LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

WOODWORKERS ACCEPT AWARD OF THE BOARD

Appoint Committees to Meet With the Employers.

Inside Woodworkers, Local No. 646, unanimously accepted the award of the Board of Conciliation at a large and representative meeting of the Union at St. Anne's Hall Friday night. The statement given to the press was: "Union No. 646, Inside Woodworkers, unanimously accept the award of the Board of Conciliation and Investigation, both majority and minority reports. In accordance with the same, the employes of the different shops appointed their committees to interview the employers during the next week to try to bring about an amicable settlement."

The meeting was addressed by Mr. M. M. McLean, general secretary of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employes, Controller John Cameron and others.

The committees appointed were: W. C. Edwards and Company—Edward Piecki, Alex. Vanasse, Eugene Delorme; James Davidson Company—Ernest Amyotte, Joseph Percin, Nap. Derige; Geo. M. Mason—Charles E. Fisher, Joseph Marinier, Thomas Harris; McAuliffe & Davis—Archie Evraire, Joseph Charron, Edward Dinelle; James Oliver & Son—E. Saucier, William Stowell, Joseph Beaudien; M. C. Neate & Son—Charles Dawson, H. C. Avery, Philip Houle; Ottawa Stair Works—J. W. Drew, Edward Sarault, Ernest Roy; James Hill & Son—W. Phypers, R. Mould, J. Klegan; R. A. Sproule & Son—Walter Wilson, R. Bisson, Armand Carriere; Ottawa Car Company—W. L. Wagner, D. Birt, James Lucas; Martin-Orme Factory—J. C. Osborne, William Sutton, R. Cote.

OTTAWA.

LOCAL PROJECTIONISTS NEGOTIATE NEW SCHEDULE.

Fourth Vice-President Wm. Covert, of the International Alliance of T. S. E. and M. P. M. O. of America was in Ottawa last Sunday, and attended a meeting of the local projectionists. A committee of three, namely, President Wm. Hartlett, Secretary Wm. Maynard, and Business Agent Wm. Lane, with the international "Wm." met with the local theatre managers and at the end of a conference which lasted one hour and fifty minutes it was announced that from Sept. 6 the wage schedule would be $37 per week. This is an increase of $11 per week.

Business Agent Wm. Lane was elected to represent the local at the annual convention of the Trades Congress, which meets at Windsor on Sept. 13.

OTTAWA TRADES COUNCIL.

Many questions of interest to the workers of the Capital city were dealt with at the last session of the Allied Trades and Labor Association, held on Friday night. President F. Lafortune presided, and there was a goodly number of delegates present.

Credentials were received from the Journeymen Tailors' Union and the Associated Federal Employes of Ottawa, Federal Union No. 66.

Amongst the communications was one from the International Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Union, having to deal with the local situation, and pointing out that the campaign against unfair shops will be carried on despite the fact that one of the employers has a fund of $50,000 to defeat organized labor. The letter brought a little discussion as to the best means of securing victory for the organized workers. Organizer James Walsh of the International Union was present, and was given the privilege of addressing the council.

Approval of the move to have a uniform fire call was given. This was brought to public attention at the recent convention of fire chiefs, at St. Thomas.

The cement shortage and its effect on the building and construction industries was noted by the executive council, who recommended that the matter be referred to the annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress, which meets at Windsor, on September 13.

Increased telephone rates were not approved. The executive recommended that the council join with other bodies in opposing the proposed increase, and recommended that no increase be allowed until full justice of the telephone company's claim was established. It was further recommended that this public utility should no longer be in the hands of a private corporation.

While the executive did not bring in a recommendation on the move to have the municipality grant loans to private owners of lots, expression of opinion was sought, and after a little discussion, in which many of the members took part, the following resolution was carried unanimously. That this trades council approves the move for the loaning of money by the city to enable owners of lots to build homes.

A report of progress was made by the Labor Temple committee. The chairman, Delegate F. McRae, was absent through illness. The report was made by Delegates Lodge and Haydon.

