LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

WOODWORKERS' CONCERT.

Local No. 646, Inside Woodworkers' Union, will give a free concert and smoker in St. Anne's Hall on Thursday evening of next week. An excellent programme has been arranged and all the employes of the various wood working factories in the district are invited to attend.

HULL CIVIC EMPLOYES GET INCREASE.

All of the civic employes of Hull have been granted a 25 per cent increase in wages by the Hull City Council.

UNION NEWSWRITERS TO SPEAK AT OTTAWA.

Some months ago a Newswriters' Union was organized at Montreal affiliated with the International Typographical Union. In Ottawa the question of organizing a union along similar lines has oft times been proposed but no action has ever been taken. However, on Saturday next two representatives of the Montreal Newswriters' Union will address the local Newswriters' Association on the question.

MORE EMPLOYMENT FOR OTTAWA MEN.

It is expected that within a week or so the present unemployment conditions will be alleviated to a large extent, and consequent demand on the Canadian Patriotic Fund, by indigent returned men, will be abated.

The Canada Cement Company has commenced operations at Hull and will shortly employ a large number of men. It is also stated that the British Americah Nickel Company at Deschenes will also have employment for nearly fifty men within a couple of weeks.

The J. R. Booth mills at the Chaudiere, which were considerably hampered in their operations during the recent cold spell, which necessitated laying off a number of men, are now working at capacity, and the employes have resumed work.

BUILDING LABORERS' UNION NEARLY 2,000 STRONG.

At the last regular meeting of Ottawa Local No. 825, Building Laborers' and Hod Carriers' International Union, 22 new members were initiated, bringing the total membership u, to 1,986. Since then Business Agent M. Ryan has received seven more applications.

The Building Laborers' and Hod Carriers' International Union has now some 14 locals in Canada, and it is expected that 20 more will be chartered before J ly of this year.

Business Agent M. Ryan, who has rendered invaluable service to the Ottawa local during the past year, was reelected to that office with a $5 per week increase in pay at the last regular meeting of the union.

The garbage collectors, who are members of the local union, have been granted a 44-hour week and $3.60 per day, from Feb. 1. Prospects are exceedingly bright for a satisfactory agreement from the local contracts.

If circumstances will permit, the International president, of the Building Laborers will visit the local in July next.

SOME OLD OTTAWA TYPOS.

After a period of anxiety we at last know the worst in the Government Printing Bureau, says the Ottawa correspondent of the Typographical Journal. Some ninety to one hundred persons have received their dismissal from the service, and the total number to be dismissed will be around 400. We have a number of members among the first batch dispensed with—men over 65 years of age. The oldest member of our local, William Binks, joined in 1871 and has continuous membership since that time. Billy saw service in 1866 and 1870 in the Fenian raids. We hope he will live to enjoy his pension for many years. When a man retires from a responsible position such as the foremanship of the monotype division of a Government printing bureau, the tumult and the shouting dies, and if bouquets are to be handed out one can't be accused of interested motives. It can be said right here that William Reynolds is a credit to our craft. Joining the union in 1873, he has been a continuous member since that time. He will be remembered, however, not for the length of membership but for his gentlemanly conduct during the time that he has occupied the chair in his department. To some of us who have spent years on the road appreciation comes readily of his unfailing courtesy, good manners and kindliness toward everybody in the department. We hope he will be spared for many years to enjoy the pension that comes to him. His father, the late William Reynolds, joined Montreal Typographical Union in 1852.

CIVIC EMPLOYES INCREASES.

At a meeting of the Ottawa City Council on Monday night the mayor and members of the Board of Control were given a substantial increase. The mayor's allowance was increased from $5,000 per year to $6,000 and the members of the Board of Control from $1,500 to $2,500 per year. Or in other words, a 40 per cent increase. It is hoped [illegible] able wage increase demands will be met, in the same spirit and that there will be complete harmony in all branches of the municipality. The Fire laddies for instance are not asking for a $1,000 increase, but are asking that they be put on the same footing as are fire fighters in other cities. Ottawa Firemen are asking a $400 per year increase.

HULL TRADES COUNCIL OFFICIALS.

