LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

OTTAWA TRADES COUNCIL.

Unlike previous sessions of the past year the last regular meeting of the Allied Trades and Labor Association was of a constructive nature and obstruction was conspicuous by its absence. Much business was expedited in a short time and the delegates concluded the session without any of the usual display of oratory and gilt speeches.

Labor will assist the committee of citizens which has been gathered together under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club, to keep a watchful eye on any attempt which is made to beautify and develop the Capital now that the association responsible for the original plans is out of office. The executive committee concurred with the request of the Kiwanis Club for labor representation and appointed Delegates Rowe, Lewis, McRae and Larden to act on the committee.

The Trades Council also appointed a committee composed of Delegates McCann, Dear and Haydon, to act with the committee of the Rotary Club and other representative bodies, which has for its purpose the attempt to eliminate cross town Grand Trunk railway tracks.

The Ontario Safety League's request for memberships from the ranks of the Trades Council, met with some opposition from Delegates Leckie, Williams and Jennings, who said that the Safety League hadn't done anything but publish bulletins, in order to prevent workmen from getting their hands caught in machinery, and so make their bosses amenable to the Workmen's Compensation Act.

After more discussion in which the league was defended by Delegate Rowe, who said it had proved beneficial in the J. R. Booth mills, the letter from the league was tabled, instead of being filed as moved by Delegate Leckie.

The executive recommended that a communication from the American Federation of Labor, Washington, urging co-operative stores be acted upon, as a panacea for the high cost of living.

A suggestion by Delegate Larden that the election of the council be in future conducted by the proportional representation method, was declared to be impracticable, except where the executive was concerned, by Delegate McDowell.

The congratulations of organized labor were conveyed to Controller John Cameron, on his success during the civic elections, and a recommendation was made to the municipal committee that efforts be made to have the proper authorities light school skating rinks at night, on the suggestion of Delegate McDowell.

Delegate Jennings, on behalf of the street railway men, asked that the municipal committee do its best to have the city council shorten the term of daylight saving which he understood Ald. McKinley was going to move at the next meeting of council. He said the period spoken of was from April to September 30th. He would like the last month chopped off, not for the sake of the street railway men, but their womenfolk.

Delegate Lodge suggested to Controller Cameron that a register be opened at the city hall where those suffering from inflated rents might register their grievances, with a view to gathering sufficient evidence, so that the provincial legislature might be moved to act in the matter.

CON. CAMERON ADDRESSES MACKAY BROTHERHOOD.

The aims and ideals of Labor were explained to the Brotherhood of MacKay Street Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon by Controller John Cameron. Mr. Cameron's opening remarks were to the effect that the aims of Labor were not selfish and that they had in mind the greatest good for the greatest number. He said that they were trying to eliminate the idea of strikes from Labor, as those at the head of affairs realized that no one suffered as much from strikes as the strikers themselves. This was only the last resort of the oppressed, he said.

"The ideals of Labor are as near church ideals as is possible," said the speaker.

The school teachers of France, England and the United States were organizing and there was a movement on foot among the clergymen of England to organize on trade union lines. He said that so far all legislation passed had given capital first consideration. People were beginning to see that this was a wrong principle, and to see that although capital was necessary, its needs should not be placed above those of the great majority of the people.

The great goal of organized Labor was not higher wages, but better working conditions. This was proved by the British mine workers, who offered to work for less if the Government nationalized the mines. The United States railwaymen had done the same.

The belief that nationalization of public utilities was best was proved by the Ontario Hydro-Electric system.

GOVT. OFFICE CLEANERS GET INCREASE.

There is great joy among the Government office cleaners over the announcement that from July last they will receive $1.25 per day. About 900 women are affected, all of whom will receive 25 cents back pay from July, and $1.25 per day for the future.

It is also emphasized that those who wish may do their office cleaning after office hours instead of early in the morning.

From the first of the year the charwomen were cut down to 35c and 40 cents an hour, where before they had received $1.00 per day. Through the Civil Service Federation the hardship worked on the women was brought to the attention of Senator Gideon Robertson, to whose sympathetic consideration doubtless the recent action is due.

OTTAWA LABOR MEN ADDRESS MEETING AT WESTBORO.

Whatever details the people of Westboro might have been lacking in their knowledge of the Labor movement were certainly at least touched upon if not thoroughly explained at the splendid meeting in the town hall Thursday night. The speakers were Controller John Cameron, Mr. W. T. McDowell, president of the Independent Labor party, and J. A. P. Haydon, M. C., editor of the Canadian Labor Press. The hall was well filled and the speakers were listened to with great interest.

