

LABOR NEWS FROM EAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

TRADES COUNCIL EXECUTIVE VISITS HOSPITAL SITES.

On Saturday last the members of the executive of the Allied Trades Labor Council of Ottawa visited the various proposed sites of the Civic Hospital. The executive was invited by the City Fathers to make a visit and report to the Council on the different sites. The party consisted of President Pat Green, Secretary Wm. Lodge (chairman of the executive), Chas. Smith, C. W. Lewis, Wm. McDowell and Donald A. P. Hayden, editor of the Canadian Labor Press and member of the Hospital Board. The Mayor placed his car at the disposal of the Labor men and also the Business Agent of the Carpenters. All the sites were visited and a report will be made in due course to the City Council.

MUSICIANS' LOCAL 180.

The International Musicians' monthly says: New members—Chas. Pierce, J. A. Brisbane, H. Gossage, J. H. Thompson.

Transfers deposited—Juan Rojas, T. Pasquali.

Transfers issued—W. Charrette, Miss A. Nauher.

"FRANK" LAFOURTE GETS BIGGER VOTE.

Many changes in the results of the provincial election and referendum, were made by the official returns Monday. Mr. Pinard now has 82 votes less than after the first count. After the official count, Mr. Louis Coté, returning officer, gave out the following figures for the Ottawa—Pinard, official 6,984; first count 7,239.

LaFourte, official 3,735; first count 3,273.

Burocher, official 1,304; first count 1,357.

Mr. Pinard's majority over his nearest opponent is slightly reduced.

In the official count Mr. Pinard lost 315 votes and Mr. LaFourte gained 343 votes. Mr. Burocher now has 83 votes less than after the first count.

Mr. J. A. Pinard was formally declared elected by Mr. Coté after the count had been totted. The official returns will be sent to the Clerk of the Peace.

I.L.P. TO BE REORGANIZED.

When the workers of the City of Ottawa, entirely in the political arena at the recent Ontario general election they did so with no organization. We had a branch of the Independent Labor Party in the Ontario and owing to many reasons, no active part was taken in it by the bulk of the working men and women here. The success of the campaign just closed has awakened the working men and women to the needs of organization and with this in view the Independent Labor Party have called a mass meeting of the workers and their friends in the Carpenters' Hall, 115 Sparks street, for Monday night, next, at eight o'clock. Every man and woman interested in Labor politics is invited to attend.

TORONTO TO HAVE BROTHERHOOD CO-OP. STORE.

Mr. Wm. Hobson, grand vice-president of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employees and Railroad Shop Laborers, was in Ottawa last week on official business in connection with the chain of co-operative stores his organization is opening throughout the Dominion. Plans have already been completed for stores at Toronto and Detroit.

HAMILTON.

LABOR LIVES IN VALE OF CHUCKLES.

It is little to be wondered that the members and friends of the Hamilton Independent Labor Party last week lived in a "vale of chuckles and gloats." The sweeping triumph of Messrs. Rollo and Halrow, I. L. P. candidates in both the city ridings; Messrs. Bigney and Crockett, U.F.O.-I.L.P. candidates North and South Westwark, and the eleven out-and-out I. L. P. candidates throughout the province, occasioned the jubilation. The overthrow of the Hearst administration and the reduced number of elected Liberal members in the new Parliament also added much to the Laborites' elation. Everybody is now rejoicing in the Independent Labor Party in Hamilton and Labor's scuttles into Queen's Park "open door" on Monday, October 26th, is going to mean a decided numerical addition to Ontario Labor Party membership.

PLATFORM, NOT PARTY, IS THE COUNT.

As was to be expected, last Friday's election of the Central Branch I.L.P., the first since election day, had a bumper when President Harry Bourne called the meeting to order the Labor hall was crowded. Members-elect, Con. G. Halrow, and W. R. Rollo, to the Legislature were accorded an ovation by the assembly.

While the "iron is hot" the members decided to inaugurate a membership campaign. It is thought about 2,000 members can be enrolled. H. G. Foster, Geo. Pilton and G. H. Hennessy were appointed to devise ways and means of launching a membership campaign.

During his discussion regarding the formation of a new Government, W. R. Rollo, member for West Hamilton, stated that in his opinion the party counts for little, but the platform counted for everything. He was quite favorable to a coalition with another party, provided the other party would inaugurate a membership campaign.

He went on to say that the L. I. P. platform was "out of the box" and that under the circumstances it might be wise policy to conduct the affairs of the Provincial Government along the lines followed in the local municipal council.

W. R. Rollo, M.L.A., H. G. Foster, William Cassidy, A. Hunt, H. Bourne, Rev. E. G. Etherington and H. West were appointed a parliamentary committee, with power to determine the suitability and qualifications of candidates for the forthcoming municipal elections. There is a decided opposition to the scheme outlined by H. West. It was maintained that the idea would develop into class rule. However, it was pointed out that the whole membership of the L. I. P. would have the final say in the selection and nomination of candidates.

