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## Toronto District Labor Council

### COMMITTEES' REPORT

#### REPORT OF ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of Toronto District Labor Council:

Ladies and Gentlemen.—Your committee, at the call of Convener J. H. Kennedy, met at hall 6, Labor Temple, January 29th, at 8.30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was explained by Delegate J. H. Kennedy. J. H. Kennedy was elected chairman by acclamation. The chairman desired to stand aside in favor of some other member of the committee, at last consenting to act.

Nominations for secretary were: J. McIntyre, Avery Dearlove, Al. Hill. Brothers McIntyre and Dearlove withdrew. Bro. Hill elected by acclamation. This council has reason to congratulate itself upon its Organization Committee, if a full attendance at their inaugural meeting is any criterion of efficiency.

The chairman gave the committee much valuable information, culled from years of experience in the organizing of the workers. Whilst, in his opinion, every possible effort should be made to organize the disorganized for reasons manifest to us all, he thought the committee could do very efficient work in the interest of this council by assisting weak unions by adding to their membership the non-union workers of those crafts, or unions.

The meeting was a very interesting one, Bro. Hungerford taking the sales people as his theme, Brothers Dearlove and McIntyre the unorganized crafts of the building trades; Bro. Major illustrating the assistance the committee can be by showing the possibility through it of strengthening his own local, the Silversmiths. It was decided to ask the co-operation of the council, and the delegates, as individuals, to do all in their power, by advice and help, to make the mission of this committee as successful as possible.

Plans are being put into effect which may add one more craft to the roster of this council; one more local international union to act as a factor in the barricade of truth, justice and equity being waged by this council in the interest of the workers of this vicinity. Regular meetings will be first and third Mondays of each month at the Labor Temple.

Bro. Richardson took the unskilled, disorganized workmen for his text. The Anglo-Saxon trait of quiet determination to effect results was very much in evidence.

We will await the result!  
The committee then adjourned.

AL. HILL,  
Sec'y of Committee.  
J. H. KENNEDY,  
Chairman.

#### REPORT OF LABEL COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of D.T.C.:

Your committee met Friday, January 26th, those present being Delegates Yodden, Richardson, Lovie and Darwin. Owing to difficulty in getting a full attendance of members it was decided that four should constitute a quorum. The election of officers resulted in Yodden being elected chairman and Darwin secretary. Much business was transacted and many plans outlined for doing considerable work during your committee's term of office.

The work done by committee last term was then taken up and secretary reported as follows: Delegates Harding, Lovie and Darwin had visited the following locals and received their promises of support and co-operation in the scheme for advertising the label: Boot and shoe workers, barbers, milliners, brewery workers, cigarmakers. Since then the secretary has received the following communication: The molders through their delegate have also pledged themselves to the amount of \$5.

It is the intention of your committee to continue the crusade among the locals having a label, and have every reason to suppose that the plan outlined in a former report will be carried to a successful termination. We would also ask the assistance of the delegates from labeled crafts in gaining admission to their different locals. Delegate Lovie reported that Stevenson Gents' Furnisher of Queen street east, had shown himself very favorable to the union label and would handle labeled goods, if union men of Toronto will make known their desires to him on those lines. The members of committee present at inaugural meeting desire to express the hope that those members of committee who were not present at that meeting will get to work and do something or else give some one else the opportunity to do so, as the

necessity is great for every member of this committee to be a worker. Respectfully submitted,  
May Darwin,  
Sec'y Label Com.

#### REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Educational Committee was convened and met January 26th. Those who responded to the call were: Delegates Tweed, Body, Doudiet, Darwin, McDonald. The absentees being Delegates Bancroft and Rawlinson.

Delegate Tweed was elected chairman, and Darwin secretary.

It was carried that the first and third Wednesdays be time of meeting.

Your committee feels that matters of great importance will be dealt with in the near future, and that it is very necessary that the members of the Educational Committee should be in close touch with the Board of Education.

It was moved and seconded that at least one member of the committee attend all meetings of the School Board. Delegate Doudiet will take that duty at the next meeting of the board, each member of the committee taking it in turn.

