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## Labor Meeting Draws Full House Sunday Afternoon

The Newcastle Opera House was filled to the doors on Sunday afternoon for a Labor Meeting which was addressed by organizer J. E. Tighe of St. John, N. B. The meeting was called for 3 o'clock, but President J. Martin and Organizer Tighe were half an hour late in arriving from Chatham. The meeting was opened by a few remarks from President Martin who moved that Mr. Joseph Manderson act as Chairman of the meeting. The chairman told the assembly that the meeting was to be a business meeting and requested the gathering to stand for one minute in honor of the heroes who laid down their lives at Vimy Ridge on April 9th 1917.

President Martin was called upon to explain the reasons for calling the meeting and stated that on March 23rd a meeting had been held in Chatham to frame up a schedule of wages for 1920 and as Newcastle was very thinly represented—only three members attending—he thought it advisable to call this meeting and get the opinion from the members of the Newcastle Branch of the Union. Mr. Martin said that all the other towns had been well represented and he wished to acquaint the Newcastle Branch of what the Chatham meeting had decided on. He said a schedule of wages for 1920 had been drawn up and a copy of same had been mailed under registered letter to each employer on the 25th of March, and replies had been received from all employers except James Robinson, T. E. Edward Sinclair Lumber Co.; Wm. Sullivan; and D. J. Buckley. Each employer in his reply had stated that they were prepared to give substantial increases to their employees during the year but they intended to deal with the men individually instead of with a committee appointed by the Labor Union. The speaker had a conversation with Mr. W. B. Snowball in Chatham and Mr. Snowball stated that he was prepared to discuss the matter of ship working with the committee but not so in connection with the mill workers. Mr. Snowball also said he was prepared to give increases from 50 cents to \$1.00 per day and Mr. Brankley had offered a little better wage scale than Mr. Snowball. Mr. Martin said that he felt that the employers should deal with all the crafts of the organization and not with special ones such as the shipmen.

If it had not been for the organization which was now perfected, these mill owners would not be so anxious to give increases such as Messrs. Snowball and Brankley had offered. The meeting had been called for the purpose of ascertaining the opinions of the Newcastle Workers, whether they wished to deal individually with the employers or allow the committee to look after their interests. He said the meeting was open for all members to express their opinions and would be pleased to hear from any who wished to present their views.

Organizer J. E. Tighe was the next speaker who stated that he was pleased to again address a meeting of Newcastle Laborers, and said he understood the meeting was called for the purpose of ascertaining the Newcastle Worker's views regarding the operator's intention of dealing with the men individually instead of collectively. He did not care whether it was open shop or closed shop on the Miramichi but it did matter to him whether the operators dealt with the Union Organization. The Committee appointed in Chatham represented the Union as a whole and the operators must be given to understand that they were the ones with whom they must deal regarding the wage scale. He touched on some amendments which were being asked for the Workmen's Compensation Board and he thought that within a short time they would be successful in obtaining the desired result. He advised all present, who were not now members of the Union to become members at once. He invited any who might be in the hall who were not favorably disposed towards Unionized Labor to take the platform and present their views which would be appreciated. At present he stated that Bestigouche County was awaiting to see what the Miramichi did regarding wages for 1920 and the Miramichi was waiting to see what St. John did. All were playing the waiting game and what was most essential was for all the men on the Miramichi to be of one opinion, and he felt that if they stood behind the committee which was appointed to present their case,

the differences would very soon be settled.

President Martin was asked to read the correspondence submitted by the committee to the operators, and in doing so gave the schedule of wages for 1920, which was arrived at, as follows. The minimum wages for

Band Saw Sawyers	\$8.00 per day
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Rotary Sawyers	6.00 per day
Band Saw Steam Setters	5.00 per day
Band Saw Hand Setters	5.50 per day
Filers	6.00 per day
Filer's Helpers	4.25 per day
Lath Sawyers	5.00 per day
Lath Binders	4.50 per day
Handy Men	4.50 per day
Shingle Sawyers	5.00 per day
Mill Surveyors (inside)	5.00 per day
Mill Surveyors (outside)	6.75 per day
Tally men	75c per hour
Shingle Branchers	3.50 per day
Mill Foremen	4.00 per day
General Laborers	4.00 per day
Pulp Wood Barkers	4.00 to 4.25 a day
Night Watchman	4.00 per day
Deaf Carriers	4.00 per day
Teamsters (double)	3.75 per day
Teamsters (single)	3.50 per day
Edgermen	5.00 per day
Inside Shipmen	75c per hour
Outside Shipmen	60c per hour
Loading Cars	60 cts per hour
Boom men	4.50 per day

The day's work to constitute 9 hours. All overtime and Sundays to be paid for at double time.

