



EXPRESS GETTING SOME 1,600 AFFECTED BY SETTLEMENT ARRIVED AT BY BOARD OF ARBITRATION.

An agreement was reached on Friday last between the Canadian Express Company and the employees, whereby over 1,600 employees in every department of the service, obtain increases in wages varying from six to 20 per cent. The increase in wages with the additional conditions agreed upon, will distribute among the employees, it is estimated, in addition to the present payroll, over \$225,000 a year.

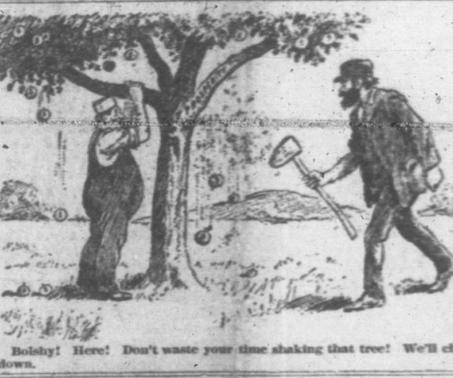
Food For Thought.

Will onward, is the movement. While work in many instances is being done by instituting ideas, the policy of the organization is stronger and more progressive. The policy of the movement is to take the initiative, and the popularity is ever growing stronger. One Big Unionist are given much food for thought in the following figures:

BUILDING TRADES' UNIFORM WAGE

President Pat Green Says Recent Demands Will Have to Be Increased.

If a uniform wage scale for the building trades of the province is to be effected and carried into operation, with an agreement with the builders and contractors, the recent demands of the local building trades will have to, in some instances, be further increased. Such was the statement of Mr. Pat Green, president of the Ottawa Building Trades Council, and chairman of the Provincial Council of Carpenters and Joiners, International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, in connection with the announcement of Mr. George A. Crain that an attempt to stabilize wages for the building trades would be made at the annual convention of Provincial Builders and Scaffolding Trades Association which opened at Toronto this week.



American Federation of Labor Defines Future Political Policy

Manifesto Outlines a Campaign Designed to Insure the Protection of Toilers' Rights—Labor Must Not Permit Its Political Strength To Be Divided In Present Crisis.

Following a three-day conference at headquarters, Washington, the American Federation of Labor, through a general committee representing the organized workers of the United States, has issued an appeal to all Labor unions and affiliated bodies to concentrate their energy on nonpartisan campaigns to defeat the enemies of Labor and to secure for them the power to exercise their normal and lawful activities for the protection and promotion of their interests and welfare.

ONTARIO LABOR DRAFTS MEASURES

Partial Program for Legislature Agreed Upon—Balance at Next Meeting.

Among a number of matters considered at a conference of Labor members of the Ontario legislature in the Parliament building at Toronto on Monday in connection with the program for the coming session, three were definitely decided upon. A number of other questions were discussed and left over for action at a conference to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 24, among these being unemployment insurance and the eight-hour day.

A. F. OF L. CONVENTION AT MONTREAL IN JUNE.

Montreal will be the seat of the American Federation of Labor's 25th annual convention in June, according to the information available, which is to the effect that arrangements have been made for the holding of the convention at the Craig Street Hotel and that sufficient hotel accommodations for the delegates has been provided for.

SHOPMEN ISSUE STRIKE ORDER

300,000 Workers in United States Ordered Out February 17.

Orders directing 300,000 members of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employers and Railway Shop Laborers to stop work at 7 a.m. Tuesday, February 17, were sent out on Monday from Detroit, to the various locals of the organization.

MOORE AND ACLAID WILL ATTEND ADJOURNED MEETING OF I. L. B.

Canada's labor delegates to the Paris conference will accompany a trip across the Atlantic which delayed their arrival until after the governing body of the international labor union had adjourned on January 25, to meet in London on March 2. F. A. Acland, Deputy Minister of Labor, has called to Senator Moore, a number of important items on the Paris agenda had been laid over to be taken up at the London meeting.

HAMILTON BUILDING TRADESMEN SEEK INCREASES.

Members of the Hamilton Stonemasons' Union are in the street of Hamilton's Building Tradesmen to secure a wage increase from 70 cents to \$1.20 per hour, dating from February 1. The planter operators recently amalgamated with the local were advanced to 75 cents per hour. At a meeting of the Building Trades Council the delegates will likely decide on a blanket wage agreement, which will call for a 25 per cent increase in wages for all trades. With one exception, the various locals are asking for an increase of 15 cents per hour advance.

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CALGARY LABOR TEMPLE WOULD NOT HOUSE O. B. U.

Alex. Ross, M. L. A., was re-elected president of the Calgary Labor Temple Company, Limited, at the annual meeting of the company recently held in Calgary and Edward G. J. Fisher, A. L. C., was elected vice-president.

THE CO-OPERATIVE LABOR BANK.

Cleveland (Ohio) Labor may withdraw its deposits totaling about \$40,000 from the Bank of Cleveland and launch a co-operative bank of its own. Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said "This \$40,000 might just as well work for Labor," he said. Stone said he believed the co-operative bank was a reality before the end of this year.

DOCTORS WANT TO FORM UNION.

Otto Hartwig, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, stated recently he had been approached by a delegation of Portland physicians, who desire to form a union, and to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

ONTARIO ELECTRICAL WORKERS' DEMANDS.

