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UNANIMITY OF ACTION AND BUSINESS LIKE MANNER OF DELEGATES WERE OUT- STANDING FEATURES AT CONVENTION

Frank Wheatley and Walter Smitten Re-elected—E. E. Roper Un-
animously Chosen to Represent Federation at Next
Convention of Dominion Trades Congress.

The 1920 Convention of the Alberta Federation of Labor came to a close on Wednesday with the election of officers and the choice of the Convention city for the 1921 gathering. The Convention just held was a most satisfactory gathering and the business-like manner in which the assembled delegates applied themselves to the work of the convention was a notable feature of the Calgary gathering. While the delegate body was not as large as that of the 1919 convention there was greater unanimity of action and in view of the disturbances during the year there were general expressions of satisfaction from those who have been associated with the Alberta movement since the inauguration of the Federation.

Frank Wheatley of Banffhead was re-elected President. His return was clearly a recognition of the splendid service he has rendered to the Federation, and it is felt that every section of Labor in the province can well lend its support to Mr. Wheatley during the year 1920. Secretary Walter Smitten was also re-elected, receiving no opposition. E. E. Roper of Edmonton was unanimously chosen to represent the Federation at the Convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress which will be held in Windsor, Ontario. A. Parmilo will attend the U.F.A. Convention in Calgary as a representative of the Federation, and Alderman Fred White will act in a like capacity at the Alberta Educational Association Convention.

Edmonton was unanimously chosen as the Convention city for the 1921 gathering and it is expected that the convention of next year will be a large and representative gathering.

One of the most contentious of the resolutions coming before the convention in Calgary was that submitted by the Calgary Trades Council calling for a national protest in connection with the declaration of Judge Metcalfe in Winnipeg to the effect that the sympathetic strike was illegal in Canada. Part of the resolution which suggested a 48-hour general strike as a means of protest, was taken exception to by a majority of the delegates. The motion subsequently taken in the matter was of a drastic nature, however, and the executive being instructed to inform the several governments that the Federation would not recognize any laws that interfered with the right of the worker to strike, sympathetically or otherwise. The amendment was introduced by Delegate Roper of Edmonton who pointed out that the trade union movement was from the beginning built up in the face of laws which endeavored to restrict the activities of the organized workers.

A strong resolution was passed on Wednesday, calling on the Federal government to withdraw its stool-pigeons and police spies who were using every insidious effort to disrupt the Labor organizations of Western Canada. It was stated that there are 1,000 of these people working for the Dominion police in Western Canada, they having been recruited from the scum of the organized Labor movement.

LOCAL TYPOS ELECT OFFICERS COMING YEAR

Re-affiliate With Trades Council
and Send Delegates to Calgary
Convention.

The January meeting of the above union was held Saturday, the 3rd, with a fair attendance of members, President McCormick in the chair.

The sick committee reported "all well." A letter was read from the international secretary instructing the local body that scales operative after May 1, 1921, must be for not more than a 44-hour week, as per agreement between the international organizations of employers and men. The union was also notified that Overland rates were unfair to organized labor—it seems unnecessary to notify printers, for it takes us all our time to ride the E.C. of L. without thinking of autos.

The committee on the proposed Printers' Club sounded the "Last Post." The appeals committee reported on the charges laid by a member against a local foreman for discrimination, that the charges had been non-suited on technical grounds.

The committee investigating the finances of the union reported recommending that the dues be reduced from 3 to 2 1/2 per cent per month; that the sick benefits be increased from \$5 to \$7 per week, that the salaries of the two secretaries be increased, and that \$350 be taken from the general fund and placed in a trust fund for sick benefits.

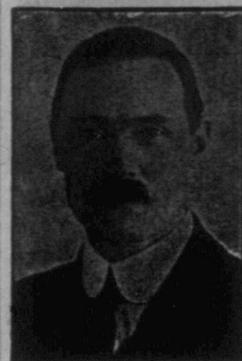
President McCormick reported for the Trades Council and said that they hoped to have a complete organization of the

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WINNIPEG COUNCIL WANTS HIGHER RATE OF COMPENSATION

The Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council have decided to ask for amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act by which the state insurance would be increased 100 per cent, thus doubling the existing rate of compensation paid to the injured worker. An amendment will also be asked for the Bailiff's Act under which certain goods and chattels of workmen and others will be saved

AGAIN PRESIDENT



FRANK WHEATLEY
Of Banffhead, who will head the Alberta Federation of Labor for another year.

