

Western Official States Act 'Both in the Blue'

On his way to his home, Robt. Levett, International Board of Labor Workers of America, was questioned by the press in Calgary on his opinion of the attitude of the Western States. He stated "that the attitude of the Western States is the same as that of the Eastern States. The purpose of having western matters discussed from all angles so that the same could be placed before the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada as the western voice."

METAL POLISHERS CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICE.

The following are the names of the eligible candidates who have accepted nomination for International officers. The election will be held Wednesday, May 31, 1919.

HANDLING THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

The Employment Service of the Department of Labor reported for one week employment returns were received from 1,551 firms in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The total number of persons on the payrolls of these firms February 23 was 163,137, and the number of persons anticipated to be on the payroll on March 1 was 165,800. The most marked reduction was in the vehicles division of the manufacturing industries in building and construction, and in lumbering.

TO MEET AT WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER.

The official communique of the international labor legislation commission, issued last night, embodying the decision of the commission to recommend that the first meeting of the international labor conference be held at Washington in October, reads as follows:

CREDIT IF TARDY TO TRADE UNIONS.

Recently speaking at Toronto the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, at one time Minister of Labor in the Laurier Cabinet, paid tribute to the trade union movement in the following:

LETHBRIDGE QUESTIONS BIG UNION MOVEMENT.

Local labor men of Lethbridge, are suspicious of the movement of the inter-provincial labor conference in Calgary to break away from international affiliations and join the ranks of the "One Big Union."

GUELPH LOOKS GOOD FOR EMPLOYMENT.

Guelph is in for an industrial boom. Several industries have already decided to locate here, and there are prospects for several other...

LABOR SHUNS TITLES—TITLES COME TO LABOR.

Though Labor in Canada as elsewhere would place the honor on titles no readily is available for persons with titles coming into Labor's ranks. According to Lacy Amy the growing strength of the Labor party in England has introduced some wonderful transformations and conversions.

ONTARIO LABOR PARTY TO CONFER WITH UNITED FARMERS.

Following a meeting in Hamilton, it was decided that the executive committees of the Canadian Labor Party and the United Farmers of Ontario shall meet in conference shortly to exchange views upon national issues, find common ground, and make an appeal to the country at the next general election.

Those who attended the meeting were Mayor MacRidie, of Brantford; Alderman Halford and H. J. Fester, of Hamilton; James Simpson and James Ballantyne, of Toronto, and W. C. Wood, of Brantford, who was deputed by Mr. J. Morrison to attend as a representative of the United Farmers. They represent the executive of the Canadian Labor Party.

ONTARIO MOULDERS' CONFERENCE BOARD.

In Toronto Labor Temple, the annual convention of the Ontario Moulders' Conference Board was held on Monday night, March 18. The board was organized in 1914 and has since that time been successful and largest attended since the body was organized.

HULL, P.Q., NOW HAS TRADES COUNCIL.

Hull, P.Q., the third city in the Province of Quebec, has now linked up the eight organizations of the city into a Trades Council, at a large attended meeting of labor representatives of the city, at which the council was presented by Mr. P. M. Draper with its charter.

VANCOUVER LOOKING FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Declaring that a serious labor situation has arisen in Vancouver as the result of such a large number of returned soldiers demobilized before the war in other provinces having come here, Mayor Gale sent letters to Sir Thomas White, acting Premier, and to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and the Minister of Public Works, calling upon them to bring about the construction of public works in this city to furnish employment.

OTTAWA BUILDING TRADES DEMAND INCREASES.

With possibly two exceptions (Plumbers and Steamfitters and the Painters' Unions) the building trades have, through concerted action of their council, sent along demands for increases in the wage rate. The majority of the members are engaged on the new Parliament buildings and if any hitch occurs in the requests being granted this job will naturally be the most delayed. A ten-cent per hour increase is the general demand, bringing the building laborers up to a 50-cent per hour rate, with the craftsmen proportionately higher.

