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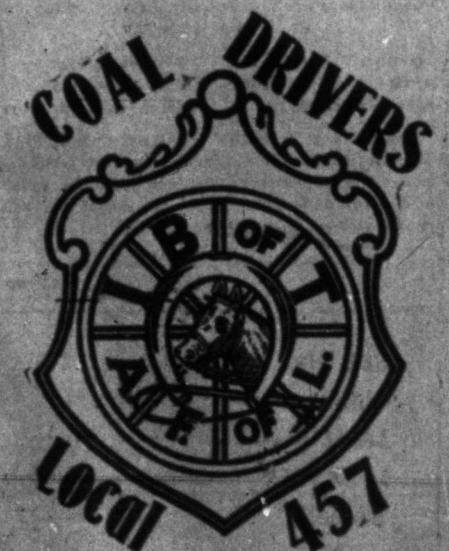
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## OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE Toronto District Labor Council

REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, FEB. 1ST

Meeting opened at 8.20 p.m. President Hungerford presiding. Over 125 delegates were in attendance.

Credentials were received from Bar-tenders Union, Machinists Assn., Street Railway Employees Union, Marine Engineers, Cigar Makers.

Executive Report was adopted. Sec'y was instructed to write Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, Hon. Chas. Hyman, re non-union carpenters working on repair work at Custom House, also that they were doing work coming under jurisdiction of Lathers Union.

Efforts will be made by Organization Committee to re-organize Railway Freight and Baggage Handlers.

Sec'y to notify Winnipeg Trades Council in reply to enquiry sent, that T. Eaton Co. was not on the unfair list, but were selling some lines of non-union goods.

Sec'y will forward information to Organizer John Flett of the A. F. of L. re union made beer bottles used in Hamilton Brewery, also other facts in the case.

The Executive advised the Muni-

Petitions were circulated by delegates of Steam Engineers' union in favor of a law to make engineers hold certificates. Petitions were freely signed.

Bakers' delegate reported trouble at Weston's and Bredin's bakeries as still unsettled.

The Secretary announced that Mr. Eugene V. Debs will lecture in Labor Temple Assembly Hall on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. An invitation is extended to all.

The Printers reported the "Womans Home Companion," published in Springfield, Ohio, as being published by a non-union concern.

Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

D. W. KENNEDY, Sec'y

### MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Municipal Committee in their first report for the ensuing term big leave to submit the following:

Your committee met in Labor Temple on Thursday evening, Jan. 25, those present being Delegates Moses, Rolph, Myles, Virtus, Bancroft, Hungerford and Tweed.

can get at the hands of the public who pay them. The name of "business men" as applied to men who claim that title is a misnomer, and is an insult to the intelligence of those whom they are always seeking to delude by assuming that name. It should be "business sharks." The chairman of the Municipal Committee has been instructed to find out when the matter will come up before Council so as to have as large a deputation as possible to appear before the Council in support of the increase.

In view of the fact that complaints are constantly appearing in the daily papers as to the methods carried on by the private employment bureaus, it is recommended that the District Labor Council, through its executive, use its influence to have the City Council charge a license fee to those employment bureaus who charge fees.

A deputation from the Retail Grocers' Association appeared before the Board of Control last week protesting against granting to the Bell Telephone Co. an exclusive franchise for five years. As the Dominion Government is contemplating the taking over of all trunk telephone lines your committee is of the opinion that it would be wisdom on the part of the City Council to delay the granting of such franchise until such time as the Government has decided to adopt or reject the measure, and that your Executive Committee be instructed to memorialize the City Council to that end.

plying proper accommodations in the way of lavatories for the citizens of both sexes at points suitable for the whole city, and they be kept open at all hours of the day and night.

All of which is respectfully submitted. FRANK MOSES, Chairman JOHN TWEED, Secretary

The report of the Label Committee, the Organization Committee and the Educational Committee will be published in next week's paper, being sent in too late for this issue.

We might suggest that the meeting of the District Council be held on the Wednesday evening instead of Thursday evening, so that there would be ample time to meet all requirements. This news is wanted while it is fresh.

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

Mr. Magnus Sinclair, the caretaker of the Labor Temple, upon whom so cowardly an attack was committed by the two thugs a week ago, has since been laying in a very serious condition. However, we are pleased to state, at the hour of going to press, he is improving. We wish to express our sympathy, and hope to see Magnus around soon and those dastardly thugs reap the reward they deserve.

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

Don't forget the Teamsters' Concert in the Assembly Hall, Labor Temple, on Thursday Eve., Feb. 8th. A very superb programme has been arranged.

### Federated Council of the Building Trades

A very interesting and well-attended meeting of the Federated Council of the Building Trades was held Monday, Jan. 22, with Pres. F. Moses in the chair. The following were elected officers for the ensuing six months:

By acclamation—Pres. and Cor. Sec., Frank C. Weese; Treas., Sam Garland; Tyler, W. J. Bolton.

By ballot—Pres., Frank Moses; Vice-Pres., J. Marshall; Fin. Sec., J. A. McIntyre; Trustees, Wm. Mitchell, Walt Shanks, Avery Dearlove. Executive Committee, J. Taylor, F. C. Weese, J. A. McIntyre, J. Harris, J. Welton, E. Pearson, A. Hill, R. Hyde, H. B. Woodrow, D. A. Webber, F. Lawlor, E. Tucker, F. Moses, W. Mercer, G. Taylor.