EDMONTON FREE PRESS RECEIVES ENDORSEMENT

Calgary Convention Unanimously
Endorse Edmonton Free Press
As Official Organ.

The Convention of the Alberta Federation of Labor which was held in Calgary this week unanimously passed a resolution which will be of particular interest to readers of this paper. It is as follows:

Whereas, the Edmonton Free Press, the official organ of, and edited and controlled by the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council, is recognized as the mouthpiece of organized Labor of Northern Alberta, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Edmonton Free Press be endorsed by the Alberta Federation of Labor, and the incoming executive be authorized and instructed to make use of its columns for the dissemination of news and propaganda in connection with the work of the Federation.

With the broadening of the scope of its work and the increase in the sphere of its usefulness, the Free Press is called upon to accept greater responsibility than before. It will be the aim of the management to make the paper of real value and interest to trade unionists throughout the province.

W.C.C. OF T.U. TO HOLD EXECUTIVE SESSION AT "HAT"

President McCormick of the Trades and Labor Council leaves the city on Saturday morning for Medicine Hat, where he is to attend an executive meeting of the Western Canada Conference of Typographical Unions of which body he is Provincial Vice President.

This organization embraces the three western provinces and the locals affiliated, numbering 13, include all cities from Fort William to Edmonton, each province having a Vice President on the Executive Board. The President is Harry W. Falconer of Moose Jaw, and the Secretary is R. W. Bellamy of Medicine Hat. Vice President for Saskatchewan is Alderman Moore of Saskatoon, and for Manitoba, Charles Ryan of Winnipeg. The annual Convention is to be held this year in Medicine Hat during the month of May.

SICK AND ACCIDENT BENEFIT INSURANCE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

A sick and accident benefit insurance plan for all employees was announced recently by the American Woolen Company of Lawrence, Mass. The benefits will cover all cases of disability from sickness or accident, whether suffered in the course of employment or not, and will be in addition to the provisions of state compensation acts and the group life insurance already provided by the company.

All employees working on full time will benefit immediately by the new plan, which requires no payment by the operatives. Thereafter employees must have been with the company for six consecutive months to be eligible.

The amounts in all cases will be dependent on length of service, no employee to receive less than \$8, nor more than \$30.

NEWS OF THE LOCAL UNIONS

CIVIC SERVICE UNION No. 82

Tonight, Friday, January 9th, at 7:30 p.m. is the first meeting of your union this year.

The election of officers for the year is one of the important business items before you.

You have an enjoyable position, as an Union, to retain.

The officers selected must have those qualifications that are essential for a progressive year.

There must be no weakness in the Labor movement.

Unity can be preserved only by a full knowledge of the just aims of the workers.

The resolutions that our delegate to the A.F. of L. convention at Calgary, has been instructed to support must be endorsed by all who believe in the west maintaining its leadership in real reconstruction.

C.N.R. MACHINISTS.

Local 517, I.A. of M., at their next regular meeting, Friday the 9th inst., will install the officers for the year. In conjunction with the installation of officers and after the business of the evening is concluded, a smoker will be held. A program is expected. Be on hand.

Bro. Sam McLaughlin is in the Royal Alexandra hospital expecting to undergo an operation. Brothers, your sick committee are not necessarily tax only persons expected to do the visiting. Flowers look nicer to a convalescent than a corpse, and they are more appreciated by the living.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS No. 685.

At our last meeting Douglas Watson was installed and the clearance card of Bro. Geo. Mackay was accepted by this local.

Bro. Bramham of No. 488 was present and installed the officers for 1920, after which a vote of thanks was tendered the Bro. for his services.

A letter from Bro. Morton of Big Valley, Alta. was received along with eight subscriptions to the Edmonton Free Press.

The report of Bro. P. R. Cann of Winnipeg, our member on the Schedule Negotiating Committee of Div. No. 4, was read, which gave the members a clearer understanding of the new agreement as it pertains to our trade.