Mr. Haydon was the first to address the meeting. He dealt with many matters affecting labor. He urged equal pensions for all ranks of returned men; more substantial pensions for the widows of the rank and file of the army. He also thought there should be Government grants to the widows of industrial workers who had lost their lives while engaged in their occupations, contending that the Government was indebted to those men who were responsible for the economic development of the country and that added wealth. He would ask for increased indemnities and incidentally endorsed the Calgary resolution. The publication of the source of party campaign funds was something Mr. Haydon would call upon labor to ask.

The spread of the trade union movement was referred to by Con. Cameron in opening.—There were manual laborers' unions, clerical unions, middle class unions and even the teachers and the curates in England were now organizing unions.

Mr. McDowell in the course of a most interesting address pointed out that 85 per cent. of the population of the country was now represented by labor and declared that the time had come when labor was coming into its own.

BRIDGE WORKERS' UNION

The annual election of officers of the Bridge Workers' Union took place at St. Anne's hall, and resulted in R. Brennan being returned as president. The other officers are: Financial secretary, L. Binnette; recording secretary, F. Tremblay; delegates to the Allied Trades and Labor Council, Feltham, Binnette and Laurin; building trades, Delegates Brennan, Tremblay and McDonald.

The retiring officers were accorded the thanks of the union for their careful and progressive administration during their term of office.

CULINARY ALLIANCE NEW OFFICIALS.

The Culinary Workers' Local 413 elected officers for the year 1920 at their last regular meeting. Mr. H. Levesque was elected president; Mr. A. Quinn, vice-president; Miss M. Johnston, second vice-president; M. A. Beaudet, treasurer; D. Routhier, financial secretary; P. Dewitt, recording secretary; C. Lerwick, inspector; M. Widder, chaplain; D. Tomka, guard, club room committee, D. Novak, L. Fremeau, C. Rosser, A. Mathe; trustees, F. Picard, H. Hanson, F. Buhrer; delegates to Allied Trades and Labor Council, H. Levesque, R. Bradley and J. Morrucco.

The president advised the union to work along sane and progressive lines in this period of reconstruction in an address in which he reviewed the success of the union during the last term. Addresses were also delivered by F. Picard, M. A. Beaudet, Miss M. Johnston and A. Quinn.

LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL PROPOSED

It is altogether probable that in the very near future a district council of laborers will be organized in Ottawa. At the present time laborers are employed at the C. P. R. roundhouse who do not come under the jurisdiction of the railroad workers as they are employed by a contractor and not by the railroad company. Many laborers are also employed in the various mills and it is with a view to negotiating for all these men that the council is proposed. The rate of pay for laborers in Ottawa has been fixed by the Government's Fair Wage Officer at 42c per hour and the local Laborers' Union is determined that no laborer in the City of Ottawa shall receive a less rate of wages.

MILK DRIVERS PROGRESSING.

R. J. Dickenson, formerly grand secretary-treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, addressed a regular meeting of the newly formed Milk Drivers' and Dairy Employes' Union at Ottawa. The meeting was held in Ste Anne's Hall with the president in the chair. The union is progressing very satisfactorily and will soon be 100 per cent. organized.

LIGHTS ON THE SCHOOL RINKS.

At the first regular meeting of the Ottawa Branch of the Independent Labor Party the secretary was instructed to write the Public School Board with a view to having the lights turned on the school rinks after six o'clock. This has had the desired effect and lights are now turned on on many of the school rinks in the evenings.

OTTAWA DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS GET SANCTION.

Ottawa District Council of Carpenters have received a letter from General Secretary Duffy, of the International Brotherhood, stating that the executive board in session granted official sanction with financial aid if necessary for Ottawa carpenters' 1920 demands.

LABORERS' UNION NOW HAS 1,850 MEMBERS.

Local Union No. 625, International Union of Hod-Carriers and Building Laborers is progressing very rapidly and now has a total paid up membership of 1,850 and applications are coming in almost daily. The annual meeting of the local was held last week when the newly elected officers were installed in office by Secretary P. M. Draper of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress.

The officers for 1920 are: president, Sam Hill; vice-president, Vincent Rossie; financial secretary, John Henderson; recording secretary Wm. McGregor; corresponding secretary, Harry Glass; treasurer, Geo. Sullivan; guard, M. Carney; sergeant-at-arms, Wm. O'Connor; business agent, M. Ryan; delegates to the Building Trades Council, Bros. Ryan, Hall, McGregor, Carney and Henderson; delegates to the Allied Trades and Labor Association, Bros. Robinson, Lyons and McClency.

G. T. R. RAILROADS EMPLOYES

Controller John Cameron and President Pat Green of the Trades Council addressed the meeting of Division No. 110, (G. T. R.) Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employes, at their last regular meeting held on Wednesday evening last. There was a goodly attendance and the president was in the chair. The new schedule was discussed and action decided upon.

