

## HOT SHOT FOR THE R. E. O. A.

Called Shylocks at Meeting of Trades and Labor Council

RENTS COMPLAINED OF

Council to Co-Operate With University in Extension Work

Members of the Real Estate Owners' Association were characterized as belonging to a "thieves' kitchen," and being "shylocks," etc., by Delegate Keith at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night, when he was dealing with his report on the coal question. The references arose as a result of a resolution passed by the R. E. O. A. at a recent meeting, which expressed the opinion that the high rent question would be solved the same way as the coal and cost of living problems.

"They've never done anything for the benefit of the city," said Delegate Keith, "and we may show them a thing or two in regard to the coal question and the high rent problem, too, for that matter." It was out of place for an organization of that kind to pass a resolution which reflected on the Trades and Labor Council, he declared.

Leading further with the coal situation, Delegate Barrett said he had information that soft coal, which had been laid down in London, and which could be sold for \$5 a ton, was actually being sold at \$15.50 per ton. A decided tumble in coal prices was predicted. The delegate was about to disclose other information, but he was advised to keep it for the coal committee, the committee reported on the possibility of securing 2,000 tons of coal.

**STREET RAILWAY SITUATION.** There was a feeling rampant at the meeting in regard to the street railway propositions, which was expressed by one delegate as "the question was debated at length and was finally left over."

Fred Young was the center of much discussion when a new credential was placed before the council asking that he be seated as a delegate. By vote the credential was sent back to the "Musicians' Union," with the suggestion that some other name be submitted as delegate. There was a general feeling of hostility towards Mr. Young "on account of his actions in connection with another organization."

Reporting for the cost of living committee, Delegate Thompson said the gas rate question was going to be opened again with vigor. He had been blacklisted by the City Gas Company "because I refused to pay the service charge. I moved from one house to another and now the gas company will not give me a meter. I bought a \$15 stove from them." There was pronounced laughter.

**NO LAUGHING MATTER.** "This is no laughing matter," said President MacKay. Silence was restored.

"I've been blacklisted, too," declared Delegate Smith.

Delegate Thompson commended The Free Press for taking up the high rent problem. A suggestion was made that the published form be filled in and be changed in one item and that it be made to read: "What has been your increase in rent for the past five years?" The council did not approve the suggestion. The industrial committee selected by the Industrial Service Council for the survey to be made shortly, the committee members were wanted on the committee. These will be added without difficulty, it was understood.

Secretary This was instructed to furnish G. Nichols, Cardiff, Wales, with all possible information regarding labor conditions in this area. Mr. Nichols wrote that he had established an immigration bureau in the old country and that he was formerly a member of the central strike committee at Winnipeg. The country would be overrun with immigrants if they were not told of the actual state of affairs, he wrote.

Commissioner E. R. Dennis and Business Agent Lavender, of the London Housing Commission, Dr. of the council and tell what the commission has accomplished.

The offer of Western University to co-operate with and assist trades unionism was accepted and a committee of one was named to hold a conference with Dean Foster. Delegate Stewart was chosen. The co-operation will be between the Trades and Labor Council and the committee on extension of the university.

With a view to establishing a juvenile court here a committee of six was named to take the matter up with the Central Juvenile Court, Toronto. Delegates Keith, Liddell, Hessel, Colbert, Vinen and Laff are on the committee.

It was decided not to sing "God Save the King" at the close of the regular meetings in future. This was not done out of any disloyalty. It was explained that the war was over and there was really no urgent need for the singing of the National Anthem.

**Buying the London Street Railway**

We hear comment on every side re the city buying this road. It looks like a poor move, is the common comment. The London Street Railway, but thirty people, do buy Diamonds from John A. Nash. My Jewels. His store is 206 Dundas street, "where you will eventually buy."—Adv.

**COMMITTEES FOR SURVEY SELECTED**

Eleven Subcommittees to Tackle Various Phases of Work

**DR. HILL IN CHARGE**

Joint Committees Will Meet Again on the 15th Inst.

With the appointment of 11 committees to make investigations regarding, practically every phase of civic life and condition, the Social Service Council at a meeting yesterday completed organization for the survey which will be made during the coming months. Dr. H. Hill was appointed chairman of the committee and his energy will be a prime factor in putting across the survey.

The next meeting of the joint committees will be held on October 15, when programs of work and activities will be mapped out for the different subcommittees. Following are the members of the different executives:

Population—A. H. M. Graydon, W. C. Lant, R. P. Liddle, Miss Rowe (superintendent school nurses) and Stephen Grant.

Industrial conditions—D. H. McDermott, J. H. Raymond Smith, Frank MacKay, Col. Leonard, E. W. Gains, D. MacArthur and E. Hawkins.

Housing and town planning—John M. Watt, H. A. Brazier, M. Lerner, Arthur Mould, Mrs. Crawford, A. M. Piper, and Mrs. J. H. Hessel.

Public health and child welfare—Col. Leonard, Dr. H. Hill, Dr. Downham, Miss Friend, Miss B. Smith, and R. H. Sanders.