Elections of officers of the Hull Trades and Labor Council resulted as follows: President, O. Hebert; vice-president, S. Zuana, acclamation; corresponding secretary, A. Boulay, acclamation; secretary-treasurer, A. Thibault, acclamation; sergeant-at-arms, F. Brassard; executive committee, Messrs. E. Dompierre, O. Hebert, J. Guevremont, A. Sincennes, J. Dagenais, A. Baillarge; trustees, Messrs. Sincennes, Dompierre and Zuana; municipal committee, Messrs. Chartrand, Dagenais and Sincennes.

HAMILTON.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL.

There is unbounded joy in the Hamilton Building Trades Council camp. And there is every reason for it. Last Monday night Local No. 1 Bricklayers' and Masons' Union affiliated with the council after a long separation. Every building trades union in the city is now lined up with the B. T. C., aggregating a membership of over 1,600, representing the following unions: carpenters, steam and operating engineers, sheet metal workers, lathers, stonecutters, plumbers, painters and decorators, structural iron workers, building laborers, bricklayers and electrical workers and plasterers.

When the secretary announced at last Monday's council meeting that the "Brickies" had decided to become part and parcel of the B.T.C., the large attendance of delegates cheered to the echo. Furthermore, loud applause followed after the incoming delegates were obligated by President W. Jamieson.

It was a long session, but before it had ended the delegates had unanimously determined on a blanket wage agreement. Business Agent Sam Lawrence was commissioned to arrange a conference with the contractors. His confreres will be: Howard Lonfellow, F. Farrell, Business Agent Arthur Dickeson, B. Bennington, M. Hazelwood, J. Knowles and others.

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GET-TOGETHER.

General Organizer "Johnny" Kennedy, Toronto, International Sheet Metal Workers' Union, cannot be characterized as loquacious. But whenever he talks to the newspaper boys, the "copy" supplied is good and sound. Bro. Kennedy has been much in Hamilton lately, assisting in the membership drive of the local and beneficial results have accrued.— Very many new members have been initiated and more are to follow. Among the incomers include a number of furnace men. Last week a conference between employers and union representatives was held respecting the journeymen's request for a wage increase from 60 cents to 90 cents per hour. Another meeting will take place next week. Organizer Kennedy believes an amicable settlement will be reached. In a talk with the C.L.P. correspondent, Mr. Kennedy expressed the hope that the Hamilton contractors would "get-together" in order that the various building trades unions' representatives could confer with them regarding wages and working conditions. He said that the National Association of Contractors, which last week had been in convention in Toronto, was a good thing. It afforded a chance for employers and employes to talk matters over and facilitate wage agreements. Particularly in Ottawa had the Contractors' Association proved advantageous. Business Agent Frank Parrell is making marked headway since his appointment.

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ENGINEERS SCARCE.

The referendum vote of members of Local No. 700, Steam and Operating Engineers' Union, respecting the wage increase, will take place on Thursday morning and night, February 19, in the Labor Hall. The new scale proposed for presentation to the contractors is: firemen, 75 cents per hour; other branches, 90 cents, $1 and $1.05 per hour. Licensed engineers are very scarce just now. Some days ago Secretary Longfellow for two days hunted futilely to locate four men for [illegible] ed shortage of certified firemen and engineers in Hamilton and appearances indicate a situation hitherto unknown locally," says Mr. Longfellow.

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MUSICIANS.

The G. W. V. A. and International Harvester bands at the March meeting affiliate en bloc with Local No. 293 Musicians' Union. Announcement to this effect was made at last Sunday's meeting by President H. J. Halford. Consummation of the affiliations was effected after several months' negotiation. At least seventy bandsmen will be initiated at the next session. To encourage membership in Local No. 293, the initiation fee has been reduced from $15 to $5. Six initiations took place last Sunday. The election of officers deferred from the last meeting resulted as follows: Auditors, Bros. Ogilvie and Duxinskie; trustees, J. Cherrier and H. J. Halford; trades council delegates, J. Pryke, J. Stanton, A. J. Nelligan, M. Stewart, A. Tourney; labor Temple trustees, J. Cherrier, H. J. Halford; examiners, I. W. Lomas, H. A. Stares, J. Anderson.

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I. L. P.

