Labor Items of Interest From the Capital City

FIREMEN'S NOTES. LOCAL 162.

The committee in charge of the special assessment for the striking machinists reports the boys are coming across fine with the "kale." We have some members whose unionism stops when it touches their pocketa but they are of a negligible quantity, however. John Archambault says you would need a microscope to see them.

We do not hear very much about our sportsmen these days. The brothers will do well to remember to keep in shape for the greatest [illegible] to be held at Lansdowne Park Labor Day.

We see the boys are bowling at the City Hall greens. There is no doubt that the fire department will have a formidable team in this line of sport in the near future. Bill Duncan can steer pretty close to the mark and, with Sergt. Daoust bringing up the tail-end along, we should soon be able to run the other teams down.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction the fire fighters of Canada note that the executive of our International has now become affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, thereby enabling us to have the same privileges as our brothers across the line have from the A. F. of L.

Cleburne, Texas, have won their campaign for an increase in salary. Fine work; let's hear more good news.

Fire Chief Russell, of Toronto, has recommended to the Board of Control that the salaries of all the Toronto firemen be increased $100 per year, dating from July 1. The fire chief points out that the average salary of a first year fireman in Canadian cities, exclusive of Toronto, is $1,153, and in the United States $1,239. Toronto firemen first year men receive $1,154.

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APPRECIATE ORGANIZER'S WORK.

At the last meeting of the Federal Union, which charter takes in all the men employed at the Ottawa Gas Works, appreciation for services rendered was in evidence. The event happened at the close of the session when the president called upon their organizer, Mr. M. J. Burke to accept from the members a beautiful eight-day clock as a mark of their appreciation of the services he had rendered their union. The president stated that had it not been for the faithful service of Mr. Burke, they would not now have been enjoying the conditions, which they fully appreciated. Through systematic and well directed leadership of Organizer Burke that success essential to permanent unionism had been obtained, and the Trades Council made no mistake in having such a man as Organizer Burke on their efficient staff. Organizer Burke, although somewhat surprised, replied in humorous way thanking the boys for the appreciable and kindly token, adding that he had given his services freely and to the cause which he had at heart. Further, although surprised, anything could be expected from such a fine body of men. His remarks brought forth rounds of applause.

Will the union take part in the Labor Day parade? Well, we guess they are going to make some showing, and will be one of the elite in the matter of appearance to forward their programme. A special committee was appointed with instructions to leave no stone unturned to be the best in the ranks of the paraders.

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BARBERS DON'T WANT TIPS.

"We'd just as soon not have tips. A tip is charity, and as often as not we take it just to oblige the customer and not hurt his feelings. We certainly don't look for tips if we get the wage we are asking for."

Such was the comment made before the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Council last Friday by Arthur Aubrey, business agent of Ottawa barbers' union, when he explained why the barbers were on strike.

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STREET RAILWAY MEN'S RESPONSIBILITY AND PAY.

"We are the most underpaid of all workers. Our highest paid men get 6 cents less than civic laborers, our lowest 10 cents less an hour. A large section of the public think our demands unreasonable. And yet they boast of the high calibre and courtesy of the men employed on the electric railway. That is what the president told me was said to him in New York. And let me tell you that the man driving a twenty-five ton car through a street where all kinds of traffic is on the right of way has a greater responsibility for the lives of his passengers than the locomotive engineer who drives on a right of way that belongs to the company he serves." Thus spoke Delegate McCaffrey, president of the Ottawa Street Railway Employes' Union, at the last meeting of the Allied Trades and Labor Council, when explaining the local street railway strike.

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WESTBORO RETURNED MEN NOT STRIKE BREAKERS.

At the last regular meeting of the Westboro branch of the G. W. V. A. Mr. Jas. Hossack, president of that branch, in speaking on the unfortunate street railway tie-up in Ottawa, expressed his gratification that the Westboro branch, while maintaining an attitude of strict neutrality, was able to affirm that there is not up to the present, nor is there likely to be in the future, a single strike-breaker among its membership.

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STEAM AND OPERATING ENGINEERS.

Ottawa local of Steam and Operating Engineers are approaching the position of being solidly organized in the city. For some time past the shift working on the building trades have carried union cards, the week end being the stationary men. The situation is now [illegible] a rush from the stationary men's ranks into membership is taking place, each meeting seeing strong additions.

