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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Trades and Labor Congress for the Dominion of Canada was opened in Quebec on Monday by Mayor Fremont, M. P., who, at the request of the Quebec and Levis Trades and Labor Council, met the visiting delegates at one o'clock at the City Hall and welcomed them to Quebec.

There were present at this gathering:—
Toronto Trades and Labor Council—
John W. Davy, Charles March, and F. C. Cribben.

D. A. 125, Toronto—A. W. Holmes, and D. A. Carey.

Builders and Laborers' Union, Toronto—
George S. Beales, Charles Chapman and Robert Lamb.

Typographical Union No. 91, Toronto—
John Armstrong, Geo. W. Dower and Geo. Cloutier.

L. A. 23,000, Toronto—D. J. O'Donoghue.

D. A. 19, Montreal—Urban Lafontaine, Trades and Labor Council, Montreal—L. Z. Boudreau and J. B. Dubois.

L. A. 2436, Montreal—Mrs. Mary Duffey.

L. A. 3484, Montreal—Omer Fontaine.

River Front Assembly, Montreal—M. H. Brennan.

Montreal Assembly, Montreal—A. T. Lepine, M. P.

L. A. 5204, Montreal—Joseph Beland, M. P.

Plasterers' Union, Montreal—C. P. Mailhot.

Typographical Union No. 145, Montreal—P. Dalairé.

Cigarmakers' Union No. 58, Montreal—Elie Matsie.

L. A. 2056, St. Catharines, Ont.—John T. Carey.

Typographical Union No. 102, Ottawa—A. Choquette and A. Lavigne.

Frontenac Assembly, Ottawa—O. Leblanc.

Frontenac Assembly, Hull—N. Page.

Mr. Luc Routhier, President of the Quebec and Levis Trades and Labor Council, introduced the delegates to the Mayor, who addressed them as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—
When I was asked by the members of the Quebec and Levis Trades and Labor Council to take a part, which is very small indeed, in your Congress, I must say that I was most happy to accept, and that I am very glad to be in your midst to-day.

I have been happy to leave my Parliamentary duties for a few days, and I have now a very agreeable task in telling you how welcome you are in the city of Quebec. Our doors as well as our hearts are open to the friends of labor.

While I was coming up to the City Hall to meet you, and to be present at the opening of the Congress, I was thinking that this is not a mere demonstration, it is not simply a feast in which all laboring classes are invited to attend. It seems to me that there are three distinct features in the proceedings of your Congress.

The demonstration, the procession and the other festivities which accompany the Congress, are as many occasions to show all the laboring classes the importance there is for them all to join your unions.

Those whom you have invited to join, magistrates, capitalists or others, prove that your object is not to rally against authority or capital, but on the contrary, that you are ready to work hand in hand for the common prosperity of all classes, and of the country at large.

The Congress itself is the practical part of the celebration, and it is during the sittings of the Congress that you will study the reforms necessary to improve the condition of labor without unduly oppressing capital or any other class.

May the Almighty, without whose help our endeavors are useless, send you His wisdom in your debates and enlighten your minds, and I doubt not that this Congress will be beneficial to the laboring classes and also to the Dominion at large.

Mr. Urbain Lafontaine, printer, of Montreal, replied in the name of the Congress, thanking His Worship for his expressions of sympathy toward the members of the Congress, and the first magistrate and citizens of Quebec for their generous welcome, which he said would long remain impressed upon their memory.

The principal officers of the Congress are: Urbain Lafontaine, printer, of Montreal, President; John Armstrong, printer, To-

ronto, Vice-President; Geo. W. Dower, Toronto, Secretary.

Before adjourning the Congress appointed a committee on Credentials, consisting of Messrs. Chas. March, Toronto; P. Malhot, Montreal, and Page, of Hull.

On invitation of Secretary Jobin, of the local reception committee, the delegates then repaired to carriages and were driven through the principal streets of the city and also around Cap Rouge, going out by St. Louis and in by St. Foye road.

LABOR DAY.

Labor Day was celebrated this year on Monday last. There was a very large turnout, about 4,000 men being in line, while the number of spectators was immense. The weather was anything but favorable, the processionists having to tramp knee-deep in mud on some of the streets; but, notwithstanding this, Hons. Mr. Mercier, Charles Langelier and Senator Pelletier joined the procession and walked for some distance in the ranks. The mayors of the city of Quebec and parish of Quebec, and of Cap Rouge, also joined in the parade. At the picnic and sports at Dery Park in the afternoon there was an immense attendance, but the enjoyment of the occasion was marred by the broken weather and finally cut short by a heavy downpour of rain.

QUEBEC, Sept. 2.