For some time dissatisfaction has prevailed among the members of the Independent Labor party relative to the method of nominating candidates for public office. It is hoped this will have been obviated. Last Friday night the members approved of a recommendation from the executive committee calling for the appointment of an advisory committee to act in conjunction with the executive committee. The new body will be composed of eight, comprising a chairman from each of the eight wards. Resident members of the respective wards will elect their own chairman. The East Hamilton Labor Party branch will elect a chairman for Ward 8. He will attend the next meeting of the Central branch. Subject to ratification of the membership in convention, the advisory and executive committees will select all future candidates.

Owing to his Cabinet duties, Minister of Labor Rollo is unable to act as chairman of the Studholme memorial committee, and in his stead, H. W. West was appointed. The committee will submit a report of its activities at the next meeting. President Fester appointed Peter E. Thompson chairman of the committee respecting the I. L. P. debating society. The members unanimously passed a resolution that in future any member preferring to make charges against another member, must do so in writing; the same to be handed to the secretary. Verbal charges will not be entertained.

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STAGE EMPLOYES.

It is expected that the conference between Loew's theatre management and representatives of Local No. 129, theatrical stage employes' union and trades council to try and effect a wage settlement for the theatre stage hands, will take place this week. The existing wage rate is: $26, $28 and $30 per week. An increase to $34 and $35 per week is asked. The union is 100 per cent organized.

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A DISAPPOINTMENT.

Last Tuesday the members of the Mount Hamilton Labor party suffered a disappointment. Arrangements had been made for W. A. Crockett, M. L. A. South Wentworth, to open the new labor club. But unfortunately the contracter was unable to install electric lights, so the affair had to be postponed indefinitely. The branch membership campaign is now in full swing. For the member enrolling the largest number of new members, President L. A. Holland is offering a suitable prize.

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IN FAVOR.

The Carpenters' and Joiners' unions of Hamilton will ask the contractors for a 90 cents per hour rate. This has been decided by a referendum vote of the membership, nearly 500 members voting affirmatively. The existing minimum rate is 65c per hour, effected last spring. Generally the contractors are paying 70 and 75 cents per hour.

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PRINTERS BACK 'T WORK.

Hamilton's twenty striking job compositors, printing pressmen and bookbinders returned to work at the Reid Press last Tuesday morning. Thus the "open shop" policy decided by the firm d ring the two days' strike collapsed. A conference between representatives of the firm and wage scale committee took place last Monday afternoon, with the result of a truce being reached. The men will receive $34 per week during 1920 and $35 for the first six months of 1921. The firm was given a reasonable period to get rid of the few non-unionists put to work to try and break down the strike.

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GETS APPOINTMENT.

Samuel L. Landers, formerly International Garment Workers' Union organizer, and who prior to enlisting with the 205th "Tiger" Battalion was proprietor and editor of the Labor News, has been appointed cemetery board secretary. The berth is worth $1,000 per year to start. Mr. Landers, who is one of the best known La or men in the country, was [illegible] fighting "over there" with the Military Medal and being awarded his commission. He donned khaki as a private.

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BAD NEWS.

Business Agent Richard Riley, Machinists' Union, received bad news from England last Sunday, a cable message stating that his mother, whom he has not seen for nearly 16 years, was seriously ill. Providing shipping arrangements can be made, Mr. Riley will cross the pond.

TORONTO.

TORONTO BUILDING TRADES FOR UNIFORMITY.

The building trades organizations are making preparations for uniformity of action by arranging that their agreements with the building trades employers expire at similar dates. In the past various agreements expired at different times, and this made unity of action impossible in negotiating schedules, without disturbing existing agreements. The bricklayers' increase to $1 per hour commences on April 1, and the carpenters ask that they be given $1 an hour on April 1. The bricklayers' agreement extends to the end of next December, and it is likely that other organizations in the building trades will set a similar date for opening their agreements. Officials of the men declare that the employers are trying to help the organizations to accomplish this, so that all schedules may be considered at one time during the year.

MACHINISTS TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS.

Negotiations are expected to commence next week between the Toronto representativs of the machinists, and the representatives of [illegible] city, over wages and conditions. In the meantime, John Munro, business manager of the machinists, is having a busy time negotiating with individual employers.

TORONTO BRICKLAYERS GET $1 PER HOUR.

