

## REPORT TO ANNUAL MEETING OF DOM. LABOR PARTY

### Desirability of Increased Membership and Campaign Suggested During Year.

In submitting his report to the annual meeting of Dominion Labor Party, Edmonton branch, Secretary F. E. Mercer touched on the activities of the branch during the past year. Mr. Mercer pointed out the desirability of an increased membership and suggested that a campaign should be inaugurated to have all interested parties become members during this year. The text of the report follows:

"In submitting the report required by the rules of our party from the Secretary to the Annual Meeting, I think that it is fair to say that during the past year the name of the Dominion Labor Party has been kept prominently and honorably before the citizens of the city of Edmonton. The party has increased in membership and in prestige and the victories at the polls during the civic elections were a fitting culmination of a good year's work.

"The Edmonton Branch has taken a prominent part in assisting in building up a Provincial branch of the party which now has branches at Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Coalgate, Taber, Hanna, and Redcliff. Our delegates took a conspicuous part in the Convention held during the summer in Calgary and Messrs. Mitchell, Hawkins, and your Secretary represent this party on the Provincial Executive.

"In addition to assisting in the formation of the party, our branch has materially assisted in propaganda by publishing the "Statesman," which is now well received in various parts of the province. The party owes a vote of thanks to those who have generously spent time on the getting out of the paper.

"During the big sympathetic strike, the party took a very strong line in support of the strikers. Meetings were arranged, notably one at the Market Square under our auspices, at which party members made speeches and collections were taken for the strike committee. Our paper also gave support.

"The party has also proved its sympathy with the welfare of the returned men. A very successful concert was held in the armories in the early part of the year and since then the party has pledged its support to the \$2,000 bonus or the best scheme of Soldier Re-Establishment.

"During the sittings of the Municipal Law committee of the local legislature, the party sent a delegation to appear before it to ask for the abolition of more than one vote for one man and of the property qualification. The first petition was granted but the second refused because the city council had not voted on the proposition. Since

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## SECRET LIST OF COMMUNIST PARTY SEIZED IN RAID

The investigation by the grand jury of "Red" activities about Bowden received a decided impetus when it was announced that the secret list of the "Communist party" had been seized in a raid, and was available for the consideration of the grand jury. The list includes the names of many prominent persons in Boston, Brookline and Cambridge. Other papers seized disclosed secret plans of the radical organization.

## CALL ISSUED FOR LAST ANNUAL CONVENTION SUPFRAGE ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, has issued the call for that organization's last annual convention at Chicago, from February 12 to 15.

The call says that "in other days our members and friends have been summoned to annual conventions to disseminate propaganda for their common cause, but this time they are called to rejoice that the struggle is over. Of all the conventions held within the past 31 years this will be the most auspicious, for few live to see the realization of hopes to which they have devoted their lives, but that privilege is ours."

In reviewing the incidents of the long struggle, Mrs. Catt says: "Let us inquire together how best we can now serve our beloved nation."

The federal suffrage amendment has been ratified by 23 states. Fourteen more must act before it becomes effective.

The combined Philadelphia and Eddystone plants of the Baldwin Locomotive Works have a capacity of approximately 3,500 locomotives a year and employ 21,000 men. Every week there are consumed 4,200 tons of coal, 175,000 gallons of fuel oil, 6,500 tons of iron and steel and 2,000 tons of various other materials.

## ANNUAL MEETING LEGISLATIVE BOARDS RAILWAY ENGINEERS

The annual meeting of the legislative board of the Dominion Brotherhood of Railway Engineers opened at Ottawa Monday morning. Among those present were Messrs. Calvin Lawrence (chairman), Ottawa; Byron Baker (secretary), Ottawa; M. F. Crawford, British Columbia; William Puller, Alberta; J. W. Casey, Saskatchewan; G. S. McKenzie, Manitoba, and D. W. McDonald, Nova Scotia. Reports from the various provincial brotherhoods are being considered.

## DANIEL POWERS NEW CHAIRMAN OF DOM. LABOR PARTY

### Came to Edmonton From Winnipeg Two Years Ago—Taken Active Part in Labor Circles

Daniel Powers, Chief Engineer, Division 817, Canadian National Railways, and unanimously chosen as chairman of the Dominion Labor Party, Edmonton Branch, last Tuesday evening, came to



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Edmonton two years ago from Winnipeg, where he was with the company for fifteen years.