OTTAWA I. L. P. BEHIND ONTARIO GOVERNMENT'S GOOD ROADS' POLICY

At the regular meeting of the Ottawa Branch of the Independent Labor Party on Sunday last, the Good Roads' Policy of the Drury Government was endorsed and the following resolution embodies Ottawa I. L. P.'s sentiments:

"Whereas comparatively few of the people of Ottawa have the leisure time or the means to take advantage of the benefit of a trunk highway, and, whereas a trunk highway in itself will not have the effect desired of bringing the producer of food products and the consumer closer together, except to a limited extent, and, whereas the policy outlined by the Minister of Highways, to expend public money on a systematic improvement of roads radiating from the city and town centres is calculated to better serve the interest of the province as a whole; therefore, be it resolved, that the Independent Labor party, Ottawa branch, fully endorses and approves of the policy of the Ontario Government as set forth by the Hon. Mr. Biggs while in Ottawa, as to public roads and highways, as being in the best interests of the people of the province, and, further resolved, that the City Council of Ottawa be urged to give its co-operation and support so that the Ottawa-Prescott road may be completed as promised during this year and provision be made that Ottawa pay its fair share of the cost."

The action of the Board of Control in refusing to permit an aged couple—the man being blind and the woman having lost one arm—to sell newspapers from a public stand placed at the corner of O'Connor and Sparks street, was discussed, and finally it was decided that the municipal committee should get into touch with Mr. J. Lambert Payne, of the Association for the Blind, to try and assist the unfortunate couple.

A letter will be sent to the Public School Board requesting that the lights be turned on at the rinks from 6 to 9 in the evenings.

BRIDGE WORKERS' UNION PROMISES APPRENTICE-SHIP ASSOCIATION FOR APPRENTICES.

When a settlement was made in the dispute between the District Council of Carpenters and the Ottawa branch of the Associated Construction and Building Industries last year no provision was made for apprentice carpenters. Many attempts were made by the local District Council of Carpenters during the year to open up the matter and effect a satisfactory understanding. No progress was made, however, and few, if any, apprentices were employed in the construction industry during the past year. This year the District Council of Carpenters have the matter well in hand and last week a conference was held with the employers and an apprentice agreement was drawn up and adopted by the two committees. This has to be ratified by the two organizations before it comes into effect but there is every reason to believe that the work of the committees will be endorsed.

The Canadian Labor Press is not in a position to give out any of the provisions of the agreement other than to state that no apprentice over 17 years of age will be allowed to commence at the trade and that provision is made for his employment throughout the entire year, part of which must be spent at a technical school. Every apprentice must be able to speak either the English or French language and know the first rule of arithmetic.

HAMILTON.

TRADES COUNCIL.

Owing to the blizzard, only a baker's dozen of delegates attended last Friday's meeting of the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council. Furthermore, the session was short and sweet, everybody being ready for home at nine p. m. A communication from President Tom Moore, Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, was the outstanding feature of the meeting. Mr. Moore suggested that a bronze statue be located in the Hamilton Labor Temple as a memorial to the beloved late Allan Studholme, M.L.A. for East Hamilton. On motion, the latter was referred to the Hamilton Labor Temple Association.

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STATIONARY ENGINEERS.

The annual "get-together" smoker and concert of Local No. 700, Steam, Stationary and Operating Engineers' Union was held in the Labor hall last Thursday. The event was decidedly successful, for after the merry-making was through, twenty-five initiations were made. The hall was crowded to capacity when G. Baker, Niagara Falls, called the affair to order. Thanks to Secretary H. Longfellow and the members of the organization committee, Local No. 700 has prospered since it was re-organized one year ago. Then twenty-six of the faithful met and prepared plans of action. The result is now a membership of 268. There now remain less than fifty unorganized certified engineers in Hamilton and no stone will be left unturned by the Stationary Engineers' rank and file until all have joined the prosperous union.

The assembly was addressed by Corresponding Secretary H. G. Fester, Trades and Labor Council; General Organizer E. W. O'Dell, International Boot and Shoe Workers' Union; Business Agent Samuel Lawrence, Building Trades Council, and Secretary H. Longfellow. Each speaker "hit the nail on the head" during their convincing remarks on the organized labor movement. Mr. Longfellow enumerated the headway made by Local No. 700 since its reorganization. Wages had materially increased and before spring a further advance of fifteen cents an hour and perhaps more, would be negotiated. The International aimed to have every licensed engineer in Ontario organized before the end of 1920, declared Mr. Longfellow amid applause.

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METAL POLISHERS ON QUI VIVE.

Local No. 26, International Metal Polishers', Buffers' and Platers' Union, is going ahead. Last Friday night the most successful meeting in many years was held in the Labor Hall. Canadian Vice-President D. H. Wright, London, Ont., was responsible. Since his arrival in Hamilton he has made things hum. Through his indefatigable efforts, eight initiations were made, and for the next regular meeting many more new members will be initiated. Mr. Wright predicts that before the end of February every journeyman working at the craft in Hamilton will have been organized.