The settlement of the wages and conditions of the bricklayers in Toronto for this year has cleared the atmosphere somewhat in the building trades, as several other building trades unions have also settled. Toronto bricklayers are to receive 90 cents per hour, until April 1st, and $1 an hour afterwards. 44-hours constitute a week's work, time and a half will be paid for overtime, and double time for holidays and Sundays.

CARPENTERS NEGOTIATE.

Negotiations between the representatives of the Toronto District Council of Carpenters and the employers in the building trades are proceeding with every prospect of success, state the men's officials. The carpenters' request is $1 per hour for a 44-hour week, and the increased wages to commence on April 1st.

ELIMINATE PIECE WORK.

Shoe and bootmakers ask for $1 per hour, a 44-hour week and the abolition of piece work, in their new wage agreement, which is being drafted by Walter Brown, business agent of the union.

MRS. SINGER TO HEAD LL.P.

Mrs. W. F. Singer, vice-president of the Independent Labor Party of Toronto, is being boomed for the party presidency to succeed Mr. J. H. H. Ballantyne, who has resigned, says a Toronto paper. Mrs. Singer was one of the most active labor organizers during the last provincial campaign and her election would be in the nature of a reward for her services as well as an expression of Labor's sincerity on its equal suffrage platform.

BRICKIES ARE BUSY.

Toronto bricklayers are enjoying an extremely busy season this year, according to John T. Vick, business agent for the union. Negotiations are being conducted for a $1.00 per hour wage scale on a 44-hour week.

TORONTO MACHINISTS TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS.

The Machinists' Union at Toronto is expecting to meet their employers in conference some time this week to discuss the question of wages. This is a resumption of the negotiations which were broken off last October, and a settlement satisfactory to the trade is confidently expected. The membership of the three local lodges has reached nearly 5,000.

TORONTO POLICE UNION HAVE NO HAND IN LIBEL SUIT.

The Toronto Police Union deny the inference thrown out at the libel suit between Detective George Young and the Toronto World that the union was behind the allegations made against Young.

A statement issued to the press on Saturday, and sanctioned at two meetings of the Police Union yesterday, says: "We had a large meeting both morning and afternoon, and the Toronto Police Union deny the statements made at the trial and published in the papers that the union had any hand in the men who gave evidence in the Detective Young case. The men who testified at the trial took upon themselves to give evidence against Young, and must stand on their own feet. The feeling of the majority is that the men who gave evidence acted on their own personal feelings. No action was taken at any meeting, so far as the union was concerned, to interfere against any union or non-union member of the force.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT FOR MONCTON TRADES COUNCIL.

At the last regular meeting of the Moncton Trades and Labor Council, Charles Dickson of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employes, No. 137, was elected vice-president.

The secretary reported organization of new unions. The Lathers have organized. He had lately organized two unions of foundry workers at Sackville. The carpenters and joiners of Sackville are also organizing.

EASTERN CANADA.

BRANTFORD FIREMEN GET INCREASE.

The Brantford City Council has endorsed increases to the members of the fire department, as follows: First year, $3.75 per day second year, $4; third year, $4.25; fourth year, $4.50; captains, $5 per day. Capt. George Kingswell was made assistant chief, at a salary of $1,900 per year, while Lieuts. D. Hurley, F. Howarth and J. Townsend were promoted to be captains.

FORM AN INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

An Independent Labor party to contest civic, provincial and federal seats was launched on Friday last at a meeting of the St. John leaders and others held in the hall of the [illegible] Council in the Odd Fellows' building. The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

"That we citizens here assembled agree to form ourselves at this time into a labor party to be known as the Independent Labor party of the city and county of St. John."

The president was authorized to confer with Joseph T. Marks, of Toronto, secretary of the Independent Labor party of Ontario, asking him to come here and lend assistance in the formation of a permanent party.

After the meeting the platform committee held a session to draw up the planks which will be presented to the next meeting of the new party for consideration.

There are about 6,000 union men in St. John.

MAIL CLERKS ELECT OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Mail Clerks' Association, held at St. John, the following officers were installed:

President—A. K. Melick.
Vice-president—C. E. O'Reilly.
Secretary-treasurer—W. J. Wood.
Executive—A. H. Troy, Campbellton; E. P. Gallant, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Z. Cowan, St. John.