He was secretary-treasurer of Division No. 583, R. L. of E. for two years, and took an active part in labor circles prior to his coming to the west.

Mr. Powers began his railroading at Ottawa, being there a member of Electric City Lodge, and was on committee work. He was born at Renfrew, Ont., and recently paid a visit to his old home while cast as a delegate.

## "BOOST EDMONTON" TO BE ORGANIZED SLOGAN FOR CITY

### One Hundred and Forty-seven Organizations of City Asked to Send Delegates.

A mass meeting for the evening of Saturday, January 17th, in the Empire Theatre, for the purpose of permanently organizing a movement to more energetically promote the interests of Edmonton.

The special committee named at a meeting called by the Mayor last month have sent out appeals to one hundred and forty-seven organizations in the city, covering almost every imaginable field of activity, to send five official delegates to this mass meeting, and to co-operate in the promotion of city interests generally.

"Boost Edmonton" will become an organized slogan, and all associations and organizations in the city—trades, commercial, political, art, sports, social, and all citizens who are not members of any association—are expected to join the "One Big Union" of "get together and pull for Edmonton" movement.

## PORTO RICAN R.M. STRIKE ADJUSTED BY ARBITRATION BOARD

Strikers employed by the American railroad in Porto Rico have returned to work and this controversy will be adjusted by an arbitration board. The railroad is a French property and when the demands of the men were refused the company secured an injunction in Federal Judge Hamilton's Court. When the men offered to arbitrate, company officials, it is claimed, accepted after receiving word from their New York offices.

The average man believes in future punishment—for his neighbor.

## TEACHERS SIGN PLEDGE CARDS IN ONTARIO

### Refrain from Applying Where Vacancy Has Been Caused By Refusal of Salary.

Teachers in the Ontario Educational Association have formed a salary circle and signed pledge cards agreeing to adhere to the salary schedule prepared by the salary committee of the association and to refrain from applying for a position where a vacancy has been caused by refusal of the school board to pay the salary required by the salary schedule.

The schedule, as printed on the back of the pledge card, provides for a minimum of \$600 to \$800 for rural and assistant teachers, dependent upon length of experience; a minimum of \$1,000 to \$1,400 for principals of buildings having three to five rooms, and a minimum of \$1,200 to \$1,600 for principals of schools where there are six rooms or more.

The scale, in a minimum scale, the words "at least" following the amount of the minimum gives the teacher the liberty of securing more than the minimum if they can. Ontario teachers have realized that the time is ripe for such a movement, to recognize the labors of one of the most important branches of public service, and while the scale is by no means ideal, still it is a definite forward move on what now prevails in that province.

## RESOLUTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO EDUCATIONAL COM.

### Report of Special Committee of Labor Party Will Go Before Trades Council.

At the meeting of the Dominion Labor Party, Edmonton Branch, a special committee composed of Messrs. Bailey, Scott and Barnes, submitted a report embodying resolutions which will be submitted to the National Committee on Education by the Party. The resolutions will go before the Trades Council on Monday for endorsement by that body. The proposals in full are as follows:

1. That as it has long been evident that the people as a whole do support financially and endorse with some enthusiasm any forward movement in educational service, we, therefore, believe that the public are concerned that the peace and goodwill in all departments of life in this and succeeding generations depend upon the mental and moral educational efficiency provided; and that to this end the public are intensely desirous for such service that they wish the remuneration and support to teachers and all classes of educators to be such that the teaching profession shall take its place as a high and permanent calling; and further we believe that the recognition of collective bargaining is an essential step in bringing about a complete understanding between the teachers and the public whom they so nobly serve.
2. That whereas the government of Canada has no Bureau for the gathering and dissemination of exact information on Education or for the investigation of the special educational problems of the country, and whereas the United States established a Bureau of Education nearly fifty years ago, on which the people of Canada are dependent, therefore the Government of Canada should be requested to establish without delay a Bureau of Education for the general benefit of the citizens of Canada.
3. That, as it is necessary for large numbers of our teachers to go to the United States for post-graduate work in Education and training in special lines of teaching, we believe that there should be a post-graduate school of education of superior quality at one of our greater Canadian Universities, and

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## TACOMA BUILDING TRADES PLAN TO TRAIN APPRENTICES

The building trades council and employing contractors at Tacoma, Wash., are perfecting plans to establish vocational training in this industry. The plan will be applied through the public schools. At the end of four years the boys will be examined as to his technical information, skill as a mechanic and his attitude toward work. The examination shall be conducted by men acquainted with the trade in which the boy is taught. If the examination is satisfactory the boy shall be rated as a journeyman mechanic.