Delegates Haydon, Jennings, Messick, Clarke and Beaudret were named as a union label committee. During the discussion regarding the use and abuse of the union label, it was announced by Delegate Haydon that in a very short time Ottawa paper mills would be manufacturing paper bearing the union watermark. This information was received with applause.

A resolution having to deal with the co-operative movement was introduced by the Associated Federal Employes, and is dealt with in another column. The executive were instructed to bring in a list of names to constitute the committee.

Labor Day preparations are going nicely, according to the report of Chairman Lodge of that committee.

TEAMSTERS' ORGANIZATION CAMPAIGN.

All teamsters and chauffeurs are asked to attend a mass meeting in Ste. Anne's Hall on Sunday afternoon, August 29, at 2.30 p.m. Addresses will be delivered by President F. Lafortune and Secretary Wm. Lodge of the Allied Trades and Labor Association and the members of the organization committee. Efforts are also being made to have President Tom Moore of the Trades and Labor Congress deliver an address.

All trade unionists are requested to assist in the campaign to unionize the teamsters and chauffeurs in Ottawa. If you come in contact with teamsters a word or two might go a long way in assisting the organizers.

BROOM AND WHISK MAKERS PROGRESS.

At the last regular meeting of the newly organized broom and whisk makers' union the members were addressed by Secretary Wm. Lodge and Executive Board member Chas. W. Lewis of the Allied Trades and Labor Association. The new union decided to participate in the celebration of Labor Day and it is expected that they will have a float in the parade.

HAMILTON.

ANOTHER ORGANIZATION CAMPAIGN FOR METAL TRADES.

On September 7 another organization campaign will be launched under the auspices of the Hamilton Metal Trades Council. This was decided on at a special meeting of the Metal Trades Council delegates and special committee from affiliated local unions. President Frank Farrell was in the chair. It was announced that Secretary Berres, metal trades department of the A. F. of L., had promised every assistance to strengthen the metal trades organizations of Hamilton. International metal trades headquarters will be requested to send one international representative for the start of the campaign. Before the campaign opens another meeting of the delegates and metal trades committee will be held to plan a line of action.

B. T. C. "GET TOGETHER."

The first of a series of educational campaign meetings held under the auspices of the Hamilton Building Trades Council was held in the Labor Hall last week. The "get-together" proved so successful that the large auditorium was filled to capacity with B. T. C. delegates and affiliated local union executives. H. Longfellow was in the chair and the speakers were: S. Lawrence, Organizer J. J. Thomas, J. Lepley, F. Farrell, and H. G. Fester.

Mr. Farrell reported to the gathering that he had received a communication from the secretary of the Contractors' Association relative to the recent strike of building laborers. Mention was made in connection with the settlement, over which there was some misunderstanding. It was stated that the matter would be dealt with at the next employers' meeting, with a view to submitting the laborers' case to arbitration.

WOULD TAKE OVER TELEPHONES.

"I'm in favor of making a strong protest to the Government and asking it to take it over from the company," said Controller O'Heir last week when asked his opinion of the application of the Bell Telephone Company for increased rates.

"It is time the Government controlled it now that it is practically a necessity," the controller asserted. "I would favor the Government stepping in and taking the company over. There is practically no chance of competition and why should the telephone company be guaranteed eight per cent.? I'd just pay it what it put into the company without any watered stock or anything else."

TEXTILE WORKERS AT HAMILTON JOIN MOVEMENT.

Last week in the Labor Hall a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council organization committee decided to co-operate during the organization campaign of the Textile Workers' Union, recently formed at Hamilton. Arrangements will be made to hold a mass meeting of west end textile employes, at which Hon. W. R. Rollo will be asked to speak. International Organizer J. J. Thomas reported that the membership was rapidly being built up and prospects were that in the early future a 100 per cent. branch would be established.

ENGINEERS' DELEGATE TO INT. CONVENTION.

