

Official Report of Toronto District Labor Council

Last Thursday evening the District Labor Council held their regular meeting in the Labor Temple, President Hungerford presiding. After the reading of minutes of previous meeting, the Credential Committee reported favorably on the following credentials:

Capmakers—E. Allanby, L. Durdin and I. Sherman.

Steam Engineers—H. P. Stephens, J. H. Sinclair, and Lee Johnstone.

Sheet Metal Workers—H. S. McHenry.

Longshoremen—B. Cassidy.

Typographical Union—W. M. Mayland, D. McDougall, W. Moebus, John McMahon, Geo. A. Martin, and W. J. Wilson.

Cigarmakers' Union—J. Martin.

Garment Pressers—Frank Clarke and Morris Cohen.

Elevator Constructors—Frank Waterworth, Wm. G. Bond, and John Robertson.

Railroad Trainmen, No. 322—H. C. Sausser and W. M. Gowans.

The President obligated the new delegates that were present.

EXECUTIVE REPORT.

The Executive report contained many interesting items. Referring to the usual request of the Secretary of "Ontario Labor Bureau" to make returns so that the same may be published in the Annual Report, the Council delivered itself as follows:—Pointing out to delegates that it was their special duty to see that their respective locals sent in the returns asked for by the Labor Bureau; referring to the deputation of the Council which waited upon Premier Whitney some time ago protesting against action of Manufacturers' Association in trying to nullify and belittle the usefulness of the Labor Bureau, the report again advocated the amending of the statute dealing with the Labor Bureau, which would make it "mandatory" on employers and labor unions alike to make returns to the "Bureau." In this connection the following resolution was submitted:

"That whereas the Ontario Labor Bureau was instituted for the benefit of the workers to assist in placing the actual conditions of labor clearly before the public through the published annual report; and whereas the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, by circular to its members, tried to detract from the usefulness of said 'Labor Bureau' and advise non-compliance with requests for information; therefore, be it resolved, that this Toronto District Labor Council do again go on record as in favor of having the statute so amended as will make it mandatory for employers and labor unions to make returns to the Labor Bureau; and be it further resolved, that this resolution be handed to our delegates attending the coming session of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada with instructions to advise the Congress to place the matter before the Ontario Government looking towards the statute being amended."

The report also advised that the "Ontario Factories' Act" be placed under the "Labor Bureau" instead of the De-

partment of Agriculture, as at present, and urged that the inspectors should be greatly increased.

The report was adopted as read.

The delegates were urged to be honest with themselves and the general movement by making great efforts in their respective locals to secure subscriptions for the new labor paper, "The Tribune," by appointing in each local a subscription agent.

All news in the Council will be reserved for the labor paper, and the locals are advised to act likewise.

The Executive report recommended that President Hungerford, Corresponding Secretary Kennedy, and Financial Secretary Gardner be appointed as the Special Committee or Advisory Board to co-operate with Mr. Fred Perry on the labor paper.

Satisfactory rates are secured whereby each local may have their meeting and officers published in the Labor Roster in The Tribune. This roster will always be up-to-date if the Secretaries will only send in the necessary changes.

Letter from the Connell Anthracite Coal Co., quoting prices to union men and urging that a greater patronage be given to the two companies carrying the Coal Drivers' Union Label on the carts.

The Council strongly urged such action and the Secretary will advise the company to send similar circulars to the various locals.

A circular from the Coal Drivers' Union was again read, declaring that the J. H. Milne Co. refused to pay union wages to their drivers.

The Council decided not to hold the regular meeting on the 21st inst., as the Congress will then be in session that week, and the Reception Committee are desirous that nothing will interfere with their programme of entertainment.

The next meeting of Council will be on Oct. 5th.

Owing to John Burns (Labor), M.P., of Great Britain, being on a tour through Canada, President Hungerford and Secretary Kennedy are authorized to extend an invitation to him (when he arrives in this city) to remain, during the week of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, as the guest of the District Labor Council.

The Reception Committee are making progress with the programme for entertaining the "Congress."

All local unions desiring to make "donations" are urged to remit same to John Gardner, 695 Queen street west, at the earliest opportunity.

A special meeting of Reception Committee will be held in Labor Temple on Monday evening, Sept. 11th.

Report of Educational Committee was read by Secretary Hill, urging the co-operation of each delegate in placing important matters before the Committee.

Report was adopted.

The other Committees are urged to present a report at the next meeting.

STATEMENTS.

Musicians reported all trouble settled in the opera house.

The Bakers reported good progress being made with their strike at Weston's, Bredin's and Tomlin's bakeries. The people were now demanding union made bread.

The Tobacco Workers reported that the American Tobacco Trust were using

every means to control the market, and drive out union label goods.

