

LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

A good team—Cameron and Lodge.

LEATHER WORKERS' CONDITIONS.
General Organizer Frank Lafortune of the United Leather Workers' International Union addressed the last regular meeting of the local leather workers. He reviewed conditions in the trade throughout Eastern Canada and reported that at the present time there was little employment in that industry and that some of the schemes of the employers to reduce wages and increase hours. The union had received many of these moves and are prepared to continue to do so. It was reported at the meeting that one of the local firms has recently laid off a number of workers and has increased the hours of those remaining by four in the week. This matter is being taken up by the union.

Plant for Mayor of Ottawa, 1921.

LAUNDRY WORKERS PRO-GRISSING.
Brief mention was made in these columns last week of the new international organization of Laundry Workers. Another meeting was held during the week and another large quote of laundry workers joined the new organization. The charter from the international headquarters has arrived and the new union will be known as Local 275, Laundry Workers' International Union. At the last meeting it was learned that some of the female workers were receiving as low as \$6 per week.

Remember that you are a worker on election day.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE COUNCIL ORGANIZED.

Under authority of the Employment Office Co-Ordination Act, a local employment service council was organized at a meeting in the Ontario Government Public Employment Office on Wednesday last week. Messrs. George Crane (contractor) and Wm. P. Grant (returned soldier merchant) represented the employers and Messrs. J. A. P. Hayden, (returned soldier) and Mich. Kavanagh represented the employees. After the duties of the council were defined the employers group proposed a chairman which was unanimously agreed upon.

Joe McGuire is a member of the I. L. P., but not an endorsed candidate.

TARIFF COMMISSION MEETS HERE MONDAY.

The final meeting of the Tariff Commission has been arranged to take place in Ottawa on Monday, January 3. While the meeting is called primarily to hear evidence from Ottawa and neighboring districts, it is probable that the large interests which have appeared before the commission from time to time will take opportunity to make a final statement of their case. Following the meeting the commission will begin the actual work of preparing their recommendations for submission to the Cabinet.

"I am in favor of increasing the wage standards of all workers."—Alderman Grace.

HAMILTON.

Vote for the Labor candidates.

HAMILTON LABOR PARTY'S COSTLY ERROR.
There is a mix-up over the nominations for the Board of Education in one of the wards at Hamilton and the Labor party threatens to carry the matter to the courts. Owing to a misunderstanding of the situation, the Labor party nominated two candidates without stipulating that one was for a one-year term and the other for a two-year term. Frank Hill was the only nominee for the shorter term, and was declared elected. The result is that the two Labor candidates, Mrs. Inman and E. H. Mitchell, are candidates for the two-year seat, with a third candidate, A. T. Enlow, in the field against them. The Labor party did not have of the difference in the terms of service on the board until too late to rectify the mistake.

Be a union man 365 days of the year.

EASTERN CANADA.

No personalities have been indulged in by the Labor candidates.

HALIFAX LABOR'S SOLUTION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT.

The following resolution was passed at the regular weekly meeting on Tuesday, December 21, of the Halifax County Branch of the Independent Labor Party:

Whereas, at the present time, and

in the immediate future, the unemployment situation in the City of Halifax is serious, with no signs of immediate relief from the ordinary channels of industry, we, the Halifax Branch of the Independent Labor Party, now in session, do hereby invite the attention of the Government of Canada and Nova Scotia, and the City Council of the City of Halifax, to the fact that certain work, which can be performed in winter, can be done in summer, without additional cost, is at present dormant;

Plant has always been a friend of the wage-earners.

WINSDOR PUPILS UNDER WEIGHT.

More than one-half of the public school children of Windsor are under weight, according to a report to the board of education by its medical officer. The reason was not stated but the board is considering whether it is lack of nourishment.

A vote for Labor is a vote for yourself.

GLACE BAY MINERS SIGN MONTREAL AGREEMENT.
The Montreal contract was signed by members of the U. M. W. executive and Dominion Coal Company officials at Glace Bay, N.S., last week. The employees of the company will receive their back money amounting to about \$25 each on New Year's Eve. Members of the U. M. W. executive next proceeded to the mainland and will sign the contract with the Acadia and other smaller companies. The Minto, N.B., miners are now working under the award of the Royal Commission, and if possible a new contract providing for these rates will be signed for the year.