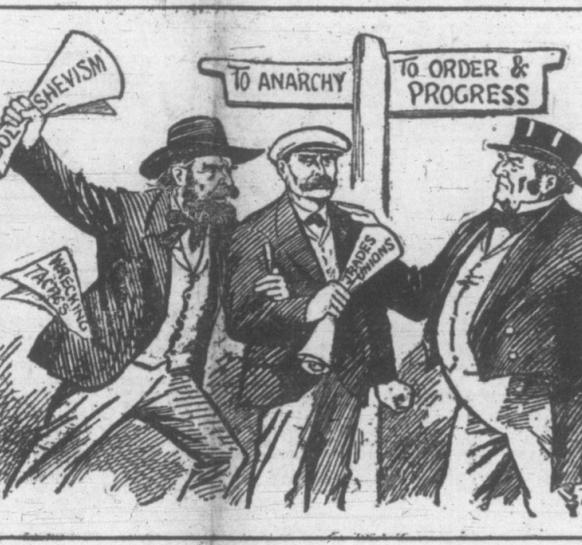
WINNIPEG BRICKLAYERS MAKE DEMANDS.

Bricklayers of Winnipeg demand \$1.25 an hour and contrary offers \$1.25 and both parties refuse to make concessions. Many conferences have been held lately between employers and employees. The employe point to statistics which show that five years ago bricklayers were getting 40 cents an hour and laid between 600 and 1,000 bricks daily, while last year they averaged between 500 and 600 bricks daily, and for this work they now want \$1.25 an hour.

NEW BRUNSWICK FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The annual convention of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor opened at Fredericton, N.B., the capital of the province, with between 50 and 60 delegates attending. The officers and most of the delegates were late arrivals owing to transportation troubles, but business moved along in fine style when begun with the aid-there on the job. A harmonious and progressive conference resulted.

TWO PATHS—THE RIGHT AND WRONG.



FROM COAST TO COAST

GLACE BAY WORKERS ASK FOR 8-HOUR DAY.

A delegation consisting of J. M. MacLachlan, Selby Barrett and Robert Baxter, of Glace Bay, representing the Amalgamated Mine Workers, was in Halifax on business with the Government of Nova Scotia. They asked for legislation limiting a legal day's work to eight hours for miners and all classes of labor.

NEW BRUNSWICK FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor opened with Vice President Melancon, of Moncton, in the chair. After committees had been appointed, addresses were delivered by J. A. Sinclair, chairman of the Compensation Act Commission; J. L. Sugrue, Compensation Commissioner, and Grand Organizer Sullivan of the International Cigar Makers' organization.

MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY MEN'S MASS MEETING.

A mass meeting of employees of the tramways company was held to support the executive and officers of the union in connection with arbitration at Ottawa on the claims put forward by the men. An address was given by Capt. R. L. Calder, M.C., who urged moderate and well-thought-out action especially warning those present against any acts of violence, and telling those present that the returning soldier would not be in any way work against those at home, but that he was their brother, and had never been anything else.

TORONTO PLASTERERS REACH AGREEMENT.

As a result of a conference between representatives of the employers and the Operative Plasterers' Union, an agreement was reached providing for a wage rate of 70 cents per hour. The new scale will take effect on May 1st, for one year.

EDMONTON POLICE FORM UNION.

Epidemic of being unionized has reached the city police of Edmonton, they having linked up strong in the game, and have applied to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada for a charter.

NOVA SCOTIA MINERS' AFFILIATION.

Miners of Nova Scotia were today admitted to membership in the United Mine Workers of America, according to action taken by the executive board. The decision affords approximately 12,000 workers.

A Labor Cartoonist.



Healey, of Niagara Falls, aids Labor's Cause with His Pencil.

As a pictorial token of his appreciation of the work of the Canadian Labor Press, Frank H. Healey sends this paper a couple of cartoons dealing with two of labor's problems. Mr. Healey is President of the Niagara District Trades Federation and is a live wire labor man from the town that gave us Tom Moore. There is nothing more effective than a good cartoon, well aimed at the right moment. The famous Nast, the cartoonist, created history when he cleaned out the Tweed Vested Interests with his pencil, for his exploitation of New York. Brother Healey has a talent for great good at his finger tips, and we hope that he may use it with great skill and force. The Independent Labor party putting the boot to the Profitier is a prophecy as well as a picture that will please everybody.