The Iron Moulders reported trouble as still on at the "Doherty Stove Works," of Sarnia.

The Brewery Workers reported that they were unsuccessful in organizing the Hamilton breweries. A demand should be created for the products of the city breweries which were thoroughly organized.

The Cigarmakers stated the non-union cigar factories of London, Montreal and other places were exerting themselves by spending large sums of money in fancy advertisements which were given to the dealers as an inducement to handle their goods. Look for the Blue Label on the cigar box. It is the union guarantee.

The Secretary will, by special resolutions passed, extend invitations to the Amalgamated Street Railway Employees' Convention in Chicago next month to hold their next convention in this city; also to the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' Convention, of Kansas City, to assist our convention city by holding their next convention here.

D. W. KENNEDY,
Secretary.

TO MAINTAIN OPEN SHOP, TYPOTHETAE SO DECIDE.

Members Also Counsell'd Against Union Label—8-Hour Day is Hopelessly Ignored.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Sept. 7. — The United Typothetae to-day unanimously adopted a resolution by which its members pledge themselves singly and collectively to resist any movement on the part of the International Typographical Union to bring about an eight-hour day.

The resolution as adopted maintains the right of each member to keep open shop. The use of the union label was counselled against, and members were urged to refuse to use it. Some members of the Typothetae say they will begin with the Typographical Union by throwing their shops open immediately. President James Lynch, of the International Typographical Union, who is here, has been advised that the United Typothetae will not now nor at any future time consider any proposition on an eight-hour day.

The Typothetae closed by the election of officers. G. H. Ellis, of Boston, was elected president, and Wm. Green, of New York, vice-president.

THIS CASE THREE YEARS IN COURT.

Settlement of Case of Gurney Foundry Company Against the Molders.

The Toronto labor case of the Gurney Foundry Company v. Robert H. Emmett and others came to a close this morning by consent, after being threshed out in the courts for almost three years.

The Gurney Foundry Company asked for an injunction against the defendants, having accused the latter of issuing circulars, of placing the company on the unfair list, and of prejudicing the public against the company.

In to-day's judgment by Mr. Justice Magee, an injunction is granted against several persons, but is refused as against James Simpson and David Kennedy, who were President and Secretary, respectively, of the Trades and Labor Council

at the time the action was begun; Nichols, and A. E. Reid. Those against whom the injunction stands are Barnett and Emmett, molders; John Acheson, Albert Curtin, Charles Kermish, Thomas Harrington, John Slack, and Allan Studholm, polishers, etc.

While judgment has gone against certain individuals, it does not apply to the unions as bodies. At least, the defendants make this contention, and they add that his Lordship's judgment leaves the whole question open in a general way, inasmuch as it says that certain men must not "wrongfully" do certain things. The unions say that "wrongfully" remains to be defined.

The case of the Metallic Roofing Company v. Local Union No. 30, Metal Workers, will come to trial at the ensuing jury assizes.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE IRISH GUARDS' CONCERT.

The following will be the programme for the Massey Hall concert by the Irish Guards' Band, which takes place on Saturday evening.

1—Caprice ItalianTchaikowski
2—Overture Symphonique—"Maximilien Robespierre"H. Litolff
3—Cornet solo—"Quand tu Chantes"Gounod

Sergt. Hunt.

4—Song—"The Veteran"Adams
Mr. Donald McGregor.

5—Overture—"Tannhauser"Wagner
6—The Irish Guards' PatrolCh. le Thiere

7—Variations on a German Folk SongSiegfried Ochs

(In the styles of celebrated composers)
8—Overture—"William Tell"Rossini

9—Song—"Flow Gently, Sweet Afton"Burns

Mr. Donald McGregor.

10—Variations for Piccolo on Ancient Celtic Airs

Corp. Russell Bell.

11—Grand Military Fantasia—"A Soldier's Life."

SHEA'S.

Shea's head-liner for next week is the famous Agoust family of jugglers. The Hengler Sisters, not seen in Toronto for some seasons, are also features. Lotta Gladstone, in her character study of "A Typical Country Girl," and others of prominence, will also add to a first-class bill.

PRINCESS.

"Humpty Dumpty" is certainly the biggest and best of its kind ever presented in Toronto. The Princess has been crowded this week. This is its only Canadian appearance, and a return engagement is absolutely impossible, since the magnificent scenery, costumes and effects are to go back to Drury Lane after a short tour in the States. The Toronto engagement closes with two performances Saturday.

GRAND.

San Toy.

MAJESTIC.

A Desperate Chance.

AT THE STAR.

Miner's Merry Burlesquers come to the Star Theatre for a week's stay, beginning Monday, September 11th. This attraction will present in addition to two snappy burlesques "A Lively Honeymoon" and "Doctor She," an olio of high class vaudeville stars.