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February 15, 1906. To the President and Delegates: Your Legislative Committee beg leave to submit the following report: In reference to the special business referred to this committee, we are pleas-ed to report that we were successful in securing an interview with the Her

man:

Ist. Is there a fair wage claus, in the specifications calling for contracts in the construction of that part of the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific known as the Government part of the road-Eastern division?

vision? 2nd. Is there a fair wage clause, or any reference to what rate of wages shall be paid the employees, contained in the specifications issued by the Grand Trunk Pacific Company! 3rd. Does the Government, by bonus-ing or in any other way, render assist-ance to the Salvation Army in bringing out emigrants to this country! In answer to the first question the Minister replied that there, was a fair wage clause in the specifications for their part of the road, which reads as fol-lows: 46. The contractor shall, in connection

46. The contractor shall, in connection with the whole of the said work, as far as practicable, use only material, machin-ery, plant, supplies and rolling stock

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In order to compensate the contractor for such supervision he shall deduct from the wages of every man in his employ-ment in the district or districts in which this contract is situated the sum of

e. per month, or a proportionate rate for a lees period. It shall be optional on the part of the Commissioners, should they see fit so to do, to take over the medical and sanido, to take over the medical and sani-tary supervision of all men, camps, dwel-lings and works, and should they elect so to do, the contractor shall deduct from the wages of all employees as be-fore stated the sum of <u>e. per month</u>, or a proportional rate for a less period, and shall furnish to the Commissioners at the end of each month a full and cor-rect statement of all such deductions, and the Commissioners shall subtract the total amount of such deductions from the moneys due or to become due to the con-tractor on account of estimates for that month. month.

In answer to the second question the

lar, in this particular, to that made with Paying Fares to Buffalo Just as har, in this particular, to that made with the booking agents of the several trans-portation companies, except that in the case of the Salvation Army the amount allowed by way of bonus is somewhat larger. In no case has the Department of the Interior knowingly given any as-sistance to the Army for bringing out skilled workmen.

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skilled workmen. "I have brought the representations made by yourself and others to the at-tention of the Honorable the Minister of the Interior and have requested the Minister to kindly instruct the officers of his department to take particular care to see that in connection with assisted immigration to Canada no aid shall be given in the case of skilled workmen brought to this country." Your committee is pleased to record its

brought to this country." Tour committee is pleased to record its approval of the Government's action in following out the statutory laws with re-gard to the building of this railway. We would recommend, however, that the sanitary arrangements, as provided for in the specifications as liable to be taken over by the Government, that the Domin-ion authorities take over to themselves entire supervision of these matters. We regret to state that the system which still prevails in regard to assisted pas-sages to this country. We think the time has long since passed when such assistance should be discontinued. Much abuse has resulted from the practice and great harm has been done to workingmen in this country, and this committee re-commends that a strong protest be lodged with the Government by this Gouncil in connection with this matter. The committee has decided to meet on

The committee has decided to meet on the second and fourth Fridays.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

> Sec'y Committee. R. R. ELLIOT, Chairman

JOHN GARDNER,

Bad as Paying to Toronto

A fine of \$50 and costs was saddled upon R. E. Menzie yesterday for breach off the alien labor law in having paid the transportation of two men from Phil-adelphis to Buffalo to get them to work in the Menzie Wall Paper Co. The men had replied to an advertise-ment, and asked for transportation to Toronto, but the company said that they could not pay their way into Canada, though not pay their way into Canada, though net would do so as far as Buf-falo. "By paying any portion of the trans-

"By paying any portion of the trans-portation you are assisting in the trans-portation or encouraging the transporta-tion, the law using the term 'assisting or encouraging' the transportation, and T will therefore have to fine Mr. Menzie \$50 and costs on one action, and will dismiss the other one."

Union Men ask for and smoke Union Label Cigars. Scabs ask for and smeke the other kind.

Plumbers Have a Protest

The Plumbers' Union, through Wm. J. Storey, protested to F. S. Mearns of the Toronto Reform Association on Satur-day that non-union men had been employ-ed in placing the gas fixtures at Massay Hall for the Laurier banquet. Mr. Mearns promised to bring the matter be-fore the committee.

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47. All mechanics, laborers, or other persons who perform labor for the purposes of the construction of the works hereby contracted for shall be paid such wages as are generally accepted as current for competent workmen in the district in which the work is being performed, and, if there is no current rate in such district, then a fair and reasonable rate, and in the event of a dispute arising as to what is the current or a fair and reasonable rate, it shall be determined by the Commissioners, whose decision shall be final.

decision shall be final. 48. This agreement is subject to the regulations new in force or which may at any time hereafter be in force dur-ing the construction of the works hereby contracted for, made under the authority of the Department of Labor and which are or shall be applicable to such works. 49. All the works carried on under this agreement shall be subject to the provisions of the Act. respecting the Pres-ervation of Health on Public Works, and to all regulations made or to be here-after made pursuant to the said Act, ar by any other lawful authority, and applicable to such works, and to any regulations which may be adopted by the commissioners in reference to smithtion or the gresservation of health on public works.

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hon gentleman replied: "That the form of contract adopted for the construction of the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific contains what is known as the 'fair wage' clause, read-ing as follows:

ing as follows: ""All mechanics, laborers or other persons who perform labor in the con-struction of the works hereby contracted for shall be paid such wages as are gen-erally accepted as current for competent workmen in the district in which the work is being performed, and if there is no current rate in such district, then a fair and reasonable rate, and in the event of a dispute arising as to what is the current or a fair and reasonable rate, it shall be determined by the Minister of Labor, whose decision shall be final." "Also that the contract let for the

of Labor, whose decision shall be final." "Also that the contract let for the construction of the Lake Superior branch, incorporates, by express refer-ence, section 6, sub-section 2, of Edw. VII. cap. 18 (Ontario Statutes) enact-ing as follows: ""The workman, laborers or servants employed in or about the construction and operation of each of the said rail-ways shall be paid such rates of wages as may be currently payable to work-men, laborers or servants engaged in similar occupations in the district in which such railway is constructed and operated."" In answer to the third question the

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In answer to the units and following is the roply: "The assistance given to the Army by way of bonus has been confined to a bonus paid in the case of agricultural-ists and domestic servants brought to

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An exchange gives this plain talk to members of unions: "What would you think of a member of your union who would get up in the union meeting when some proposition in favor of all organized union men and women was being discussed—some move-ment which would not cost him or any other man a cent—and would say: 'Oh, to h—I with every union but our own; what do we care whether they get along or not.' Probably any man who would make a break like that in a labor or ganization would be thrown out bodily, and rightly, too. At any rate he ought to be. But do you know there are union men who are saying this very thing and saying it in what is more foreible that words; they are saying it by their net ma. Whenever a member of a union ("e-ran't sry amion" man) buys an art'-cle withent the union label, he is prac-tically saying 'to h—I with the members of that union.''

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When my wife was over to the fore-an's house.

Better ask the foreman.

The foreman says the chairman is a rank

The foreman says the union is going oo far.

The foreman says the executive com-

The foreman said I was a feel to vote ts I did.

The foreman never goes to a meeting, and I think he is about right. The foreman's family and mine are in-

The foreman thought that story of mine a rich one. The foreman can see in an instant all through a piece of wark.—Ex.

Bakers' strike still on in Bredin's, Weston's and Tomlin's shops.