The classification schedule as affecting railway mail clerks was discussed and satisfaction expressed at the pledge of the Government to make the same retroactive to April, 1919, as all members of this association feel that the classification as adopted would give great satisfaction to this particular branch of the Civil Service.

MEDIATION BOARD FOR MONTREAL TENANTS.

A mediation board which can be consulted by tenants believing themselves to be charged too much rent has been appointed by the Civic Administrative Commission of Montreal. It will consist of J. H. Ferns, chairman, the chief city assessor, and one representative of the tenants and one of the landlords.

MONCTON MACHINISTS SUPPORT THEIR BROTHERS AT ST. JOHN.

At the regular meeting of Moncton Lodge, I. A. of M., No. 594, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the machinists of St John, members of St. John Lodge No 1292, I. A. of M., have gone on strike as a result of the absolute refusal of their employers to make any change in the working conditions of machinists of St. John; and

"Whereas the St. John machinists did make every effort possible to effect a settlement of their differences with their employers before going on strike; and

"Whereas it is our firm belief that a wage varying from 55c to 58c per hour is indequate and intolerable to machinists in the face of the present living conditions, and the demands of the St. John machinists for 68c per hour, eight (8) hours per day and recognition of their union, together with the right to collective bargaining, are entirely fair and reasonable; therefore, be it

"Resolved that we, the members of Moncton Lodge No. 594, go on record as being entirely in sympathy with the members of St. John Lodge No. 1292, I. A. of M., and be it further

"Resolved that this Lodge 594, I. A. of M., assure our brothers in St. John of our heartiest moral support, and endorse fully their action to date

"And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded the public press with requests for publication."

WINDSOR BOOMING.

The Canadian Labor Press is in receipt of the following communication from a trade unionist at Windsor:—

"We are becoming a progressive body and at the recent municipal election returned four Labor aldermen to the City Council and elected one more Labor man to the Board of Education. At the last meeting of the Trades and Labor Council a resolution was endorsed and forwarded to the City Council asking the city to acquire all equipment necessary for city improvements and that the work be done by day labor. The council also endorsed a resolution supporting the Retail Clerks' Union in their demand for early closing on Saturday. A voluntary start has been made by one of the merchants. The Trades Council also appointed a committee to enquire into the advisability of starting a co-operative bakery. A Building Trades Council has been organized and is progressing satisfactorily. An active educational campaign should be inaugurated for Labor representation on all public bodies."

Employment is good and the building trades' craft are very busy, says Organizer A. H. Carroll, of the American Federation of Labor, in his report for the month of January. The General Motors Company has opened up a plant and will employ about 4,000 hands. Peabody's Overall Factory, a union plant, has put in a textile department. Two lodges of railway clerks, a firemen's and oilers' union and a moving picture operators' union was organized during the past month.

HALIFAX PORTERS NEW OFFICIALS.

The C.B.R.E. Sleeping Car Porters' Division No. 132 (Halifax), held their regular meeting recently when officers were installed by Grand Vice-president Wm. Allan, of N.S., as follows:—

President—Bro. Geo. Fraser.
Vice-pres.—Bro. C. Johnston.
Fin. Sec'y—Bro. C. Mansfield.
Treasurer—Bro. Thos. Johnson.
Rec. Sec'y—Bro. S. Cornell.
Warden—Bro. H. Cain.
Chaplain—Bro. J. McN. Daniels.
Inner Guard—Bro. H. Daniels.
Outer Guard—Bro. P. Cain.
Messenger—Bro. Jas. Brown.
Reporter—Bro. M. Davis.

After the installation remarks were made by Grand Vice-pres. Bro. Wm. Allan, Bro. W Furzey, Past President Bro. Chas. Phiners, Pres. Geo. Fraser, Vice-pres. C. Johnston, and Chap. J. M. McN. Daniels. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the two visiting brothers. After which the whole party indulged in a smoker which was enjoyed by all present.

LONDON BUILDERS PLAN INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL

Members of the London Builders' Exchange are planning the organization of an Industrial Council to settle all strikes by arbitration. The council would be composed of equal numbers of the bosses and workers, one delegate being appointed by each side from each trade. This board would be vested with authority to deal with all wage demands and other disputes.

The carpenters have asked 80 cents an hour and have been offered 70 cents.