The wisdom of the appointment of Organizer Chas. Lewis on a permanent basis has been fully justified, the results more than passing anticipations. An interest in the organization in the outlying sections is also in evidence. Calls for the services of the organizer have been received, the latest being from Cornwall, where a sufficient number of names has been secured in this small town to secure a charter.

The services of Pres. Frank Lafortune for organization purposes are being fully utilized, his ability as a platform speaker, especially in the French language, assures him a hearty welcome [illegible] meetings.

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BAKERY DRIVERS OUT.

"In the event that this agreement is not accepted by the Master Bakers' Association, the local union offer to accept an arbitration board as provided for in the Industrial Disputes Act of the Federal Government."

Despite the above clause in the proposed agreement with the master bakers of Ottawa and the bakery drivers, members of Local Union No. 488, no action was taken by the bosses, although conferences have been held for the past six weeks.

A meeting of the bakery drivers was held in St. Anne's Hall on Wednesday night and the men decided to go on strike and, as a result, no bread was delivered in Ottawa on Thursday, nor will there be until the men's demands are met. The men [illegible] the bakery drivers of Toronto.

Following is the agreement that the drivers placed before the master bakers:—

Agreement Between ——— and Local Union, No. 488, Baker Drivers' International Union.

That a minimum wage of $21 be paid weekly to all experienced bread drivers, and that where the system of commission is in vogue the same shall be continued without changes. That drivers now receiving a weekly wage of $20 or over shall be given an increase of $2 per week over present rate.

Drivers with less than three months' experience, shall be paid a weekly wage of $18.

That in the case of inspectors it shall be optional to the individual inspectors as to his membership in the union and are to receive an increase of $2 over present rate.

That all public holidays be granted with pay, save and except when safe fall on a Saturday or Monday, in which event the holiday lost will be later granted through arrangement. This not to apply to New Year's Day, Labor Day and Christmas Day, these days being conceded.

That all bakery drivers shall be members of local 488.

In the event of men employed not being members of the union, the same shall make application for membership withi 30 days.

It is conceded that no round should require more than a nine-hour work day, this being a general principle which employer and employe is to endeavor to maintain.

That this agreement shall be effective until June 1, 1920. It is being agreed that the same is retroactive to June 1, 1919, in all particulars.

In the event that this agreement is not accepted by the Master Bakers' Association, the local union offer to accept an arbitration board as provided for in the Industrial Disputes and Arbitration Act of the Federal Government.

Notice of acceptance or rejection of the foregoing to be made by letter or through personal appearance of the representatives of the Master Bakers' Association on or before Wednesday, July 9, at 5 p.m., for presentation at a specially called meeting at Ste. Anne's Hall, Ottawa.

Submitted on behalf of Union 488.

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WINNIPEG VISITOR.

Alderman A. A. Heaps, of Winnipeg, arrived in Ottawa on Thursday morning, and will place the Winnipeg situation before the workers of Ottawa at a public meeting in St. Anne's Hall on Friday night.

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BARBERS' UNION STRIKE.

In all shops where the new agreement has not been signed the men are on strike, and will not return to work until their demands are met.

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NO CHANGE IN MACHINISTS' STRIKE.

There is no change in the local machinists' strike. The men are still out and are determined to carry the fight to a successful conclusion. The Ottawa Car Company still refuse to negotiate with the union. Ottawa trade unionists are continuing their financial and moral support to the striking machinists in their just cause. About a dozen machinists employed by the J. R. Booth Company returned to work Monday, remaining only a day. The men resumed work on an understanding that an offer satisfactory to them would be made as soon as they resumed work. This was not forthcoming, and the men again laid down their tools. The Booth company offered a nine-hour day, whereas the men expected compliance with the eight-hour day remand. The international representative, Mr. H. W. Harper, who is now acting vice-president of the union in Canada, is in the city.

GUELPH TRADES COUNCIL CALLS FOR UNITED EFFORT.

The Guelph Trades and Labor Council recently passed a resolution calling for united effort on the part of organized Labor in Canada to quell the present industrial unrest.

A copy of the resolution is being sent to all Trades and Labor Councils in Canada asking for endorsation and support.

The following is the resolution:

"That whereas, the present industrial unrest that is now spreading over the Dominion of Canada resulting in strikes both ordered and sympathetic is revealing to us in a manner both plain and unmistakable that there is grave need of vital changes in our present methods of administration if the solidarity of Labor is to be maintained and made effective and the great body of organized workers are to be kept as a well ordered and disciplined force.