Bro. Young brought up the question of working rules for this local and on account of so much business this was left over to the next meeting.

On account of all members not at the November meeting being at work, the secretary was not able to collect any fines.

BAKERS' LOCAL No. 276

The regular meeting of the Bakers' and Confectioners' Local No. 276 was held Saturday evening, January 3rd. The meeting was well attended and several nice talks pertaining to the welfare of the union were heard and discussed. Mr. Farmilo, organizer for the A.F. of L. in Western Canada, attended the meeting and gave a very much appreciated speech. He announced his intention of bringing up the matter of abolishing night work in the Province of Alberta for the bakers. We hope for good results.

The smoker that was held was a success both socially and financially. The next entertainment will be a dance and card party.

ALL LOCAL UNIONS! DO NOT FORGET TO GET IN ON THIS

January 19th is the night of the annual election of officers of Trades and Labor Council for this year. Now then, have your delegates out in full number that there may be kept competition with plenty of nominees for every office, thereby showing a genuine desire on the part of all affiliated locals and delegates to make 1920 a banner year in the council's history. It is to be hoped that all seated delegates to council will be in their places and that all newly elected delegates will also be on hand and take their seats on this important occasion.

LABOR LEGISLATION BEING PREPARED BY MANITOBA GOVERNMENT

Greater co-operation between employees and employers is desired in Manitoba and legislation aimed to bring this about is being prepared by the provincial government.

The most interesting legislation which will effect industrial conditions will be the whipping into shape of the industrial conditions bill passed at the last session of the legislature. Labor refused to recognize this bill at that time. The government will attempt to bring down this bill so that it will be more satisfactory to both parties.



TOM MOORE
Who will represent North American Labor at the Paris conference.

TOM MOORE WILL REPRESENT NORTH AMERICAN LABOR

Takes Place of P. M. Draper Who
Was Appointed at Wash-
ington Conference.

Tom Moore, President of the Dominion Trades Congress, will leave in a few days for Paris, where he will represent North American Labor at the meeting of the international labor body formed under the provisions of the peace treaty. Mr. Moore is going to France in place of P. M. Draper, Secretary of the Dominion Trades Congress, who was chosen at the recent international labor conference held at Washington, and who is unable to go. Owing to the delay by the United States Senate in ratifying the peace treaty, labor men of that country were unable to send Samuel Gompers as was the intention, but Mr. Draper was chosen instead.

F. A. Ackland, deputy minister of labor, will accompany Mr. Moore to Paris as the representative of the Dominion government. The conference will open January 26th.

RAILWAY CLERKS DRAW UP SCHEDULE AND ELECT OFFICERS

Railway clerks in session at Moose Jaw on Tuesday concluded their business, the most important of which was the drawing up of the schedule. This will be presented to the Canadian Board of Adjustment, No. 1, on January 20, at Montreal, which is to deal with the schedule for all members coming within their jurisdiction.

Officers elected are as follows: General Chairman, W. E. Turner, Calgary; First Vice-Chairman, J. Brodie, Vancouver; Second Vice-Chairman, T. H. Llewellyn, Lethbridge; General Secretary, J. J. Bell, Moose Jaw; Board of Trustees, W. E. Campbell, Weyburn; C. McDonald, Medicine Hat; V. H. Jones, Fort William.

ANOTHER INJUNCTION JUDGE BEFORE THE LIMELIGHT IN STATES

Judge Webster, Spokane, Wash., has signed a temporary injunction against the L.W.W. which will bar all members from continuing as adherents of the organization and forbids the existence of the organization in the country.

Any man in the future found to be a member of the L.W.W. will be arrested and tried for contempt of court, County Prosecutor Lindsey announced.

The temporary restraining order was signed on the theory that "the L.W.W. is an anarchistic organization designed to overthrow the government and bring about a condition of lawlessness and violence wherein neither life nor property would be safe."

No date has been fixed for a hearing on the permanency of the order.

NOTICE

A meeting for the initiation of new members of the Retail Clerks Association will be held on Thursday evening, January 15th, in Labor Hall. All Retail Clerks are requested to be in attendance.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL WILL ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR AT NEXT MEETING, JANUARY 19TH

Railway Carmen Local No. 530 Seek Re-affiliation With Council and
Are Reinstated—Resolutions Prepared To Be Presented at
Alberta Federation of Labor Convention.

