

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Sept. 12th to 18th, 1906.

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A tug-of-war team comprising seven men has been organized in the city, and they will compete for the \$200 prize offered at the New Westminster fair.

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organist, the bride leaning on the arm of her father. She was attended by Miss Annie Gribble and the little Misses Gladys and Norma Ramlose the bridesmaid and maids of honor.

The bride was attended in a gown of white organdie over white satin; trimmed with real lace, and wore a veil and orange blossoms. The maid of honor wore a gown of white organdie over pink.

The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a gold watch and chain, to the maid of honor a marquise opal ring, and to the little maids, gold chains.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, a large number of friends attended the reception which was held at the residence of the bride's parents View street, where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed.

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Ralph Smith's Address.

At the Opening of the Trades and Labor Congress at Ottawa.

Efforts of the Dominion Government in Behalf of Workmen.

As announced in the Times, the sixteenth annual session of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada opened at Ottawa on Tuesday.

Fellow Workmen:—It gives me much pleasure to again meet the representatives of the several labor organizations of this broad Dominion at this, the sixteenth annual session of our congress.

It is more than ever convinced that this body is exercising an influence for good which is permanent and far-reaching, and in my opinion this result is accomplished entirely by the amount of intelligence and fairness with which we make our demands.

The economist and the statesman especially are watching us, they are passing judgment on our methods, and I desire to remind you that they will judge the great movement of Trades Unionism, not by its results in improving the position of any particular section of workmen at any particular time, but by its effect on the permanent efficiency of the nation.

If any of the methods of our Trades Unionism result in the choice of less efficient factors of production than would otherwise have been used; if they compel the adoption of a lower type of organization than would have prevailed without them; and especially if they tend to lessen the capacity or degrade the character of either manual or brain workers, that part of Trades Unionism, however advantageous it may seem to particular sections of workmen, will stand condemned.

But if it promotes the selection of the most efficient factors of production, what else, brain or labor, and brings these factors into a better organization, thereby increasing the activities and improving the character of all, it must then be approved by the nation, and we claim for it and are trying constantly to demonstrate in every effort of the great movement.

This congress is the National Union of Canada, and if it did nothing more than bring together once a year the representatives of labor from every part of the Dominion it would be worth the cost, but it has done and is doing more than this, as I will shortly point out; just here, however, allow me to say that if any method can be adopted to extend the influence and usefulness of the National Union it would be wise to do so; this, in my opinion, should be a matter for discussion, so that we might arrive at some general agreement as to the importance of extending the work of the congress. I consider, however, that we are making steady growth, and the fruits of our work are to be seen more and more by the introduction of a few very important principles already operated by the Dominion government.

Hon. Mr. Mulock's resolution determining that the government contracts should contain such conditions as will prevent abuses arising out of subletting of the same, and to secure the payment of standard wages of the district where the work is carried on is very satisfactory, and the carrying out of this resolution the government has shown their good faith by appointing our respected friend, D. J. O'Donoghue, the commissioner to see to the enforcement of this matter. We are aware also that the government has passed a Conciliation and Arbitration Act, a form, and associated with this bill is provision for the incorporation of Trades Unions, and the monthly publication of a Labor Gazette, which will contain matters of supreme importance to the labor movement, and which, if done, it is our duty as honest men to appreciate the step taken, as it undoubtedly is the initiation of a principle, that experience and new conditions will amend in a very short time.

Again we have the fact that the government gave its hearty approval to the Union Label bill in fact twice the House of Commons has supported this measure and twice an irresponsible body has rejected the same. The government has shown its disposition again with regard to the Alien Labor bill, the form of this legislation is not by any means what we desire, yet the government has shown a desire to assist us in British Columbia by sending out a commissioner to investigate our grievances with regard to the application of this measure. One thing more which gives great satisfaction is the recognition of our own men in the carrying out of these matters in the interests of labor.

For immigration work, we had the appointment of Mr. Alf. Jury, for enforcing the fair wage resolution, we had the appointment of our old friend, D. J. O'Donoghue, for the settlement of labor disputes in British Columbia we had the appointment of Mr. Bremner, a gentleman whose character and moderation is a complete guarantee that labor will not be disgraced by foolhardy actions, but assisted immensely by his reasonable firmness in dealing with disputed matters. The old-time question and grievance has received some recognition at the hands of the government.

I mean the Chinese immigration question. As you are aware, they have increased the tax on these people from fifty to one hundred dollars, and I do not think this will accomplish much good, but will serve only to increase the bonds of these Chinese whose admission fees is

paid by the Chinese companies, and as this has to be returned out of their wages it period. I understand, however, that the government intends to form a commission to inquire into this question through this first, which will result in our official presentation of the facts of this matter, which may be, and certain things might be remedied after the real facts and conditions are presented to the government. It is our duty, however, to keep pushing away until the remedy is applied. This is what we must do with all our grievances, yet I think the members of this congress will agree with me that if this congress of the Dominion parliament in two sessions we will be very much nearer the goal we are striving for.