HAMILTON'S NEWSY ITEMS.

Vincent DePalco, fifth vice-president, International Hod Carriers, Builders and General Laborers' Union,

EASTERN CANADA

MONCTON TRADES COUNCIL.

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Common laborers, sewer and foundation diggers, present rate 45 and 55 cents per hour; minimum of 15 cents per hour; building laborers, present rate 60 cents per hour; masons, present rate 60 to 75 cents per hour; hod or wheelbarrow, present rate, 50 to 45 cents per hour; minimum of 15 cents per hour; plasterers, laborers, present rate 60 to 75 cents per hour; minimum of 70 cents per hour; foreman laborers, present rate 60 to 75 cents per hour; minimum of 75 cents per hour.

HALIFAX TEAMSTERS SEEK INCREASES.

The Halifax Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Helpers and Stablemen's local 845, of the International Brotherhood, which includes in its membership Dartmouth, as well as city workers, have just requested the employers, owing to the high cost of living and rising rents, for an increase and intimate that should any committee from the union, they will be pleased to confer with them any evening after 6 o'clock. The wage schedule submitted with the request is as follows: For 1 ton truck auto and over \$30 per week; under 1 ton truck, \$25; helper on auto truck, \$20. From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. to be time and a half for all over time, also Sundays and holidays.

Teamsters—Drivers of single teams \$20 per week, and double \$25, helpers on teams \$10 and stablemen \$25.

The wages scheduled are for a 5-hour day, 7 a.m. to noon, and until 5 p.m. with time and a half from 6 p.m. until 10. Double time from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Sundays and statutory holidays. The schedule is requested to be put in force after the 31st of this month. The employers have the matter under consideration and have not yet announced their decision.

ST. JOHN LABOR DIFFICULTIES SETTLED.

At St. John last week the directors and the employees of the Bedford Construction Company signed a contract binding both to abide by the recent finding of the conciliation board. The finding granted a five-cent per hour increase to the employees above previous rates with time and a half for all over time and Sunday and holiday work. The board also found that all men who had been laid off were to be reinstated.

F. A. Campbell, president of the St. John Trades and Labor Council, said that the employees of the Atlantic sugar refinery were perfectly satisfied with their present conditions of employment and that there was now no labor unrest of any kind in the city of St. John.

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TORONTO.

TORONTO LABOR MEN PLAN NEW \$250,000 TEMPLE.

Toronto Labor organizations plan to have a new temple costing \$250,000.

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The Musicians' International Monthly says: New members: Francis L. Pogue, S. Mechem, O. A. Richards, H. W. Minter, Frank Pettus, Harry Pollock, A. E. Bagley, Wm. Cooper, J. J. Dennis, I. B. Holmes, L. J. Atkinson, W. E. Dark, Jas. B. Robertson, P. Lawrence, W. M. Cambridge, M. Henderson, Jas. H. Smith, Richard McManus, W. J. Brislan, H. B. Pollock, Wm. Dudley, Chas. Ross, Frank A. Cox, B. W. Ward, Andrew Carruth, E. Secor, M. Fower, Jas. McComb, Robert Lee, W. Patterson, J. L. Barnes, H. R. McMahon, Carl Sturt, R. Patters, Chas. G. Pratt, Wm. G. Woods, B. Graham, Walter Perry, Roy Killaby, Jno. W. Hamer, S. Collins, H. Corran, Fred Radford, A. V. Trowell, Claude May, Kate McGee, Frances M. Reade, Mrs. Jas. Lynch.

TRAVELING MEMBERS: HARRY SILBERT, 310; LOUIS DELORM, 310; H. MONTAGNA, 310; E. G. MONTAGNA, 310; FRED S. ROUND, 310; HARRY GILBERT, 310; AL GEE, 310; CHAS. WASSER, 310; J. PORTER, 310; A. STUSKY, 71; GEO. A. GIBSON, 310.

POLICE UNION ELEGTS OFFICERS.

About 200 members of the Toronto Police Union met at West Dundas Police Station last week and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, P. C. White; vice-presidents, M. G. Martin and E. J. Egan; secretary-treasurer, P. C. Forbes; wardens, P. C. Binkley, F. Johnson and Armstrong. It was decided to accept the \$1,000 offered by Mr. Parsons, one of the members of the Royal Commission which investigated police grievances some time ago, also to allow patrol sergeants to join the union. Sergeants, however, were declared ineligible for membership.

TILLET WAS GUEST OF PICTURE OPERATORS.

