

LABOR WILL NOT TOLERATE DELAY IN CONTINUANCE HYDRO RADIAL PROPOSALS

President Tom Moore, of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in Statement Makes Labor's Position Quite Clear in the Matter of Public Ownership.

That Labor is concerned in matters other than the shortening of hours and increases in nominal wages has again been illustrated by the interest Labor is taking in the development plans of Hydro radials throughout Ontario.

When Premier Drury of Ontario announced that a dual commission would be appointed to investigate the whole matter before the development work would be proceeded with and before the Hydro-Electric Commission, purchased certain franchises from the Dominion Government.

Public ownership of all franchises, such as railways, telegraphs, telephones, water works, lighting, etc., is one of the chief planks in the platform of principles of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress. This policy was not formulated before the whole matter was carefully considered and thought out.

The basis of trade unionism is to better the standard of living for all workers. Labor has found, by experience, that a raise in wages does not accomplish anything if the cost of commodities is accordingly increased.

International Seamen Fail to Get 48-Hr. Week

Although the proposition before the International Seamen's Conference at Genoa for an eight-hour day and a 48-hour week for seamen was favored by a substantial majority of the conference, it failed by a fraction of a vote to secure the necessary two-thirds for its adoption.

President Moore's statement of Thursday last follows: "I cannot understand the decision arrived at by Premier Drury and his Government."

O. B. U. PROPAGANDA RETARDING PROGRESS

Winnipeg Trades Council Opens its Organization Campaign.

The evil effects of the O.B.U. propaganda and its direct action policy are certainly seen today in the poor condition in which labor finds itself here, said W. H. Hoop, who is leading the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council's organization campaign, last Friday.

BRITISH MINERS WANT TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM IRELAND.

The Miners' Federation of Great Britain, in session at Leamington last week, adopted a resolution providing that if the Government does not withdraw the troops from Ireland, and cease furnishing war materials to enemies of the Bolsheviks, a general strike of all unions shall be called.

I. L. P. PREPARING FOR FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

The Provincial Executive of the Independent Labor Party will meet in the Labor Temple on July 18, when preparations will be made to work in conjunction with the U. F. O. in the next Dominion elections.

Commission to Investigate N. S. Mining Industry

The appointment of F. T. Quirk, Sir William Stavert and Mr. Hutchinson, as a Royal Commission to inquire into the mining industry of Nova Scotia, is being warmly commended by Secretary MacLachlan and Vice-President Ryan.

INVESTIGATE OTTAWA MILL MEN'S DISPUTE

Following the formal request of Mayor Fisher of the City of Ottawa, the Department of Labor established a Board of Conciliation and Investigation, under the Industrial Disputes Act, to deal with the dispute between the inside carpenters and laborers employed in the wood-working industry at Ottawa.

Immediately following the official announcement that a board was established, the men journeyed to the various factories to resume work, but the employers, who have refused to allow them to commence unless they did so under old conditions and that in event of the board awarding them the desired conditions, they will return to work.

NOVA SCOTIA FARMERS AND WORKERS UNITE.

At the Nova Scotia Farmers' convention, a Farmer-Labor fusion was brought about, the Labor party dropping two of its candidates and the Farmers accepting two.

O. B. U. DOES NOT BELIEVE IN FREE SPEECH.

If the breach in labor in Winnipeg is ever going to be healed, both sides will have to drop the present antagonistic attitude and reason the way out, said Robert Hewitt, of the Brotherhood of Railway Workers of America.

RAILWAY LABOR CHAIRMAN TO JUDGE WAGE AWARD.

A special meeting of the general chairman of 14 railroad labor organizations has been called to meet at Chicago on July 19 to consider the award of the United States Railroad Labor Board as soon as it is made.

GRAND TRUNK CLERKS ACCEPT BOARD'S AWARD.

Clerks in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway have accepted the award recommended recently by a Board of Arbitration.

CANADIAN WORKERS' FUTURE POLICIES WILL BE FORMULATED AT WINDSOR CONVENTION WHICH MEETS SEPT. 13

Annual Convention Call Issued by Dominion Trades and Labor Congress—Full Review of Work of Executive Council During Past Year—Much Has Been Accomplished—Much Yet To Be Done—A Representative Gathering of Delegates Expected.