At the first regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, for 1920 held in the Labor hall, 101st street and Jasper avenue, Monday night, President McCormick in his opening remarks extended hearty greetings to all delegates and locals affiliated with the council, stating that the year 1919 had been a most prosperous one for the council and expressing the hope that all would cooperate with renewed energy to make 1920 an even more successful year of well ordered progress for the entire labor movement.

Secretary McCormick called attention to the fact that the early closing features of the factory act had been violated in a number of cases in the city; he contended that the law had not been made sufficiently effective. On motion of Del. Daley he was authorized to communicate with the chief factory inspector, giving the names of such offenders as he could, and at the same time ask the inspector what he was going to do about it.

The Garment Workers union received a reduction in the per capita assessment in so far as it applied to that body. It was pointed out that from 75 to 90 per cent of the members were females and many of these young girls. The council decided that the assessment in this case

should in future be five cents instead of seven.

Del. Main, of the Baker's union, brought up the question of night work in bake shops. There has been a movement afoot for some time to effect a change in this condition, so that no night work should be in vogue. In response to Del. Main's urging, the council secretary was instructed to wire delegates from Edmonton now attending the provincial federation convention in Calgary, instructing them to bring in a resolution there favoring the abolition of night work in bake shops. Also, that they introduce the matter of a provincial fair wage schedule on all public works throughout Alberta.

The legislative committee was instructed to introduce amendments to the city early closing bylaw that would readjust the penalties for violation of the bylaw. The President and Secretary were instructed to forward a resolution to the department of education relative to the action of discrimination toward three members of the teachers' alliance by the Separate School trustees.

The fair wage schedule is to be submitted to all civic boards and the city council. This schedule is now being compiled by the secretary of the labor council and all locals affected are requested to forward their schedule at once to the Secretary.

Del. Zimmer and Del. Jones, of Dunvegan lodge No. 530, Railway Carmen, appeared before the Council to see what could be done in the way of re-affiliating that union with the central body. This is one of the locals that lost membership in the Council at the time of the O.B.U. trouble. It was now desired of securing status in the Trades Council, and was quite willing to pay the dues for which it was in arrears. And on this basis the Council decided that Lodge 530 should be reinstated.

President McCormick intimated that he had been informed that the Separate School trustees had been guilty of flagrant discrimination, by which three of the teachers in their employ had been dismissed. It was surmised that the dismissal had been made because these teachers were members of the Teachers' Alliance, and had been active during the recent strike of Separate School teachers. Del. Francis suggested that the Secretary of the Council communicate with the Provincial Department of Education in reference to this matter, which was agreed to.

Del. Green, of the Federated Association of Letter Carriers, Local No. 15, was present in response to the request of the Council that both this union and the Amalgamated Union of Postal Workers attend the meeting for the purpose of effecting some line of agreement in regard to these dual organizations. As no delegates from the other

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BOOSTERS' CLUB TO BE FORMED FOR EDMONTON

Object of Club Would Be Solely
To Advertise Edmonton and
Home Industries.

A meeting was held in the council chamber on Tuesday night, for the purpose of forming a Boosters' Club for the city. Mayor Clarke was chosen chairman of the meeting and Ald. M. Martin secretary.

The subject of such a club was discussed at a meeting two weeks ago. The object of the club would be solely to advertise Edmonton and the district and Edmonton-made goods. A committee was chosen whose duty will be to call upon other city organizations and enlist their co-operation in the effort, and to secure delegates being sent to the next meeting. Each organization will be asked to send not less than five, women's organizations included.

W. Howson moved that an organization be formed to advertise Edmonton and the Edmonton district and to secure patronage for Edmonton industries. They had a number of factories producing Edmonton goods, but at the same time large quantities of goods were imported. He mentioned Edmonton printing shops as an illustration, saying that although there were some first-class shops here large quantities of printing was brought here from Toronto, Winnipeg and elsewhere, and it was not even cheaper than what could be had here.

A general discussion followed the resolution of Mr. Howson. Col. Jamieson moved an amendment to the resolution to the effect that it should be altered by the committee to take in all the

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