This educational movement will be directed by a committee composed of representatives of the workers, contractors and the public schools.

## NEWS OF THE LOCAL UNIONS

### CIVIC SERVICE UNION No. 52.

The election and installation of officers was carried through with such dispatch that it illustrates the thorough business ability that qualifies for office the management that has been returned with so few changes.

While it is to be regretted that some departments have no direct representation on the executive council, it is fully understood that so completely democratic is the council that no member or members will experience the slightest difficulty in obtaining a voice in its deliberations in which the member or members are vitally concerned.

The elections by acclamation carried with them a deep conviction of the honor that is due to those who have given such excellent services to our organization.

The stimulus from their optimism is an asset that is beyond computation.

Through the lateness of the hour the stewards were not named, but we are assured that the selections will be made with that judicious care that will guarantee an active and alert body of officers.

The simplicity of the method for adjusting our agreement had the unanimous support that it clearly demanded. We feel that wages must at all times serve individual welfare and social need.

On Wednesday evening in the office of the city controller a gift of a set of pipes, pouch and tobacco, was presented by D. Mitchell to his late assistant, F. Wilson, on behalf of the department.

Bro. Wilson has given seven years of excellent service to the city, having worked in the building inspector's department prior to his appointment in the controller's office.

A desire for advancement and to breathe the pure air has prompted him to accept a position of importance with one of Canada's greatest "far looking" firms. We hope that the change will be a happy one, and that he will bring with him the good health that should be our common possession.

De la Croix is 200 miles north of Prince Albert.

## DOM. LABOR PARTY ELECTS OFFICERS TUESDAY EVENING

### Dan. Powers of Locomotive Engineers Unanimous Choice For Chairman.

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

The regular meeting of the executive committee was held for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. 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 proposed 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. Parnilo.

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.

President Bevington of the West Edmonton U.F.A. Political association briefly addressed the meeting and spoke along the lines of joint action of the Farmers and Labor union of West Edmonton in the next Dominion election, laying stress particularly on the points in common in the two platforms including the proportional representation and nationalization of credit on which subject Mr. Bevington will address the party at greater length on January 27 next.

Alex. Ross, M.L.A. coming in late, after his address to the Canadian club, gave a short speech congratulating the party on past success and hoping great things for the future. He stressed the need of organization and of the creation of a Bureau of Research for Labor.

The report of Secretary Mercer and that of the Educational committee which were submitted to the meeting are published separately in another column of this issue.

## C.N.R. MACHINISTS

The regular meeting of Lodge 817, I. A. of M., held Friday evening, January 10th, was well attended. Installation of officers was the principal order of business.

Bro. Walter Bowlin was initiated into the realm of mystery and made the acquaintance of all as a member and brother worker.

The shop committee has the ballots for the January referendum and any who have not received their ballots will please make an effort to do so at once. Those who have the ballots will please return them soon as possible and don't carry them around till they are too dirty to decipher.

Bro. S. McGeachy is doing nicely after undergoing an operation at the R. A. Hospital. Get busy, Brothers—show some brotherhood!

## FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL No. 209

As a result of a conference between Chief Davies and Mr. Duncan of the Y.M.C.A., aggregations of firemen from No. 1 and 2 Fire Halls will show their wares at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday, 14th inst., in hockey, baseball and hand ball. No. 2 team are working their hardest, and with a continuation of present improvement they will just be about the masters of the best that ever dusted rubber, while the ostra board and all the signs of the stars call No. 1 to put it across. When they march into the arena they will have the support of a large crowd.

A meeting of local 209 was held at No. 1 Hall on Wednesday evening. There was a good turnout of members and much business transacted in a business-like way.

Bro. Craig of No. 1 Hall, who was on the sick list for a few days has returned to work.

A mammoth siren, to replace the one now on The Hudson's Bay Store has arrived from Toronto and will be installed in a few days. It is said it can be heard at a distance of four miles. What then, Phil?