The matter of independent labor representation will have to be finally settled at this session of the congress. I do not propose in this address to say much about it, as I am certain the delegates will be quite prepared to discuss and decide upon this question.

I am sorry to remind you again of the existence of a few restless labor strikes during this year, and again we are reminded of one difficulty which has lasted for a period of 18 months, I refer to the London tramway strike, and so far as I have been able to follow the affair, it has done credit to the members of the union, as they have certainly had the moral support of the people in the struggle.

Recently we have had a strike on the Western section of the C. P. R. which I was glad to notice, had the entire support of the public who were acquainted with the facts, and which, I am happy to say, has terminated favorably to the men's demands.

We have also had a very serious strike on the Fraser river in connection with the fishing industry, and although the original demands of the union fishermen were conceded, yet, through the interposition of the labor commissioner, Mr. Bremner, a reasonably good settlement was arrived at. In connection with this particular matter, I expect the British Columbia delegates will lay before you important resolutions to present to the Dominion authorities affecting existing evils.

I hope the deliberations of this congress will be carefully thought out and presented with good feeling towards each other.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the members of the congress for electing me to the honorable position of president for two years, and, although I have not been in a position to assist your executive officers to the extent that I would have liked, I have nevertheless endeavored to bring my influence to bear upon certain of the authorities with beneficial results.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

Farmers since they began to thrash have discovered that the destructive work of the cut worm during the past summer does not alone apply to the root crop, cereals as well have been destroyed, and to this directly is attributed an advance made in millings and bran this week. The rise amounts to a dollar a ton on either article, the only other notable feature of the market this week is reported scarcity of grouse.

Current retail quotations are as follows: Flour—Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl. 6.00; Snowflake, per bbl. 5.00; Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl. 5.75; XXX Enderby, per bbl. 5.00.

Wheat, per ton 25.00; Corn (whole), per ton 20.00; Corn (cracked), per ton 25.00; Oats, per ton 18.00; Gaitmud, per ton 18.00; Rolled oats (B. & K.) 18.00.

Hay (baled), per ton 14.00; Straw, per ton 2.00; Middlings, per ton 20.00; Bran, per ton 18.00; Ground feed, per ton 25.00.

Potatoes, per 100 lbs. 1.00; Cabbages, per head 5.00; Cauliflower, per head 2.00; Onions, per lb. 2.00; Carrots, per lb. 1.00; Tomatoes, per lb. 1.00; Cucumbers, each 1.00; Turnips, per lb. 1.00; Corn, green, per doz. 2.00.

Salmon (smoked), per lb. 1.00; Salmon (spring), per lb. 1.00; Shrimps, per lb. 1.00; Cod, per lb. 1.00; Haddock, per lb. 1.00; Halibut, per lb. 1.00; Herrings, per lb. 1.00; Flounders, per lb. 1.00.

Fresh Island Eggs, per doz. 2.00; Eggs (Manitoba), per doz. 2.00; Butter (Delta Creamery), per lb. 2.00; Butter (Cowichan Creamery), per lb. 2.00; Cheese (Canadian), per lb. 2.00.

Hams (American), per lb. 1.00; Hams (Canadian), per lb. 1.00; Bacon (American), per lb. 1.00; Bacon (Canadian), per lb. 1.00; Bacon (rolled), per lb. 1.00; Bacon (long clear), per lb. 1.00; Shoulders, per lb. 1.00; Beef, per lb. 1.00; Mutton, per lb. 1.00; Pork, per lb. 1.00.

Coconuts, each 1.00; Lemons (small), per lb. 1.00; Apples, per lb. 1.00; Peaches, per box 1.00; Plums, per lb. 1.00; Blackberries, per lb. 1.00; Cherries, per lb. 1.00; Watermelons, each 2.00.

Dressed fowl, per pair 1.20; Ducks, per pair 2.00; Dressed turkeys, per lb. 2.00; Venison, per lb. 1.00; Grouse, per pair 1.00; Duck, Mallard, per pair 1.00.

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La Grippe Has Made Them So—But Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Will Bring Joy and Health.

La Grippe has left many a heart weak and diseased. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, because of its great merit in being a remedy, the best of its kind, is giving relief, and the most incredible cures it performs, is snatching from death's door many who had been given up as hopeless cases. It is a wonderful worker; it is a specific for all heart ailments, and no matter how acute or seemingly hopeless, will give relief inside of 30 minutes.

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