Elect your friends—Defeat your enemies.

CAPITAL WARD'S CHOICE

LABOR'S PLATFORM IS PROGRESSIVE AND DEMOCRATIC.

GEORGE PATRICK will carry Labor's banner in the forthcoming municipal election in Capital Ward. Mr. Patrick is well known in Capital Ward and if elected will be an alderman of whom the electors of Capital Ward will be justly proud. He is a prominent member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and during the elections last year he was the pastor of that church, and he is at present an official of the Masons' Union.

WESTERN CANADA

These are the Labor candidates for the City Council: Patrick, Cain, Lewis, Beaudet, Greenberg, Pasch and MacDonald. There are no other LABOR candidates.

UNEMPLOYMENT GROWING AT EDMONTON.

Unemployment among returned men of Edmonton is still causing much distress, and the situation shows little prospect of relief in the near future, the G.W.V.A. officials report. Although no effort is being spared to assist in the provision of work, a still greater number of veterans are daily making applications to the War Vets' labor bureau for aid in securing employment. Thomas Price, labor secretary, has hopes that something will soon be done to alleviate such a situation, but thus far no definite indication that aid will be provided has been afforded.

The endorsed Labor candidates deserve your first call.

EDMONTON TRADES COUNCIL.

Edmonton Trades and Labor Council at its last meeting heard a report from Del Heron on the work of the board of public welfare, on which he is a representative from the "unemployed" committee. The work of Miss Dorothy King, general secretary of the board, were given by Del Heron, and also of the effective manner in which the functions of the board were being carried on. The campaign for funds was also referred to, and the council voted a sum of \$50 to the board's treasury.

In view of the approaching convention of the Alberta Federation of Labor, which is to be held in Edmonton next month, a special meeting of the council will be held in Labor hall on Wednesday, December 23, for the purpose of considering the draft resolutions and proposed legislative measures to be brought before the federation.

From J. A. S. Smith, secretary of the District Council of Carpenters, came a letter to the council calling attention to the very unsatisfactory method of paying wages

ALDERMANIC CANDIDATE IN DALHOUSIE WARD.



MICHAEL CAIN, who was chosen as the Labor candidate for the City Council by the wage-earners of Dalhousie Ward at a recent convention, if elected, and he will be the wage-earners' representative that he is their candidate. He will make an ideal alderman. He is the only Labor candidate in that ward, declarations of other aspirants notwithstanding.

which the present fortnightly payment by check has proved to be. The writer urged that steps be taken to bring about payment by the week, and in cash. Del. Francis explained in this connection that considerable inconvenience and some hardship had been experienced in payment by check, because in some jobs sometimes the check is issued, proved to be worthless by the lapse of time. It would be better in every way, he said, to have a weekly cash payment of wages. The matter was referred to the legislative committee.

BY WARD'S LABOR CANDIDATE.



CHARLES GREENBERG has been chosen to carry Labor's banner in By Ward in the forthcoming election for alderman. Workers' unit and elect your candidate.

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ROBINSON ADDRESSES CLERGY.
The ideals and aims of labor were explained by Ernest Robinson, secretary of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council in an address before the ministerial association last week.

Support the bylaws. All mean progress.

LABOR'S CHOICE IN OTTAWA WARD.

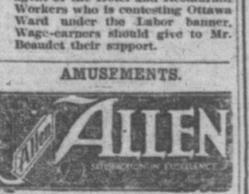
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ACCIDENTS INCREASE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

This Year's Claims For Death and Injury Higher.

There were 20,598 accidents in all industries in British Columbia this year, up to December 23, according to a statement by E. H. S. Winn, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board. This number is 2,323 in excess of the total for all of last year. The number of fatal accidents this year was 197, while last year 193 deaths occurred.