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BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL.

Last Monday the annual meeting of the Hamilton Building Trades Council was held. William Jamieson, Carpenters' Union delegate, was honored with being elected president, in succession to Frank Dwyer, Painters' Union. The new officers are: President, W. Jamieson; vice-president, Howard Longfellow; recording secretary, Robert Towler (re-elected); financial secretary and business agent, Samuel Lawrence (re-elected); tyler, R. Fleming; Trades and Labor Council delegates, Bros. Irwin, Franklin and Price; trustees, Delegates Farrell and Franklin. Several delegations were appointed to speak at the Carpenters', Bricklayers' and Building Laborers' Unions regarding matters pertaining to the B. T. C. The delegates who visited the Bricklayers' and Masons' Union last Thursday night were well received in their request that the "brickies" affiliate with the council.

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WILL START A LABOR CHURCH.

Apparently the Mount Hamilton I.L.P. branch don't like the idea of Winnipeg being the only place in Canada to have a Labor church. At last Monday's meeting it was decided to start a Labor church in the old Mission Hall, Concession street. The mountain Laborites have also started a club, under the direction of the Wentworth Labor Party District Council. Thomas Fagan, president; Charles Jamieson, secretary, and Harry Patmore, treasurer; are the club's officers. At the open meeting held under the branch auspices later in the evening, the large assembly decided unanimously to start a co-operative branch store in Barton Township.

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POSTMEN'S DELEGATES.

President J. Archer and Secretary H. Dilworth, last Saturday, were elected delegates to the Peterboro convention of the Dominion Letter Carriers' Association, which convenes next September. After hearing Hon. W. R. Rollo, Minister of Labor, and Organizer J. A. Flett, A.F. of L., the "Posties" decided to buy $100 Labor Temple shares.

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BRIDGE WORKERS.

Local No. 294, Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, [illegible] the craft workers here were now organized. The following are the officers: President, A. J. Kettle; vice-president, W. Irons; general secretary, J. Oulmet; recording secretary, S. O'Reilly; Metal Trades' Council delegates, A. J. Kettle, R. McDougal, T. Grosvenor, J. Kedge, J. Thompson. The session was enlivened by the collapse of the Labor Hall stove pipe, which resulted in many of the members being deluged with soot. They resembled chimney-sweeps when they left for home.

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HYDRO BOARD.

Gordon C. Nelson (Labor) has been elected chairman of the 1920 Hydro Board of Commissioners. The other members of the commission are Willoughby Ellis and Mayor Booker.

TORONTO.

TORONTO BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS PREPARE NEW AGREEMENT.

Organizer E. W. O'Dell of the International Union of Boot and Shoe Workers attended the last regular meeting of the Toronto Boot and Shoe Workers' Union. The new agreement which will be submitted to the employes in due course was the chief item on the programme and a special committee was appointed to prepare same. The present agreement does not expire until May 1st. At the present time the Toronto Shoe Workers have a 46 1-2 hr. week and it is altogether probable that a 44-hr. week will be requested.

TORONTO TEACHERS WANT 25 PER CENT. SALARY INCREASE.

An increase of 25 per cent. on all salaries paid, together with an increase of 25 per cent. on the maximum obtainable through long service, is the demand of two thousand school teachers of Toronto, voiced at a mass meeting in Convocation Hall last Thursday. The Minister of Education, Hon. R. H. Grant, was unable to be present. He was represented by Chief Inspector Waugh of the Ontario Department of Education.

Inspector Waugh informed the teachers that he knew of no person more interested in them than the present Minister of Education, and he declared that there was no doubt that many changes of advantage to the teachers would shortly be carried out.

Four school trustees gave the teachers hope that their demands might be met by the Toronto Board of Education, though they did not actually promise anything.

EASTERN CANADA.

KITCHENER I. L. P. OFFICERS.

The Independent Labor Party of North Waterloo met recently and elected the following officers: Hon. president, Mayor Bohlender; hon. vice-president, John Ziegler; president, Geo. C. Haehnel; vice-presidents, Geo. Zimmerman, C. Knittle; secretaries, P. H. Hasenpflug, S. P. Kieswetter; executive, Herman Schaefer, N. Weinstein, C. Ressor, G. Roehel, N. H. Sternal, H. Hauck, O. Manski, H. Koehler; representatives to provincial convention, H. Sternal and H. P. Kieswetter.