Business Agent E. Longfellow, of local No. 700, steam and operating engineers' union, who has been named by the membership to attend the Pittsburg, Pa., international convention next month, will leave for the "smoky city" soon after Labor Day.

TORONTO.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS' BOARD'S AWARD.

Substantial increases in wages to the employes of the Toronto Railway Company, Toronto Power Company, and the Toronto and Niagara Power Company, are recommended in the majority award of the Board of Conciliation. The report is signed by U. E. Gillen, chairman, and Fred Bancroft, for the employes, and it states that W. H. Moore will submit a separate report. The employes involved are employed both at Toronto and Niagara Falls. About 450 men are affected by the award.

A summary of the increases is as follows:

Electrical workers employed in Toronto, are increased from 10 to 12 cents per hour over present rates, or from $4.40 to $5.20 a week for each employe.

Electrical workers at Niagara Falls are increased approximately five cents per hour for each employe over present rates, and it is pointed out that some of the employes had an increase since May 1st, this year. It is understood that the electrical men at Niagara Falls had an increase of approximately five cents per hour since May 1st.

Machinists' wages are increased ten cents per hour, or $4.40 per week, and the helpers seven cents per hour, or $3.08 per week. The rate for the machinists is 81 cents per hour.

The wood-workers or carpenters are increased 10 cents per hour, or $4.40 per week.

TORONTO NO PLACE FOR UNEMPLOYED.

"Toronto is no place for people out of work to come to from other parts of the province," said J. A. Miller, superintendent of the Ontario Government Employment Bureau, in Toronto this week.

"There is not much work being offered in Toronto," he added, "but there is plenty of it outside the city."

Mr. Miller said that a number of men have been laid off work in Toronto factories and that other factories are practically marking time.

EASTERN CANADA.

WINDSOR BRICKLAYERS' DELEGATES.

At the last regular meeting of Local Union No. 6, Bricklayers', Masons' and Plasterers' International Union, Business Agent George Pirt was elected to represent the Windsor Bricklayers at the international convention to be held at Cleveland on October 4.

Secretary A. Morgan was elected a delegate to the provincial conference at Hamilton, and President A. Caman to the Trades and Labor Congress at Windsor.

MONTREAL MOVIE OPERATORS NEW SCHEDULE.

At a conference held this week between the executive of the International Alliance of Stage Employes and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the U.S. and Canada, and the managers of most of the Montreal theatres, a new scale of wages for the operators was drawn up.

The moving picture machine operators of the vaudeville houses where there is a continuous performance will receive a salary of $50 a week. In the vaudeville houses where there are only two or three shows a day, the operator will receive a salary of $46 a week. In the movie houses the machine operators will receive a salary of $45 a week.

The case of the stage employes has not yet been settled. The theatre managements have made offers to the employes, but no decision has been reached.

WOODWORKERS IN WESTERN ONTARIO FORM ASSOCIATION

The Woodworkers and Finishers of Kincardine, Walkerton, Southampton, Hanover, Meaford, Owen Sound, and Chesley have joined forces to try and get things going in a more satisfactory manner. The new organization is to be known as the North Western Ontario Educational Association. Officers are: President, E. C. Dash, Chesley; vice-president, E. Winkler, Hanover; treasurer, D. N. McDonald, Southampton; secretary, W. J. English, Chesley. The first meeting was held at the end of July and the second meeting is to be held at Meaford, on Saturday, August 28.

PRESTON BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' SUCCESSFUL SMOKER.

A successful smoker was held on Wednesday night, under the auspices of Local No. 554, Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, Hespeler. The president, Ernest Clarke, took charge of affairs and General Organizer Weeks, of the Stationary Engineers, gave a talk on general topics. The draw for the watch which the local union gave away for the benefit of one of its members, Roy D. Herrington, took place and the winning number was 340, held by George Scharlach, 42 Cedar street, north, Kitchener.