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

### A Remarkable Incident

On the question of Chinese labor, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman stated at Liverpool on Tuesday that the Government regretted they could not stop the importation of the coolies for whom licenses had been issued before they took office. At the end of October Mr. Lyttelton telegraphed advising the mine owners to stop the importation of coolies, yet 13,000 fresh licenses were suddenly issued early in November. This remarkable incident would require elucidation. The Government was now inquiring as to what could be done to remove the taint of slavery.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, addressing a meeting at Chester on Wednesday, denied that the present Government had been guilty either of any blunder or of any moral obliquity in their prompt dealing with the question of Chinese labor. They had at once stopped the issue of any further licenses for the importation of any more Chinese coolies into the Transvaal, but legal authorities advised that the present Government could not now legally stop those for whom thousands of licenses were suddenly granted shortly before the resignation of the late Government. It was no part of the duty of the State to supply mine owners with cheap servile labor. There was plenty of labor in this country, and plenty in South Africa, at a price.

Sir Henry afterwards went to Shrewsbury, but the meeting ended in uproar. Sir Henry had already addressed two meetings in Liverpool and one in Wrexham, besides that at Chester. After vain efforts to obtain a hearing, he said that after what he had been going through during the last few days he was unable to struggle against the noise of a small minority at the base of the hall, but he thanked the vast majority of the audience for their friendly reception and patient attention.

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

## The White Man's Burden in South Africa



You white man fightee, you beatee big drum; Suppose no more fightee—we Chinaman come! Me workee all nightee, me workee all day; Make master no trouble, catchee very small pay;

No savvy "Trade Union"—no wantee that vote; You wantee "cheap labour"? you sendee big boat! Suppose no more fightee—you sojer go home; When dollars can catchee, let Chjnaman come!

H. N.

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE "WESTMINSTER GAZETTE."

cial Committee to keep watch on tactics of Sec'y Merrick of Employers Association.

Letter from John S. Speigel & Co., Union Shirt Mfgs., of Detroit, was referred to Label Committee.

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Delegate Hill presented report of Organization Committee, J. H. Kennedy was elected chairman, and Albert Hill as secretary of the committee. Good work is expected of the committee in the near future.

Report of Municipal Committee was read by Delegate John Tweed, who was elected secretary, and Delegate Frank as chairman.

The report is printed in full in another column and should be carefully read by all labor men and women.

Report of Label Committee was read by Mrs. M. Darwin, who was elected secretary, and Thos. C. Vodden as chairman. Report appears in this paper.

Report of Education Committee was presented by Mrs. M. Darwin, secretary, and also appears in another column.

Report of Legislation Committee was read by Delegate John Gardner, who was elected secretary. Report adopted.

The Coal Drivers' delegate reported the J. H. Milne Co. as unfair to their local and advised union men to buy from firms using the union label on their carts.

The Cabinet Finishers' delegate reported trouble on at the Brunswick-Balko Gollander Co. of this city, as the firm paid off several men who were members of the union.

Delegate Moses was elected chairman and Delegate Tweed secretary of the committee.

The account for \$6.00 rent which was referred to the Municipal Committee was on motion recommended to be paid and in future the committee be empowered to arrange for their own meetings.

The committee decided to meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month.

Delegates Moses, Myles, Virtus and Tweed were elected as the advisory committee to the Mayor as referred to them by the District Labor Council at their last meeting, and the Secretary of the Council be instructed to notify the mayor officially of the appointment of said advisory committee.

Controller Ward's motion to increase the pay of the city laborers to \$2.00 per day has aroused the indignation of the poor down-trodden and under-fed manufacturers of the city, and their secretary, Mr. Merrick, appeared before the Controllers to protest against the high handed robbery of the citizens in having to pay such a wage to men who are already wallowing in the lap of luxury. 1000 business men (save the mark) protested through him against this iniquitous measure, a measure that would have a tendency to force his bosses to do likewise and pay a living wage and that only, for after all what is \$2.00 a day compared with the cost of living—a mere existence, and no more. In view of the revelations brought out by Mr. Curry in the combine as represented by the Manufacturers' Association shows their infamous gall and impudence in protesting against a righteous increase of wages to men, who by the nature of their work are fully entitled to all they

A great deal of dissatisfaction is expressed by the citizens, and heard on all sides, at the indifference of the City Council in not providing public lavatories for the accommodation of the people. In a city the size of Toronto it should not be necessary for the people to have to ask favors from hotel-keepers or others, although freely granted when requested. The city should supply sufficient places at central points, and we are satisfied that the tax payer would not object to the cost of same in comparison with the extreme necessity for such places. The one at present in use opposite the post office does not meet the requirements in any sense, as it is closed one third of the time when it should be kept open every hour of the day. If there was a salary of \$2,000 per year attached to the caring of such places, we would have one at every corner and the aldermen would be falling over one another to get the jobs, but as it is the position of caretaker, and the necessities of the people are too small for the great minds of our city fathers to bother with.

Your Committee feel that a supreme effort should be made to have this state of things remedied, and would recommend that a copy of the following letter be sent to the City Council, signed by the Secretary of this Council:—

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Toronto:

Gentlemen—I am instructed by the District Labor Council to lay before your honorable body the following proposition passed at their last meeting:

Resolved—That this District Labor Council petition the City Council to place in their estimates for the ensuing year sufficient money for the purpose of sup-