

LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

TAILORS OPENING CAMPAIGN IN OTTAWA.

George Baugher, general organizer Journeymen Tailors' International Union, was in town during the past week in the interests of that organization. He reports conditions generally, throughout Canada are good. Many new members are being added to the roll and greater progress is expected in the very near future. He is endeavoring to line up the men and women engaged in the various shops in Ottawa and for that purpose has called a mass meeting of all tailors and tailresses, including those working in repairing, dyeing and dressing establishments and busheims, at the Monument National on Monday, July 19, at eight o'clock. It is expected that President Tom Moore, of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress and President F. Lafortune, of Ottawa's central labor body will attend and deliver addresses. All wage-earners in the tailoring industry should attend.

PRINTERS WILL ARBITRATE.

The request of the commercial job printers of Ottawa for a special cost of living bonus equivalent to 10 per cent. of their salaries which was submitted to the Master Printers of Ottawa some time ago, has been rejected on the ground that the employers should abide by the terms of the agreement of July, 1919, which does not expire until June, 1921, with the board of arbitration. The men of twenty-two printing plants are affected.

The 199 employees, members of I.T.U. Local 102, have elected Mr. James Drury, of Montreal, International Organizer, as their nominee on the board, and the master printers belonging to the organization known as the Graphic Art Association of Ottawa, have nominated Mr. James Kilpatrick, secretary of the Ottawa Printing Company, to represent them on the Conciliation Board.

OTTAWA NEWS BRIEFS.
The Labor Day Committee met on Friday evening. About twenty affiliated labor organizations were represented. They decided on the programme which will be carried out on the holiday. A parade will be held in the morning through the streets of Ottawa and Hull. An invitation will be issued to a number of Trades Councils outside of Ottawa, chief among which will be the Ogdensburg, N.Y. The celebration this year will be much more ambitious than anything previously attempted.

Controller Joseph Gibbons, of Toronto, will represent the employees of the Hull Electric Railway on the conciliation board asked for by them, to settle their demand for an increase in wages.

The thirty members of the Marble Workers' Union, employed with the J. P. Laurin and H. Brown firms, who were on strike for three or four days, returned to work on Wednesday, following a conference held between representatives of the men and their employers. The men have agreed to work for three months, according to their agreement, for \$10 an hour, on the condition they be given a five-cent increase after that date.

Delegate Tom Jones of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs' International Union and Delegate Rollie Desjardins of the Electrical Workers' International Union are the "Mutual Jett" of the Allied Trades and Labor Association. The Teamsters' delegate is perhaps the biggest man in the various local labor organizations and the Electrical worker is perhaps the smallest in stature of all the delegates to attend the central labor body.

Business Agent J. T. Gunn, of the Electrical Workers' Union, Toronto, was in Ottawa on Tuesday with other members of the Board of Conciliation, dealing with the dispute between the telegraphers and the

C. P. R. preparing their report to be made to the Labor Department. Workers' representative on the board, Jack Jones, M.P., and John W. Odgen, British labor leader, were guests of President Tom Moore, of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress on Wednesday. Messrs. Jones and Odgen were fraternal delegates from the British Trade Union Congress to the recent convention of the A. F. of L. While in Montreal Mr. Jones was taken ill and was unable to address the A. F. of L. delegates. He is some better now but has not fully recovered.

At a election of officers of the Laborers' Union, Local 423, on Tuesday, Mr. John Cunningham was selected as president, succeeding Mr. Samson. The local is the strongest in the city, there being 1,900 members in good standing. The semi-annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. Cunningham; vice-president, W. Salter; financial secretary, John Henderson (re-elected); corresponding secretary, Joseph Guider; recording secretary, James McGregor (re-elected); treasurer, John Robinson; inside guard, James Wilson; inside sentinel, J. Guider. A number of speeches were made during the night. Mr. Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, being the principal speaker. He urged the audience to remain true to their international trade union principles.

HAMILTON.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

On Saturday, 17th, in the Labor Temple, Toronto, an important conference of the Provincial Electrical Workers' Federation will be held. Local No. 105 will send the following delegates: H. S. Mitchell, first president; Business Agent Charles O'Neil, M. Smith, F. Knowles, James Smith and S. Boone. All told twenty delegates will be seated. At the annual picnic of Hydro employees at Bronte, the members of Local No. 105 will take in the event. Some days ago Business Agent and Recording-Secretary Mitchell signed an agreement relative to D. P. and V. electrical employees, who were governed by the Conciliation Board's award.

