

CONFERENCE OF EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE.

The National Conference of Employers and Employees, which opened on Monday, September 15 at Ottawa is the most important convention of its kind ever held in Canada, and will, it is expected, go far toward finding a solution for the present industrial unrest. The deliberations will last one week.

The memorandum issued by the Government authorizing the conference provides that the employers and the Trades and Labour Congress will each be represented by 60 delegates. The representatives of the Congress will not represent the railway operating trades and telegraphers, who will be represented by the labour members of the Canada Railway Board of Adjustment No. 1.

Others who will attend are members of the labour sub-committee of the Reconstruction and Development Committee of the Cabinet, members of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations and representatives of the various technical and engineering organizations.

The official agenda is as follows:—

1. Consideration of the labour features of the Treaty of Peace.
2. Consideration of the question of the desirability of unifying and co-ordinating the existing labour laws of the Dominion Parliament and of the Provincial Legislatures; (see page 107 of the R. C. Report), and the consideration of any new labour laws which are deemed necessary.
3. Consideration of the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations respecting hours of labour (see paragraph 52 and recommendations on page 19 of R. C. Report).
4. Consideration of minimum wage laws (see paragraph 52 and recommendations on page 19 of R. C. Report).
5. Consideration of:
 - (a) employees right to organize (see paragraph 59, also recommendation on page 19 of R. C. Report);
 - (b) Recognition of labour unions (see paragraph 59, also recommendations on page 19 of R. C. Report);
 - (c) The right of employees to collective bargaining (see paragraph 65, also recommendation on page 19 of R. C. Report).
6. Consideration of:
 - (a) The recommendations of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations in favour of the establishment of a bureau to promote the establishment and development of joint industrial councils (see paragraph 99 also recommendations on page 19 of R. C. Report).
 - (b) The further recommendations of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations regarding the establishment of joint plant and industrial councils (see paragraphs 85 and 98 and recommendations on page 19 of R. C. Report).
7. Consideration of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations that the findings of the Commission be put into effect in all work controlled by the Government where the principles of democratic management can be applied.
8. Consideration of resolutions relating to any other features of the Report of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations referred to on page 19 of the report.
9. Consideration of any other proposals which may be introduced bearing on the relations of employers and employees.

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