Govt contracts
Fair wages not carried out
in Ireland. 1892

Belfast United Trades Council

11th Ann R. & Bal. S. for year ending
Nov 1892

Council has sought to have Resolⁿ of H of C. carried out in the Irish Depts of the Govt. — A committee of the Council appld to confer with the matter, such & after investigating the circumstances reported that from the official documents they found the resolⁿ was not carried out in any of the Irish departments & reported council to later action.

1892. Keyed.

Resolⁿ that R of H of C 13 Feb. shld be strictly enforced in all Govt contracts, entered into in Ireland & condemn Irish depts for not enforcing the resolⁿ in this. — Matter in abeyance some months nothing done. Subject again taken up by the Council. Attention of the members of the Govt. The labours & fresh Repts. & various trade councils in Gt Br & Ireland were directed to the non compliance of the Irish Department. Several trade councils adopted our resolⁿ & members of Parl. promised assistance

Resolⁿ states, that large part of the Govt work regard by the depts Irish departments is turned out by boys & other underpaid labour & also condemn subcontracting by Govt & public ad. many Irish workshops produced piecemeal by boys & girls bad labour & in our practice both established in Dublin or Ulster revealing conditions under which much work of Govt & other public ads.

Dublin Trades Council passed above Resolⁿ also Govt officials interviewed. The Inspectors General R. I. C. and Chief Comm. of the Metropolitan Police, have also endorsed the carrying out of the fair W. clause, have already caused the removal of work wh had hitherto been done by boys & sweaters to be given to fair employers — done by competent trades men. Mr. Morley has written to say re Boy labour that it is a ?? fit concern within the scope of the H of C.

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