WENTWORTH LABOR PARTY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The District Council, Wentworth County Labor Party, held the annual meeting last week, when the following officers were elected: President, Alan W. Griffith; vice-president, P. Howard; secretary-treasurer and publicity agent, Mrs. Jean Inglis; organizer, C. Jamieson. It was decided to hold an emergency convention of the I. L. P. in the early future.

HALIFAX LABOR PARTY OFF TO GOOD START.

The recently organized Independent Labor party of Halifax held its first public meeting last Friday night, which augured well for the future of the new movement. The object of the party is to obtain political control as the only certain redress of existing grievances.

PERTH ORGANIZES A BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' UNION.

International Organizer E. W. O'Dell, of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, recently organized a local union of boot and shoe workers at Perth, where fifty members appear on the charter. Officers were installed and satisfactory progress is being made.

MONTREAL TRADES COUNCIL'S 1920 OFFICIALS.

At the last regular meeting of the Montreal Trades and Labor Council, the annual election of officers took place and resulted in most of the old officials being again elected.

After the passing of routine affairs, President Foster announced that nominations were in order for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the result was as follows: President, J. T. Foster, re-elected by acclamation; vice-president, Jos. Gauthier, re-elected by acclamation; English recording secretary, Hebert Lynch, re-elected by acclamation; French recording secretary, J. A. Beland, re-elected by acclamation; corresponding secretary, Alphetus Mathieu, re-elected by acclamation; financial secretary, J. A. Garlepy, re-elected by acclamation; statician, Joseph Pelletier; guide, J. Malone; guardian, C. M. Dupont.

For the office of treasurer, A. Girard was opposed by J. St. Hilaire. The election will take place at the next meeting of the council, together with that of the executive board.

KITCHENER TRADES COUNCIL.

Despite the unfavorable weather, there was a good attendance at the first 1920 session of the Kitchener Trades and Labor Council. President Bert Hughes was in the chair, opening the meeting with usual promptness at eight o'clock.

The main topics of the evening were "Co-operative Societies," and the recent showing at the polls, by the Labor members. Various reasons for this were advanced and the conclusion reached was that progress must be made by finding out weak spots and coming back strongest next year.

Regarding the rise in the price of bread at Kitchener, the following resolution was passed:

"Owing to the return of the men caused by individual pressure, the recent rise in the price of bread was not caused by increased wages to the journeymen bakers, simply a means to greater profit for the master bakers themselves."

The next meeting will be held on January 23.

GUELPH TYPOS' OFFICIALS FOR 1920.

President, A. A. Buchner; vice-president, C. G. Walters; secretary-treasurer, Fred Kinsey; recording secretary, E. B. Taylor; sergeant-at-arms, H. Martin.

WALTER MOORE MOVES.

Mr. Walter Moore, president of the Master Cities Builders' and Contractors' Association, has been served with notice from the carpenters and bricklayers unions that a revised schedule of wages will be presented to become effective for one year commencing May 1 asking for $1 per hour for carpenters, an increase of 28 cents, and $1.15 per hour for bricklayers, an increase of 23 cents. The high cost of living is given as the reason for the demand.

MONCTON POLICE GET EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

The eight-hour day was inaugurated in the Moncton Police Department last week, in accordance with a decision by the Police Commission. When officers are called upon to work more than eight hours, overtime will be allowed. Prior to this the Moncton officers have been on duty ten hours. In view of the shorter hours it is expected that eight hour shifts will shortly be arranged.

ST. THOMAS BOILERMAKERS' OFFICERS INSTALLED.

At the regular meeting of St. Thomas (Elgin Lodge) No. 412, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Helpers, the following officers were installed for the year 1920, by Past President Jas. B. Stirling: E. May, president; F. Dunworth vice-president; Ed. Pantling, recording secretary; Frank Roberts, corresponding secretary; G. T. Hughes, financial secretary; H. Slack, treasurer; Jas. Mason, inspector. After the installation of the officers the evening was taken up with several short talks by the newly installed officers, these being much appreciated by the members present.

Before the meeting adjourned a very pleasing affair was the presentation of a handsome reading lamp to Frank Roberts, who has held the office of corresponding secretary for the past 10½ years. The presentation was made by the retiring president, R. Crittenden. Mr. Roberts made a very appropriate reply. The meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

SEEK LABOR'S VIEWS ON CIVIC PROBLEMS.

The Quebec section of the Labor Party of Canada has sent a circular letter to all unions and labor clubs of Montreal asking for opinions on the autonomy of the City of Montreal, the abolition of the Administrative Commission and its replacement by a board composed of the Mayor and 20 aldermen and the abolition of the $500 deposit for candidates to municipal service. The decisions will be transmitted to the official representative in the Quebec Parliament for presentation to the Legislature.

