

Labor News From Coast to Coast

STELLARTON MINERS RETURN TO WORK

New Glasgow, N.S.—The Stellarton miners, the last of the Nova Scotia miners to hold out against accepting the recent wage agreement, decided tonight that, while not approving of the agreement, they would return to work tomorrow, or as soon as the management were ready to open the mines.

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ROSS PROMISES TO INVESTIGATE

Will Look Into the Trouble Over Miners Strike near Edmonton.

A telegram from Alex Ross, minister of labor, was received yesterday by William Sheridan, president of district 18 of the U.M.W.A., stating that he would look into the matter of the strike of miners at Mile 47 and 48 in the Edson field, and has soon as he had investigated the affair he would again communicate with Mr. Sheridan.

The telegram was in reply to one sent to Mr. Ross by the U.M.W.A., asking him to see that the strikers at Edson were fairly treated by the police, who, it is reported, had pelted them with clubs on some of the strikers who had tried to stop strike breakers from operating the mines.

This morning officials of District 18 left Calgary for Indianapolis to attend the international wage scale schedule convention.

The attitude of the convention will to a great extent affect the situation in Alberta, so far as wages and hours for this year are concerned. The 1923 contract with the operators expires at the end of March and if the miners across the line intend to strike for hours, wages or other conditions, it is probable that the miners of Alberta and Eastern British Columbia will do the same, according to Mr. Sheridan.

Those going to the Convention at Indianapolis are: William Sheridan, president of District 18, Rod McDonald, international organizer; Robert Liott, district organizer, and delegates from Nordogg and the Crow's Nest.

GIVEN \$750 ON CLAIM BY CONCENT

Attributing severe illness to inhaling copper fumes while in the employ of the Canadian Bronze, Limited, Alcide Larose obtained \$750 damages by consent. Settlement was ratified by Mr. Justice Surveur in Superior Court. He sued for \$5,000, alleging that he was employed as a fireman in the plant, and was subjected to poisonous emissions from the crucibles through faulty ventilation.

He laid his claim under the Factories Act, stating that the premises were not ventilated in accordance with Provincial regulations. In four years, he alleged, several workmen had been awarded damages for the same reason.

The company denied responsibility, arguing that the place was properly maintained and that the ventilation was in accord with the requirements of the law.

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Negotiations Closed

Montreal. — Negotiations over wage demands for engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen employed on the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railways, made by the "Big Four" Railway Brotherhoods, embodying the above grades and counter-proposals by the companies calling for a downward revision of rates, ended here with an agreement to let matters rest in abeyance in the case of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. In the case of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and of Railway Conductors the matter will be referred back to the men's committee for further consideration.

Roughly, the four Brotherhoods asked an increase of 12½ per cent. in wages, while the companies submitted counter-proposals, including abolition of time and a half for overtime, abolition of all terminal delays and all intermediate switching.

The men claimed that the company's proposals would set them back thirty years.

Labor Laws Are Held to Blame For Many Ills

WINNIPEG, Jan. 19.—Charges that fully one-third of the increases in the cost of what the farmer buys is the direct result of the so-called labor laws on the statute books of Manitoba are contained in a special memorandum just submitted to the provincial cabinet by the legislative committee of the Employers' association of Manitoba.

The report particularly condemns the Workmen's Compensation Act and calls upon the legislature to amend it in important particulars which are calculated to reduce the present cost of its administration.

In addition to the amendment of the Compensation act, the memorandum includes another bit of recommended legislation, called "an act to promote industrial peace." This act provides for registration of unincorporated associations, prohibition of strikes on public utilities, regulation of procedure in industrial disputes, protection in contracts of employment, forbidding of filtration of provincial and municipal employees with industrial trade unions and the repeal of the Fair Wage act.

Alberta.. Committee Would Abolish Labor Ministry in Province

CALGARY.—That labor is at the bottom of many of the country's economic problems, and that labor unions are one of the fundamental causes of the high cost of production in Alberta, was the consensus of opinion expressed by a meeting of the Alberta committee of commerce and agriculture.

A resolution to the effect that the government be requested to abolish the portfolio of minister of labor, and the department of labor, together with all appurtenances thereto, was passed unanimously.

blending tea to suit the tastes of co-operators. Mr. Stewart stated it was the intention of the board to deal extensively in this line of co-operative production, and he had no doubt that the co-operators of Sydney Mines would be served with a class of tea which would give them every satisfaction.