The total amount of money paid for compensation, pensions, widows' pensions, and medical aid this year was \$1,981,755, while last year's total was \$1,333,390.

During 1920, as in 1919, logging was the most hazardous occupation in the province, logging claims for compensation this year numbering 4,377.

The figures prepared by Mr. Winn show that the payrolls in the industries of the province totalled last year \$126,529,760, and the number of men employed was 193,227. For 12 months of this year the total paid in wages was approximately \$130,000,000 and the number of men employed was 112,099.

ONTARIO MOTION PICTURE CENSOR BOARD NAMED.

Major A. S. Hamilton is chairman of the new Ontario Motion Picture Censor Board, the personnel of which was announced by the Government last week. The other members are: Mrs. E. Phillips, newspaper writer; Miss Velma Hamill, school organizer; L. J. O'Connor, and J. C. Boylen. Major Hamilton was with the D.S.C.R. Mr. Boylen is secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, but will resign that position. The appointments are for three years. All the men on the board are returned soldiers.

The chairman's salary has been fixed at \$2,500 a year. Each of the others will receive \$2,500 a year.

BRITISH FOOD PRICES DOWN A LITTLE.

For the first time in some months a reduction in the cost of living is shown by statistics of the British Ministry of Labor. On December 1 the average level of retail prices, including food, rent, clothing, fuel, light and miscellaneous items, was 159 per cent. above that of July, 1914, as compared with 176 per cent. on November 1.

The decrease during the month was mainly due to a reduction of fourpence per pound in the price of sugar. There also was a reduction in prices of clothing, the effect of which was almost exactly counterbalanced, however, by increases in the price of milk, eggs and fish. For food alone the increase at December 1 over the level of July, 1914, was 182 per cent., as compared with 191 per cent. at November 1.

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LABOR CANDIDATE IN VICTORIA WARD



CHAS. W. LEWIS, business agent of the Steam and Operating Engineers, has been selected as the Labor standard-bearer in Victoria Ward for the Ottawa City Council for 1921. Mr. Lewis is one of the best known Labor men in the Capital and for a number of years he has been a member of the Executive Council of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association. He is vice-president of the Building Trades Council and a member of the joint industrial council. Wage-earners in Victoria Ward will make no mistake in giving to Mr. Lewis their whole-hearted support.

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LABOR OFFICERS IN FRANCE ON TRIAL

Dissolution of Federation Not Possible Under Existing Laws.

The case against the Confederation General du Travail and its officials, Leon Jouhaux, Mr. Dumoulin, Mr. Laurent, Mr. Lapiere, and Mr. Claveyrolle, of having gone beyond the rights legally conferred on trade unions, was heard last week before the Correctional Court. This is the sequel to the prosecution following the strike of May 1.

The Government then sought a dissolution of the federation, but the proceedings have hung fire, and only now, when it was believed that the process had been allowed to drop, has it come up for trial. The possible penalties are comparatively small, and a really effective dissolution of the association of the trade unions is not possible under the existing laws.

The prosecution is based upon an act which declares that professional unions must exclusively concern themselves with the economic interests of the members. The contention is that the federation was involved in a political movement and has thus acted contrary to the law.

Many complaints are brought against the federation. It has not recorded changes in its status, it has not furnished the names of its component trade unions, it has admitted illegal trade unions of officials. The objects pursued by the confederation were general amnesty, cessation of military interventions in Russia and other countries.

The strike of May was also the result of a demand for nationalization. This action is described as essentially revolutionary. The formation of a Labor economic council under Mr. Jouhaux by study conditions and methods of an anti-government movement is another reproach against the federation.

The defendants, in the course of their defense, intend to expound their social and economic theories.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR WAR DEVASTATED AREAS.

A Christmas gift of 12,000,000 trees was to be used in reforesting the war devastated areas of France and Belgium, and also certain sections of Great Britain, was shipped to those countries last week through their embassies at Washington by the American Forestry Association. The seed were of the Douglas fir collected from the west coast, a species which grows rapidly.

If trades unions are used as a destructive force, the first thing to be destroyed will be themselves.—Tom Moore.



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