Congress opened for business this morning at 9.30 and was favored with a short address of welcome by Hon. Mr. Mercier.

The President then delivered the following address:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

FELLOW DELEGATES,

It is a very pleasant duty for me to greet and welcome you as representatives of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in the old historical city of Quebec, whose hospitality and friendship are so warmly extended to you.

FELLOW WORKERS,

With this session opens the 7th annual Convention of Congress, the largest, strongest and most worthy association of working-men that ever met in Canada. An institution destined to live and prosper, and whose usefulness and power are already felt all over the country.

There are many important questions which will be submitted to you and which ought to obtain a careful consideration on your part. Legislate and act so as to receive the sanction of public opinion, which is so much needed to obtain the reforms in view.

The attention of thousands is directed towards you, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, your deliberations and actions are carefully watched and weighed.

I pray the result will be in the interests of the masses and will lead to unity, strength and prosperity.

May Divine Providence guide you in your deliberations and bless you in your noble undertaking for the welfare of the people.

GENTLEMEN,

The growth and importance of Congress necessitate the revision of your Constitution. I therefore, advise the appointment of a committee for that purpose, which should report at next session.

The report of the Executive Committee already in your hands gives you a detailed statement of the work accomplished during the last twelve months, and you may judge by yourselves of the progress obtained.

You have also been furnished with the Secretary-Treasurer's Report, which I consider favorable considering the extra expense Congress had to incur during the past year.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation and the thanks for the assistance rendered me by the officers of Congress, and call your attention to the prompt and efficient manner in which they have performed the duty of their respective offices.

Relying on your wisdom, I now declare the Seventh Annual Session of Congress open for transaction of business and the adoption of such laws as will be beneficial to labor and mankind in general.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and referred to a special committee. The following is an extract:

The only bills introduced this session of interest to wage-workers were Bill No. 15, "An Act to amend the Act for the Prevention and Suppression of Combinations formed in Restraint of Trade," and Bill No. 143, "An Act Respecting the Inspection of Ships." While the latter Act is one in the interest of sailors and is all that could be

desired in that line, it does not meet the requirements of your Committee, and is not what was asked for by the last Congress and petitioned for by your Committee. The legislation wanted was an "Act for the Inspection of Gear and Tackle used in the loading and unloading of vessels," so as to prevent, if possible, the many accidents that occur on the docks of the various ports of the Dominion through the use of defective gear.

QUEBEC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

The reports of the Legislative Committees of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec were also submitted. From the report of the latter we take the following:—

Among the different resolutions adopted at the last session of the Congress, held at Ottawa, we deemed it advisable to select the following for presentation to the Government, and petitioned for the same through the Provincial Legislature:—

1st. That boys under sixteen years of age and girls under eighteen be prevented from working in Tobacco Factories.

2nd. To amend the Provincial Electoral Act so that the right to vote be accorded to any man over the age of twenty one years, and earning \$300 per annum.

3rd. That a half holiday be declared on voting day.

4th. Asking for gratuitous and compulsory education.

5th. An Act calling for the appointment of scaffold inspectors.

6th. An Act granting to Tradesmen and Laborers a first mortgage on the product of their labor to the full amount of their wages.

About three hundred and sixty petitions coming from sixty labor organizations in this province were submitted to the Legislature severally praying for the adoption of the above reforms.

We likewise submitted the following requests to the Provincial Government: 1st, Abolish turnpike trusts; 2nd, To no longer grant subsidies or annuities to those institutions that compete in public trade; 3rd, To establish Boards of Arbitration to settle the difficulties that arise from time to time between employers and employees; 4th, To prevent Civil Service employees from entering into competition with outside labor; 5th, The establishment of a Provincial Printing Bureau, wherein might be printed all government work, as well as the books used in the public schools, said books to be distributed to the pupils; 6th, The abolition of the contract system on all Provincial works; 7th, To grant a subsidy to any laborer of the Province desirous of taking up Government land for cultivation; 8th, To establish reformatory schools in country places where agriculture might be taught to those detained there; 9th, The School of Arts and Designs to appoint a professor of carriage designs, for the benefit of those employed in the coach and carriage industry; 10th, To adopt the eight hour system on all government works; 11th, That all Government printing be given to firms employing union printers.

Of all the measures asked for, only one was passed, it being the one concerning employees in tobacco factories. The Factory Act was amended by the insertion of a clause prohibiting the employment of boys under 14 and girls under 15 in any factory in the Province. The same Act was likewise amended as follows: In any of the unhealthy trades contained in the schedule as approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, no boy under sixteen or girl under eighteen shall be allowed to work.

COMMITTEES.