Work Basis of Dollar

Two hours a day of adult labor is all that is necessary to make the useful things of life, and one hour of adult labor should be the basis of the dollar, were two statements made by Hugh Ross, K.C., in a semi-humorous address on "The Present System" at the Labor Temple last evening. On Saturday afternoon he gave the same talk to university students; in three years he has given it before 200 meetings in Canada and the U.S.

Mr. Ross terms his idea the Equatist plan. He assumes that human nature is good and if in a proper environment will do the right thing. He believes that the struggle for special privilege should be brought to an end in its place an economic order should be established on which the basis would be work for work.

Activity in All Lines Kept City Free of Unemployment

Vancouver.—Vancouver has not been so free from unemployment and its attendant evils since the war years as it has been this winter. In the opinion of George D. Ireland, relief officer, conditions are 100 per cent better than they were two years ago, when the city was forced to conduct an unemployment camp for single men at Hastings park.

The improvement is attributed to the fact that more work is proceeding in all lines of activity. There is increased building activity in the city and district, public works are proceeding, old-established industries are extending their premises and new ones are starting up.

Many Work Under Way. Hundreds of men are given steady employment at Steve Lake, where the B.C.E.R. company is spending \$5,000,000 on hydro-electric development this year as a part of its \$10,000,000 programme.

Among the other large undertakings under way besides almost a dozen apartment blocks ranging in value from \$50,000 to \$400,000, is the building of the new home of the University of British Columbia at Point Grey, while not a little of the general prosperity in evidence this winter compared with the last few years is attributed to the enormous increase in the western shipments of grain, which keeps a small army of men busy lining grain carriers, loading them and catering to their needs.

No "Drifters" here. Mayor W. R. Owen said yesterday that there are very few Vancouver citizens out of work. Although the closing of the logging camps has resulted in there being a number of men in town, these could not be classed as "drifters" as they have money to tide them over the winter, he pointed out.

Ald. P. C. Gibbons pointed out that the fact that "drifters" have been kept out of the city this year may be seen by comparing the city's board bill for prisoners at Okalla with that of the previous winter. The year just passed the bill amounted to \$18,500 compared with \$22,000. This may be traced to the advertising campaign conducted on the prairies last summer and to the firm stand taken by the police with the "drifters" who did reach the coast, he said.

Women's Labor Party Gains New Members

Offer Prizes for Membership Contest Conducted at Meeting.

Wednesday's meeting of the Women's Labor Party held in Labor Temple, Mrs. Fred White and Mrs. Mary Summers tying with the largest number of new members, and thus winning the prizes offered.

The party will follow last year's policy of holding social evenings throughout the winter months, the first of these to be held at the home of Mrs. Alex. Gilmour, Guelph street, on the evening of Feb. 13. A discussion on the advisability of broadening out in an educational and social way, was led by Mrs. E. N. Burnard.

Brief addresses by the re-elected officers thanking the members for their unanimous support and co-operation in the work last year, were a feature of the meeting.

Building Trades Active

VANCOUVER.—A fairly well-attended meeting of the Vancouver Building Trades committee was held at Labor headquarters on Tuesday evening, under the chairmanship of William Dunn. The question of organizing the local building trades was fully discussed from various angles, and much information of a valuable nature was gleaned as a result. The suggestion was made that a quarterly button, to be worn by all recognized union men in the building trades, would be a step in the right direction, and would materially assist in furthering the organization of the workers.

It was decided that a recommendation be submitted to the Trades and Labor council, urging that body to make consistent effort towards getting the two stonecutters' locals both soft and hard stone workers to affiliate with the council.

Building Trades Workers Warned

Vancouver building trades workmen are warned to keep away from Los Angeles in a letter from the secretary of the trades council in that Californian city addressed to the Trades and Labor Council here. The letter states that the city is flooded with men out of employment, including skilled building trade mechanics. Cost of living, it says, is very high, apartments of from two to five rooms renting from more than \$50 to \$200 per month.

For Co-Operation

VANCOUVER.—Fred Bramley, secretary of the British Trades and Labor congress, has the following to say with reference to the relations between trades unionists and the British co-operative movement: "Trade unionists must be prepared to recognize frankly the special difficulties of co-operation. I have yet to learn that any form of collective pressure can be utilized to compel any individual to become a member of a co-operative society, and co-operative development can only take place so far as the co-operative factory or store can place on the market commodities at such prices, plus dividends, as may be a direct advantage to the individual co-operator."