HALIFAX TRADES COUNCIL

P. J. Healey was elected president of the Trades and Labor Council of Halifax at the annual meeting recently. Among resolutions adopted was one petitioning for an amendment to the Novia Scotia Workmen's Compensation Act to the end that the maximum wage of $1,200 a year upon which benefits are paid, be increased on the ground that most workmen were now receiving in excess of $1,200. Another resolution called upon the city to raise the scale of wages now being paid employes of the corporation. The incoming executive was empowered to take up the matter of a housing scheme with the Provincial Government.

THE OLD, OLD STORY.

Following the advance in wages, which has just been decided upon, the price of coal to domestic consumers in Cape Breton has been advanced by the Dominion Coal Company from $5.60 to $6.20 per ton. There has been no increase to the miners, but the price to colliery doctors and churches has been advanced.

MONTREAL CIVIC EMPLOYES GET INCREASE.

An increase of 25 cents a day in the wages of corporation laborers of Montreal has been decided upon by the Administrative Commission, and will go into effect at once. The wages will go up from $3 a day to $3.25 a day, or from 38 to 32 1-2 cents per hour. The commission in making this increase is carrying out a programme already announced some time ago.

In the roads department alone, it is estimated, this will mean an additional expenditure of $37,000 a year.

HALIFAX PLUMBERS 1920 OFFICIALS.

The regular meeting of Plumbers and Steam Fitters, Local 56, was held recently. The first business to be transacted was election of new officers which resulted as follows:

Pres.—Thomas W. Martin.
Vice-Pres.—Arthur Wilkie.
Treas.—Morris Bohemont.
Fin.-Sec. and Business Agent —E. J. Carland.
Asst. F.-Sec.—A. R. Pearson.
Finance Committee — S. M. Minnian, James Murphy, Leo Conrad.
Executive Board—A. R. Pearson, M. Rosoborough, F. DeStephen, Charles Johnston, Fred Shanahan.
Delegates to Trades and Labor Council.—A R. Pearson, M. Rosoborough, Thos. Martin, Fred Craig, T. Hurley.
Delegates to Marine Trades Council—E. J. Carland, A. R. Pearson, W. B. Murphy.
Delegates Marine Trades Council—E. J. Carland, W. Adams, Thos. Martin, Geo. Myers, S. McLaverty.

FREDERICTON MAIL CARRIERS GET THURSDAY HALF HOLIDAY.

The mail carriers of Fredericton, N.B., have for some months past been having a Saturday half-holiday, but from now on the half-holiday will be on Thursday. The Board of Trade took the matter up with the postmaster, claiming that important mail coming in on Saturday and not delivered could not be answered until Monday. The postmaster took the matter up with the Post Office Department at Ottawa and the change was accordingly made.

QUEBEC CIVIL SERVANTS' WAGE SCHEDULE.

An interesting table of the salaries paid by the Quebec Government to its employes, is given in a pamphlet that was distributed by the Association of the Civil Servants of the Government of Quebec recently, in anticipation of the debate which will take place on the motion of Mr. Monet, relative to the salary question. It shows that 1,267 employes are getting less than $1,200 a year; there are 183 employes receiving between $1,250 and $1,600; there are eighty-nine employes receiving between $1,650 and $2,000; fifty-two receiving between $2,100 and $3,000, and fifteen receiving between $3,100 and $4,000.

There are many officials who have not had an increase in the last five years, while there are others whose salary has been increased as much as 61 per cent., the average increase being about 15 per cent.

GUELPH LABOR OPPOSES ELECTION METHOD.

At a recent meeting of the Guelph Trades and Labor Council a resolution was passed opposing the present method of selecting the Mayor of the city, which is by the aldermen of the City Council.

MONCTON LABOR PRESENTS CIVIC SLATE.

The amalgamated labor unions of Moncton at a largely attended meeting last week endorsed as civic candidates in the approaching elections: A. C. Chapman for Mayor; Alderman John H. Stewart and Alderman Celime Melanson, alderman at large; Alderman McKinnon and George W. Anderson for Ward Three. Other nominations are under consideration.

WESTERN CANADA

WINNIPEG INTERNATIONALS CONSIDERING LEGISLATIVE DEMANDS.

Representatives of the Winnipeg Building Trades Council, the Trades and Labor Council and the running trades organization met recently in the temple and drew up a lengthy legislative programme for presentation to the Provincial Legislature. The programme was not wholly completed and another meeting will have to be held.

WINNIPEG GARMENT WORKERS' 1920 OFFICIALS.

The International Garment Workers of Winnipeg have elected the following officers: President, Mrs. D. Oram; vice-president, C. Banks; secretary, J. Davis; financial secretary and business agent, C. Watherson; treasurer, D. H. Hunt; warden, J. Peasnell; delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, Watherson and Banks.

EDMONTON LABOR PARTY ELECTS STRONG EXECUTIVE.

