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Some Results of The Ottawa Conference

Chief Value of Meeting of Employers, Employees and Third Group, Lies in Fact That It Has Paved Way to Better Relations—Action on Disputed Subjects

(Correspondence of The Times.)
Ottawa, Sept. 22.—The National Industrial Conference concluded its sessions Saturday afternoon after a busy week, keeping on with the work of the agenda almost up to the time of closing. At the final session several of the most important matters of the conference were still to be dealt with. The contentious matters before the conference, such as the eight hour day and the right of employees to organize—items two and four on the agenda—were still in the hands of the joint committees appointed to consider them; and as made manifest by the fact that until the closing hours of the conference a report was brought in. As was anticipated, no agreement was arrived at but something was done, at least, in that the two sides considered the very contentious and troublesome matters calmly and dispassionately and agreed, for the present at least, to disagree.

Just where the conference arrived at regarding them is indicated by the reports brought in. With regard to the eight hour day, as it is loosely called, the resolution brought in by the employers was as follows: That appropriate government commissions, composed of an equal representation of employers and employees of the various industrial, producing and distributing industries should be appointed to undertake investigations as to the adaptability of the House of Labor principles of the Peace Treaty to the different industries of the country, and to report as early as possible.

The general comment on this will probably be: "Another Commission!" but it is hard to see, under the circumstances, what other course could have been followed. The two parties were absolutely opposed in their views, and neither side showed disposition to relent, although some of the members of the conference expressed the belief that if they had had a longer time to discuss and deliberate some agreement might have been reached; and Mr. Shaw, who was the spokesman of capital, said they had had a longer time to discuss the question, but that the reports should simply be embodied in the general report of the conference. Mr. Shaw's suggestion for labor, made the suggestion that it might be the duty of the government to determine as to the value of the respective opinions presented, and prepare legislation dealing with the matter. The chairman agreed that this was the best course of action under the circumstances. Thus the back was passed back to the government, as was fully expected would be the case.

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The Employees' Side.

In presenting the employees side of the case, J. A. MacCalland proposed what may be the ultimate solution, advocating immediate legislation. Perhaps the main objection to the proposal, so far as the employers were concerned, was that there were certain industries, such as farming, fishing and lumbering, where, because of climatic and seasonal conditions the eight hour day would be impossible. The employees report suggested that if it can be established by investigation that this is so, they should be exempted. It is thought probable that if such an arrangement could be made, both sides might agree on the eight hour day. But there will be very great difficulty in securing permanent exemption of individual industries from the operation of the law, if it should be passed. It is now up to the government and probably to parliament, to thresh the matter out. The Third Group, as they are called, including various public, government and other interests, presented a separate report approving of the labor clauses of the Peace Treaty, and recommending that the governments of Canada provide for the eight hour day in all industries where it is now established and that after investigation by a commission the required legislation shall be enacted by the governments of Canada to all industries where it can be applied, having due regard to the curtailment of production and distribution. This is a somewhat diplomatic recommendation, neither very definite nor very courageous. It was explained that the idea was that which ever government, provincial or dominion, having jurisdiction should pass the law. The chairman remarked that "there have been so many commissions appointed that it is looked on by some people as a joke," but apparently something serious is hoped for from this one.

The other contentious matter referred to above was item No. 4 on the agenda: the right to organize, recognition of labor unions, and the right of collective bargaining. J. P. Anglin of Montreal presented the report on this subject for capital and it was, briefly, as follows: Employers admit the right of employees to join any lawful organization but they insist on the right to maintain open shop when desired. They also maintain that employers should not be required to negotiate except directly with their own employees. The report of labor did not insist on the closed shop principle expressly, stating that "entering into agreements and bargaining collectively with an association or union of employees does not mean the exclusion of the closed shop unless the agreement so provides." In the matter of the recognition of labor unions, they differed from the employers in using the term "duly accredited representatives" as defining those with whom the bargaining should be done. This would admit the using of agents by a union outside of the particular establishment concerned in the dispute, which was really the germ of the Winnipeg strike. They added a suggestion that legislation should be enacted making it unlawful to discharge an employee merely for belonging to a union or for legitimate union activities outside of working hours. The third group did not bring in any report on this question.

Better Than Expected.

Looking back over the conference it must be admitted that everything went off a great deal better than was anticipated. There were men present on both sides who might have precipitated trouble if they had not been kept in hand; but, generally speaking, the proceedings were very harmonious. While nothing actually constructive was accomplished, the way was paved for better relations and possible action in the future. Judging from the determination of the men, the more or less complaisant attitude of the employers, and the known feeling of the various governments, it would look as though the eight-hour day were on the way. The employers' main objection to it will be followed by still further demands for a reduction of hours, which they cannot possibly meet. Labor delegates at the conference admitted that this was only a start in the right direction.

The attitude of the labor leaders, generally speaking, was distinguished by sanity and moderation. There were some hot-heads at the meetings, particularly from Winnipeg, whom it must have required some trouble to keep under control; but they were never allowed to get far out of hand. And although many of the employers were certainly not in agreement with some of the things done and declared that they could never agree to an eight-hour day, there was never anything really unpleasant allowed by the chairman to develop.

W. L. Gray, formerly inspector with F. B. McCurdy & Company, who has been appointed the manager of the branch in succession to F. C. MacNeill, arrived in the city yesterday with his wife.

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Arrangements for exceeding the quantity which Bulgaria may retain under the treaty shall be placed at points indicated by the Allies. An inter-allied commission, supervised by the executive of the military, naval and aeronautic provisions of the compact.