The following recommendation was ordered sent on to council:  
"That a minute book be provided for use of committee, and that a record be kept by the secretary of the proceedings of the committee."

The bill for three months' rent, in advance, from the Labor Temple Company, was passed and ordered sent on to council. The meeting then adjourned.

MAY DARWIN,  
Sec'y Educational Com.  
JOHN TWEED,  
Chairman.

## Immigration

Mr. Preston Declares Canadian Government Does Not Want Syrians, Neapolitans and Other Kindred Races.

MR. WILSON INSINUATED IT DID

London, Feb. 2.—A sharp controversy regarding the class of immigrants to Canada has developed between Mr. Beebles Wilson and Mr. Preston. Mr. Wilson, in an article in "Canada," a new publication, strongly argued against the low grade of emigrants from Eastern Europe, and declared that "the commonest London loafer has more decency and instincts of citizenship than the Sicilian, Neapolitan, Croat or Magyar." The Post, in a long comment, thought the plea worthy of careful consideration, but saw no reason to exclude Scandinavians, Germans or French.

#### SUCH RACES NOT WANTED.

Replying to The Post, Mr. Preston said: "No propaganda has been carried on among the Syrians, Croatians, Neapolitans or other kindred races in southern and eastern Europe to induce their immigration to Canada, nor is it the intention of the Canadian Government to encourage these races." To this Mr. Wilson said in the course of a letter that he "congratulated Mr. Preston upon the decision of the Canadian Government." He considered such immigration unnecessary, as a hundred thousand can be secured from the British Isles.

#### A STRONG OBJECTION.

In asking letter to The Post this morning Mr. Preston says: "When Mr. Wilson endeavors to make the Canadian Government responsible for his alleged announcement that it is not their intention to encourage alien races to the Dominion, he should be called down." He draws a distinction between "Syrians, Croatians, Neapolitan and kindred races," and those from Scandinavia, Russia, Germany, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Austria-Hungary, Switzerland and France. Positively no efforts have been made to induce the former to emigrate, but Canada, he says, has room for the latter in addition to the hundreds of thousands of Britishers, to whose desirability everybody agrees.

Aside from this controversy, much space has been devoted in the press to the immigration discussion, relative to the merits of Canada and Australia, and invariably to the advantage of Canada.

The Immigration Department have not had much success with the Doukhobors and the Irish, and many others of the barbaric Europeans, of which there are many; they are overflowing the country with cheap labor, satisfying the greed of the capitalist.

## Fixing the Price of Labor

To the Editor of The Tribune:

SIR—I have been asked whether I think that the proposed enactment of the Council fixing the rate of city wages at \$2.00 a day is likely to prove beneficial to the interests of labor generally in our city. I cannot honestly say that I think it is. It seems to me likely to throw out of employment altogether some whose labor is not up to the \$2.00 mark, but who might otherwise earn wherewith to live; to drive away employers to places where the labor market is free; and, at the moment when there is already danger of overcrowding, to attract to the city too many people in hope of higher pay. I am very sorry that I cannot see the measure in a brighter light, but if I am to say anything it must be what I believe to be the truth.

Yours faithfully,  
GOLDWIN SMITH,  
Toronto, Feb. 3rd, 1906.

Unscrupulous Cigar Dealers place scab cigars in Union Labelled boxes: Keep your eye open.

## Labor's Champion

BY THE REV. CHARLES STELZLE

Would it not be a great thing for the workingman to have as his champion a leader who is practically the court of last appeal on the social question?

There is such a man. One time He was a carpenter. He knows about the difficulties that confront the toiler. While He lived upon earth two thousand years ago, His influence and power to-day are such that no man living dares set himself in open hostility to His reign. No king or ruler in the civilized world would think of prohibiting the homage which men universally accord Him. If he should attempt to do so, there would be an instant rebellion which neither court nor army could suppress.

Forgetting for the moment the question of Jesus Christ's divinity and His claims upon the lives of men, the tremendous significance of the fact that He is "our" man, should appeal most strongly to workingmen.

