

Paquette

On the 3rd day of May it was proposed by Mr Gardner, seconded by Mr Parent that this reduction of ten per cent should be accepted by the textile workers and that they should go back to their work next morning, May 4th, as usual.

There was lots of discussion on that motion but the result was that the motion failed. For the motion A Parent, Francois Mantel, M Neveu and W H Gardner against the motion P Pafard, E Ouelette N Therrien and W Paquette. The number of votes being even, the General President, Mr Gignac voted in favour of the motion that the men should go back to work next morning.

There is something which I wanted to state about which I spoke yesterday. I simply want to show you that it is in the record.

On the same day Brother Ouelette explained to the Council the situation of local number 18, that is at St Hyacinthe. He showed that a great number of Unionists were sacrificed because they belonged to the Union. It was decided unanimously that number 18 local should be entitled to go on strike if they wanted to. That is what was decided.

Mr Gignac and his friends who voted against the strike in Montreal for the cotton operatives who were obliged to stand a reduction of ten per cent, voted in favour of the strike at St Hyacinthe on the same day. On the 18th of May we had a special meeting of the Council, the members

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