

LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

TRADES CONGRESS ACTION IN REVOKING C.B. OF R. E. CHARTER APPROVED BY SIXTEEN RECOGNIZED RAILROAD UNIONS

Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees Have Full Support of All Standard Recognized Railroad Labor Organizations—Now For a 100 Per Cent. Organization in Canada.

The action of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in revoking the charter of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees has been approved completely by the sixteen standard recognized railroad labor organizations.

How "Service At Cost" Works Out For the Workers

Fifteen hundred trackmen employed by the Cleveland Railway Company, which operates the street railway system at Cleveland, Ohio, were cut 20 per cent in wages on Jan. 1, as the forerunner of a general reduction in wages in all departments.

Acting upon authority of the executive council, we herewith return the check for tax rendered to us from the 1st of September this year, and beg to notify you that the check is being returned to you.

MAYOR PLANT'S FIRST DUTY.

Mr. Frank H. Plant is Mayor of Ottawa for 1921. In our last issue we stated that he had been elected by a majority of six votes.

His Worship Mayor Plant has not yet attended a meeting of the City Council or the Board of Control, but now that his election is undisputed he will no doubt take his place at the City Hall and endeavor to carry out the wishes of the electors of the City of Ottawa.

LABOR'S EFFICIENCY HAS NOT DECREASED

Minister of Labor Pleads For Co-operation.

An optimistic note was sounded by Hon. G. D. Robertson, Minister of Labor, in addressing members of the Hamilton Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries on Monday on industrial conditions in Canada.

GOVERNMENT INTENDS CARRYING OUT UNEMPLOYMENT PROPOSALS.

Hon. G. D. Robertson, Minister of Labor, sent the following telegram to Mayor Church, of Toronto, on Monday:

This morning's press quoted you as saying that the Dominion Government does not intend doing anything for unemployment and is juggling with the municipalities and that it has sent out a questionnaire to the provinces.

QUEBEC REQUIRES NEW COMPENSATION LAW

Committee of Labor and Manufacturers Discuss Changes.

A gathering of manufacturers and labor representatives of the Province of Quebec was held last week in the council room of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, with the object of discussing improvements to the existing Quebec Workmen's Compensation law, suggested by organized labor.

MOTHERS' PENSIONS REACH \$250,000

Board Gathering Data on Cost of Living.

Increased family allowances under the Ontario Mothers' Pensions Act are heralded by a movement commenced by the commission to procure adequate data on the cost of living in various sections of the Province.

RETAIL CLERKS TO ASSIST SHOP GIRLS

All Retail Store Employees Urged to Join Union.

The Ottawa branch of the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association had a largely attended meeting Monday evening, when after the routine business a very full report, revising the principal steps the local had taken for the welfare of its members during the year, was presented.

SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN BRITAIN LEAVES FOR RUSSIA WITH PACT.

Leonid Krassin, the Russian Bolshevik representative in Great Britain left London on Saturday for Russia with a trade contract, approved by Sir Robert S. Horne, president of the Board of Trade.

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CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL FOR ONT.

Labor Should Seek Representation Thereon.

At a preliminary meeting of the child welfare organizations of the Province of Ontario, held at the Parliament Buildings, last week with the aim of forming a Child Welfare Council of Ontario, Rev. Father Bench was appointed convener.

NOVA SCOTIA EMPLOYERS MUST PROVIDE FIRST-AID APPLIANCES.

The Nova Scotia Workmen's Compensation Board has notified employers concerning the Compensation Act which requires every employer having more than 15 workmen to provide in places of employment a first aid kit containing, besides a first aid manual, scissors and tweezers, two eye droppers, two canes, hair brushes, two dozen safety pins, a tourniquet, graduated medicine glass, porcelain basin, and an eye cup, as well as supplies of boracic acid, aromatic spirits of ammonia, boracic tablets, iodine, carboric acid, bicarbonate of soda and vaseline, benzine, an antiseptic, creosol, carbolic acid solution and peroxide.

NEW GLASGOW MINERS AND OPERATORS SIGN AGREEMENT.

President Baxter, of the United Mine Workers, and International Board member Barrett, and J. W. McLeod and James Porter, owners of the Greenwood Colliery at New Glasgow, N.S., on Monday signed the Montreal agreement.

BOARD WILL GET TO WORK ON "NO POLITICS ORDER"

John M. Godfrey, of Toronto chairman of the Board of Conciliation which will investigate the dispute between the management of the Canadian National Railways and employees of the system, resulting from the "Hanna order," interviewed the Minister of Labor last week.

ATLANTIC COAST LONGSHOREMEN TO MEET AT HALIFAX.

The annual meeting of the Atlantic Coast District of the Longshoremen's International Association is to be held at Halifax in June.

HULL PAPER MILLS AGAIN OPERATING.

The unemployment situation in Hull, which was rapidly reaching a crisis, has been happily relieved by the reopening of the paper mills at the Chaudiere paper mill, during the past few days, and this has permitted the reopening of the paper, pulp and millinery plants.

ALBERTA TO HAVE A MINIMUM WAGE ACT.

A minimum wage act, creating a wage board to function all over the province and on a permanent basis, will be introduced as a government measure at the closing session of the Alberta legislature.

OTTAWA LAUNDRY WORKERS OFF TO GOOD START.

The newly organized Laundry Workers' Union installed officers at a meeting Wednesday night. This union, No. 275, is to be almost one hundred per cent organized.

WINNIPEG FREIGHT HANDLERS ELECT W. H. O'CONNOR PRESIDENT.

W. H. O'Connor was elected president of the Brotherhood of Railway, Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Agents, Progress Lodge No. 623, Winnipeg, at the annual meeting recently.

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ASSISTANCE FOR UNEMPLOYED EX-SERVICEMEN.

New specific provision is made for the relief of disabled returned soldiers and their families in an order-in-council which has just been passed.

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URGES PART TIME EDUCATION FOR WINNIPEG CHILD WORKERS

Many Children Who Leave School at 14 Drift Into Blind Alley Occupations.

A survey of adolescent wage earners in Winnipeg as a preliminary step in establishing part-time educational courses should be undertaken jointly by business men and educational bodies to cope with a situation which produces many untrained citizens and which is steadily growing more serious.

LEATHER WORKERS STRIKE AT TORONTO.

General Organizer Frank Lafontaine of the United Leather Workers' International Union, was called to Toronto this week, where a strike is in progress against a reduction in wages.

NEW YORK PRINTING TRADES SECURE WAGE INCREASES.

Wage increases through arbitration have been secured by several thousand workers in the commercial printing shops in New York City.

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G. T. P. ADOPTS C. N. R. SYSTEM OF DEMERITS.

The demerit system of discipline which obtains on all Canadian National lines was extended to the Grand Trunk Pacific system in December, it was announced this week.