

**Canadian News**

**Municipal Ownership**

Brockville.—The report of the commissioners of the municipal light and power department for the year ending Sept. 30th, just issued, shows an exceedingly satisfactory condition of affairs. The gas revenue was \$25,257.96 and the receipts from electric current \$15,707.10, against \$18,145.32 and \$12,448.06 respectively in 1900-01, when the works were taken over by the town. Every account owing the department of gas and electric current for the past year had been collected with the exception of \$6.

The profits for the year, after deducting \$2,448.70 for depreciation on plant, paying interest due on debentures and all other expenses, amount to \$6,508.27. Since the works have been taken over by the town the consumers of gas and electricity have paid into the department \$26,085.89 more than it has taken to run the works, after paying interest on debentures and all other expenses in connection therewith, as well as writing off \$5,082.22 for depreciation of plant. This \$26,085.89 to the credit of profit and loss account at this date is not an invaluable profit, as the department has handed over \$23,598.30 to reduce the lighting works debenture debt, which leaves an available surplus of \$3,087.59 in the hands of the commissioners.

The operation of the plant by the town has given entire satisfaction. Besides reducing the debenture debt each year out of the earnings of the department, meeting running expenses and the cost of installing much new valuable machinery, the consumers of gas and electricity have nearly doubled and the price of gas and electricity has been greatly reduced. In the five years of municipal ownership the bad debts of the department total the exceedingly small sum of \$66.30.

**STRIKEBREAKERS JOIN TRADE UNIONISTS.**

St. John, N.B., Nov. 24.—Forty-two men arrived at noon from Montreal to work on the Donaldson Line, but twenty-five of them deserted on reaching the city, and will be cared for by the local men and sent back home. Four of the men who came here yesterday for the Allan Line refused to work, but all the others are on duty, and fairly good progress is being made on the Parisian. There have not been any inroads into the ranks of the local men, and there are no signs of wavering.

The Civic Board of Works at a special meeting this morning ordered removed all barricades that have been

erected to prevent access to the wharves, as there is not thought to be any danger of disturbance. The board also asked the Mayor to suggest to both parties the strong opinion that the dispute should be submitted to arbitration.

The Civic Labor Bureau is, for the time at least, non est. The Board of Control to-day accepted the recommendation made yesterday by Property Commissioner Harris that the bureau be closed and William Fitzgerald, the secretary, be employed as agent to investigate claims for damages against the city, and to investigate proposed locations of stores and factories, laundries, and stables.

**ANOTHER COMBINE.**

G. W. Walker, general manager of the Hart Corundum Company of Hamilton, wanted the duty increased from 25 to 30 per cent., as the imports of this commodity were about 50 per cent. of the total sales.

"Have you an association?" asked Mr. Brodeur.

"Yes."

"You have an agreement as to prices?"

"I presume we have," was the reluctant answer, "but we have no agreement with the buyers; only one among ourselves."

Hamilton, Nov. 25.—H. W. Zealand, on behalf of the Grocers' Wholesale Company, Limited, which is capitalized at \$100,000, made an appeal to the Tariff Commission that may have a disastrous effect on combines. He read a memorandum setting forth that the Redpath Sugar Refining Company had declined to sell him sugar, on the plea that the output was controlled by the Wholesale Grocers' Guild, which it would be necessary for him to join. He enlightened the commission that after three years of cash business starch manufacturers, canners of meats, fruits and vegetables had notified him that they were forced to remove his name from their selling list. Mr. Zealand asked in consequence of this that all these articles be put on the free list.

**COMBINE FROZE HIM OUT.**

When the lid had been opened just a little, Hon. Wm. Fielding started to pry. "Did you become a member of their association?" he asked.

"No," replied Mr. Zealand. "Afterwards we endeavored to, and they declined us, and I will bring the documents before the commission. They refused us over two years ago."