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT COUNCIL MEETING

At the next meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, which will be held on January 19th, election of officers will take place. All delegates are requested to be in attendance.

## SPLIT IN RANKS OF THE ALBERTA COAL OPERATORS

### Drumheller Operates Break Away and Form Organization of Their Own.

It is reported that a split in the Western Coal Operators' Association has occurred, the operators in the Drumheller field breaking away altogether from the association and forming an organization of their own.

Out of forty-two members in the original association, there are only twenty-three remaining, it is stated, and that W. R. Wilson, the president, has resigned, his place being taken by O. E. Whiteside, manager of the International Coal & Coke Co., at Coleman, Alta.

The new organization has been termed the Red Deer Valley Coal Operators' Association. There is considerable speculation as to the attitude of the new organization in connection with the new schedule adopted. In the opinion of Morgan Lewis, the special representative of the United Mine Workers, much depends upon their attitude, however, he did not view the situation with much alarm, although the work of the International would be much more complicated with the division in the ranks of the operators.

## EMBARGO ON ENTRANCE OF CERTAIN IMMIGRANTS

Attention of shipping companies at Montreal has been called to order-in-council S.P.C. 2499, which lays an embargo on the entrance into Canada for the time being of emigrants who are mechanics, artisans or laborers skilled or unskilled, unless they possess a monetary qualification of \$250, as well as transportation to destination. This restriction operates from December 31st last and will remain in force until March 31st, unless otherwise ordered.

## FRANK WHEATLEY ON CONDITION OF MINERS' UNIONS

Replies to W. B. Nicholson, Who Gave O.E.U. Side of Miners' Controversy.

The following letter by Frank Wheatley, Bankhead, Alberta, President of the Alberta Federation of Labor, dealing with the present conditions of Miners' Unions, appeared in Monday's Alberta, and which we reproduce here:

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 9, 1920.

Editor Alberta: In your issue of Friday the Forum of the Free Press contains a letter by Mr. W. B. Nicholson giving the O.E.U. side of the present miners' controversy.

And as one affected, I would like space to briefly review same, as very few of the O.E.U. advocates have been so outspoken and honest in stating their objective as Mr. Nicholson has in his letter. He states if our present government was half as democratic, we would not need to organize the O.E.U. In other words, Mr. Nicholson means that at the present time we have an autocratic political organization in Ottawa, which no one will deny.

Now, many of us workers were conscious of the fact that this O.E.U. movement was brought about by a bunch of scheming politicians who, when unable to make progress through political channels, seized on the trades union movement to accomplish their ends. This is not the first attempt to use the mine workers' organization for political purposes, as most of us know, and the same results obtained on former occasions as obtain today. While we are disagreeing amongst ourselves about these political matters, the mine owners are taking full advantage of the situation, and our immediate wants are being neglected, but it would appear that this new element is not

## PRODUCTION FOR USE INSTEAD OF FOR PROFIT

W. H. Peebles Replies to R. B. Bennett on "Can Capital and Labor Be Equalized?"

At the Forum in Calgary last Sunday W. E. Peebles spoke on the subject, "Can Capital and Labor Be Equalized?" in answer to the address delivered on the same subject by R. B. Bennett a few days before.

Capitalism has had its day and ceased to be, its work is finished, and it is now time for it to pass into history, and make way for the next great epoch, the production for use instead of profit, was Mr. Peebles' closing declaration.

Replying to Mr. Bennett's statement that the present unrest was due to the war, Mr. Peebles said Mr. Bennett had failed to prove it. The war was the last struggle of the capitalist for existence, and the unrest had existed before that.

As to the assertion that man is better off today than in previous years the speaker said there was more crime and poverty during the past hundred years than ever before, and that Mr. Bennett was trying to use ancient standards to measure modern problems.

He also considered the assertion that capital and labor are partners an insult, and referred to the 67 people in the United States that had admitted to the revenue office that their incomes were each more than \$2,000,000 a year. The 67 did not produce more than the tiniest fraction of the vast income they enjoyed. Other men labored but these are enjoying boundless extravagance, wasteful luxury in a land where thirty millions live in poverty.

