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## NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE

Convention to be held in Ottawa on postponed date of September 15 will be of great importance---Proposed Agenda.

The National Conference of Employers and Employees, which will be opened on Monday, September 15 at Ottawa will be the most important convention of its kind ever held in Canada, and will, it is expected, go far toward finding a solution for the present industrial unrest. The deliberations will last one week.

The memorandum issued by the Government authorizing the conference provides that the employers and the Trades and Labour Congress will each be represented by 60 delegates. The representatives of the Congress will not represent the railway operating trades and telegraphers, who will be represented by the labour members of the Canada Railway Board of Adjustment No. 1.

Others who will attend are members of the labour sub-committee of the Reconstruction and Development Committee of the Cabinet, members of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations and representatives of the various technical and engineering organizations.

The official agenda is as follows:—

1. Consideration of the labour features of the Treaty of Peace.
2. Consideration of the question of the desirability of unifying and co-ordinating the existing labour laws of the Dominion Parliament and of the Provincial Legislatures; (see page 107 of the R. C. Report), and the consideration of any new labour laws which are deemed necessary.
3. Consideration of the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations respecting hours of labour (see paragraph 52 and recommendations on page 19 of R. C. Report).
4. Consideration of minimum wage laws (see paragraph 52 and recommendations on page 19 of R. C. Report).
5. Consideration of:
  - (a) employees right to organize (see paragraph 59, also recommendation on page 19 of R. C. Report);
  - (b) recognition of labour unions (see paragraph 59, also recommendations on page 19 of R. C. Report);
  - (c) the right of employees to collective bargaining (see paragraph 65, also recommendation on page 19 of R. C. Report).

6. Consideration of:
  - (a) the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations in favour of the establishment of a bureau to promote the establishment and development of joint industrial councils (see paragraph 99 also recommendations on page 19 of R. C. Report).
  - (b) the further recommendations of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations regarding the establishment of joint plant and industrial councils (see paragraphs 85 and 98 and recommendations on page 19 of R. C. Report).

7. Consideration of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations that the findings of the Commission be put into effect in all work controlled by the Government where the principles of democratic management can be applied.

8. Consideration of resolutions relating to any other features of the Report of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations referred to on page 19 of the report.

9. Consideration of any other proposals which may be introduced bearing on the relations of employers and employees.

## CONTRACTS AWARDED BY ORDER IN COUNCIL

Ottawa, Edmonton and Port Elgin contracts under Public Works

The Department of Public Works, Ottawa, announces the following contracts awarded under Order in Council:—

Ottawa, installation of heating pipes in Wellington Street Heating Tunnel. Contractors, W. G. Edge, Ltd., of Ottawa, at \$18,121.24. Order in Council dated August 9, 1919.

Edmonton, Alta., alterations and additions to service building at Strathcona Military Hospital. Contractors, Brown & Hargrave, of Edmonton, at \$5,246. Order in Council dated August 9, 1919.

Port Elgin, Ont., repairs to wharf and reconstruction of portion of breakwater. Contractor, Max Clairmont, of Goderich, Ont., at \$4,505.70 (unit prices). Order in Council dated August 9, 1919.

## HOW B. C. LUMBER OUTPUT HAS INCREASED

The Winnipeg office of the Department of Immigration and Colonization reports the following timber figures under date of August 8th:

During the week 854 cars of lumber were shipped from various British Columbia mills, as against last year 678 cars.

The value of lumber production in British Columbia during 1918 was over \$54,000,000 as against \$48,000,000 in 1917, and \$29,000,000 in 1916.

## COST OF FAMILY BUDGET SLIGHTLY HIGHER IN JULY.

The average cost of the weekly family budget of staple goods rose slightly, being \$13.77 at the middle of July as compared with \$13.72 in June, \$13.00 in July, 1918, and \$7.42 in July, 1914, says the summary of the Department of Labour. The index number of wholesale prices for July was 294.0 as compared with 284.1 for June, 284.0 for July, 1918, and 134.6 for July, 1914.

## SCHEDULE OF CASH PAYMENT FOR WHEAT

Provided for under Recent Order in Council on advice of Canadian Wheat Board

### VARIATIONS IN PRICE

The Deputy Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Trade and Commerce and pursuant to the advice of the Canadian Wheat Board is pleased to approve the following schedule of cash payments as provided for under Section 4 of the Order in Council of 31st July, 1919 (P.C. 1589), and the same is hereby approved and established accordingly, viz.:—

Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, No. 1 Hard, two dollars fifteen cents (\$2.15); No. 1 Manitoba Northern, two dollars fifteen cents (\$2.15); No. 2 Manitoba Northern, two dollars twelve cents (\$2.12); No. 3 Manitoba Northern, two dollars eight cents (\$2.08); No. 1 Alberta Red Winter, two dollars fifteen cents (\$2.15); No. 2 Alberta Red Winter, two dollars twelve cents (\$2.12); No. 3 Alberta Red Winter, two dollars eight cents (\$2.08); above cash payments are basis in store Public Terminal Elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur. British Columbia No. 1 wheat, two dollars ten and one-half cents (\$2.10½); No. 2 wheat, two dollars seven and one-half cents (\$2.07½); No. 3 wheat, two dollars three and one-half cents (\$2.03½); basis in store Canadian Government Elevator, Vancouver. Ontario and Quebec wheat, No. 1 grade, two dollars eighteen cents (\$2.18); No. 2 grade, two dollars fifteen cents (\$2.15); No. 3 grade, two dollars eleven cents (\$2.11), basis in store Montreal.

## REPORT GIVES MOVEMENTS OF GRAIN IN WEST

Increase shown in Quantities stored in Interior Elevators compared with same period last year.

### SHIPMENTS TO DATE

The Department of Immigration and Colonization has received the following regarding the inspection, storage and shipment of grain from their Winnipeg office under date of August 8th:—

Grain in store at C. P. interior elevators, 1,971,427 bushels; 1918, 939,328 bushels.

In store at Government interior elevators, Moosejaw, 310,483 bushels; Saskatoon, 294,767 bushels; Calgary, 199,562 bushels.

In store at all elevators at the lake front, 5,109,500 bushels.

Inspected since September 1, 1918:

	Wheat.	Other Grains.	Total.
1918..	124,338,000	50,651,400	174,987,400
1917..	152,828,000	78,630,700	231,458,700

Grain shipped by rail since September 1, 1918: C. P. tracks, 7,638,555 bushels; Lake Front, 9,324,735 bushels.

Grain shipped by boat and rail since September 1, 1918: C. P. tracks, 72,227,357 bushels; Lake Front, 110,901,209 bushels.

Grain shipped by boat since the opening of navigation, April 1, 1918: C. P. tracks, 27,588,124 bushels; Lake Front, 51,370,572 bushels.

Cars of grain unloaded at Fort William since September 1, 1918, 59,026; 1917, 74,046; 1916, 100,400.

During the week 593 cars of flour were shipped from various mills in the Prairie Provinces; last year 204 cars.

The Edmonton Board of Trade has made a request to the Board of Grain Supervisors that Edmonton be made a grain inspection point.

### Sumas (B.C.) Reclamation.

The first contract will shortly be let in connection with the work of reclaiming 32,000 acres of land at Sumas, B.C., says a report to the Winnipeg office of the Department of Immigration and Colonization. The entire scheme will cost between \$1,250,000 and \$1,500,000, but the work will be undertaken in sections.