Mr. Zealand says he had evidence to show a conspiracy between canners and

sugar refiners. The Halifax sugar refiners, he says, would not dare to sell to him because the Montreal sugar men declined.

Hamilton, Nov. 24.—H. B. Witton, George T. Tuckett and a deputation from the Cigarmakers' Union appeared before the Tariff Commissioners in the Board of Trade rooms this morning. For the manufacturers, Messrs. Witton and Tuckett objected to the proposal to have a uniform label for all cigars.

It was argued that with one label it would not be possible for the consumer to tell whether the goods he bought were domestic, foreign or half-and-half, and he would be imposed upon. It would also work injury to the smaller dealers.

**EXPERIMENTAL FARM.**

The cigarmakers want the Government to start an experimental farm for the cultivation of Canadian tobacco, so as to make it good enough for cigars.

**MONTREAL SHIRT WAIST AND LAUNDRY WORKERS.**

Mr. John J. Manning, of Troy, N.Y., General Secretary-Treasurer of the Shirt Waist and Laundry Workers' International Union, arrived in Montreal on Monday. Mr. Manning said that a big rally of the local union would be held on Wednesday evening in St. Joseph's Hall, No. 137a St. Elizabeth street, when matters concerning the use of the label would be considered. Several labor men, including Samuel L. Landers, of Hamilton; A. Verville, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada; Joseph Ainey, of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and others, had promised to be present. Mr. Manning further said that Troy and Albany, which was the capital of the State of New York, were only six miles apart. They were among the best organized towns of the country. Mr. Manning said that trade was good and his organization was in a flourishing condition in all parts of the United States and Canada.

Messrs. Manning and Landers are visiting several large shirt and overall factories to see if an arrangement cannot be made for the joint use of the labels of the two organizations, as both the garment workers and laundry workers have jurisdiction over certain classes of shirt workers. Mr. Manning assisted Mr. Landers at an organization of garment makers on Tuesday night.

The Canadian Federation of Shoe Workers, affiliated with the National Trades Congress, do not control any shoe cutters. The shoe cutters in Quebec city are members of a strictly in-

dependent shoe workers' union, and are not affiliated with either the Canadian Federation or the International Union. During the present boot and shoe workers' strike in Montreal the Canadian Federation tried to induce the independent cutters of Quebec to come to Montreal to fill the places of the international men out on strike, thus far without success.

Bradstreet fixes the loss in wages during the Chicago teamsters' strike at \$1,000,000, and the loss to employers in increased expenses and diverted trade at \$12,000,000.

During September harvest laborers in Western Canada received \$2.50 per day and board. It was estimated that the demand for men of this class caused a general advance in wages affecting at least 50,000 to the extent of 25 cents per day.

**Across the Border**

A new wage scale making an advance of \$2.50 a week (about 9 1-2 per cent.) for skilled labor, has been agreed upon by the wage committee and executive board of the Amalgamated Window Glass Workers of America.

The wives of the members of the Boot and Shoemakers' Union of Chicago have started out on missionary work for the label.

The arbitration contract existing between the W. L. Douglas Shoe Company and the Brocton, Mass., Boot and Shoe Workers' Union has been renewed for three years.

Henry Gunlach & Sons, of Cincinnati, manufacturers of billiard and pool tables, have reduced the work day from ten to nine hours and increased the minimum pay to \$2.25 a day.

Chicago Bridge and Structural Iron Workers are fighting a damage suit for \$50,000 which has been brought against them by the Oscar L. Daniels Company for calling a strike on their work.

Out of the 3,000 carpenters and mill workers who went on strike in Los Angeles last August to enforce the eight-hour day and closed shop principles, only forty are now out of employment.

At the first annual hall of the Woman's Trade Union League in Chicago, Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, a society leader, led the grand march with Secretary Dolan of the Broommakers' Union.

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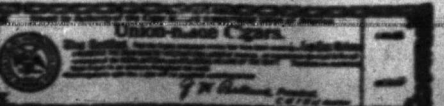
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