

HALIFAX PRINTERS SHOW FIGHTING QUALITIES

In Halifax the struggle of the Typographical Union for the 44-hour week has led to new and unlooked-for developments. For years the Union has been content to allow its members to use their own judgment in respect to voting at political elections, but this year conditions have altered to such an extent that the union printers, in order to protect their own interests, have been forced to take definite action.

printers' strike for the 44-hour, a number of printing offices, which have refused to grant the shorter work week to their union employees, are now operating under non-union conditions, employing strike-breakers who are non-taxpayers and non-residents of the city of Halifax.

EDMONTON ACTIVITY IN MUNICIPAL FIELD

Four aldermanic candidates and two for public school trustees were placed in nomination by the Edmonton branch of the Dominion Labor Party, for the civic elections on December 12th.

school board. The aldermanic candidates are Andy Davison, Geo. D. Swier, R. H. Parkyn and John Stark.

A meeting of the party on Monday evening it was decided to add additional planks to the aldermanic platform as follows: "To advocate abolition of the board of public welfare; the work to be placed under the administration of the council."

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT HAS NO STRENGTHS

Complete freedom of employees of the Alberta Government, not only to vote as they pleased but to work in whatever campaign they might wish, even if in opposition to the Government that employed them, was promised by Premier Greenfield at the session of the Alberta Civil Service convention.

TREES.

In the Garden of Eden, planted by God, There were goodly trees in the spring-time—

Trees of beauty and height and grace To stand in splendor before His face.

Apple and hickory, ash and pear, Oak and beech and the tulip rare.

The trembling aspen, the noble pine, The sweeping elm by the river line.

Trees for the birds to build in and sing, And the lilac tree for a joy in spring.

Trees to turn at the frosty call, And carpet the ground for their Lord's footfall;

Wood for the bow, the spear and the flail, The keel and the mast, and the daring sail;

He made them of every grain and girth, For the use of man in the Garden of Earth.

Then, lest the soul should not lift her eyes From the gift to the Giver of Paradise.

On the crown of a hill, for all to see, God planted a scarlet maple tree.

—Bliss Carman.

ALBERTA CIVIC WORKERS CONFERENCE

That the altered conditions of living do not warrant any reductions in the wages of civic employees in Alberta was the unanimous conclusion of a conference of representatives of various federations of civic employees of Alberta which was held in Calgary.

It was further claimed that the statement made at Medicine Hat, that a general reduction in wages of all railway and industrial workers was being made, was not a fact, as no general reduction was being made in wages except where capitalists and manufacturers were manipulating the machinery of production to exploit the workers.

The conference went on record as being in favor of group insurance for sickness and accident, as well as in favor of group life insurance to cover the representatives of the employers of the various cities to take this matter up at once.

Delegate Robinson, of the Calgary

Medicine Hat conference of Alberta civic officials, of Edmonton, acted as secretary. Delegates present were: E. H. Knight, J. T. Robinson, W. Moffat, W. Stark, F. Keene, J. Shearer, George Poulton, of Calgary; John Marsh, George Osborne of Lethbridge; J. Mater, T. Steele, A. Pothier and J. J. McCormack, of Edmonton; A. Farnilo, Canadian representative of the American Federation of Labor.

F. E. Harrison, Dominion fair wage officer, and Walter Smitten, representing the Alberta Federation of Labor, were invited to attend the conference. Walter Smitten being busy in his capacity as revising officer for the elections, was unable to be in attendance, but delegated Al. Fred. J. White, M.L.A., to take his place.

A later report states that the Calgary city council, at their meeting adopted Commissioner Graves' report on the reduction of wages.

NOVA SCOTIA LABOR CANDIDATES

There are three straight Labor men nominated, two in Halifax, namely, Dr. A. Hawkins and J. S. Wallace and one in South Capt.

Breton-Richmond, J. B. MacLachlan, in Antigonish, Dr. McIsaac, V.S., is running as a Farmer. In Cumberland County Capt. McKinnon is also running on the Farmer ticket, as is E. M. Reid in Pictou County.

E. C. Doyle, in South Capt Breton and Richmond; M. A. MacKenzie in North Cape Breton and Victoria and Isaac MacDougal in Inverness and running on the Farmer-Labor ticket. In Hants County, Dr. H. E. Kendall is running as a Farmer.

MONTREAL JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE

In spite of anticipation that expenditures would increase during the winter months, due to unemployment, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Montreal reports that so far it has not been necessary to increase their usual monthly money allotment.

It is due, not so much to the fact that there are less people needing help, the report says, but that the Federation was not able to get into touch with them. Although \$60,000 has already been collected, there is a deficit of \$35,000 to meet requirements to January, about \$40,000 being outstanding on subscription pledges. At present the Quebec Bureau of Public Charities are determining the amount of the financial grant which the Provincial Government will make to the Federation, while the Mayor's committee on unemployment will probably allow grants for emergency relief.

DOMINION IMPORT TRADE

A summary of the trade of Canada for the 12 months ending October 31, issued by the External Trade Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, shows a total import trade to the value of \$859,628,267 for 1921 as compared with \$1,239,629,454 for 1920, and \$902,539,438 for 1919. Duties collected in the 1921 period amounted to \$127,481,946, as against \$210,226,382 in 1920, and \$161,317,422 in 1919. Total exports during the period in 1921 amounted to \$894,566,435 as compared with \$1,263,784,533 in 1920, and \$1,252,051,959 in 1919.

During the 1921 period Canada imported goods from the United Kingdom to the value of \$129,035,546, and exported goods to the United Kingdom to the value of \$296,778,084. Imports from the United States during the same period amounted to \$609,037,273, and exports to the United States to \$392,056,013.

QUEBEC COMPENSATION CASE

Albany, N.Y.—The state workmen's compensation commission reports a queer compensation case, wherein a worker engaged in moving a stone chased a rat from under the building. In attempting to kill the rat with a piece of board a silver pierced the hand of the worker, and blood poisoning developed. In rejecting a claim for compensation it was ruled that if the worker was employed to hunt rats and was injured, he would be compensated, but not under present conditions.

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TYPOS FIRED UP IN BIG CITY Five thousand compositors in the New York book and job printing trades will continue to work at the present wages—\$50 a week for day work, \$65 for night workers and \$55 for those on midnight shifts—under a decision handed down by Dr. John Lovejoy Elliot, head of the Hudson Guild Neighborhood Center. The decision was the culmination of a wage adjustment arbitration proceeding between the closed shop branch of the New York Employing Printers' Association and Typographical Union, No. 6. Dr. Elliott was named as the sole arbitrator.

CALGARY BUSY ON CIVIC ELECTIONS The Dominion Labor Party in Calgary have four candidates in the field for aldermanic honors, and two candidates for the school board trustees. It is considered highly probable that the party will not run a candidate for the commissioner's seat.

THE Progressive Candidates STAND FOR The Best Interests OF LABOUR IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE VOTE FOR Loughnan AND Bourque

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