"That whereas, there are only two ways of giving expression to working class aspirations, namely my our own ballot or by industrial action and the right to strike.

"Realizing also, that the weakness of the Canadian Labor Movement arises largely because of the fact that there is no machinery that can make operative the full power of the labor movement in Canada.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the Guelph Trades and Labor Council desire the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress to take immediately whatever steps may be necessary to bring into line the various interests involved: the A.F. of L., International Unions, and Canadian organizations, the object being to form a National Council of Labor that shall have mandatory power to take concerted action on behalf of Canadian labor. When the course of events may justify the taking of concerted action so that in all matters affecting Canadian labor the full and united strength of Canadian labor may be applied."

DO NOT PLAY WITH MATCHES.

Matches are very useful, but they are not toys. When you play with matches you are taking a most ter-

CHANGE THE AUTHORITY.

[illegible] incompetent, unjust, unfair, and dishonest as to motives and conduct as it may be, everybody might as well concede that constituted authority in this country has to be recognized, and its mandates obeyed. If Canada were not a democratic government in form—even if its democracy in fact be questioned—there would be an excuse for the people rising up as was done in Russia, unseating officialdom and setting up a new and really democratic government. In Canada the means of changing the personnel of said distasteful constituted authority is at hand. Organized Labor, the United Farmers, and the rank and file of unclassified social strata are nauseated. The farmers all over the country are refusing to be flimflammed by party politicians longer. Organized Labor is dabbling in politics with the Dominion Labor party, while the O. B. U. has been trying to precipitate a revolution.

All these forces wanting a radical departure in government policies need to do but one thing and one thing only to get whatever is wanted. Let these forces unite, move into one or both of the political parties, take possession of the machinery of said parties, and run said parties to suit themselves. Primaries and conventions are being held throughout the country. Organized Labor in the city, the farmer in the country, need only to step out and choose their own delegates to conventions, elect their own candidates and control the entire show. A farmer, Labor, and real House of sure enough Commons would be elected.

With all the constitutional machinery at hand, with a form of [illegible] from servants of big interests whenever the people as a whole take a notion to do it, there is no need for Bolshevism.

—Edmonton Free Press.

RETURNED SOLDIERS AND STRIKES.

At the last regular meeting of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council the question of soldiers taking vocational training and their status when employed in shops where a union strike was called was discussed at length. Delegate James Girvan, in citing individual cases, said:

"The men don't know what to do in cases of strikes. They don't want to work under the stigma of being scabs. The council should investigate this matter. The men are in a delicate position. They either must go ahead and work or lose their six months' vocational pay allowance."

Delegate James Simpson at this juncture remarked that he had received the assurance of one of the officials of the D. S. C. R. that soldiers would not be called upon to work in shops where a strike was in progress. This, he further declared, was the general stated policy of the re-establishment officials. The council referred the question to one of the committees for further investigation.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE AT AMSTERDAM.

The delegates representing the American Federation of Labor at the international Labor conference to be held in Amsterdam on July 26 will be Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation, and Daniel J. Tobin, of Boston, Massachusetts, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and treasurer of the Federation. This conference will discuss the international Labor conference to be held in Washington, District of Columbia, in October under the terms of the league covenant.

No representatives of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress will attend this conference according to information obtained at the Congress office at Ottawa.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

MINERS REFUSE TO ACCEPT TERMS.

The miners have refused to accept the employers' terms and the strike continues in the centre and south of France. The negotiations are continuing.

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SERIOUS RIOTS AT FLORENCE.

Serious riots have occurred at Florence in protest against the high cost of living. Mobs sacked several shops in the outskirts of the town. At the gates of the city rioters held up merchants coming in with their produce and fixed their own prices.

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REDUCE WORK HOURS BRITISH COAL MINES.

In the British House of Commons on Tuesday the home secretary introduced a bill providing for an amendment to the Coal Mines Act by which seven hours is substituted for eight and eight for nine and one-half. If after the end of 1920 Parliament adopts a resolution that the economic position of the coal industry will permit of further reduction in working hours then from July 13, 1921, the miners' day will be six hours.

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LABOR DEMONSTRATION.

The executive committee of the General Labor Federation of France announces that after conferring with British and Italian "comrades" plans are being laid for an international labor manifestation on July 21, when there will be a complete stoppage of all work in France and Italy. The objects of the demonstration, it is said, are "the cessation of armed intervention in Russia, the rapid demobilization of armies, the restoration of constitutional rights, full and absolute amnesty, and, above all, a war on the increased cost of living by all possible means."