Ben Tillet, the British Labor leader, was a guest at a banquet held by the Moving Picture Operators Local 173, in Toronto, last Thursday. Mr. Tillet dwelt upon the striking sacrifices made by the workers of Britain, suddenly become her warriors. It was with pride, he said, that he pointed to the accomplishments of even the youngest among them. "Better for us all that we were dead than devoid of ambitions," he said. "War is horrible, devastating, brutalizing, but it links up those who do battle."

WESTERN CANADA

WINNIPEG LABOR MEN DRAFT NEW PLATFORM.

The platform adopted by the Labor party in its campaign in the coming civic elections at Winnipeg has the following main points: 1. The favoring of the election of the city council from the city at large by the preferential ballot. 2. Any change in the form of the civic Government to be first submitted to a referendum of the electors. 3. The favoring of tax reform by reducing the tax on homes and increasing the tax on incomes. 4. A home rule charter for Winnipeg. 5. The option of the principle of initiative and referendum. 6. The abolition of property qualification for office.

EDMONTON TRADES COUNCIL.

Beyond the transaction of routine business at the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council, on Monday evening last, the adoption of the civic election slate prepared by the committee was the chief feature. The slate included the Dominion Labor Party. This joint committee has been employed for a fortnight or more on the arranging of a slate that would be most acceptable to all concerned. On Monday evening a series of resolutions were adopted and efforts to the favoring of the slate of civic candidates was accepted and passed on to the trades council for approval of the city fathers.

VANCOUVER CARMEN BOARD'S AWARD.

The unanimous award of the conciliation board increases the minimum wage of carmen and conductors employed by the British Columbia Electric Railway city line from 49¢ to 46¢ an hour, and the maximum from 71¢ to 65¢ an hour. The award is in effect from December 1st.

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MOOSE JAW TRADES COUNCIL.

At the last regular meeting of the Moose Jaw Trades and Labor Council the question of further assistance to the street railway employees was discussed. After the strike some months ago, the merchants of the city agreed to pay the men an additional three cents and the Trades Council agreed to give an equal sum. The outcome of the discussion resulted in a committee of the trustees, the vice-president and two delegates being appointed to go into the matter with the street railway employees and settle the matter for good.

Delegates McKinnon, Moose Jaw's representative on the provincial executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, gave a report of the meeting of the executive in Regina a short time ago. This meeting of the executive was to prepare legislation to lay before the Government. After an all-day session of reorganization, they met Premier Martin and some of his officials and laid a short programme before them, some clauses of which were turned down and others accepted.

The Dominion Government housing scheme was one of the proposals discussed and which the Government officials refused absolutely to have anything to do with. They said that it was a matter for the Federal Government or the municipalities to deal with. Another good brought out was that it was a money losing proposition and until some scheme was devised whereby that difficulty was overcome they did not think it would be looked into. The appointment of a Minister of Labor was urged, but nothing definite promised. A pledge was given that the question of incorporating all electors in the category of factories would be taken up and, if feasible, they would be so classed.

The findings of the Minimum Wage Board were also discussed, but the delegates were informed that nothing could be done at the present time, as they were already in the process of making a report. The only change that could be made was the amendment of the act at some future date.

The executive had also discussed

W. O. U. IS BOLSHEVISM.

The October issue of the Carpenter contains a letter from a member of that union, who gives his view on the One Big Union fully and freely. The letter is as follows: "Your article in the Carpenter of June issue, 'The Bolshevists are Oying Hard' more than interested me. And in my opinion it contains the right kind of advice and instructions for the working people, especially, under the present circumstances, as we are experiencing the consequences of the Bolshevist reign in Vancouver at present and it is about as arbitrary and tyrannical as they put up in Russia. "Unless public opinion is for it, any movement is bound to fail, and the Bolshevist movement falls far short of gaining the confidence of the people at large. How can they when their theory is to have, and their theory is to have, the Bolshevists have quite a large following of the working people, partly because of their soap-box oratory and partly because of the many abuses and injustices that exist in the working class by those in power; the power we elect and expect to do our best work for on the square, stand in with the great profession, which a lot of the members we elect and pay to do our business; forget they are our servants, and abuse the trust we put in them. In my opinion, they are putting their feet in it when they follow the Bolshevist propaganda, because it is contrary to the laws of God and man and an eyesore to civilization, therefore a poor guide for working men. I have heard the Bolshevist agitators say, 'the working man has not much thinking power of his own, and that they can handle them at will.' And it appears they have some grounds for their assertion. Now, I would like you to make my position plain through your paper, because the way it appears to me now is that we are supposed to be working under the Industrial Charter and take our strike orders from them, but we are really operating under the jurisdiction of the Bolshevists and their 'One Big Union.' If, for one, will have anything to do with the Bolshevists or their 'One Big Union' it is only the working men behind them, and I object to being made a cat's paw for any such crew, and there are many more who feel as I do about this."

Beware of the men who are advocating a different kind of union. They are trying to divide you.



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