

LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

BUILDING LABORERS ELECT CONGRESS DELEGATES.

At a special meeting of the Building Laborers' Union on Tuesday evening, in Russell's Hall, the election of officers took place, after the regular business was transacted. John Henderson, financial secretary, was elected as business agent, succeeding Martin Ryan, who has been appointed organizer for Ontario. J. Driscoll was appointed financial secretary in place of J. Henderson. H. Cunningham and L. Hitt were elected to attend the Dominion Trades Congress Convention at Windsor early in September. The secretary reported that the union was in a strong financial condition and the membership was daily increasing.

JOB PRINTERS ACCEPT \$3 PER WEEK BONUS.

The members of International Typographical Union, Local 102, at a meeting on Saturday night adopted the report of the Conciliation Board which awarded the journeymen printers employed in the commercial printing plants of the city a cost of living bonus of \$3 a week. This award brings the minimum wage scale of the journeymen printers up to \$33 a week. Votes of thanks were extended to President R. S. Lee and Mr. James Drury, of Montreal, International organizer, who represented the employees on the Conciliation Board, for the prominent part they took in the deliberations of the Board. The master printers have already accepted the award.

OTTAWA NEWSY BRIEFS.

J. A. P. Hayden, editor of the Canadian Labor Press, will speak at the annual picnic of the North Renfrew United Farmers at Forrester's Falls, on Thursday, August 6. The local paper makers are already preparing for the annual convention of their international union which will be held at Ottawa, the first week of October. Martin Ryan, formerly business agent of the Ottawa District Council of Laborers, has been appointed general organizer for the International Hotel Carriers and Building Laborers' Union, for the province of Ontario.

Another drowning accident was narrowly averted this week when George Geisler, a waiter at the Chateau Laurier and a member of the Local Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union, rescued a boy named Gauthier from drowning in the Rideau river.

Firemen Jos. Villeneuve and Donald A. Dear were elected delegates from the local Fire Fighters' Union to the annual convention of Canadian Trades and Labor Congress which meets at Windsor in September.

Organizer M. Ryan of the International Laborers' Union returned to Ottawa last Friday from Hamilton, where the laborers have been on strike for some time. Shortly after his arrival in Hamilton he was successful in arranging a conference with the employers, and as a result the whole matter was referred to a Board of Arbitration and the men returned to work pending a decision of the board.

J. A. Machado, who presided over the Industrial Council Board which met recently, has handed in the decision of that body to the Department of Labor concerning the dispute of the electrical workers employed by H. L. Allen, electrical contractor, Bank street. The decision holds that the electrical workers wrongfully participated in a strike which was called by them owing to the partial employment of a non-union worker, in contravention of their existing agreement with the Canadian Construction Association, and that the man complained of could not be considered as an electrical worker.

As both sides of the dispute agreed to accept the decision of the board as final, the men who went

HAMILTON.

HAMILTON I. L. P.

The housing commission was the chief subject of discussion at the meeting of the Independent Labor party last Friday evening. After considerable discussion a motion was passed that the labor representatives in the council endeavor to have the Housing Commission continue its activities.

The subject arose when Hon. W. R. Rolfe asked Controller C. I. Alchison if it was the intention of the city council to discontinue the services of the Housing Commission. The Minister of Labor stated that because of the good work the commission had accomplished it would be inopportune to discontinue its activities.

Controller Alchison replied that the Board of Control and council would not discontinue with the commission if it could be possibly avoided. He pointed out, however, that as the Provincial Government had withdrawn its financial support he did not see how the commission could continue to function.

Hon. Mr. Rolfe stated that the Provincial Government had not withdrawn its support, but that the Dominion Government had ceased making grants for this purpose.

The Provincial Government, he said, had adopted a new plan by which the municipalities are to be authorized to raise the necessary money in their various localities and the Provincial Government will guarantee the bonds. By this method the investor will have to bear an added cost of 1 per cent., but the commission can still carry on. This concluded the discussion and the motion followed.

Secretary George Pitton tendered his resignation as secretary, which was accepted. W. L. Williams was appointed in his place.

Controller Alchison criticized the Dominion Government for encouraging indiscriminate immigration when there were no facilities for housing the newcomers. Aid. Roy George, Hon. Mr. Rolfe if the province had agents for Ontario in the British Isles.

The minister of labor replied in the affirmative, but stated that the greatest care was exercised by the Provincial Government to only encourage farm labor, with a preference to those who would take up farms. He stated that there was no housing shortage in the rural localities.

