over to those committees for their guidance. Carried.