

### FREDERICTON, N.B. BUILDING TRADES TO BENEFIT

Additional allotment of \$50,000 under the Federal Housing Act, was made to the city of Fredericton, New Brunswick, by the provincial government. The government approved of the basis under which the act has been administered by the local Housing Board as most practical and forthwith granted the application of a delegation from the city council, who asked for the additional grant.

### HENDERSON AT WORLD'S METHODIST CONFERENCE

Arthur Henderson, Labor member of the British House of Commons, in discussing human needs in modern industry before the World's Methodist Conference, declared that the problem of just distribution of wealth remained unchanged. If this was to be accomplished, he said, the churches must see that Christian principles were applied in industry. The time has gone when men and women could be treated as cogs in the machinery of wealth production. Mr. Henderson asserted. "The churches must assert the fact that the worker is first a man with a human claim to a full life. This is the path to industrial peace." Mr. Henderson's speech was greeted with cheers, and other speakers reiterated his advice, urging the eight-hour day and profit-sharing. F. M. Larkin, of San Francisco, described the system in Kansas of compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes. Charles B. Ames, Methodist Episcopal Church South, declared the church could not settle industrial problems and could only preach the doctrines of Christ to the disputants.

### RAILWAYMEN OF U.S. TAKING GENERAL STRIKE VOTE

Decision as to whether the United States will face a general railroad strike may result from two important meetings to be held at Chicago. On Sunday the representatives of 500,000 railroad shop men will meet here to determine what action to take in regard to the wage cut and changes in working rules, effective July 1. A country-wide ballot, taken some time ago, is said to have resulted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike. The result of the vote will be made known at the meeting over which B. M. Jewell, president of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, will preside. The heads of the Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will meet to announce the

### NOT ENTERTAINING TRANSFER IDEA

The following letter written by Ex-President Taft of the United States to the late Ex-President Roosevelt during the reciprocity negotiations of 1911 shows what a reduced tariff would do for Canada:

"The amount of Canadian products we would take would produce a current of business between Western Canada and the United States that would make Canada only an adjunct of the United States."

"It would transfer all their important business to Chicago and New York with their bank credits and everything else and it would increase greatly the demand of Canada for our manufacturers."

### QUEBEC PREMIER SEES NECESSITY FOR COMBINED ACTION

Discussing the question of unemployment with a delegation of Montreal people who waited on him yesterday at Quebec to draw his attention to the unprecedented situation, expected next winter, Premier Taschereau suggested the formation of a federal and provincial organization that would be in touch with the various cities and towns, and also with the ex-service men themselves, through their organizations, for the purpose of centralizing calls for employment, and also for handling relief work if needed. This body would keep the entire public constantly informed of the employment situation, he said.

### JOINT COUNCIL GIVES AWARD ON 44-HOUR WEEK

Council of industry at Winnipeg issued a finding in regard to the job printers' dispute as it applies to Winnipeg firms who signed up with their employees for the 44-hour week and agreed to submit the question of wages to arbitration. The award fixes the wages for the period beginning September 12 and ending June 30, 1922, at 90 cents an hour. The joint council suggests that its award be accepted as the basis for negotiations between the Pressmen's

### LONGSHOREMEN HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT

NEW YORK.—While an agreement has not been signed, it was understood that representatives of the Longshoremen's Union and steamship owners have decided upon a wage reduction to take effect Oct. 1. At a conference it was unofficially reported that both sides have agreed to 65 cents an hour with \$1 an hour for overtime on the basis of a 48-hour week. T. V. O'Connor of the shipping board acted as mediator at the conference, and will be present, it was said, when another meeting will be held. Mr. O'Connor said he thought the agreement would be ratified with little delay. The agreement as drawn up, it

### TO REPORT ON IMMIGRANTS

An International Emigration Commission sat at Geneva to "consider and report what measures can be adopted to regulate the migration of workers out of their native country, and to protect the interests of wage-earners residing in another country than their own." This Commission—over which Lord Ullswater, ex-Speaker of the British House of Commons, presided—will report to the International Labor Conference. The Commission decided to recommend State supervision of persons interested in the promotion of emigration, and that agreement should be made between the countries concerned on the basis that

was declared, would place the new scale wages in effect for one year. Steamship owners were known to have expressed a desire for them to remain effective for but six months, but the longshoremen were understood to be desirous of securing a guarantee for another year. Should the agreement be signed it is believed it will prevent a threatened strike of 90,000 longshoremen in Atlantic and Gulf ports.

