

TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS PROVES ITSELF CONSTRUCTIVE BODY

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for building homes, a St. Catharines delegate suggested that the Government be asked to take immediate steps towards the building of housing facilities until such time as there is an ample number of houses at the workers' disposal.

The delegate objected to the proposed building of "picture palaces and stores that were not necessary or of any great use to the community," while there was a scarcity of housing.

Delegate Wilkinson of Woodstock also favored some recommendation to the workingman without so much of a "house" as a "house."

President Moore spoke briefly at this juncture, telling of deplorable housing conditions in Canada—particularly in Vancouver, where he found 15 Chinamen living in one room. In an eastern city, he said, there were a great many houses that he had seen that were furnished with such things as gas, water, and electricity, both were furnished through the same aperture—and that was in the roof.

He promised that the work of bringing about satisfactory housing conditions would be carried on by the incoming executive.

It was decided on motion to appoint a committee of five to look into the housing question.

The following were appointed—Delegate Bruce of Toronto, Delegate A. Mathie of Montreal, Delegate Watson of Moose Jaw, Delegate Joseph Steele of St. John's, and Delegate Levitt of Alberta.

Bro. Joseph Marks of Toronto, secretary of the Independent Labor Party and editor of "The Worker," was presented to the congress and was greeted with cheers.

He addressed the congress, briefly on the coming provincial election. The resolution was voted to nearly all over the province with organizers and he assured the congress that, as he saw it, labor was united for the fight.

Wednesday Session.

A resolution demanding the removal of the censorship on certain publications, which were not national in character, and the discontinuance of such interference in private matters was submitted by Delegate McCallum of Toronto.

The resolution was voted to be sent to the Resolutions Committee to be dealt with by the congress later.

Delegates of the Machinists' union of Toronto submitted a resolution that "whereas, two of our brothers have been sentenced to jail terms for having in their possession banned literature, be it demanded immediately."

Delegate Herb Lewis, Toronto, asked that the congress support the workers of the United States in their strike. A motion was made by Delegate McCutcheon, Winnipeg, that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of going on record as supporting the striking steel workers.

The Police Committee which was asked for yesterday's appointment of this committee as follows: G. Green, Toronto; Capt. Albert Kirk, Montreal; A. S. Woodward, Vancouver; ex-Mr. Richardson, Sydney; and A. Brammer, London.

A resolution demanding shorter hours, one day's rest in seven, better wages and to be lifted out of the service of domestic servants in hotels, etc., was submitted by the Waters and Cooks' Club of Toronto. It was received and sent on to the Resolutions Committee.

The following resolutions regarding cigarmakers was laid on the table indefinitely by a unanimous vote.

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The executive committee of the American Federation of Labor who attended the 35th convention of the Trades Congress at Hamilton. From left to right they are: Matthew Wall, A. McAndrews, Sam Griggs, Joe Probst, G. W. Perkins, J. W. Hays, J. J. Manning.

arranged for possessing these publications. The resolution was sent on to the Resolutions Committee.

Mr. Ben-Tillet, M.P., fraternal delegate from the British Trades and Labor Congress then addressed the congress. A summary of his address appears elsewhere in this issue.

Considerable discussion arose when the chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports recommended concurrence in that part of the president's report dealing with the amendments to the Criminal Code. The section called upon the Government to make some immediate change in the legislation respecting banned literature and seditious utterances. However, the committee's report was adopted.

The report of the committee on officers' reports was agreed upon Thursday afternoon. A matter involving the status of the trades unions was brought up in considering the report concerning the social international secretary at London.

The president's report of the Winnipeg convention was read and the comment when it was put before the congress for endorsement. The president reported that no communication was received from Winnipeg by the congress relative to the strike until the evening after the arrest of the strikers, Ivens, Armstrong, and others.

The committee's report on the matter was adopted. The committee recommended that the Dominion and Provincial Governments spend more on technical education and spend less on military education. The committee also recommended amendments to the Pensioners Act were approved.

The committee recommended that labor in the United States keep a sharp eye on the Government in future should any attempt be made to strengthen the permanent military forces. The war was over now—the war that was to end all wars—there was no need of large armies.

The Congress went on record instructing the incoming executive to press for the repeal of the act providing for the increasing of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police force and extending its jurisdiction over the entire Dominion.

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deafening and prolonged applause, were unanimously acclaimed to again fill their respective offices.

Fourteen delegates were nominated to the three vice-presidencies. Five of them declined to stand, however. Those nominated were: Delegate J. Simpson, Toronto; A. J. McAndrews, Moose Jaw; Delegate H. J. McVittie, Vancouver; Delegate H. J. Halford, Hamilton; Delegate G. Rees, Vancouver; Delegate Geo. Armstrong, Winnipeg; Delegate J. W. Wilkinson, Vancouver; Delegate J. Gibbons, Toronto; Delegate Miss Helen Gutteridge, Vancouver; Delegate A. O'Leary, Toronto; Delegate W. Waters; Delegate W. Trotter, Vancouver; and Delegate R. Baxter, Sydney, N.S.

The following declined: Delegates Wilkinson, Waters, Gibbons, O'Leary and Trotter.

Required 372 votes to elect and on the first ballot two candidates passed this mark. Controller H. J. Manning, Toronto, received 372 votes, and A. Martel, of Montreal, received 529.

The other results of the first ballot were: Simpson 295; McAndrews, 279; Gutteridge, 183; Trotter, 62; Miss Gutteridge, 148; Trotter, 20.

A second and third ballot was required to elect the third vice-president. On the third ballot Delegate McAndrews secured 416 votes. For election 344 were necessary. He was, therefore, elected vice-president.

The spirits of the assembly rose perceptibly during the taking of the vote for vice-presidents, and burst out in patriotic fervor. The delegates broke out into "L'Alouette." This was followed by "O, Canada," in which the English speaking delegates joined.

To the amusement of the assembly some of the delegates offered that intensely pathetic ballad entitled "How Firm a Foundation," which was sung unanimously on "Till We Meet Again."

Captain Carroll, of the Montreal police department, contributed a yodeling song, which was sung by the "Marsillaise" by another delegate, and "O, Canada" was again sung by the assembly.

Delegate E. W. A. O'Dell, of Hamilton, will carry the greetings of the Dominion Trades Congress to a similar body of British workmen at their next convention, while Delegate J. McCallum, of Toronto, will represent the Trades Congress of Canada at the fraternal delegate to the A. F. of L.

Windsor was chosen as the next convention city, but not until three ballots had been taken in which Moose Jaw, Toronto, and Hamilton were voted for.

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