Bulgaria must return all valuable objects and documents stolen for the Allies and deliver up to military courts of the Allies persons guilty of acts contrary to the laws of war.

Finally, Bulgaria must pay an indemnity of 2,250,000,000 francs, which must be turned over within a specified number of years.

FORMER ARMY OFFICERS CANNOT FIND POSITIONS

London, Sept. 24.—From all parts of the country come reports of the difficulty demobilized officers are having to find jobs. Those former officers with wives and families to support are in many cases living on meagre pensions.

One of the most remarkable cases of unemployment is that of a Cambridge University graduate, who for the greater part of the war held an important command in the army and subsequently temporary post of great responsibility in a government department. He is armed with a letter from the War Office thanking him for his services and advising that "there are few people with greater organizing ability, more charming manners, greater tact and drive than yourself."

Another letter to the same effect from Lord Geddes, president of the Board of Trade, expresses "warm thanks for your loyal and devoted co-operation in very difficult work." King George bestowed on him the order of Commander of the British Empire.

But these credentials have been of no avail in his quest for suitable employment in this country, and in despair he says that he is going to America next month.

Ex-officers have discovered that the business world regards long military service as a disadvantage rather than an asset. An infantry captain, forty-three years old, with a wife and three children, said: "I have farmed in South Africa, served with the Natal Mounted Police, and prospected for gold. I want an outdoor job connected with agriculture, with a minimum salary of \$1,250. I cannot get one for a free trial package by mail. You will then be convinced. Don't delay. Take no substitute."

Local No. 919, Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, held its annual meeting in Oldfellow's Hall, last evening. Matters of routine business were transacted and a fine address given by W. F. Hatheway on women's registration for voting. Manford Price was elected vice-president. No other officers were elected.

ELECTION REFORMER.



S. W. Jacobs, K. C., M. P. of Montreal whose bill to make federal bye-elections automatic after the British system was defeated in the House of Commons.

Cathedral Dedicated.

Charlottetown, Sept. 24.—This is an auspicious week for the Roman Catholics of Prince Edward Island. Today their new St. Dunstan's Cathedral which has risen from the ashes of the fire of March, 1913, more magnificent and more beautiful than ever, was solemnly dedicated to divine worship by a direct representative of the pope, the apostolic delegate, Pietro Dimaria.

The feature of the dedication service this forenoon was the celebration of pontifical high mass by the delegate. There were in attendance Archbishop McCarthy, of Halifax; Bishop Morrison, of Antigonish (a former rector of St. Dunstan's); Bishop O'Brien, of Charlottetown; Bishop LeBlanc, of St. John; Bishop Emard, of Valleyfield (Que.); Bishop McNally, of Calgary; Bishop O'Brien, of Peterborough (Ont.), and about a hundred priests from the island and other provinces.

The annual meeting of the C. G. R. employs Insurance Association, Salisbury-St. John district, was held last night and the following were elected to compose the executive for the coming year: Thomas Donovan, H. J. Hennessey, F. T. Yeomans, J. J. Chandler, secretary. W. A. Spear was elected delegate to the annual meeting to be held in Moncton.



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A COMMITTEE TO PROBE ELECTION SCANDAL DENIED

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—Stormy scenes attended the refusal of the Government to appoint a parliamentary committee to investigate the grave charge of the opposition in the house of commons this afternoon that the premier and one of his ministers conspired at the last general election to manipulate the ballots of thousands of overseas soldiers. Amid intense excitement and disorder, floor leader McKenzie accused Hon. Arthur Meighen of sending a telegram in code from Winnipeg to Sir Robert Borden at Ottawa asking for one thousand floating votes for four Manitoba constituencies in which the Unionist forces feared they might be defeated. The Liberal house leader held that the honor of the ministers was involved. He said the code message indicated the existence of a widespread system of manipulation of votes for the purpose of defeating the will of the Canadian people.

Hon. Mr. Meighen made a heated reply. He said he would not agree to the appointment of a parliamentary committee to probe the charges because Mr. McKenzie was not sincere in asking for an investigation. All that he wanted was newspaper publicity.

PROTEST PROPOSED INCREASE IN TELEGRAPHIC RATES.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association held in Winnipeg, a resolution was passed in connection with the application made by the Canadian telegraph companies for an increase of rates. It read as follows: "Whereas the Canadian telegraph companies are asking for an approximate increase of 25 per cent in their rates, and whereas the members of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, limited, are amongst the largest users of the telegraph service, and whereas no satisfactory evidence has been submitted to warrant such an increase.

"Now therefore be it resolved that the Railway Commission be memorialized before granting any such increase, to institute a thorough and searching investigation with a view to deciding whether such increase is justified."

And, further, that when the matter is under investigation, the question of discrimination in telegraph rates (claim-

ed to be in force against Winnipeg) be considered, and if found that such discrimination exists, that satisfactory adjustments be made in the existing rates."

MILK PRODUCERS MUST SHOW CAUSE FOR ANY INCREASE

Montreal, Sept. 24.—The milk producers and distributors of Montreal have been ordered by the board of commerce to appear at the city hall tomorrow afternoon to show cause why they propose to raise the price of milk. The order was issued at the request of Dr. W. A. L. Styles, of the Baby Welfare League, who demanded an order restraining the producers and distributors from raising the price of milk. No other complaints were laid before the board this morning.

John T. Hawke, managing editor of the Montreal Transcript, will address the meeting of the local Board of Trade in October on "The Land of the Rising Sun and Its Claim."

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