A Women's Guild has been organized in connection with the Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited, Sydney, N.S. Mrs. A. McDonald was elected president, Mrs. Wm. McKenzie, vice-president, and Miss Margaret Curry, secretary-treasurer. The executive committee consists of Mrs. H. Norman, Mrs. G. W. Young and Mrs. M. F. Keating. Women are more directly interested in the business operations of co-operative stores. They are usually the purchasers and success depends upon their goodwill and support. A women's guild is consequently one of the most valuable agencies to be found in connection with any consumers' society, and we hope that the one recently established at Sydney will prove to be of great service to the movement in that city.

Co-operative Training Schools. "Education," said Professor Stuart at a British co-operative congress many years ago, "is the life-blood of the co-operative movement." For many years, in the United States and Canada, most people responsible for co-operative societies have been seeking to develop a bloodless type. Almost invariably and naturally the experience has been a comparatively short, as well as an anaemic existence. The organized movements in both Canada and the United States have for years past been trying to bring home to all interested in co-operative education the need of co-operative education. Recently our fellow co-operators in the United States have made a considerable advance in this respect by the establishment of co-operative training schools.

Direct from Our Own Plantations. The British Canadian Co-operative Society, Limited, recently received some samples of C. W. S. tea direct from its plantations in Ceylon with the object of promoting a sale to a greater extent than heretofore. At the request of the board of directors, the educational committee organized a social, so that the tea might be sampled. A very interesting and instructive evening was spent. Secretary-manager W. C. Stewart read an excellent paper on "C. W. S. Tea," which was much appreciated. The paper dealt with tea from its earliest history down to the present time, and statistics were quoted showing the immense strides the English and Scottish co-operative wholesale societies had made in Ceylon and in Leman street, London, England, in growing and

Would Open Labor Ranks To Others

MONTREAL.—The adamant rule of organized labor that no one but a member of a trades union or workers' organization can be a member of the Labor Party of Canada will be abolished, wide after the fashion of the Labor party of Great Britain, to admit all sympathetic with Labor aims and policy if recommendations passed by the Montreal Assembly of the Labor party of Canada, at its first meeting of the year, are put into effect.

The meeting passed a resolution instructing the incoming executive to bring forward recommendations that would permit people not directly connected with the Labor movement to become members of the Labor party "at large." It was explained that there were a number of citizens who sympathized with the work of the party and desired to affiliate, but could not do so at present, inasmuch as the constitution provides that delegates must represent some workers' organization.

The meeting discussed the Banking Act and reiterated the demand of the provincial section for the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the resources of all banks in Canada so as to ascertain what protection the working classes have to safeguard their savings. The discussion arose out of reference to the Home Bank failure.

A motion from machinists' delegates that the Minister of Justice be appealed to to use his good offices to bring about the release of J. B. McLachlan, imprisoned Nova Scotia miners' leader, was adopted.

The Assembly decided to assist the Provincial Government Commission as far as possible in making recommendations concerning the Workmen's Compensation Act and appointed W. E. Long, F. Simmonds, and L. A. Beaudry to co-operate with the committee from the Trades and Labor Council in this work.

The meeting instructed the secretary of the Montreal Assembly to communicate with the "Hon. H. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of the Dominion, drawing his attention to the alleged recent statement of the Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Immigration that there was a shortage of labor in Canada, thereby inducing immigrants to come to this country." It was such misstatements of fact," the meeting declared, "that were causing misery and suffering among thousands of people in Canada at this time, who were unable to secure employment."

Elect Officers. The following were elected officers of the Montreal Assembly for the year 1924:—

L. M. Dupont, president; L. A. Beaudry, 1st vice-president; H. Russell, 2nd vice-president; French recording secretary, G. A. Toivonen; English recording secretary, A. Zavaloff; corresponding secretary, Jos. St. Marie; financial secretary, J. A. Figeys; treasurer, H. R. Stark; statistician, F. Perkins; auditors, D. Pettie, H. Vallancourt, and Jas. McLean; delegates to the Provincial Section Executive Board, V. Lacombe and M. Buhay; additional members of Montreal Assembly Executive Board, W. N. Dixon, D. Pettie, G. Lemieux, S. Schear and C. Milron.