As to risks taken by capital, it had been invested and lost, but labor was paid 100 cents on the dollar, Mr. Bennett had said. Mr. Peebles said labor got some of what was lost, and was purchased the same as any other commodity. Labor had no rights and was not protected like capital is, through the army, navy and police. "Did you ever hear of the police or the militia being called out to compel capitalists to give labor a little more of what is produced?" asked Mr. Peebles.

## RAISE IN WAGES AND TWO PLATOON SYSTEM ESTABLISHED

Fire Fighters at Wichita, Kans., received a \$15 raise to become effective January 1st, along with the two-platoon system. The Wichita laddies are greatly pleased over both the changes made. The Chattanooga, Tenn., local has received the same concessions.

## GARMENT WORKERS STRIKE IN NEW YORK AVERTED

A city-wide strike that menaced the ladies' garment industry in New York has been averted by both sides referring the matter to an arbitration board. The workers ask for higher wages to meet increased living costs.

During the war the Baldwin Locomotive Works produced for the United States and the allied governments over 5,500 locomotives, over 6,000,000 shells and 2,200,000 rifles.

## ALEX. ROSS, M.P.P. AT CANADIAN CLUB TUESDAY EVENING

### With Premier Stewart Addresses Club on Subject of Industrial Democracy.

At the meeting of the Canadian Club which was held in the Red Triangle Hall, Y.M.C.A., Tuesday evening, two addresses were delivered, the interest of which held the audience in attentive silence.

Premier Stewart was the first speaker on the subject of Industrial Democracy. Mr. Stewart did not sympathize with strong arm of the law methods in dealing with all things and expressed regret that advantage had been taken during the war socially, morally and in other ways. He pointed to the class party of the farmers as the outcome of unrest, and said that capital and labor are more highly organized now than at any time in the past and ready to be more aggressive, if they believe it necessary.

"Capital in the States and Canada," said Mr. Stewart, "is entreaching itself more than ever. Labor is doing the same, organizing every possible body of works into a union to secure more political power. If these two great powers labor and capital, are allowed to align themselves irrevocably against one another, the time will come, when we wish that we had controlled both by the state."

Alex. Ross, M.P.P., was the next speaker and addressed the audience as follows:

I am very glad to have an opportunity of I hope starting a discussion on what I consider to be the one and only question confronting the various nations today that of the relation of humanity to industry. The war has made the rich richer, and the poor poorer, those of us who are depending on wages or salaries wonder why. We wonder why the social status of those who have been the real contributors to the nation's efforts during the war should be reduced as a result of the reduced purchasing power of our wages and salaries. While the social status of those who are contributing but little or nothing at all, who lived and grew rich by collecting a toll on goods produced and distributed by us should find their social status enhanced.

The right of capital to dominate our national life has never been seriously challenged. Today labor does challenge it. What is labor's case. First—We claim that as industries are organized today capital by virtue of its political and economic power is in a position to, and does dictate the terms under which labor contributed its share to industry: second—Capital has not guaranteed

## PRINTING PRESSMEN MAKE MANY GAINS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

Continued gains are being made by the membership of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, according to officers of that organization.

In the last issue of the American Pressman is printed a list of half a hundred localities in which affiliates have raised wages and improved working conditions.

## TORONTO BANK CLERKS FORM NEW ORGANIZATION

A rather unusual scene was presented in the Labor Temple recently, when over five hundred bank employees, composed of accountants, tellers, ledger keepers, junior clerks, stenographers, messengers and other bank employees decided to form an association in affiliation with the American Federation of Labor. Herbert Lewis, business agent of the machinists, presided, and splendid addresses were delivered by Organizer John A. Plett of the A.F. of L. and Fred Bancroft, of the Pattern Makers' League, who dealt upon the necessity of organization and pointed out the bank employees did not earn by a very large percentage as large wages as the average union mechanic. When a call for recruits to form the new organization was made there was a spontaneous response and all but four present joined up. The charter application has been sent on to A.F. of L. headquarters and a meeting will be held in the Labor Temple next Monday evening to elect a permanent set of officers, when it is expected the charter will have arrived.—Industrial Banner.

## TORONTO TEACHERS WILL ASK FOR 25 PER CENT INCREASE

An all around increase of twenty-five per cent over their present salaries, representing an extra annual expenditure to the city of \$640,532, will be asked by the teachers and principals of the public schools of Toronto.