Based upon the principle that the industry is responsible for the welfare of all whom it employs, and that its employees are responsible for the success of the industry, representatives of the Ontario Electrical Workers from all parts of the Province of Ontario drew up a program on Saturday, which is put into effect by the Provincial Government and the Electrical Development Company, will call for an extension of the entire province of Ontario to the present standard of the estimate of delegates attending the conference. President A. Morrison, of Peterboro, of the Provincial Council of Electrical Workers, said the demands of the electrical workers include a licensing system for contractors and workers, a uniform scale of wages, a 40-hour week, and a decent standard of living, the arranging and rearranging of power-distributing lines that two electricians be given to all work.

PRACTICAL TRADE UNIONISM.

There are about twenty job competitors, printing pressmen and bookbinders on strike from the Held Press, Hamilton. During the last two days' strike of printers at the Ambitious City this firm decided to operate an "open shop." So far the firm has met with little success, and it is expected that all of the men will be employed in the very near future.

ANOTHER MISLEADING REPORT CORRECTED.

Some days ago a report, bearing the name of the Ontario Federation of Labor, was published in the Toronto Star, which stated that the effect of the five hundred machine tools were needed at Baltimore in the river port industries and that these tools were worth \$100,000. It was stated that this report was not bona fide, and that its circulation would have a demoralizing effect on the workers in this country.

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COAL SETTLEMENT WITH COMMISSION.

Final decision of the demands of the soft coal miners of United States for 60 per cent increase in wages and a 30-hour week now rests with the coal industry. Acting President John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, asserts that the reasonable demands of the miners have been supported by the operators' evidence.

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QUEBEC WORKINGMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT AMENDMENTS.

The Workers' Compensation Act for the Province of Quebec is to be amended in accordance with the proposals that have been made by the Labor members of the Legislature, the provincial executive of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, and the Montreal Trades and Labor Council. The limit of salary within which men can come under the act and claim compensation is to be raised from \$1,200 to \$1,500 while the maximum of the capital that can be claimed in a court action is raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000. It is stated that the law will be amended so that payment for temporary incapacity shall start from the day of the accident instead of after seven clear days and that such payment shall be not less than seven dollars a week instead of four as at present.

NEW LABOR TEMPLE PROPOSED FOR MONTREAL.

At the last regular meeting of the Montreal Trades and Labor Council, held last Thursday evening, a lengthy discussion took place on the question of the erection of a new Labor Temple for that city. The discussion followed a report of a special committee appointed some time ago to take up the question of the construction of a Labor Temple in Montreal. This committee in its report suggested the incorporation of the existing educational system as well as in favor of public ownership of utilities and natural resources of wealth. The Halifax men declared also against the maintenance of a standing army in Canada, and against the continuance of the present system under which appeals from the judgments of Canadian courts may be carried to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in Britain.

I. L. P. IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Advanced political platforms, including demands for public ownership of the utilities and natural resources of wealth, as well as public ownership of the country's banking system and insurance companies, were adopted by different branches of the Independent Labor Party in Nova Scotia. The Halifax branch and the Glace Bay branch, two of the strongest in the province, have united in calling for the abolition of the Dominion Senate and the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, as well as in favor of public ownership of utilities and natural resources of wealth. The Halifax men declared also against the maintenance of a standing army in Canada, and against the continuance of the present system under which appeals from the judgments of Canadian courts may be carried to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in Britain.

GAIN BY BOOKBINDERS.

Officers of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders report a membership gain of 5,327 during the past year. Recent wage gains recorded in Olympia, Wash.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Kansas City, Mo.; Portland, Ore.; Tulsa, Okla.; Omaha, Neb.; and other cities, are reported. The future welfare, the very ability of the trade union movement to carry on its work for humanity, depends upon the success of the campaign to secure legislation. There can be no hesitation. "Now must be the time for action and determined action is here."

MOULDERS WARNED TO STAY OUT OF O. B. U.

Notice was read last week to Molders' Union No. 26, Hamilton, Ont., of the expulsion of Harry Bennett of Carleton Place, from the union there because of his O. B. U. sympathies. The molders are warned by their international that they must not affiliate with the O. B. U. on pain of expulsion from the I. M. U.

BUILDING INCREASE IN CANADA.

According to returns recently issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in 1919 in Canada was double that of the previous year. Reports received from 28 centers showed a total of 27,824,512 of dollars some \$25,000,000 for the previous year. Building permits in the number of 21,473 were issued as against 10,242 in 1919. It is said that the "let-up for 1920 indicates a gain in the building operations during the current year."

Trades Congress Has Watched Events in Winnipeg; to Protect Workers Just Rights

The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada now has the judgment of Justice Metcalf in the trial of R. B. Russell, Winnipeg Labor leader, under legal advisement. If, as is expected, the court should find that the union was guilty of conspiracy and revolution, the congress will not interest itself particularly in the case. This was the interesting information given to the Ottawa Trades and Labor Council at its regular meeting at the Hotel on Friday last by P. M. Draper, secretary of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council. Draper, who was in the city for the purpose of appealing to the labor men to "get their backs up" and challenge the issue in Judge Metcalf's hands. He said that the building trades might find themselves on strike again this spring, in which case some of the men were in danger of being "ratified" into the penitentiary for picketing or coming out on strike.

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