PETERBORO FIREMEN REFUSE TO ACCEPT THEIR DISCHARGES

Friday morning three union firemen were discharged from the Peterboro fire department by Fire Chief Grange for alleged incompetency. They refused to quit, and their fellow-employes are holding a meeting with a view of going out on strike in sympathy with the discharged men. All of the men discharged have been in the employ of the fire department for several years. The men claim the chief cause of their discharge is their criticism of Chief Grange, they having appeared before the Trades and Labor Council on Wednesday night with a suggestion for an investigation of the fire department.

LABOR TEMPLE FOR ST. THOMAS.

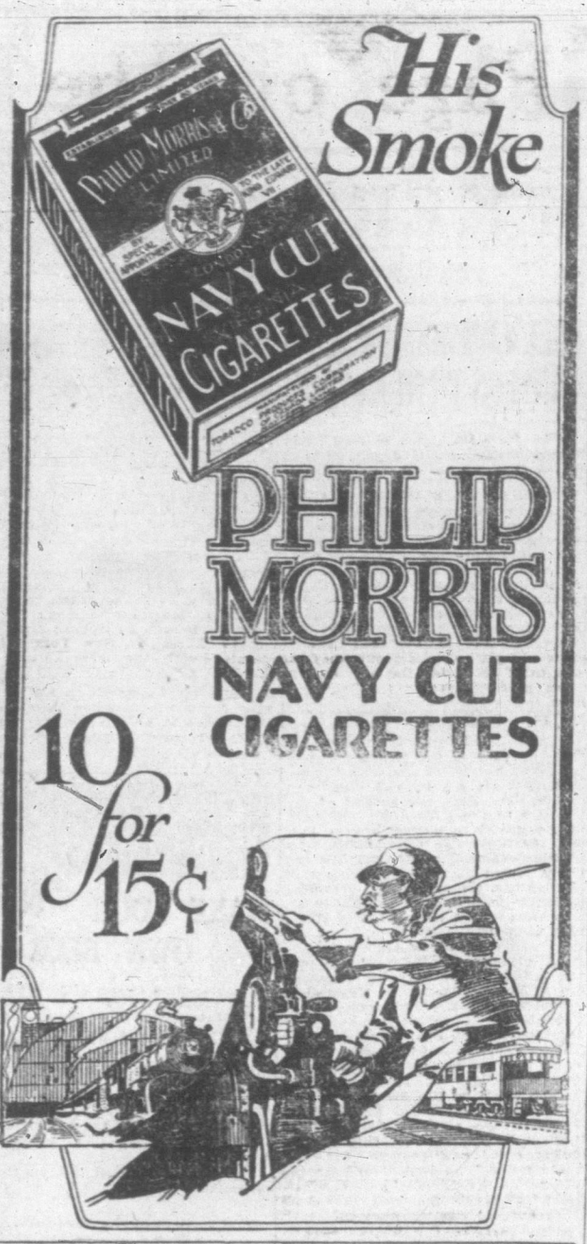
A charter has been granted to the St. Thomas Labor Council incorporating the St. Thomas Labor Temple Company at $100,000. The stock in the company will be sold locally at $1 per share, as in Detroit and other large cities where temples have been erected. The local company was formed some time ago, with George Richardson as president, and George Gregory as secretary-treasurer.

The new structure will occupy a prominent site which has, it is stated, been already located, and will have on the ground floor a market shed and extensive selling quarters. On the second floor will be the large council chamber and auditorium, and on the top floor the rooms of the various labor organizations in the city. The building will be one of the finest possible. Plans have already been prepared.

PETERBORO TRADES COUNCIL.

A public investigation of the fire department by the City Council is demanded in a resolution passed unanimously at the regular meeting of the Peterboro Trades and Labor Council recently. Criticism of Chief Grange and his administration was recently voiced by many of the delegates including some of those from the Fire Fighters' Union, and after the various complaints and allegations were heard, the trades council decided that it was in the public interest to ask the City Council to inquire into the affairs at the fire hall.