Labor Must be Represented On Federal Health Dept.

Organized labor is opposed to any federal department of health being dominated solely by medical men. The labor movement claims credit for originating the idea of such a department, but attempts have been made to divert it into other channels, the original idea of the labor leaders. The desire of the trades union movement, as expressed by Mr. Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, is that the Federal Health Department shall consist of several branches under expert heads pertaining to public health and especially the health of the worker. That the members of this department (a minister being part of the labor scheme) shall be a doctor or that the heads of all the departments shall be medical men is contrary to their demands.

The original proposition of the labor leaders, Mr. Moore said, was to coordinate, statistical and research work on a great number of social problems. For this purpose it was proposed that a department of health be established, with branches dealing with child welfare, including such questions as school age and factory laws, industrial fatigue, which would touch upon the gathering of vital statistics in each province, old age pensions and industrial insurance, immigration and low planning under which head would be housing and sanitation.

UNITED TEXTILE WORKERS' APPEAL.

United Textile Workers of America are asking for financial assistance to help in the campaign of the United Textile Workers of America for an eight-hour day for all textile workers throughout the continent, with the following statement:

QUEBEC MAY GET THEIR BEER.

From the spirit of a number of speeches delivered in Quebec, Quebecers under the prohibition bill came up it may be inferred that a large number of the members are opposed to absolute prohibition.

B. C. LABORITES LOSE FRIENDS.

The British Campaigners' Association have decided to break off all relations with the local Trades and Labor Council, in protest against the claim of connection with the attitude of the British Columbia Federation has proved a failure. The organization has proved a failure in the experience of the United States, where already a number of workers are reverting to the license policy.

ONTARIO GRADING OF CERTIFICATES OBJECTED TO.

C. B. Green, of the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers, claims that a bill is to be introduced soon in the Ontario Legislature to grade the engineers, which he called a scheme of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers to create more efficiency and cheaper wages by competition. His organization demands that the present law be enforced, that the plants be graded as well as the workers, that the engine have representation on the license boards, and that the permits granted to women be revoked.

ETERBORO TRADES COUNCIL JOINS A. F. OF L.

Organizer J. Platt, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, addressed the Peterborough Council, touching on the work of the American Federation of Labor, its accomplishments and progress. He is studying President Gompers on a motion by A. J. Gaine, seconded by H. M. Matthews, the council decided to affiliate with the Federation and apply at once for its charter. The council's annual fee is \$15.00 and a charge of \$5 is made for the charter.

KITCHENER TRADES COUNCIL CAUSE ACTION.

Acting on a request from the Trades and Labor Council that the water which was being furnished to the citizens by the water commission, the City Council has instructed the city solicitor to take the necessary steps to dissolve the Water Commission.

HALIFAX CARPENTERS PRESENT DEMANDS.

The Carpenters Union of Halifax has sent a notice to employers, demanding that beginning May 1, the wages shall be 75 cents per hour.

TORONTO PACKING HOUSE MEN ORGANIZING.

More than 700 men employed in the City of Toronto packing houses have organized a union. E. O'Leary, president of the Trades Council, was one of the speakers, assisted by other prominent labor officials.

MONTREAL WAITERS REACH AGREEMENT.

A conference between Montreal hotel managers and delegates of the striking waiters, the first of whom walked out two weeks ago, resulted in the signing of the Place Viger Hotel returning to work.

QUEBEC BUILDING TRADES OPPORTUNITY.

In order to take advantage of the Federal loan of twenty-five million dollars for the construction of workmen's dwellings, the Quebec City Council gave a first reading to a by-law which would allow the city to claim to be \$2,650,000. At the session of the Legislature it was announced that the quota allotted to the Province of Quebec was \$6,600,000, and every municipality of the province will probably ask for its portion, the share of this city will be considerably less than three million.