LABORERS IN HAMILTON AFFILIATE WITH T. & L. C.
Financial Secretary H. J. Halford, Trades and Labor Council, stated on Monday that the Hod Carriers' and Building Laborers' Union would affiliate with the Central Labor Union, the organization having come to the conclusion that every benefit would be derived by taking this course. Referring to the strike, Mr. Halford said he couldn't understand why the contractors' association refused to recognize the laborers' union. He considered this a short-sighted policy, and said the Hod Carriers' and Building Laborers' Union should be recognized like any other union operating under the jurisdiction of the Trades and Labor Council of Canada.

SHEET METAL WORKERS.
At a recent meeting of the members of local No. 61, sheet metal workers' union, it was unanimously decided to increase the initiation fee from \$25 to \$35. Business Agent Frank Farrell, who has left for Cleveland, Ohio, in behalf of the Hamilton building trades council, reported that everything was in good shape and at the next meeting there would be several candidates to initiate. Mr. Farrell also reported that the provincial council was making marked progress and already Ottawa, Brantford, London, Hamilton, Windsor, Kingston, Toronto and several other sheet metal workers' unions were affiliated. A meeting of representative delegates would be held in the next few weeks.

MANY SUBSCRIBING FOR H. L. T. STOCK.
Secretary John Pryke, Hamilton Labor Temple association, is well

pleased these days the way shares are selling. To a reporter on Friday Mr. Pryke said blocks of stock—individual and otherwise—were being bought faster than ever. During the week the plumbers' union augmented its holdings by \$125, the district carpenters' council by \$150, the typists by \$200, and the lathers, a numerically small organization, by \$50. Many hundred \$1 shares have been sold to individual trades unions this week, and before the general return here both President Halford and Secretary Pryke expect at least \$3,000 worth of stock to be subscribed for.

LABORERS ON STRIKE.
Hamilton's building trade is pretty badly tied up as a result of the refusal of the majority of the contractors to meet the demands of the hod-carriers and building laborers. Five hundred carriers and laborers walked out because they were refused an increase to 65 cents an hour.

\$205 FOR REPORT OF B. OF C. PROCEEDINGS.

In the opinion of a number of the leading labor men of Hamilton there are several other ways of doing up operations besides throwing the proverbial monkey wrench into the machinery. Another one has been discovered, much quieter, but now that they've found it they're rather indignant about the whole matter.

At the last meeting of the Hamilton Labor party, Controller C. I. Atchison made a motion that an effort be made to get a copy of the stenographic report of the investigation which W. F. O'Connor, of the Board of Commerce, held here some months ago in connection with the alleged grocers' combine. A reply was accordingly made, and after some delay a reply has been received from the powers that be. A copy of the stenographic report could be forwarded, but the expense of typewriting it would total \$205. The Labor party will have to pay this amount before it can get as much as a peep at the official report of the proceedings. The decision to examine the report was made in the interest of the public the Labor party is of the opinion that the charges of \$205 for typewriting the report is rather high.

HAMILTON FREIGHT HAND- LERS NAME FOSTER FOR BOARD.
H. G. Foster, corresponding secretary of the Hamilton Trades Council, has been named by the T. & L. C. Railway freight handlers and checkers to act for them on the conciliation board appointed by Senator Robertson. Relative to wages, the freight handlers have asked a wage increase from 43 cents per hour, eight hours per day, to \$4.50 per day.

HAMILTON LABOR LEADERS PROTEST DELAY IN RADIALS.
Controller O'Neil and other Hamilton Labor men are very much opposed to the action of the Drury Government in delaying the Hydro radial project. Controller O'Neil said that Labor would insist upon an explanation at once. George Halford, M.P.P., says that the Government are making a big mistake. Gordon Nelson, Hydro Commissioner, said it was a hard job, but he thought that there was some hope in the announcement that an inquiry by a commission would be held at once. He thinks the people who favor the project will take their revenge on the Government when the next elections are held.

TORONTO.

ELECTRICIANS OPPOSE AWARD.

Union electrical workers in the employ of the Toronto Hydro Electric Commission are not prepared to accept the award of the Board of Conciliation which granted them a wage increase of fifteen per cent. and

will meet on Thursday night to give it further consideration. They met on Sunday in the Labor Temple to back up the award. The representative of the local Brathwaite, and took the view that Chairman John M. Godfrey of the board had been inconsistent with the award. He said that the award was a much lower award than his opinions led them to expect.