Delegates to the Montreal Unemployed Workers' Association, F. Simmonds, R. J. Kerrigan, W. E. Long, J. A. Figeys and M. E. Alarie.

Organization committee, A. Zavaloff, V. Lacombe, M. E. Alarie, J. A. Figeys, R. J. Kerrigan, F. Hughes and F. Perkins.

Electoral committee, M. Buhay, R. J. Kerrigan, H. R. Stark, L. M. Dupont and Jos. Schubert.

Delegates R. J. Kerrigan, H. A. Spence, Y. Lacombe, R. Kerrigan, S. Schear, J. Shaw, F. Simmonds and A. Zavaloff, were appointed as the committee in connection with the main meeting to be held January 20th.

During the elections, Delegates W. N. Dixon, Jos. Schubert and H. A. Spence, acted as scrutineers. The newly elected officers were installed by the retiring president, M. E. Alarie.

THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

It is now definitely decided that the following four subjects will be dealt with at the Sixth International Labor Conference, which will be held at Geneva on June 16th, 1924.

- 1.—Developments of facilities for the utilization of workers' leisure.
- 2.—Equality of treatment for national and foreign workers as regards workmen's compensation for accident.
- 3.—Weekly suspension of work for twenty-four hours in glass-manufacturing processes where tank furnaces are used.
- 4.—Night work in bakeries.

D. L. P. Decides Not To Join Up With The C. L. F.

Partial recognition of the C. L. F. by the Dominion Labor party was effected in the hope of again putting the organization in fighting trim and building up a body of men who will be ready to act in a decisive manner when again called upon to plan a political campaign in the interests of the local Labor movement. Charles Carney, secretary of the civic federation was elected secretary of the Labor party, and James E. Young, secretary-treasurer of the Trades and Labor council, was appointed treasurer. R. H. Parkyn and W. E. Turner were also added to the executive committee.

The special committee, composed of Ald. J. W. Russell, chairman; James Rae, T. B. Riley, J. McDougall and J. L. Aaron, who proposed the reorganization of the party, also suggested that a permanent organizer be appointed at once, and that the executive should be asked to arrange a conference with the executive of the Trades and Labor council to secure the co-operation and financial assistance of the council for this purpose.

No Affiliation Yet.

The special committee also reported that they had discussed the advisability of securing the affiliation of the Canadian Labor party but decided that the time was not ripe. In this connection J. W. Russell, the chairman spoke as follows: "In view of the recent activity in Calgary on the part of the provincial executive of the Canadian Labor party or party and of the expressed desire of certain industrial organizations to affiliate with the Canadian Labor party, your sub-committee have most serious and careful consideration to the question as to whether reorganization should take the form of the Canadian Labor party. It was the unanimous opinion of the members that at the present time it would be practically impossible to secure the affiliation with the Canadian Labor party of the majority of the industrial labor organizations, and that, therefore, the present conditions do not favor the immediate organization of the Canadian Labor party in Calgary. It is, however, certain that whatever form the reorganization of the party may take, the greatest measure of success can only be obtained by the heartiest co-operation between the two parties. We therefore beg to recommend that the Dominion Labor party be forthwith reorganized on the basis of the present constitution."

Regular Monthly Meetings.

After recommending the appointment of new officers and an organizer the committee also recommended that regular monthly meetings of the party be held to discuss and to study the questions engaging the attention of the city council, the school board, the provincial legislature and the federal government.

Considerable discussion resulted on the question of whether the D.L.P. should affiliate with C.L.P. F. B. Riley said that the D.L.P. had been functioning last December, the regrettable situation which arose within the Ogdens where men nominated an independent candidate in opposition to the choice of the D.L.P., might have been averted. A number of the workers were suspicious of the D.L.P. because they thought it was dominated by a clique.

Fred J. White, M.L.A., indignantly denied that the D.L.P. was dominated by a clique. He said that a certain number of interested men and women always attended the meetings, and he wished that a larger number of labor people would rally around.

The report of the campaign committee showed the lack of real co-operation during the civic election. The committee reported that only a few of the polls had labor scrutineers, in sharp contrast to the opposition, who had scrutineers at every poll and a central control of them. "In order to secure better results at future elections, it is imperative that organization in this direction is not only begun earlier but definitely provided for," the report read.

At the close of the meeting the party went on record as being opposed to the proposition of the commissioners to increase the hospital rates. They declared that they would fight the proposal to the last ditch.

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