Public morals—Richard Davies, Adj. Marshall, Major Murphy, Mrs. Harrison, L. M. Houlding, J. B. McKillop, Mrs. Beecher and W. E. Kelly.

Recreation facilities—E. V. Buchanan, Mr. Gorman, Mr. Henderson, Chester Rowntree.

Education—Mrs. W. A. Tanner, Father Brissom, W. D. Beamer, Inspector Edwards, H. B. Beal, E. A. Miller, Prof. Fox, Miss R. Harris, Dr. Dearness and Mrs. F. Leonard.

Charity and relief—Adj. Martin, Miss Hilda, Miss C. G. Wood, Mr. Wood, Joseph Sanders and Miss Gladstone.

Church and religious life—The executive of the Ministerial Alliance to decide names suggested: E. L. Brown, J. F. Maitland, R. M. Burns, and J. K. H. Pope.

## GOOD NEWS OF W. C. A. HOMES

Forty-Fifth Annual Meeting Finds Association Flourishing

PROPERTY PURCHASED

Institution for Incapables to Have Splendid New Quarters

The Women's Christian Association at the annual meeting held yesterday afternoon concluded the 45th year of active service in humanitarian interests in the City of London with a capital account of \$53,218.70, and almost included negotiations for one of the finest residences in the city as a permanent home for incurables.

"The purchase of the Minihick property on Grand avenue, which has occupied the executive for some time, will be concluded in the course of a few weeks, and when certain renovations and necessary changes in the house have been completed the patients at the Victoria Home will be at once removed to these new and entirely desirable quarters. The sale price of the property, which includes five acres of land, is \$37,500.

**A PROBLEM SOLVED.** With this solution of a long-pending difficulty, the association as a whole reported a year satisfactory in every respect.

The treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Kelly, presented a statement showing, in addition to the capital account, a total receipt of \$7,138.90, made up of \$4,560 to the general fund, \$24,228.80 to the aged peoples' home, \$27,517.95 to the Victoria home, and \$532 to the annex at the latter institution.

The total disbursements were: General fund, \$29,244; aged peoples' home, \$22,520.17; Victoria home, \$20,663.62; annex, \$1,145.33; relief work, \$693.45.

The government grant to the aged peoples' home for the year has been \$2,233.95, and to the Victoria home, \$7,890.17, from the city the homes have received \$7,383.80 and \$1,640.20, respectively.

The report of the secretary, Miss MacDonald, gave a most comprehensive view of the work carried on by the association in the McCormick Home for the Aged and in the Victoria Home for Incapables, the latter the only institution of its kind west of Toronto, and long overflowing the accommodation provided in the present building and grounds on Dundas street.

**WILL NOT BUILD.** The plan for building a new home on the property owned by the association in the north end of the city has been abandoned in view of the purchase of the Grand avenue property, which has expected the work among these helpless and afflicted people will be carried on with greater facility.

The failure of the City of London bill last spring removed all hope of the grant of \$75,000, which was long the present time, but the secretary stated, there seemed no reason why a similar amount might not be made at some future time.

\$20,000 has been placed to the credit of the W. C. A. from C. W. F. A. campaign, with a possible addition of \$5,000 from the supplementary campaign soon to be staged, bringing the sum up to the original budget.

**CITIZENS ALL HELP.** Entertainments, Christmas donations, religious ministrations and requests have through the year added to the efficacy of the work, which has included the care of the inmates of both homes.

At the McCormick home 75 inmates are at present enrolled, and 59 at the Victoria home, many of the latter unable in any way care for themselves.

The appointments of Mrs. Thompson as matron of the Victoria home has been made in July of this year and has proved entirely successful.

**NEW RESIDENT.** The election of officers, one of the main items of business on the program, was attended by the final session of Mrs. Helen Marshall, for 15 years the honored president of the association, to retain that office at the urgent request of her associates.

Mrs. Marshall will be succeeded by Mrs. C. C. Waller, Mrs. C. B. Hunt, Mrs. L. E. Davis, Mrs. C. B. Robinson, \$200; Mr. Carrothers, \$200; D. S. Perrin Company donation, \$100; Shore estate, \$15; Annie Andrews, \$500; Margaret McConaghey, \$733.97; Dalton charity fund, \$273.73.

**HEALTH REPORT.** The following number of communicable disease cases were reported to Dr. W. H. Downham, medical officer of health, for the week ending October 3: Chickenpox took the lead with six cases; three cases of diphtheria and two cases of typhoid fever comprised the list.

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**MAJOR CRICHTON IS TO TOUR DIVISION**

Major Crichton, the commanding officer of local Salvation Army headquarters, will make a tour of different branches in the London division this month. He will conduct services at each of the centers visited and will also become acquainted with the work which each of the local corps is doing.

The itinerary which will be followed is: St. Thomas, October 7; Ingersoll, October 8; Woodstock, October 9 and 10; Dresden, October 11; Wallaceburg, October 12; Chatham, October 13; Windsor, October 14; Essex, October 15; Leamington, October 16; Sarnia, October 21; Forest, October 22; London, October 23 to 26.