"Frankly I am disappointed with this award after the statements of the chairman of the board," said James T. Gunn, secretary of the union. "When we pressed our case before the board, we were told that the award was a much lower award than his opinions led them to expect."

TORONTO NEWS BRIEFS.

Secretary W. D. Robbins, of the Toronto Street Railwaymen's Union, advised that the membership of the organization had now reached the high-water mark of 2,835. "During the past few months there has been a steady climb in the membership," said he.

At the initial meeting of the new District Carpenters' Council, the recently installed officers were: president, Frank Boal; vice-president, Charles Moad; treasurer, George Thomson, and warden, T. Jackson. The membership of John Doggett, who has been officiating for a number of years, was received by the members with much regret. Mr. Doggett expressed regret at leaving the organization in an official capacity, and expressed hope that he would still be of some use in his new office as secretary of the Building Trades Council.

At the regular meeting of the District Machinists, held in the Labor Temple last week, Business Agent Lewis reported that constantly growing membership throughout the city. The machinists now number 2,100.

The Canada Wire and Iron Co. have granted the wage demand of 85 cents to their employees of the Ornamental Iron Workers' Union, and work on the Union Station and other large buildings has recommenced.

The Central Union of Painters and Decorators has now a membership of nearly 800. The union will send new members at the next meeting. Tom Mellilla has reconsidered his decision not to run against John Doggett, and will be a candidate for the secretaryship of the Toronto Trades Council.

The executive of the I.L.P. at a meeting last night in the Labor Temple passed resolutions asking the Provincial Government to place representatives of Labor on all commissions that may be appointed. They also were a strong supporter of Labor's ideals as Deputy Minister of Labor.

Secretary John Cottam, of the Carpenters' District Council, reported that the various carpenters' organizations in the city now have a total membership of 2,200, the largest in the trade's history, and larger than any other local.

The moulder's strike is still in progress, according to Secretary D. Webster, of the strike order, will remain in effect until the men's demands are met. To date, the strike has cost the international organization \$150,000.

A reply has been received by Business Agent J. Jones of the local Union of Railroad Teamsters from the C.P.R. The union was asked to secure the enforcement of an award of the Board of Conciliation which had granted wage increases to railroad teamsters in the employ of the Dominion Transport Co. Business Agent Jones states that no promises were made, but officials of the C.P.R. said they would endeavor to assist the union.

The Board of Trade has given a similar reply.

Mr. George Kelley, of Ottawa, has been appointed a member of the Conciliation Board to inquire into the dispute between the Toronto Suburban Railway Company and its electrical workers. Mr. Kelley will represent the railway company. Mr. Louis Brathwaite is the representative of the employees.

An important clause in the Toronto Hydro agreement is that, which permits employees to suggest improvements to the management. Mr. Lou Brathwaite holds that this means workers are to have a voice in the control of industry.

John Doggett, who was recently appointed permanent secretary of the Building Trades Council, is perfecting plans for a complete shop steward system embracing all building trades in the city. In the past the various trades have had their own shop stewards, who acted for them on different jobs. In the future this will be changed, according to Secretary Doggett, so as to make a more complete organization of the allied crafts. It is planned to have the individual stewards of various crafts form a stewards committee on every job. They will hold regular meetings and select a captain, who will be responsible to the men and the council, and send in weekly reports to the office of the Building Trades Council.

A referendum vote will be taken shortly of all the trade unions connected with the Building Trades Council for the purpose of deciding whether they are in favor of a blanket agreement with all the contractors' associations throughout the city. The idea of the referendum is to decide whether one negotiating committee is advisable for all the crafts.

EASTERN CANADA.

GLACE BAY COUNCIL REFUSES TO SWEAR IN COMPANY POLICE

The Glace Bay town council by a unanimous vote refused to swear in the Glace Bay Police Company police lately organized by the company. The council stated that the opinions and all strongly protested against swearing in the new officers.

Councillor N. H. McDonald stated that when the Dominion Coal Company force was strengthened in 1919, at the time of the strike, the town swore in the coal company police as special officers.

Several of these men "came from the slums of Montreal and were a common nuisance to the town," Councillor McDonald stated.

ST. JOHN STREET RY. MEN WANT SAFETY.
Motormen and conductors of the N. E. Power Company, operating the St. John Street Railway, decided at a meeting, last week, to strike on Monday unless the management signs an agreement drawn up by the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Employees, Local 652, and which was reported agreed to by the president and directors of

the company, and that the manager, F. H. McCauley, has refused to sign unless the men agree to the insertion of a clause binding the conductors and motormen to agree to operate any type of car recommended by him. This the men refused to consider on the grounds that the two-man car being constructed for one man operation is not satisfactory or a safe conveyance they say.