The following committees were struck. Standing orders: Messrs. Reynolds, Quebec; John W. Davey, Toronto; J. T. Carey, St. Catharines; Choquette, Ottawa; and Boudreau, Montreal.
Ways and Means—J. Beland, M. P. P., Montreal; L. A. Lavigne, Ottawa; F. C. Cribben, Toronto.
On thanks: John Quinn, Quebec; Mrs. Mary Duffey, Montreal; Geo. Cloutier, Toronto.

Letters were read from Vancouver respecting Chinese labor and other matters for which legislation was asked by organized labor on the Pacific coast, also from the Montreal Trades and Labor Council, inviting the delegates to participate in the celebration of Labor Day, Monday, which invitation was accepted.

A number of resolutions were handed in to the secretary on the contract system, the eight hour question, the Chinese labor question, Seamen's Act and the Congress adjourned till 2 p.m.

After recess the Congress reassembled at

2 p.m., when a committee on the revision of the Constitution was appointed, consisting of D. J. O'Donoghue, Geo. Dower and Jno. W. Davies.

Resolutions affecting municipal matters and condemnatory of the contract system were adopted.

A resolution was proposed demanding that the Ontario Legislature pass an act favorable to manhood suffrage. On motion of Mr. J. Jobin the report was referred back to the standing orders committee, with instructions that the Province of Quebec be included in the report. A resolution was considered on factory inspectors, etc., when Mr. Cribben of Toronto complained of the lack of accommodation for sitting down, etc., in the case of girls employed in shops and factories in Ontario.

In the debate which ensued D. J. O'Donoghue urged that if inspectors failed in their duty they should be reported to the Government.

Messrs. D. J. O'Donoghue, A. W. Wright, Toronto, MacDonald, of Cornwall, participated in the debate.

An amendment to the effect that the Government be asked to appoint local inspectors in the chief factory centres of Ontario, was passed.

On motion of Mr. Cribben, the Congress voted sympathetically with the eight hour movement, and expressed the opinion that legislative action thereon was desirable.

Mr. Carey, of Toronto, carried a resolution objecting to the importation of skilled and unskilled labor to enter into competition with the artisans and working men of Canada, and asking the Government to cancel subsidies to steamship companies decoying such immigrants here.

Mr. Davey moved and it was resolved that all railway and telegraph lines should be owned and operated by the Government and all gas, electric light, telephone and street railway companies and water works by the municipalities in which situated.

D. J. O'Donoghue and C. March moved for a Workshop Regulation Act to be brought in by the Dominion Government.

J. Jobin questioned the advisability of petitioning the Dominion Parliament in this matter, as he thought it should be brought in the several provinces.

A. W. Wright, D. J. O'Donoghue, A. T. Lepine, M. P., spoke on the matter, the latter claiming that laws were already in existence to this effect and that the Local Government should be compelled to move in this matter. The motion carried by a vote of 23 to 10.

It was moved by Mrs. Mary Duffey, of Montreal, seconded by Mr. Carey, that the local Government be requested to appoint female factory inspectors. Mrs. Duffey spoke as follows:—"In speaking to the resolution I deem it my duty to say that it is necessary that female factory inspectors be appointed, as you will realize that female labor constitutes a large portion of the toilers of this Dominion and for their comfort, both sanitary and otherwise, I hope that special effort will be made by this Congress to have the said inspectors appointed. Also I wish to draw the special attention of this Congress to the fact that there are many complaints respecting which the female portion at times feels rather delicate in approaching a man inspector and from this fact a great evil exists. Once more I hope and sincerely trust the congress will pay special attention to this measure."

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Delegate Chapman, moved the abolition of the contract system in national, provincial and municipal works.

It was moved by D. J. O'Donoghue, seconded by Delegate March, that the Government be petitioned to repeal the clause in the Seamen's Agreement Act not allowing any appeal after a conviction for any offense, and to grant instead the right of appeal in such cases. Carried.

Moved by D. J. O'Donoghue, seconded by C. March: "That the Congress requests of the Dominion Government the passage of such legislation as will have the effect of prohibiting the importation into Canada of Chinese labor, and of preventing the further admission under any circumstances of any of this undesirable class of immigrants." Carried.

Yesterday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, U. Lafontaine, Montreal (re-elected); Vice-President, Geo. T. Beales, of the Builders and Laborers Union, Toronto; Secy-treasurer, Geo. W. Dower, Toronto; (re-elected). Executive board, Ontario: A. W. Wright, Toronto; A. L. Lavigne, Ottawa; C. March, Toronto; Quebec: Geo. Gale, Quebec City; Luc Routhier, Quebec City; L. Z. Boudreau, Montreal.