A vote was passed, in favor of the provincial executive of the I. L. P. holding the I. L. P. picnic at Wabasso Park. President H. G. Foster carried the chair.

CLERKS GET NO INCREASE.

The result of the arbitration at Hamilton between the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway and the freight handlers and clerks' association to adjust their wage dispute, was unofficially announced on Tuesday. Stenographers and messengers are awarded a twenty per cent. increase, porters ten per cent. and checkers five per cent. No increase was granted clerks as the board considered they are being sufficiently paid. The minimum for porters in Hamilton advances from 48 to 46 cents and in Brantford from 39 to 42 1/2 cents.

INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL FOR BUILDING INDUSTRY.

Following the lead of the building industries in Toronto and Ottawa, the building trades of Hamilton have organized a joint Industrial Council, and already the new body is functioning. The first meeting of the council was held last week, and a committee composed of Messrs. Magee, Dickinson and Osborne was appointed to draw up rules that will govern the council. The Building Trades Council and the employers association will have five members each on the council.

TORONTO.

TORONTO POSTERS HAVE GRIEVANCE.

Once more the letter carriers of Toronto are threatening to strike. The trouble that was partly dispelled early in the summer, loomed up again this week, with the receipt of checks containing back pay for one year under the new classification. It was stated that one man of six years' service received fifty cents back pay and one of thirty-one years' service \$36, whereas the men who had entered the service in 1919

Another grievance of the men is that, according to their story, promotion is not by seniority. At a meeting Tuesday evening they decided to ask for the appointment of an appeal board in seven days to deal with their grievances.

"If we can't get it, what then?" asked one of the letter carriers. "There is nothing but a walk out," was the reply of a speaker.

NEWSPAPER PRINTERS SEEK INCREASE.

With a view to obtaining an increase in pay, the printers employed on the Toronto newspapers recently asked the publishers for a conference to discuss the question, but were told it could not be granted till next fall.

A mass meeting of about 500 printers was held Tuesday afternoon, when it was decided to give the publishers 48 hours in which to agree to a conference. If this is not granted, another mass meeting will be called on Thursday afternoon to decide on further procedure.

The newspaper printers feel that they have a grievance, because other printers in Toronto have been given increases in wages while they have not. The scale of wages set some time ago was \$24 a week for day work and \$25.50 for night work. By degrees this has been advanced in the form of bonuses, until at present the pay is \$36 a week for day work and \$38.50 for night work. So far the printers have not made public the amount of increased pay they think they should receive.

TORONTO NEWSY BRIEFS.

The Labor party has arranged to open its campaign in the interests of James Higgins, soldier-Labor candidate in Northwest Toronto with a meeting early in August at the corner of Albert and Yonge streets. At the meeting of the Freight Handlers and Railway Clerks at the Labor Temple last week it was decided to defer action regarding the award of the U.S. Railway Board until advice had been received from the conference of Railway Brotherhoods now convened at Chicago.

Secretary W. J. Storey, of the Plumbers and Steamfitters, reports that general trade conditions have undergone considerable improvement during the past month, and that the Plumbers were constantly growing in numbers.

The Painters and Decorators' Union have now crossed the 700 mark in membership, and Business Agent Squires will have another list of new candidates at the next general meeting of the organization.

The Building Trades Council at their regular meeting at the Labor Temple, this week decided to support the Iron Workers' Union in their campaign for union recognition on various jobs throughout the city where disputes are now in progress.

The executive of the District Carpenters Council have completed arrangements for the annual picnic to be held at High Park on Monday, Civic holiday. It is expected that over 2,000 will attend the picnic and provision has been made by the executive with this in view.

Members of the Building Trades Unions are now voting on the question of a blanket agreement to cover all trades in the building industry for 1921. The result of the vote will not be announced until August 31st. Negotiations for next year will begin on Sept. 15.

The official programme for the annual athletic sports to be held at the Exhibition grounds on Labor

Day has been issued by the Labor Day Committee and provides for some 25 events. A handsome silver cup valued at \$100 has been donated by the Trades and Labor Council for competition by the various labor organizations throughout the city for general proficiency. The organization of the "most" winners of events at the Labor Day games for three years will get complete ownership of the cup.

EASTERN CANADA.

ST. JOHN BAKERS NEGOTIATING.