**MR. DEWEY'S SALARY IS INCREASED \$200**

The quarterly board of Empress Avenue Methodist Church has decided to advance the salary of their pastor, Rev. George M. Dewey, from \$1,500 to \$1,700. This is regarded as especially commendable in view of the fact that the congregation is already burdened with the cost of erecting a new Sunday school room in connection with their church.

Decision was also reached by the board to hold anniversary services the first week in December, at which time the new addition will be completed and the church will be 50 years old.

**DONATION OF \$25.**—A donation of \$25 by the Women's Institute of school section No. 11 is acknowledged by the welfare department of the Soldiers' Aid Commission.

**VISIT POSTPONED.**—The visit of Tuscan Lodge, Toronto, which was planned for Friday evening of this week to St. John's Lodge, 209a, of this city, has been postponed. St. John's Lodge has arranged instead to hold its annual past master night.

## PSYCHOLOGY WEAK IN FALLEN CIVILIZATIONS

Mental Hygiene a Test of Nation, Says Dr. Helen Boyle to Women's Canadian Club

"There are very few people who have not some form of mental 'kink' and the step between lack of control and absolute insanity is not very long," declared Dr. Helen Boyle, of the National Committee on Mental Hygiene, addressing the Women's Canadian Club at the opening meeting yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Boyle, who bears the honor of being the first woman to found a psychopathic hospital in England, and is an authority on mental and mental hygiene, made "psychology as applied to everyday life" the subject of a most interesting and fascinating talk.

"We have paid too little attention to mental causes and effects," the speaker said "and if we break down in this present civilization, which we must not, it will be in this direction that the break will come."

**WHAT THE WAR HAS SHOWN**

"The war has amply demonstrated this," Dr. Boyle went on. "We saw men of normal and healthy minds returning after only a few months of war, and as nervous and mental wrecks, and the heavy percentage of these was from the better class of citizens, and from among the officers and men of mental poise."

Environment and circumstance, the speaker declared, play a large part in mental conditions. "Hysteria has been proved to be both caused and cured by suggestion, and paralysis in many cases also suggestible," she said, citing the case of the man in battle who is possessed with a sudden, uncontrollable desire to run. "Paralysis has been known to result from such an attack, and to be cured in an hour, a point accountable in the fact that the two primary causes of hysteria are suggestion and the herd instinct are at war, and so strenuously is the soldier recalled to the gang feeling by his subconscious mind, that a momentary suspension of physical power is the result."

**CRIME TRACED**

Word association as a mental test, the tendency to fanciful story-telling among young children, and other points of interest connected with the subject, the speaker, who declared the subconscious mind to be a strong element in the formation of character. "You can detect a lie by word association," she said "simply because the subconscious mind answers, and that never lies."

"Forgetfulness is a natural method of easing the mind of a too-heavy burden of experience," the speaker stated.

In closing Dr. Boyle urged upon the women of London the establishment of a psychopathic institution in every community. "We don't wait until other diseases are developed into dangerous cases," she said "why should we in mental conditions wait until insanity has been fully established before going to a mental physician. Nervousness, insomnia, irritability, scores of daily emotions are playing on the mental strength of the community and need mental medicine."

A vote of thanks to Dr. Boyle was moved by Dr. Eatonson and warmly seconded by Miss Blackburn. Mrs. F. E. Leonard presided.

**TROUBLE IN PORTUGAL**

Madrid Hears General Strike Is Apparently Revolutionary

LONDON, Oct. 6.—The Madrid correspondent of the Reuter's Limited agency says the intelligence from various points on the frontier indicates that a general strike, apparently of a revolutionary character, has broken out in the whole of Portugal.

MADRID, Oct. 6.—Reports from Portuguese railroad officials here said that the entire force of railroad men in Portugal declared a general strike on Tuesday morning in consequence of the arrest of the men's committee. All mails and other methods of communication have been suspended.

Four hundred school children took part in a parade to Forest fall fair yesterday.

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## DECLINE NOT DUE TO ABSENCE OF CONTROL

Supply of Wheat Exceeds Demand, Says Sir George Foster—Minister Comments on Protest of H. W. Woods

OTTAWA, Oct. 6.—Commenting on a news dispatch from Calgary, in which H. W. Wood, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, was quoted as saying that Canadian wheat could have been handled very much better through the Canada Wheat Board than in the open market, and that the price had declined a dollar a bushel since the board had ceased to handle it, Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, spoke as follows:

"The fact that the price of wheat in Canada has declined \$1 is no proof that it would not have declined had its sale been under the control of the Canada Wheat Board. It has declined equally or more in the United States. This decline is not due to the fact that a board is not handling the wheat, but is a result of the supply of wheat in Canada at present exceeding the demand. It is not sound reasoning to say that it has declined because the wheat board is not handling it."

**AMERICAN SAILOR WOUNDED IN CORK**

CORK, Ireland, Oct. 6.—Third Engineer Russell, of the United States steamer West Kader, which is unloading grain here, was shot through the right shoulder last night while returning to his ship with another member of the crew. Russell, who was treated at the city hospital, said the missile was an expanding soft-nosed bullet. He heard no challenge through three shots were fired at him and his companion, who was not hit.

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