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MINERS AND NATIONALIZATION

Mr. William Straker, secretary of the Northumberland Miners Association, and a member of the executive of the Miners Federation of Great Britain, when questioned recently as to why nationalization should bring a change in the present temper of the miners, replied: "Because the men would then feel that they have some control over their own energies, and are not merely at the whim and direction of others and in very little better position than the horses they drive or the machines they have to attend. The desire for betterment of position which cannot be crushed has made itself felt in the ranks of Labor, and has given rise to more unrest than anything else."

Asked if the scheme of profit sharing would produce the result, Mr. Straker replied: "I think the unrest is deeper than mere pounds, shillings, and pence."

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EMANCIPATION BILL.

The Woman's Emancipation Bill, which has been before the British House of Commons for some time, was defeated July 4. The motion to reject was offered by Major Waldorf Astor, and was carried by a vote of 100 to 85.

Major Astor announced that the Government next week intended to introduce a bill to take the place of the Emancipation Bill. This bill will provide for the placing of men and women on equal right terms in civil and judicial matters. The measure, Major Astor said, will be wide and comprehensive.

The Woman's Emancipation Bill was backed by the Labor party. It was offered by its sponsors to bring about political and legal equality of men and women in Great Britain. Among other disqualifications of women to be removed by the bill was that preventing women from sitting in the House of Lords.

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MINERS' FEDERATION CONGRATULATED.

The national executive of the Labor Party, at its last meeting, adopted a resolution heartily congratulating Mr. Adamson on having secured the appointment of a royal commission to inquire into the demand for the nationalization of mines. The executive welcomed the appointment of six miner representatives on this commission as a valuable precedent in support of Labor's claim to representation on all such royal commissions and departmental committees, and thanked the six commissioners for their skillful conduct of the inquiry which had elicited much important information in support of the policy of nationalization. The executive further directed the attention of organized workers to the effort now being made by the vested interests to influence the commission and the Government, and urged them to be vigilant in order to protect the interests of consumers and producers by supporting the policy of public ownership.

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WANTS LEAGUE TO BE REAL LEAGUE SOON.

In the course of the debate ensuing upon Premier Lloyd George's exposition of the Peace Treaty, Rt. Hon. W. Adamson (Labor) congratulated the Prime Minister on the accomplishment of the most stupendous task which had ever confronted the head of a democratic country.

"Labor," said Mr. Adamson, "always insisted that Germany must make full reparation for the wanton destruction done in allied countries. Labor, however, had not agreed to the exclusion of Germany from the League of Nations. They wanted to see the league become, at the earliest possible date, a real league, and not a league of the allied countries only."

He expressed regret that the treaty did not contain machinery for the abolition of conscription in the allied countries as well as in Germany. He hoped that, now the treaty was signed, the Germans would realize that their only chance for peaceful and ordered development, from the old conditions to the new, lay in trying to give effect to the terms of the treaty.

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INFANT MORTALITY ON THE INCREASE.

No fewer than 16,855 people were lost in England and Wales during the first three months of the year—lost because they were never born. The Registrar-General states this much in his quarterly return.

Further disquieting news is to the effect that not only were people neglecting to get married, but the death rate was higher, with the resultant loss to the state of the number indicated.

The exact totals of births, deaths and marriages for the three months under review are:

	1918.	1919.
Births	162,308	144,920
Deaths	138,005	191,922

The statistics of the weddings are for the three months ending December 31, 1918, and, compared with the preceding three months, the numbers were 150,018, showing a decrease of 7,842.

With regard to the births, it is interesting to note that the boys predominated this time with 74,548, as against 70,372 girls. Illegitimacy is on the increase.

With respect to the deaths, an analysis of the returns shows that infant mortality was 31 per thousand in excess of the figures for the same period over the past ten years.

The ravages of the recent influenza epidemic were responsible for nearly 20 per cent. of the total deaths registered last quarter. To be exact, no fewer than 37,697 died in the first thirteen weeks of this year from the scourge.

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Labor News From the Busy City of Hamilton

Last Friday's regular meeting of the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council was a "cooker" from President Ald. Thomas O'Heir calling the delegates to order, until he sounded adjournment with a heavy rap of the gavel. And "Tommy" quaily heaved a welcome sigh of relief and mopped his sweated brow. The session had been a "corker." The large hall—unfortunately fanless—was no cooler than hades. One delegate stated it was 120 degrees and he wasn't far out.