WINDSOR LABOR DELEGATE INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL ASSESSMENT.

Alderman Albert Strong, labor representative on the Windsor City Council, notified the Industrial Committee in session on Saturday night that he intends to appeal for a fixed assessment on his home. The committee has just recommended a bylaw providing for a fixed assessment of $4,000 for a period of 10 years on the new factory the Burroughs Adding Machine Company is building at Windsor at a cost of $200,000.

PETERBORO BOARD MEETS.

The Board of Conciliation to enquire into the differences between the Canadian General Electric Company at Peterboro, and its winders, commenced the investigation on Wednesday at Peterboro. The members of the board are Judge Huycke, of Peterboro, chairman; J. G. Merrick, of Toronto, for the employers, and Fred Bancroft, of Toronto, for the empolyes.

HALIFAX POLICEMEN GET INCREASE.

At a recent meeting of the Halifax City Council the policemen of that city were given wage increases. The following were the increases granted and the present salaries:

Chief	$2600	$2100
Deputy Chief	2200	1800
Chief Detective Inspector	2200	1800
8 Deputy Inspectors	1800	1500
4 Police Inspectors	1650	1400
7 Sergeants	1500	1300
City Marshall	1300	1200
56 Policemen	1300	1200
Police Clerk	1300	1200
2 Police Women	1000	900

WESTERN CANADA

EDMONTON BOOKBINDERS WALK OUT.

Thirty-two Bookbinders and assistants walked out of the local printing office Wednesday noon when, after four months of negotiations the union and employers were unable to come to an agreement, says the Edmonton Free Press.

The union submitted its agreement in October last and the employers have continued to put the matter off from time to time. The question came to a definite head last week when the employers submitted a proposition that was highly unsatisfactory to the union. A letter was sent to the Master Printers from the organization, declining to accept the offer and informed them that unless the agreement was signed by Wednesday at noon, the binders, paper rulers and assistants would walk out.

At the time of going to press there is no settlement in sight. All the binders and paper rulers in the city are out, and binderies are completely tied up. The union is confident of winning and intend to stand pat until their rightful demands are met.

$350,000 NEEDED FOR MAN. MOTHERS' ALLOWANCE ACT.

Approximately $350,000 will be needed by the government for distribution under the Mothers' Allowances Act, Premier Martin announced at Winnipeg this week.

Last year, it was stated, $200,000 was included in the estimates. This was found to be inadequate, as actually $205,157.09 was distributed among the mothers benefiting under the act. During the year 413 families received allowances as against 199 during 1918. Administration expenses for 1919 were $3,834.37.

Extensions of the act making its provisions applicable to mothers with one child, and mothers whose husbands are incapacitated from injury or disease, are said to have been suggested to the Government.

VANCOUVER TEACHERS WANT ARBITRATION.

Vancouver school teachers last week asked for arbitration proceedings to settle the salary question. Recently they demanded a substantial increase in salaries, and later rejected a compromise offered by the board, which included a bonus of $100 a year for everybody over last year's schedule.

REGINA CARPENTERS SEEK INCREASE.

Regina carpenters, we understand, are seeking to have their scale raised from 80c per hour to $1 per hour. Building laborers are also seeking a substantial increase. The employers in a statement to the Regina press state that they do not anticipate any difficulty and that in the very near future a satisfactory settlement will be made between their representatives and representatives of the men's organizations.

SASKATOON TRADES COUNCIL.

Considerable healthy discussion resulted at the last regular meeting of the Saskatoon Trades and Labor Council meeting, regarding the report of the committee appointed to attend the recent conference held to discuss the advisability of operating a co-operative store in Saskatoon. At its conclusion the delegates were instructed to refer the matter to their respective locals and the secretary was instructed to circularize all the locals on the subject.

By a large majority the council passed a resolution approving the principle of a co-operative society for Saskatoon, and a delegation was appointed to report this action to the central committee, comprising members of the G.W.V.A. and other organizations.

Two new delegates were installed amid cheers from the council. At the conclusion of the business session of the council, the meeting adjourned and was thrown open to hear an address on the various aspects of the new political movements delivered by George Broadley, publicity manager of the S.G.G.A. President J. MacRorie Hill was in the chair.