MONTREAL BARBERS WIN.

The barbers' strike in Montreal ended on Wednesday in a victory for the men, who demanded \$25 a week and fifty per cent. of all money earned over \$35 a week.

SYDNEY CLERKS' DEMANDS.

The wage question between Clerical Union No. 16,249 and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company employees and clerks, at Sydney Mines is to be taken up by the Royal Commission which investigates labor conditions in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The exact time has not yet been decided for the hearing.

BROCKVILLE FORMS I.L.P.

An Independent Labor Party was formed at Brockville last week with the object of placing a candidate in the field at the next Federal election. Gananogue delegates were also present. It was stated that it was hoped to effect a union with the U.F.O. of Leeds.

LONDON MACHINISTS WIN.

At a meeting held Wednesday between representatives of the striking machinists of George White & Sons, Limited, at London, and the company, arrangements were completed for immediate termination of the strike. The men went back to work at 3 o'clock.

SHERBROOKE CARPENTERS' STRIKE ENDS.

The carpenters' strike which has been going on for over three weeks at Sherbrooke, Que., was ended on Wednesday night, the men going back to work following the acceptance of terms agreeable to both the contractors and the union.

WOODWORKERS' STRIKE AT OWEN SOUND ENDS.

The strike of woodworkers and finishers of the North American Furniture Company and the Owen Sound Chair Company, both of Owen Sound, ended on Friday by a vote of the men deciding to accept the offer made some days ago by the companies affected.

The North American Furniture Company offered the men a wage increase of 5 per cent. to an average of 60 per cent. of the men, while the Owen Sound Chair Company gave an increase of 1 per cent. to an average of \$4 per cent. of the men. Both companies stated that the pay of the remainder of the men would be dealt with later.

HALIFAX MARINE STRIKE SETTLED.

In two of the marine engineering plants at Halifax the strike in force since June 1 has been amicably settled and the men returned to work Tuesday morning.

MONTREAL TEAMSTERS STILL OUT.

At a meeting of the teamsters of the Dominion Transport Company, Montreal, held in the offices of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters this week, the men reaffirmed their determination not to return to work until their demands are granted, namely, \$27 per week, with double pay for Sunday work. In the

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC WORKERS DEMAND INCREASE.

The electrical workers on the Hydro Canal and in the Ontario power house have, following a meeting, served an ultimatum on the commission giving them until August 8th to meet the terms of the employees for an increase in wages. These rates are: Last year, 45 cents an hour; Hydro offers 75, men want 85. The men are becoming restless, and say that August 8th is the limit, and that after that, if a settlement has not been reached, the onus is on the commission for the consequences.

MONTREAL CARPENTERS ELECT DELEGATES.

Vice-President Arthur Martell, of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, and Arthur St. Marc, of Montreal, were elected as both delegates to the thirty-sixth annual convention of the Trades Congress, by the members of Local No. 1127, Inside Carpenters and Mill Workers. A meeting of that union at Montreal on Tuesday last, Arthur Martell was also elected as a delegate to the annual convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America which meets at Indianapolis, Ind., on September 20. Vice-President Martell is an executive board member of the U. B. C. and J. of A.

NEW LOCAL OF CARRIAGE WORKERS AT MONTREAL.

A Federal Union charter has been issued by the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress to the carriage makers at Montreal. The new union will be known as Federal Union No. 23, Carriage, Wagon and Automobile Workers.

WESTERN CANADA

REGINA CIVIC EMPLOYEES BOARD'S AWARD.

The award of the board of conciliation which has been investigating into the dispute between the Regina city council and the civic employees, finished its work last week with the signing of the report.

The result is that while in a few cases the board considered that an increase of wages was required, as a rule it fixed the rate at that which was offered by the city council to the employees. With the ten per cent. offered the total pay roll to the city will not be increased by more than about \$400.

All the findings were unanimous with the exception of that dealing with group insurance, to which Commissioner Mackie defurred on the ground that the question did not come within the jurisdiction of the board.

WINNIPEG MAY HAVE CIVIC EMPLOYEES FEDERATION.

Tentative steps towards effecting an amalgamation of employees' unions in Winnipeg were taken at a meeting of the Federation of Civic Employees, held in the Travellers' building last week.

F. W. McGill, secretary of the Federation, was instructed to communicate with the secretaries of the other unions with the object of devising ways and means of effecting the desired amalgamation.

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