

BANK CLERKS ARE FORMING UNIONS

Toronto and Montreal Ahead Have Organizations—More Expected.

The fact that the term "Labor" is applicable not only to the masses of existing trades unions but to all who earn their livings is becoming better realized every day. Two years ago the bank clerks were the only ones to make organization or affiliation with the Trades Union Movement. Today in all large cities in Canada the clerks are discussing the matter seriously.

It is not long ago that the bank clerks of Montreal met to discuss the situation and to make a plan of organization. Toronto bank clerks, male and female, have gone one step further, and at a meeting held in the city of Toronto, on December 17th, they elected a committee consisting of Herbert Lewis, of the Trades Council Organizing Committee in the chair, more than 200 of them expressing the opinion that the only way to secure more satisfactory conditions of employment was the formation of a union connected with the Trades Union Movement. It was decided to hold a meeting two days before Christmas for the formation of the Bank Employees' Association. It is significant in view of the fact that the bank employees had not in any way been canvassed by representatives of the Trades Union Movement. At the meeting, Mr. Lewis addressed the meeting, and he did not address the meeting, and he did not address the meeting, and he did not address the meeting.

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Condemnation of present municipal politics and the dedication of the Labor platform, as applicable to the coming municipal election, characterized a meeting of the Ottawa Trades and Labor Council, held Monday night.

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WAYS OF COMBATING CANADIAN AGITATION

Radical propaganda in Canada, the means necessary for its spread and the methods which may be used to combat it, were outlined by C. H. Cahan, K.C., former Director of Public Intelligence in the Dominion, in a paper read before the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal, in 1917. Mr. Cahan was asked to outline the sources of agitation in Canada. In 1917, he held there were three radical organizations in Canada—the Socialist Party of Canada, with headquarters at Vancouver; the Industrial Workers of the World, with headquarters in the United States; and the Social Democratic Party of Canada, which was organized in Toronto, and had a large branch in Montreal. Each of these organizations had its own papers in English, which appeared weekly, bi-weekly, or even daily, and also printed many pamphlets and circulars for distribution throughout the country.

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