The Journeymen Bakers' Union of St. John, N.B., has presented a new agreement to the Master Bakers' Association. It calls for shorter hours and some changes in the pay. It is thought that an amicable settlement will be reached.

RENEW WORKERS TO CELEBRATE ON LABOR DAY.

Renewed for the first time in its history is to hold a celebration on Labor Day, which falls every year on the first Monday in September. This action was finally decided upon at a meeting Tuesday night, in Labor Hall, when representatives were present from all the labor organizations in the town. The necessary committees were appointed, and an excellent start made toward raising the money required for a guarantee fund that there shall be no risk of financial failure.

A. F. OF L. ORGANIZERS FOR HALIFAX.

Notification has been received from the headquarters of the A. F. of L. that E. E. Pride, of the Citizens, and Peter Garnier have been appointed organizers of the federation, with headquarters at Halifax.

ST. JOHN TO HAVE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

At the regular meeting Friday of the St. John, N.B., Trades and Labor Council, a communication was received from the Mayor, asking the opinion of the conference on the establishment of a free employment service bureau at St. John in connection with the Dominion Government Bureau. The conference, after deliberation, decided to endorse the establishment of the bureau. In connection with the machinists' strike, it was decided that the arbitration committee of the conference take this matter up. It was also decided to call a meeting of the metal trades organizations with a view to the formation of a metal trades council.

MAY RECONVENE BOARD.

It is quite probable that the conciliation board, presided over by Judge Gunn of Ottawa, which sat recently in Montreal to consider the wage dispute between the telegraphers and the C.P.R., will be reconvened some time this week. A statement to this effect was made Tuesday by J. T. Gunn, of Toronto, the men's representative on the board. Yesterday morning Judge Gunn said that he had not yet heard of the proposal to reconvene the board, but understood that the report was being delayed over some points which the company wanted a clear interpretation of. The report had not yet been received by the Department of Labor.

WESTERN CANADA.

EDMONTON TRADES COUNCIL.

The Edmonton Trades and Labor Council will invite the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to meet in convention in this city in 1921. Delegates Roper and Latham moved a resolution to this effect at the meeting of the council on Monday night. The executive committee was instructed by the resolution to approach the city council and other local bodies with a view of receiving their co-operation in the preparation and distribution of literature advertising the city.

The council will co-operate in every way with the labor party in the staging of a grand picnic and concert on Civic Holiday, August 3. A full line of sports will be run off in the afternoon at the Exhibition grounds and the concert in the memorial hall in the evening will be of a high order.

The council heard a letter from Calgary with the information that the packing plant employees and meat sellers in that city went on strike on the 14th instant to establish an agreement in that city. It was mentioned that no settlement was expected for five days.

Delegate Farnlie reported splendid progress in the building trades organization in the city. The bricklayers now have 76 members and the Brotherhood of Carpenters have in the last two weeks added 40 members to their rolls.

Delegate Campbell reported that the co-operative association had opened a store on Whyte avenue and 100th street.

WINNIPEG MUSICIANS DEMAND HIGHER WAGES.

According to statements made last week by Winnipeg theatre managers and officials of the Winnipeg Musicians' Union, there is a possibility of theatres being deprived of the services of their regular orchestras. The men have put in a demand for wage increases which the managers say are far too high. The men are asking for \$15 a week for leaders, \$10 a week for soloists, and \$8 a week for organists. They claim that these demands are reasonable, as theatre musicians in the United States are being paid much more money. The managers say they will not sign the new schedule, but are willing to negotiate with their men.

ECONOMIC ANARCHY UNDER SOVIET RULE.

According to the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung," the Bolshevik Supreme Council reports that only 15 per cent. of the locomotives needing repairs have been put right. The complete suspension of the railways may be expected in the autumn, he said, according to experts, their restoration cannot be effected before 1922. Of the steamers 37 per cent. are in urgent need of repairs. Last year only one ship, instead of eighteen, was plying on the Volga. As for horses, the number in Moscow has gone down from 126,000 in 1917, to 2,500. A horse now costs 60,000 roubles, and the harness 65,000 roubles. Industrial production is steadily declining notwithstanding the draconian measures of the Soviet Government. The locomotive works at Tsimansk and Kolomoia are turning out 13 locomotives instead of their former 479. The postal and telegraph service is a farce, although 100,000 in the Soviet Budget. In February the number of post offices have gone down from 129 to 25.

POLISH WAR UNWARRANTED DECLARES BARNES.