### ORGANIZATIONS REPORTING SHOW SHORT TIME

Unemployment among labor unions at the beginning of August was 9.10 per cent. of the total membership, according to the forthcoming issue of the Labor Gazette, published by the department of labor. The figures given indicate a gain in employment at the first of August over the beginning of July when 13.15 per cent. of the total labor union membership was out of employment. The percentage for August, 1920, was 2.35 per cent.

Many of the unions continue to report a large percentage of their memberships working on short time. Returns from 5,000 firms showed a slight improvement for August but the situation was decidedly less favorable than during August, 1920.

The time loss due to industrial disputes during August was less than during July, but greater than during August, 1920. There were 24 strikes in existence during the month involving about 3,221 work people and resulting in an estimated time loss of 83,105 working days. At the end of August 19 strikes were in progress involving about 2,904 work people. There were 30 strikes during August, 1920, affecting 4,840 work people and resulting in a time loss of 74,366 working days.

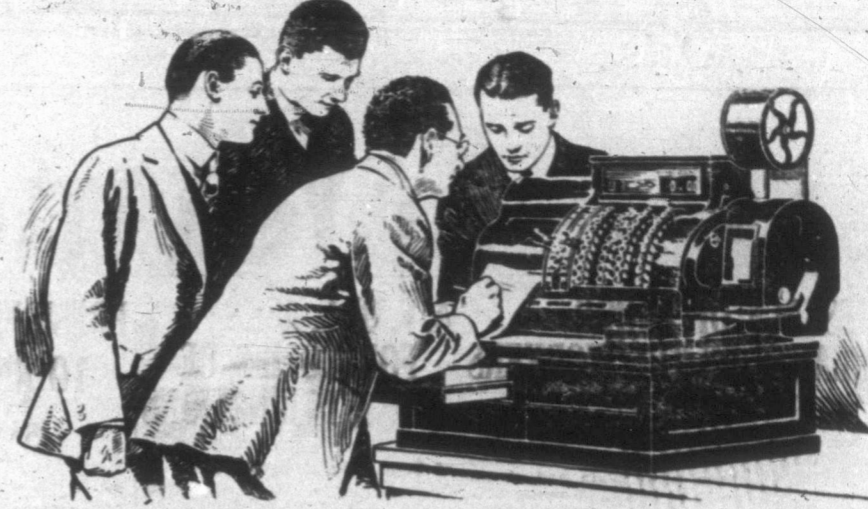
### PRINTERS IN COURT

Members of Typographical Union in St. Louis, Mo., on strike for a 44-hour week, were enjoined from picketing and from "harrassing, threatening, assaulting or intimidating those seeking work in open shop plants in St. Louis." in a temporary restraining order issued today in Denver by Judge John E. Cahland, acting district judge for the eastern district of Missouri. Cause must be shown on September 19 in the district court at St. Louis why the temporary restraining order should not be made permanent.

ing the conference the men were told that the wage cut would remain in force. Vice-President Grant Hall met C.P.R. employees in the same way, as did also the Grand Trunk executive. Each had the same answer to give the men.

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BOSTON.—The Boston central labor unions adopted a resolution today deploring the auction block established by Urban Ladoux recently to help unemployed men and requesting Mayor Petta to forbid the use of the common for such a purpose in the future.



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### CONCILIATION BOARD WILL NOW ACT

All negotiations having failed, Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, has finally agreed to the petition of the five big railway brotherhoods for a board of conciliation to hear the protest of the men against the wage cut recently put into effect on the Canadian lines.

The Minister of Labor some three weeks ago granted the application for a board of conciliation to hear the matter "in the expectation and hope that the board would not be needed."

While nothing was said about the matter, officially, the brotherhood chiefs felt that if there was no reduction in freight rates the companies might restore the wage schedule.

The news from Ottawa that the freight rates will not be reduced, and definite statements from the executives of the C.P.R., G.T.R. and Canadian National Railways that they will not recede from their decision to make the wage cut made brotherhoods decided to go on with their request for boards.

The final conference between the men and the companies was held yesterday afternoon, when President D. B. Hanna, of the Canadian National Railways, met a committee of the employees at his office. Follow-