No work to be done on Dominion Day which will be recognized as Labor Day. Letters in reply to the above schedule of wages were read from the following concerns.

A. R. Loggie & Co., Geo. Burchill & Sons, Fraser Company, O'Brien Ltd, John Maloney and D. & J. Ritchie Co. in which they all stated that they intended dealing with the men individually rather than collectively. Joseph Manderson said that this meeting was the place and time for any member who had anything to say to say it, and not around the street corners and Barber shops. He wanted the meeting to stand back of the organization and to let the operators know that they must deal with the men as an organization. Some members of the Union found fault with the schedule, and said that some branches of work were not receiving the same treatment that others were.

President Martin thought that the men who attended the meeting in Chatham on March 23rd were the ones who had the right to make up the schedule, and if any were dissatisfied with it, they had only themselves to blame by not attending and expressing their views. Organizer Tighe was of the same opinion as President Martin and he thought that now a schedule had been framed up it was the duty of the organization to adhere to it. No doubt mistakes had been made and would continue to be made but it was an absolute impossibility to satisfy everyone.

It was moved and seconded and unanimously carried and adopted "That this meeting endorse the action of the meeting held in Chatham on March 23rd; viz. To demand the minimum wages asked for in the schedule submitted to the employers, and to have the employers deal with the men as an organization instead of as individuals."

Organizer Tighe stated that he was pleased with the passing of the above motion and felt that the matter would be speedily settled satisfactorily to all concerned.

He wished the members to understand that the matter of wages was not the only thing which must interest them as there were many more vital matters which required attention as well. He said that Labor

## No Cash Bonus For Returned Men

Two important announcements by the Government featured what was otherwise a dull day in the House of Commons on Friday. The first of these was the statement by Acting Premier Sir George Foster shortly after the opening at three o'clock. That the Government had not changed its mind concerning the granting of a cash bonus to returned soldiers and that it did not consider it a wise measure of re-establishment to place a large sum of money in the hands of each returned man. The second announcement, also from the Acting Premier in answer to a question by J. E. Armstrong, Lambton, was to the effect that the Government had no daylight saving bill under contemplation at the present time. Daylight saving, said Sir George was entirely a matter for the towns and villages which wished to adopt it.

### TRANSFER MADE

The transfer of the Dickson and Troy Drug Business to Mr. C. M. Dickson was made last Thursday April 8th

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must have laws protecting themselves and they must also see that Labor received its proper representation in Parliament.

Mr. Blackstock Matheson for the Ship workers and Mr. William A'Hern for the mill workers were appointed as Newcastle representatives on the committee which was to meet with the employers to discuss the wage schedule for 1920.

Messrs. Michael King and Wm Black were appointed alternates. At this point the proceedings became somewhat heated, by a member in the audience asking the chair, whether or not that the mover and seconder of the above nominations were bona-fide members of the Union. On being asked by the chair, several of the movers refused to answer.

The Chairman, Joseph Manderson, arose at this juncture and stated that actions such as these were very unbecoming for a labor organization and he did not wish the general public to look upon them, as Bolshevike behavior. Labor was above such a type. He had made the request to have this meeting held and had been told by the authorities that if the proceedings were carried on quietly, it would be alright, and if the members did not have any self-respect, they might at least have respect for the Sabbath. Mr. Manderson's remarks were most timely and he is to be congratulated on his foresight, as there is no doubt but that argument was beginning to wax warm. Organizer Tighe again congratulated the meeting for the interest manifested and stated that the committee appointed would at a later date call a mass meeting for the purpose of making their report and to seek ratification of same from the organization. On motion the meeting adjourned.

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