Declaring that "the aggressive action of those workers who would destroy the International Trade Union movement still continues; that the rapid growth of mergers and huge trusts controlling the industries of this country cannot be safely ignored; that profiteering is still rampant and the benefits of labor are generally discounted before they have been received; that inequality in social life becomes daily more apparent; that inordinate wealth flagrantly displays itself ostentatiously before the eyes of the great mass of workers yet struggling for a reasonable standard of living; that unemployment still exists and production is curtailed by those who control the machinery of same; that freedom of speech and press is yet far from being an accomplished fact; that immigration and similar problems loom up with ever greater significance," the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress has issued the convention call for the 16th annual convention which will be held at Windsor, Ont., commencing on Monday, September 13, 1920.

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The 16th annual convention of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress was held in September, 1914, at Hamilton, Ont. An aggressive and militant policy was there formulated, and the policy was carried out, so far as has been humanly possible, the wishes of the rank and file. The past year has been a very strenuous one, and much has been accomplished.

Immediately following the Hamilton convention the International Labor Conference, called in connection with the Peace Treaty, was held in London in March, where arrangements were completed for the second International Labor Conference, which will be held in London in March, where arrangements were completed for the second International Labor Conference.

A meeting of the governing body of the International Labor Office was held at Geneva, Switzerland, in January, 1920. Secretary P. M. Draper was unable to attend, and President Tom Moore substituted for him. The Canadian Government appointed Tom Moore as its representative. Bad weather on the Atlantic delayed the transport, and the Canadian delegates did not arrive until the first meeting was almost over.

The Winnipeg general strike of last year had its aftermath in the trial of some of the men who took part therein. An insidious campaign was carried on by the opponents of the International Trade Union movement. An organized campaign was conducted against the Winnipeg executive council charging them with being largely defectors of the workers' rights affected by these trials.

DIXON TO LEAD LABOR PARTY IN MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

The appointment of Fred J. Dixon, M.L.A., as the leader of the Labor party in Manitoba, decision to convene the deferred session in the Paa, and the carrying out of arrangements for an organization campaign among the workers in the province, were the principal features of the program of the Dominion Labor party, held Saturday.

CANADIAN RY. WORKERS OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE.

Representatives of the railroad Brotherhoods and other international unions on the Canadian railroads have been instructed to attend a meeting in Chicago on July 19 to discuss the wage award which an independent tribunal in the United States will make on the demands of railroad workers.



P. M. DRAPER, the energetic secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress.

Executive Council was assembled and the policy of the Congress in the matter of the Winnipeg situation was formulated, having regard to the wishes of the rank and file as expressed at the Hamilton convention.

Immediately following this Executive Council meeting a special conference of all of the international unions affiliated with the Congress was held at Ottawa, at which President Tom Moore presided. At this conference the general industrial and a campaign committee was mapped out. The policy of the Congress in the Winnipeg situation was upheld and endorsed.

When the National Industrial Conference met at Ottawa last September, among other things, it was recommended that a conference should be held between representatives of the various provinces with representatives of the Dominion to consider the question of the co-ordination of labor legislation. This conference was held at Ottawa in May, and President Tom Moore was chosen by the Dominion Government as the workers' representative.

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Many other matters have been dealt with by the Executive Council of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress during the past year and it is safe to say that never has there been a more active conduct of the work undertaken by the organization than in the past year. It is true that we still have many of the evils with us but it is only by loyal action of the rank and file that workers themselves formulate that the evils can be removed. It is therefore necessary that the delegates to the next annual convention of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress come to the convention with constructive ideas and a record of their best efforts to make the International Trade Union movement in Canada a force in the industrial and social life of the nation.

Last year over nine hundred delegates attended. Let the record attendance be sustained this year. This can only be done by every local union sending its full quota of delegates.—J. A. P. H.

Why Coal Shortage When Many Western Mines on Short Shifts?

Statements have appeared in the press from time to time that a coal famine was facing the coal fields and, as per usual, to Labor was attached the blame. The workers, due to the interference of the union officials, are not working in sufficient abundance, and as a result Canada would be without coal in the very near future, is a common charge.

No Direct Action For British Trade Union Congress

For the second time within the year the British Trade Union Congress on Tuesday voted against "direct action."

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N. B. GOES "DRY."

With a majority of 2,696 for the retention of the Provincial Prohibition Act, and a majority of approximately 15,000 against the sale of light wines and beer, the Province of New Brunswick gave expression Saturday, to its position regarding the prohibition of alcohol.