He is the one man who will be listened to by the world, including those who in many cases are unfriendly to labor. Some time ago, a book entitled "What Would Jesus Do," was written by a Western preacher. So eager are people to learn what He would do in the industrial and the social world, that no other book in modern times, with the exception of the bible, has had such a sale.

Why not invite Him to unite with your labor union? Ask Him to sit upon the platform of your meeting. Take your place beside Him, and permit Him to speak for you. Quote Him as your authority. No man has ever spoken stronger words of condemnation to those who are mistreating the common people. Others have attempted to serve as champions of workingmen, but have not been listened to by those who most needed their message. Here is the man who will compel attention. You need never again quote the political economists. Quote Jesus Christ. He will un hinge the doors of the oppressor's kingdom, and open the way for His own dominion. And

that dominion will be one of truth, of justice, and of righteousness. If the capitalist and others have taken Christ away from the common people, let us present our claims upon Him, for He is "our" man.

## Prize Competition

A valuable prize will be given to the writer of the best short labor story that is sent to this paper. The stories will be published and the public will judge. The story must be a true one and not to extend more than fifty or sixty lines.

#### International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 455

Held their regular meeting on Friday evening, February 2nd, 1906. There was a very large crowd present and a number of new members were initiated. Brother Barton of Local 457 gave us a good lecture. We held our third annual concert in the Labor Temple on Thursday evening.

#### DEATH OF JAMES FURLONG.

Mr. James Furlong, for several years an energetic employe in The Globe mailing department, died early this morning at his home, 630 Queen street west, and leaves a wife and family. He was well known and highly esteemed among the newspaper fraternity.

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

#### WHY THEY FIGHT PRINTERS

According to the Trades Union Advocates of Philadelphia, the lockout by employing printers in that city is but a part of the plan of the National Manufacturers' Association to prevent the adoption of the shorter workday in the inside trades.

The Manufacturers' Association sees clearly what will be the result of success of the printers' demand. Not only will the other trades in the printing industry—the press rooms and the binderies, as well as the composing rooms—naturally adopt the eight-hour basis, but the other inside trades—the foundries, the machine shops, the textile mills, the factories of all kinds—will soon have to face similar demands on the part of their employes.

Eighteen indictments have been returned against Ohio bridge corporations for violations of the antitrust law. The State, it is claimed, has been divided into districts, thereby killing all competition on bridge work. Civil action will be taken against the companies to recover damages.

Twenty-three delegates, representing 2,300 machinists of Detroit, No. 126, including Eastern Pennsylvania and a portion of New York, have decided to demand a nine-hour workday.

#### Musical Protective Association

The Musical Protective Association held their regular meeting in the Labor Temple on Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance. General routine business was the principal work done.

Don't be a clam. If your dealer offers you a scab cigar, tell him about it good and hard.

#### PATTERN MAKERS' ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting of the above association will be held on Monday evening, Feb. 12. It is requested that every member be present on that evening to vote on location of headquarters of league, and consider other important business.

#### Brewery Workers

At the last regular meeting of the International Union of Brewery Workmen the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, John Corcoran; Vice-President, W. Biechy; Cor. Secretary, G. W. Haines; Rec. Secretary, A. McGinness; Fin. Secretary, W. Jordan; Asst. Fin. Secretary, J. Organ; Treasurer, J. Egan Sergt.-at-Arms, E. Harris; Outside Guard, F. Cornell; Inside Guard, C. Wright; Executive Committee, Joseph Rutledge, M. Jordan, A. Babcock, W. Thomson, J. Organ. Delegates to Trades and Labor Council, John Corcoran, Jas. Ralph, Jas. Rutledge, J. Organ, J. Malone, and W. Biechy; Trustees, J. McGroggan, N. Newberry, W. Biechy; Auditors, A. McGinness, R. Angus. A donation of \$25 was granted to the Sheet Metal Workers to assist them in their coming fight for their rights.

Cigar dealers have no respect for union members who smoke scab cigars.