John A. Flett, [illegible] Federation of Labor organizer, during his address to the delegates, was merciless in his denunciation of the One Big Union idea. To the evident delight of his auditors, Mr. Flett, several times, took "heavy falls" out of the O. B. U. element, who limited are T. and L. Council delegates, and whose votes are to be heard infrequently espousing the O. B. U. and other extreme radical causes. Of course they "don't get far away with their hypothetical, high-flown sentiment." The saner element of the council see to that.

Applause greeted Mr. Flett when he said that the advocates of O. B. U. in the trades union movement were a menace and detriment to organized labor. In fact he asserted with emphasis: "They are a bigger menace than the most rabid and reactionary element of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, who love trades unionism, as much as the "devil likes holy water."

There was much debate regarding the question of tax rates. Several delegates in their five minutes oration, cited glaring cases of under valuation assessments. Intsances were mentioned where properties assessed for only $1,300 and $2,300 were in the market for $3,500 and $5,000. It was little wonder the speakers sarcastically remarked that the municipal financiers were in a quandary as to how to make ends meet and accede to the requests for more pay from the civic officials and inside and outside toilers.

Victor Croome, the council's representative on the Triangle Committee, reported that business was good at the Ontario Employment Bureau, but Labor was very scarce. He stated further that some days ago a request was received from the Grand Trunk Railway to furnish 200 sectionmen. Enquiries, however, elicited that there was a strike on at one of the sections, so the bureau officials took no action, and filed the request.

A discussion took place concerning the strike of the employes from the Beaver Board Company's plant at Thorold, Ont. It was stated that the firm was resorting to strong-arm and arrogant methods in its effort to defeat the strikers, so a motion was passed commissioning Secretary Rollo to communicate with Hon. Senator Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, and Hon. I. B. Lucas, Provincial Secretary, directing their attention to these facts. Delegates stated that gun-men, acting for the company were guarding the plant. "This should be stopped at once, for it tends to incite riots, and might result in loss of life," said a delegate.

In behalf of the organization committee, Recording Secretary Harry G. Fester reported that a local union under the jurisdiction of the International Butchers', Meat Cutters and Packing House Employes Union had been organized. Further, the bread and cake wagon drivers of the city, who recently formed a union, were now 85 per cent. organized.

It was announced that on July 8 President Tom Moore, Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, would visit Hamilton, to confer with the Trades and Labor Council convention committee respecting arrangements for the big annual event, which convenes here on Monday, September 22.

Controller Harry Halford and Harry G. Fester, it was reported, will interview the Provincial Treasurer by appointment, with a view to secure a grant towards the congress convention.

Credentials were received from the following local unions Steam and Operating Engineers, No. 799; Carpenters and Joiners, No. 2612; Firemen's Federated Union, No. 11; Bread and Cake Wagon Drivers, No. 546.

Firemen Ask $200 Yearly Advance.

Last Wednesday night a deputation of city firemen waited on the fire, police and jail committee, and requested a pay increase of $200 per year, dating June 1. Ald. Thomas O'Heir (Labor) is chairman of the F. P. and J. committee. The deputation received [illegible] On motion of Controller [illegible] which proved satisfactory to the deputation—the request was referred to a special committee of four, to go into the matter. Ald. Charles Gleadow, who served with the colors, and is a member of the carpenters' union, though not elected to the City Council on the Labor ticket, favored granting the firemen's request. Controller Halford, in his remarks assured the firemen that every consideration would be given them. "Nothing was too good for them. If the city could afford to remit and give taxes away by the $10,000 yearly, it would be an easy matter to grant the firemen a reasonable pay boost," he said.

BUTCHERS STILL ORGANIZING.

Owing to the non-arrival of the charter and other union paraphernalia, the installation of officers elect and initiation of charter members of the newly organized Butchers', Meat-cutters' and Packing House Employes' Union was deferred until the next meeting, Thursday, July 10. So far the meetings are being held in the Moulders' Hall, for it is anticipated that when the organization gets going, several hundred members will have been enrolled. John A. Flett, Hamilton, organizer American Federation of Labor; Harry G. Fester, recording secretary, Trades and Labor Council, were the speakers. Victor Croome, a prominent member of Machinists' Union Local No. 414 and the T. and L. representative on the Triangle Committee, Ontario Employment Bureau, was the chairman. During the meeting 31 new members were enrolled and paid their membership deposit.

