

Trades and Labor Councils

OTTAWA—The establishment of a Rental Court by the Ontario Legislature at its present session "for the purpose of dealing with the rent question as a whole" is urged in a motion unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Council last Friday night. The question was introduced on a communication from the Associated Federal Employers' Union, which was presented by Delegate C. J. Tulley. The why and the wherefore of increased rents was discussed in exhaustive fashion. Economic increase, and inflated cost of building were explained by various delegates. Finally the following modified co-ordinating views of the diverse suggestions put forward, was passed:—

"Whereas reliable and trustworthy information is in effect, that some owners of houses and land in the City of Ottawa are unduly and unfairly raising the monthly rentals, this notwithstanding the fact that wages are not on the increase, therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Government, through the Premier, and the Minister of Labor, take up the rent question and pass a bill at its next session creating a Rental Court, for the purpose of dealing with rentals as a whole."

International Organizer Archie Hickman, of the Department of Labor, who was deported to the United States during the Thorold strike, had as much right in Canada as has the president of any railway. The Delegate Draper, in assuring the meeting that Mr. Hickman's case would be thoroughly considered, and taken up with the Federal authorities. He also alleged that Hickman had been deported to the U. S. A. for the purpose of being deported to the British Isles. He was recently granted leave to enter Canada temporarily, however, and the right of his remaining in the Dominion permanently was urged in a resolution unanimously adopted.

Upon the recommendation of the Executive, it was decided not to send any representatives to the Ontario High and Public School Teachers' Association meeting in Toronto. A copy of the "Western Labor News" published at Winnipeg, containing a four-column manifesto setting forth the western political situation, was tabled for information of delegates, as was the weekly "News-Letter" issued by Federal Union 66.

A resolution to amend the constitution brought out a very interesting debate in which many rulings from the chair were necessary. Debate on the question was adjourned for one month.

HAMILTON—At last Friday night's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, Secretary Foster read a letter from a farmer in Hanna, Alberta, complaining that a Hamilton farm implement manufacturer had raised the price of his machinery 15 per cent, the reason being given that higher wages had to be paid to employees. Several delegates said that recently workers' wages had been cut 15 per cent. by this concern. Organizer Harry Harper, M. A. C. H. U., wanted to know what had become of the industrial council that during the year had been established in the plant.

The question that the city produce its own hydrants was taken up and the two controllers, explained their attitude on this important matter and their objection to having the work done by either the municipal school or private employers. It was said that if the work was taken away from the city engineer's department because of low bid it would mean that in future the city would be at the mercy of outside contractors.

With a view to starting the big organization campaign the secretary was asked to call a special meeting of the organization committee and Organizer. Mr. Harper, M. A. C. H. U., and Organizer J. Thomas, Textile Workers' Union, appealed for the assistance and co-operation of the industrial council in connection with the organization mission.

The following were named on the Labor Day Demonstration Committee: H. G. Pastorek, W. Long, W. Bruton, G. Smith, J. Corrigan, H. J. Halford, M. Price, T. O'Neill, H. L. Hardie, H. R. Rasmussen, H. Eastbury and J. McPhie.

On July 13 the international convention of stereotypes will be held. The council made a grant of \$10 towards expenses.

TORONTO—Labor will contest the decision of the city solicitor under which the application of the Unemployment Committee of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council for the use of Mason's Hall was turned down by the Board of Control recently. The subject was introduced by Delegate Wood at last Thursday's meeting of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council. Wood having heard Acting Mayor Maguire's explanation of the action of the Board of Control at Wednesday's meeting in the Labor Temple.

"The opinion may be that of the Board of Control," said he, "as a protection against any action in the future, we should obtain a copy of the deed under which Mason's Hall is given over to a trust, to learn just what our rights are."

Alfred Mance said it was impossible to get "the spirit of Mason's off the hall." Labor would serve notice on the Board of Control that it expected taxes should be collected from the property which was now tax free. The matter was given to the Municipal Committee by James Stephenson, secretary of the Legislative Committee, reviewed bills which had been introduced in the Legislature and were of interest to workers. The committee endorsed the reforestation bill, an act to increase the mining tax to 5 per cent, the double patent system for firemen, an act to prevent splitting in public places, the bill creating the Ontario police force with amendment that the present power being placed in the hands of one individual; Hon. Mr. Rance's bill to protect children of unmarried parents, with the amendment that allowances should be provided.

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