MANITOBA PLANNING STATE INSURANCE.

State insurance for Manitoba was the recommendation made on Tuesday by the experts called in by the Government to assist a joint committee which has been considering suggested amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act. These are Miles Dawson actuary, of New York, and F. W. Drisdale, British Columbia. They suggest that the scheme be carried out by a commissioner and two directors representing employers and employes. They also recommend the increase of compensation from 55 to 66 1-3 per cent. of the earnings and the increase of the allowances to widows from $20 to $30 per month and to children from $5 to $7.50.

N. B. ORGANIZED LABOR'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME.

At a recent meeting of the Manitoba Amalgamated Trades and Labor Council the legislative programme of the N. B. Federation of Labor was presented.

The sections adopted read as follows:

1. Department of Labor to be created. The Bureau of Labor Act, 1905, and amended Acts to be repealed and legislation enacted providing for a Department of Labor with a minister of labor, who shall be a member of the executive council of the government. The Department to have the administration of all labor laws with independent commissions for administration of Workmen's Compensation, Factory Act, Minimum Wage Act. Staff of Department to be Representatives of Department and each commission or board to form an industrial commission to advise in the administration of department of labor, the carrying out of labor legislation. (This has been the development of administration of labor legislation all over North America.)

Workmen's Compensation.

2. Workmen's Compensation Act, to be amended to provide for the payment of pensions during life in permanent, partial and total disability and death cases, to provide for full medical, hospital and skilled nursing attendance from date of accident; increasing the amount allowed for funeral expenses to $100; payments in cases of widow and children to be increased to $30, and $10 per month respectively, and scale of payments in death cases to be established, based on earnings of deceased; in order to maintain as far as possible the standard of living of deceased's dependents; protection of Act to be extended to clerks by repealing subsection of Section 3 of the Act; providing that in cases of any child under the age stipulated by the Factories Act being injured or killed the full of such accident or death be made a charge against the offending employer. These amendments are requested to unify this Act with similar acts of the Dominion and to carry out the original requests made by organized labor in this matter. We deem it is the sane course to take these improvements at this time rather than by introducing annual amendments, as continual changes complicate administration.

Factory Act.

3. Factory Act introduced at the 1919 session of the legislature to be passed with amendments providing for application of the Act to all industries employment age of children, to be sixteen years instead of fourteen, hours of labor to be eight instead of ten. Provisions to be made for eating and dressing rooms in factories, for separate toilets for male and female employes and for appointing female inspectors. In case of exemptions for accidents, exigencies of trade, etc., hours not to be more than eleven and a half in any one day or fifty-eight and a half in any week.

Minimum Wage.

4. Minimum Wage Act legislation to be enacted providing for minimum wage, board comprised as follows—Two representatives of labor, one of whom shall be a woman; two representatives of employers, one of whom shall be a woman; and a disinterested person to be chairman; to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. Board to be empowered by Act to make enquiry as to wages, hours of labor, conditions of employment, etc., in all industries where females are employed and to make recommendations as to standards of wages, hours of labor and conditions of employment. Findings of board on publication in Royal Gazette to be binding under penalties on industries involved in enquiry. See Manitoba Act, 1918.

WINNIPEG BUILDING LABORERS DEMAND 65c HOUR.

The building trades laborers at Winnipeg will demand 65c an hour from their employers when operations begin in the spring according to W. V. Lovatt, business agent of the Building Trades Laborers' Union.

PRACTICAL ALSO.

She—Isn't it romantic sitting out here by the mellow light of the moon?

He—Yes, and besides your father can't kick about his electric light bill.—Boston Transcript.

Three Labor Members of the Ontario Legislature.

Frank Greenlaw (centre), Labor M.P.P. for St. Catharines, Ont.; Mayor M. MacBride, M.P.P., Brantford (on the right), and Chas. Swayze, M.P.P., Niagara Falls (on left). Snapped on the steps of the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, when they attended the Labor caucus of the U. F. O. Government, where it was decided to press for mothers' pensions and other Labor reforms.

Keeping Out of the Ruts

The blood of a business which advertises regularly runs faster than the blood of a business which rarely or never opens its mouth.

Men who get in ruts grow to like ruts. There is a certain comfort and contentment in routine—which word is very close to "rutine."

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