SHEET METAL TRADES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

Last Friday night in the labor hall, "Johnny" Kennedy, International organizer Sheet Metal Workers' Union, addressed a big assembly of members of Local Union No. 61. The local will launch a membership drive and a mass meeting will be held next week. The outside firms are organized 75 per cent. Efforts to organize the inside shops is the aim and prospects look bright.

NEWSY ITEMS.

The inaugural meeting of the T. and L. Council Labor Day Demonstration Committee convened last Sunday morning in the labor hall. There was a full turnout of delegates. The officers elected follow: Chairman, Ald. Charles I. Aitchison; secretary, Harry G. Fester; treasurer, Wm. Cassaday. Donation committee: E. J. Madden, V. Croome, H. Bourne, W. R. Rollo, H. G. Fester, L. Riley; tickets: W. Cassaday, H. G. Fester; sports: E. J. Madden, W. R. Rollo. The demonstration will be held in Dundurn, Victoria and Harvey parks. Some of the delegates favored Wabasso park, the popular resort delectably situated on the north shore of Hamilton bay. Secretary Fester was deputed to secure the required permits.

Getting ready for the big Independent Labor Party picnic in Wabasso park on Saturday, August 2, is the joint committee entrusted with the task of making arrangements. Another meeting of the committee was held last Sunday, Controller Halcrow presiding. Mrs. Harry G. Fester is secretary of the committee. It was announced that at least $,000 would take in the annual affair, providing the weather man was kind. Invitations have been sent to Toronto, Brantford, St. Catharines, Welland and other provincial labor party branches. Arrangements are under way to have several prominent Labor speakers address the picnickers.

Controller Halford, International vice-president, Journeymen Barbers' Union, received a hurry-up call to Kingston last Friday. And when Harry reached the Penitentiary City he learned that the tonsorial artists were idle. The barbers had notified the bosses that commencing Monday, July 7, the new wage scale would become effective. So the boss barbers decided to lock-out their help. "There is no settlement in sight yet," says Harry, "until the bosses revoke their rashness."

The Lathers' Union have initiated quite a few new members since the cut-rate initiation fee of $5 became effective. On Wednesday [illegible] will be held in the [illegible] for the purpose of lining up the odd few non-unionists.

So far no understanding has been reached between the Musicians' Union and the G. W. V. A. band regarding the latter joining the union. Negotiations are still under way and something soon will be affected. Incidentally the 52nd Highlanders and 13th Royal Regiment bands, who sent 120 of their members overseas and all of whom are back, both belong to the union.

The Patternmakers' local union has a membership of 27. Last Thursday night Harry Fester and H. Longfellow addressed the members. Their appeal for financial assistance to aid the striking local moulders and coremakers and Toronto Metal Trades strikers, fell not on deaf ears. A grant of $50 was made. And the speakers were told if that wasn't enough the "wood-chippers" would willingly assess themselves. If all the local unions "come across" so liberally, monetarily the strikers will be helped materially. Several other local unions have promised to donate something substantial to the relief fund. The machinists have taken up a subscription.

According to what the C.L.P. correspondent learns from the inside, the local Metal Trades Council isn't running altogether smoothly. It is said some of the delegates are extremely radical, which isn't good [illegible] Much "cross-firing" ensues at some of the sessions. Several of the delegates say they are "through" with the M.T.C. Their local must appoint somebody else. Such a condition, if true, is most regrettable. If anything is to be accomplished, harmony must predominate. "Carrying on" at sixes and sevens won't do! Some of the delegates reported to their local unions that the M.T.C. went on record barring delegates as members of the council, who are not working at the trade. This isn't meeting with very good favor. The question is being [illegible] "members of metal trades employed in other avocations"?

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And, by the way, 'tis said the General Workers' Union, a One Big Union affair, desires affiliation with the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council. The C.L.P. man read last Friday an unsigned communication which fell into the hands of a T. and L. Council official to this effect. Conspicuously displayed on the G.W.U. stationery, was the "fiery cross" emblem. Surely the officers of the G.W.U. realize they cannot affiliate with the T. and L. Council until they secure a charter from the A.F. of L. And then they officials they mean business, no pill have to convince the A.F. of L. carnival.

HALIFAX LABORERS STRIKE.

One hundred laborers employed at the Halifax shipyards went on strike on Tuesday because their employers refused a demand for higher wages. The men are asking 35 cents an hour. At present they are receiving 27 1-2 cents an hour.

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