Probably the best attended and most enthusiastic annual meeting of the Edmonton branch of the Dominion Labor Party yet held, was the gathering when officers were elected and reports of the past year's work were received.

An exceptionally strong and representative executive committee was elected for the coming year, says the Free Press. Dan Powers, of the Locomotive Engineers was the unanimous choice of the meeting for the position of chairman, J. E. White and H. Hawkins withdrawing in his favor. F. E. Mercer and D. K. Knott were unopposed for the offices of secretary and treasurer. The balance of the executive is composed of Aldermen Kinney, East and McCoppen, Messrs. H. Hawkins, A. A. Campbell, P. W. Bailey, J. W. Findlay and A. Farmilo.

The membership committee will consist of Messrs. J. J. McCormack, P. Daley, W. Gimblett and H. J. Baugust. Messrs. E. E. Roper, G. W. Perkins, E. E. Owen, G. Latham, and J. Francis are responsible for propaganda. And the press committee will consist of Rev. F. E. Mercer, J. W. Barnett, H. Hawkins, R. Mitchell, H. Clark, J. W. Findlay, W. S. McKenzie.

WINNIPEG POSTAL WORKERS.

The Winnipeg branch of the [illegible] annual meeting elected the following officers for the year: President, F. R. Sutton; F. J. Perry, vice-president; [illegible] secretary; C. Pentz, recording secretary; Jas. Johnston, treasurer; W. H. Anderson, warden; J. Boswell, J. T. Bowie and J. Cessford, executive committee. New members admitted number 25.

VICTORIA CIVIC EMPLOYES.

Increased salaries to civic service employes who are members of Union No. 52, by a flat rate of $20 a month will be asked from the city this year. At the annual meeting recently the union made this decision and will ask that the agreement which expires next February 15 be amended that way. This union is largely composed of city hall employes and library board staffs.

Taking the case of outside cities, it is pointed out that in Vancouver the minimum wage for civic employes was $105 a month. In Calgary the minimum for married men was $105 and slightly less for single employes.

Reports indicate that Calgary employes are asking for a raise of $15 a month, while in Winnipeg the raise sought ranges as high as twenty-five per cent. In the latter city, the increase over two years averaged thirty per cent. In Lethbridge the city allowed the employes a fourteen per cent. increase to date from January 1, to coincide with the same increased pay to miners, although the union agreement covering the 1919 scale did not expire until next June 30.

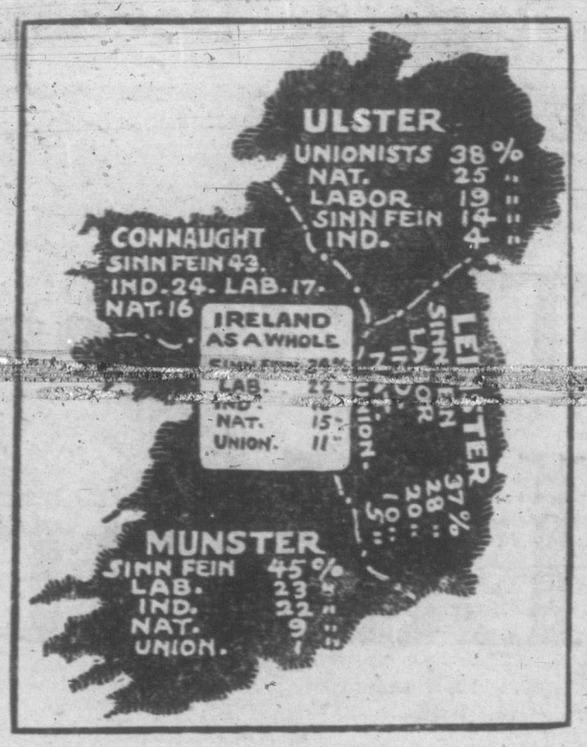
At the election of officers for the coming year, J. J. McCormack was re-elected president. A. A. Campbell was again named as vice-president, C. M. Small as secretary, and H. G. Turner as financial secretary. R. J. Gibb was named as trustee, to act for three years.

The executive will be composed of the above officers and the following: A. Templeton, W. Gifford, J. R. Hunthach, J. McCool, F. Field, A. Gregory and J. R. Adshead.

WINNIPEG TELEPHONE GIRLS'

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Telephone Girls' Union was held at the Labor Temple and the election of officers resulted as follows: Miss Winnie Walker, president; Miss Emma Ryan, vice-president; Miss Madgwick, secretary; Miss Susan Peters, treasurer. There was a large attendance of members and great interest was indicated in the proceedings.

RESULT OF MUNICIPAL VOTING IN IRELAND.



On the above map is shown in percentages the result of the voting in Ireland. Labor, seldom mentioned in Irish affairs, is the second party in Municipal affairs in Ireland.