G. N. Barnes, a former Labor representative in the British Cabinet, speaking at the annual meeting of the League to Abolish War, held recently at Bloomsbury, England, referring to the Polish attacks on Russia, said that ever since the boundaries of Poland had been assigned by the conference at Paris, Poland had indicated her dissatisfaction. She had been making war ever since. It was perfectly certain, he said, that Poland could not gain anything material by making war. As a matter of fact she was poor beyond the conception of the average man and woman in this country. While in Paris, Mr. Barnes said, he had been told a terrible tale of the privations experienced in Poland owing to the lack of raw materials and the scarcity of food, by reason of which the people were almost starving. He believed the conditions today were no better, and yet Poland had gone to war. He supposed she had done so in order to satisfy some craving she had to get back her boundaries of 1700-odd.

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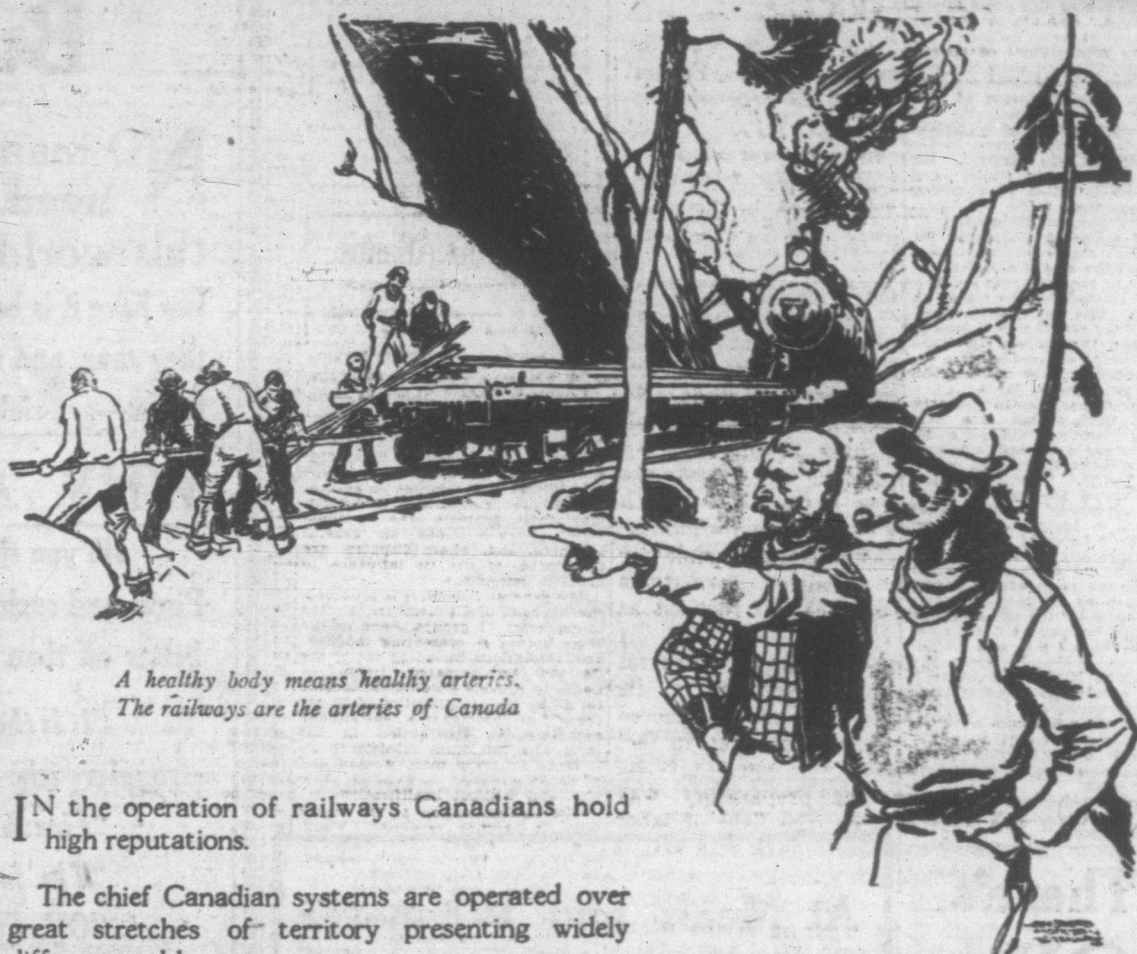
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