

Western Official States Act 'Both in the Blue'

On his way to his home, Robt. Levett, International Board of Laborers 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 1,561 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 of the peace conference, 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 ones.

LABOR SHUNS TITLES—TITLES COME TO LABOR.

Though Labor in Canada as elsewhere would place the ban 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, 1919. The board was 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 domiciled 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, 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.

WINNIPEG BRICKLAYERS MAKE DEMANDS.

Bricklayers of Winnipeg demand \$1.25 an hour and contrary offers \$1.20 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.

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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 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. The department would control all these separate branches, and it was the proposal of organized labor that it should be headed by a minister with full powers in the Cabinet. If a minister of health is appointed, statistics and deal with the welfare of the stock, surely a department of human health, and happy to be established with a responsible minister at its head," said Mr. Moore.

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In charge of the various branches already enumerated. "If medical men are appointed as heads," said Mr. Moore, "the danger exists that their administrative work will narrow down to the sphere in which their minds have been centered and trained. We feel that the objects and ideals of such a department are too broad for control to be given into the hands of any particular profession. In the case of medical men, for instance, what better head could be chosen than Mrs. Rose Henderson, of Montreal, whose experience and sympathy have been of benefit to the country for several years. The same applies to the other departments, such as town-planning and industrial fatigue. We know that to abolish tuberculosis, which has become a deadly disease, and to make healthy homes and wide air spaces, not specific medicines, of course, are the most valuable and extremely valuable and necessary for certain matters pertaining to such a department."

The bill in its widest aspects, if passed, would call for a minister in charge, and the administration of each department would include an advisory board composed of representatives of the various trades and Canadian Manufacturers' Association, etc., to act in an advisory capacity in all matters in the particular department. There had been suggestions made that this interfere with the provinces under the E. N. A., but Mr. Moore said this was not the case.

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:

The majority of the large concerns in the Northern and Eastern States have posted notices granting the eight-hour day or a 48-hour week, including the American Woolen Company, with close on ninety mills. Many thousands of textile workers have been employed for over two months on an average of five days a week, and yet the manufacturers say they cannot grant the 48-hour week. While we realize that during the readjustment period there is bound to be some stoppage of machinery, nevertheless, we are convinced that in a short time an organization, free, liberal and combined movement on the part of textile manufacturers to starve their employees into submission and keep them down to such a poor condition that they will only be too willing to submit to the long hours and the health and safety of their fight for the eight-hour day.

The United Textile Workers of America are determined to carry on a campaign of education, feeling assured that when they know the real facts in this struggle of the textile workers for a shorter work week, they will respond promptly and generously to our appeal.

QUEBEC MAY GET THEIR BEER.

From the spirit of a number of speeches delivered in Quebec, Quebecers believe that 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, because of the attitude of the British Columbia Federation has proved a failure in the eyes of the British Columbia Federation. The British Campaigners' Association have decided to break off all relations with the local Trades and Labor Council, because of the attitude of the British Columbia Federation has proved a failure in the eyes of the British Columbia Federation.

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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 \$1,600,000, and as every municipality in the province will probably ask for its portion, the share of this city will be considerably less than three million.

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. The Place Viger Hotel waiters went back to work under the agreement that the minimum monthly remuneration of bus boys and waiters be \$30, of captains \$35, and of scrub captains \$45. The day off per week is also conceded, and waiters will receive a gratuity for dinner parties, banquets, etc.