Proportional Representation, under which the election was operated, justified itself and important minorities, which previously have been denied representation, will now have champions on the Municipal Legislative Councils.

PRESENT WATCH TO MR. WILLIAM LODGE

Bakery Drivers Grateful for His Capable Assistance.

Mr. William Lodge, [illegible] Labor man, was made the recipient of a handsome gift [illegible] members of Ottawa Bakery Drivers' Union, Local No. 458, last evening, as a mark of appreciation for his services in organizing the bakery drivers of Ottawa.

Mr. Lodge was greatly surprised when Mr. Rod Plant, president made the presentation, as he had attended the meeting by special request to assist with the business before the meeting. "From the Boys" was inscribed on the back cover of the watch. Mr. Lodge thanked the drivers for their kindness and said that he was glad of the opportunity to assist the bakery men in organizing the union. He said that it was pleasing to know that the drivers of Ottawa were working under a closed shop agreement, which was a considerable achievement considering the fact that they organized but ten months ago.

Messrs. E. Wolf, A. Albert, and J. Gillisie, comprising the auditor's committee, presented the annual financial statement, at the meeting, showing the union to be in a flourishing condition.

MR. WILLIAM LODGE.

SETTLERS HAVE GRIEVANCES IN NORTH ONTARIO

If Something Not Done There Will Be Recruits for Insane Asylums, Says Report.

TORONTO, Jan. 21.—"I have little hesitation in saying that if something is not done soon to relieve the situation we will have recruits for our insane asylums from the colony."

With this remarkable statement, upon the conditions of affairs at the soldier settlement colony in Northern Ontario. The report which was made public after a meeting of the Cabinet today reflects gravely upon the whole scheme of soldier settlement although it makes no charges of serious mismanagement by the Department of Lands and Forests or its officials.

Col. Carmichael, who made an extended investigation at Kapuskasing, found that a majority of the settlers had grievances of one kind or another. The land is difficult to clear and is covered with deep moss. The timber is small and not all suitable for pulpwood. Stumping is slow and expensive. "Some pieces of land have cost as much as $150 an acre to clear," says the minister. Complaints about the officials and the management of the colony store were found to be "comparatively trivial," and his suggestion was that the scheme should be considered mainly as to its suitability from a colonization and agricultural standpoint and as a reward to the soldier for his services during the war.

The extent of the "reward" may be indicated by Col. Carmichael's statement that in every month of 1918 the temperature at the colony fell to the freezing point, so that it was possible to harvest only very hardy crops. When larger areas were cleared, this frost danger would be minimized, but it was a serious handicap at present.

The Minister frankly admits that quite a large proportion of the soldiers as settlers are unfitted for pioneer life and many accustomed to city life cannot reconcile themselves to the monotonous and unremunerative toil and hardship. Some settlers, in fact, have arrived at a point where success seems so difficult of attainment that they are "lying down on the job."

"Some of the older settlers," he said, "finding themselves with only small clearings, and unable to produce sufficient fodder for stock or foodstuff for their own consumption, and being in many cases in debt to the department, are discouraged, and cannot see any future for themselves or their families. It is to be remembered that few settlers have stock of any kind. Their holdings (cleared) are too small to support even a team of horses and a cow, even if they could afford to buy them. And, incidentally, all this has cost the province to date approximately $800,000."

NOT KNOWN YET WHO WILL OPPOSE DRURY

Raney's Byelection One Week After Other Two.

TORONTO, Jan. 21.—The byelection writs for Halton and East Kent will be issued tomorrow, so it was announced tonight. It is understood the byelection in which Attorney-General W. E. Raney will seek a seat in the Legislature will take place a week later than the two elections already announced.

Whether Premier E. C. Drury will be opposed in Halton is not yet known. It is said the Halton Liberals will hold a meeting on Saturday to decide this question. H. H. Dewart, K.C., M.P.P., Liberal leader in Ontario, declined to make a statement today as to whether the Liberals would put up an opponent to the Premier or not. It is understood the Conservatives will not place a candidate in the field. So far, there is no talk of any opposition to Hon. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture, in the by-election in East Kent.

VOCATIONAL BRANCH IS TRAINING 24,236

Discharged Men Desiring Courses Must Apply This Month.

An increase in the number receiving instruction under the Vocational Branch of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment is shown by the most recent report, which gives the total number under instruction as 24,236.

Of these, 12,613 are attending the vocational schools maintained by the department, while 11,673 are being re-trained directly in the industries at which they desire to work.

Of the total number, 7,830 are minors. To date, 10,074 ex-service men have graduated from the re-training courses.

The end of the current month is the last date on which intending scholars may make application for vocational courses. Men now undergoing treatment in departmental institutions may apply for a course of re-training within three months after discharge from a hospital or sanatorium.

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