Latent dissatisfaction among the firemen, and shared in by other delegates, was apparently caused by Chief Grange's reported remark at the fire chiefs' convention in St. Thomas disparaging the U. F. O. Labor Government for passing a bill which imposed a penalty of $10 a day on fire chiefs who failed to enforce the new legislation providing one day's rest in seven for every fireman.



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At Goderich the first L. R. Steel Company, Ltd., 5c. to $1.00 Stores in Canada was opened on August 7th, with a first day's attendance of 6,650 in a town with a normal population of less than 6,000. This is a record in chain store openings. Business continues to be brisk every day.

MONTREAL—A building, 86 ft. 9 in. by 140 ft. at 469 to 475 St. Catharine Street East, has been leased and is being transformed into an L. R. Steel Company, Limited, 5c. to $1.00 store.

QUEBEC CITY—In Quebec City two new stores are being built under lease to the L. R. Steel Company, Limited. One store, on St. John Street, the other on Crown Street, are planned to open in November.

SHERBROOKE—A store has been acquired on Wellington Street. An addition to rear has been completed. The front will be remodelled. Opening is scheduled for December.

OTTAWA—A substantial modern 2-storey building has been purchased at 68 Sparks Street, in the heart of the shopping district.

TORONTO—Plans are ready for building a modern store at corner of Danforth and Gough on valuable site recently purchased by this Company. Store is planned to be opened after the first of the year. A large warehouse has been purchased at 33-35 Mutual Street, Toronto.

OWEN SOUND—The Company's 5c. to $1.00 store here on Second Ave. West is planned to open August 27th.

BRANTFORD—One of Brantford's best corners — Colborne and Queen Streets — has been purchased by the L. R. Steel Company, Limited. Here will be re-modelled a modern merchandizing structure that will be occupied by an L. R. Steel Company, Limited, 5c. to $1.00 store and specialty shop for women.

SAULT STE. MARIE—The St. Charles Hotel property, north side of Queen Street, has been purchased for reconstruction into one of the Company's stores.

L. R. Steel Company, Inc., is making the following progress in the United States:

THREE PIONEER PRODUCERS—Three stores have been operating since last Spring, one each in Danbury, Conn., Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Port Jervis, N.Y.

WILMINGTON—In Wilmington, Delaware, a very valuable store lease has been acquired.

TWO CHAINS ACQUIRED—13 stores—10 recently acquired from the Holsworth chain—3 from the Willner chain—are being transformed into highly efficient L. R. Steel Company, Inc., 5c. to $1.00 stores in Ottumwa, Iowa; Kansas City; Quincy, Ill.; Oshkosh, Wis.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Danville, Ill.; Aurora, Ill.; Rock Island, Ill.; Maysville, Ky.; Kendallville, Ind.; Detroit, Mich.; Moline, Ill., and East Palestine, Ohio. The Kansas City, Quincy and Ottumwa stores will have women's specialty shops, and the first two mentioned, cafeterias also.

BUFFALO—A very substantial and spacious building has been purchased on Washington Street, opposite Ellicott Square Building. The two lower floors of this building will be remodelled and beautified into one of the finest cafeterias in America, capable of seating 450 people. The upper portion of this building will be used as a warehouse by the L. R. Steel Company, Incorporated.

One of the best corners in Buffalo—Main and Eagle Streets — has been leased for a women's specialty shop, to retail hats, waists, corsets, hosiery, toilet requisites, at a price limit of $10.

Opposite the largest market place in Buffalo, and one of the largest in America, there is situated a store building to be remodelled into an L. R. Steel Company, Inc., 5c. to $1.00 store. This building is held on lease.

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APPLETON, WIS.—The Douglas Block, College Avenue and Oneida Street, purchased for equipment as one of the Company's stores, is said to be one of the best corners in the State.

ASBURY PARK, N.J.—The Asbury Park 5-10-25c. Store, 508-510 Cookman Avenue, has been purchased and will be transformed into one of the Company's stores.

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