LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

TRADES COUNCIL'S SEMI-ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

F. Lafortune was re-elected president of the Allied Trades and Labor Association by acclamation at the semi-annual election of officers held on Friday last. William Lodge, who for many years has filled the office of corresponding-secretary and chairman of the executive council, was again elected to that important office unopposed as a testimony to the capable and efficient manner in which he looked after the interests of the wage-earners of this city. Other acclamations were: Recording-secretary, Rod Plant; sergeant-at-arms, John Robinson.

The first contest of the evening was for the office of treasurer when Albert Cole of the Amalgamated Carpenters opposed Daniel McCann, of the Printing Pressmen, who has filled the office for a number of years. The victory was a signal one for the old official, the vote being 57 to 24.

Eleven delegates were nominated for the four positions on the executive council. Five of these retired and the required number were elected on the first ballot, the vote being: Donald A. Dear, 68; J. A. P. Haydon, 66; Chas. W. Lewis, 59; Frank McRae, 45; J. W. Patterson, 41; Leo McCaffery, 28.

The executive council for the ensuing half-year will be composed of the following: William Lodge (chairman); Donald A. Dear, J. A. P. Haydon, Chas. W. Lewis and Frank McRae.

Delegates F. Rowe, A. Aubry, and Daniel McCann were elected as the municipal committee.

Trustees elected were: Delegates Messick, Capt. Potvin and Zuana.

Delegates Kersin, Lardin and Rowe were re-elected auditors.

The organization committee was enlarged to five members and is composed of the following: J. A. P. Haydon, Donald A. Dear, Chas. W. Lewis, Albert Cole, and William Jennings.

Three delegates will be sent to the annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. The selection of these delegates necessitated a number of ballots before the final choice was made. Delegates F. Lafortune, Wm. Lodge, Peter Leckie, J. W. Patterson, A. Cole, F. McRae, Chas. W. Lewis and J. McCagassey all entered the contest. On the first ballot Delegates Lafortune and Lodge were elected the vote being: Lafortune, 60; Lodge, 52; Rowe, 29; McRae, 25; Patterson, 18; Cole, 17; Lewis, 17; Leckie, 15; McCagassey, 3. On the second ballot the vote was: Rowe, 26; McRae, 18; Patterson, 8; Cole, 4; Lewis, 15; Leckie, 8; McCagassey, 3. The third ballot resulted thus: Rowe, 34; McRae, 20; Patterson, 5; Cole, 4; Lewis, 10; Leckie, 6. No election resulted by the fourth ballot which was as follows: Rowe, 40; McRae, 25; Patterson, 8; Leckie, 8. The fifth ballot resulted in Delegate Rowe being elected as the third delegate to the Windsor convention, the vote being: Rowe, 44; McRae, 24; and Leckie 10.

The delegates from the central labor body at Ottawa to the Windsor convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will be President F. Lafortune, Secretary William Lodge, and Vice-president F. Rowe.

CENTRAL LABOR BODY HAS GOOD AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

At the last meeting of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association, held on Friday night, Secretary Wm. Lodge presented the semi-annual report of the secretary. It shows the steady growth in membership and influence of the great body which speaks with authority for the producing masses of Ottawa and vicinity. The report follows:

"In the presentation of this semi-annual report, I desire to give the delegates an accurate idea of the proportions and importance the Ottawa Trades Council has grown to. The term was commenced February last with 54 locals in affiliation. Since that time three have been added, viz.: Milk Drivers and Dairy Employes, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen and Lithographers. There has been one withdrawal, the Railway Clerks, leaving a membership of 56. With the exception of some few all these locals take interest and assist in the work of the association. Eleven meetings have been held with an average attendance of 15 out of a registered roll of 180. This is a highly creditable percentage, more than 30 per cent., and stands favorable comparison with any other public or semi-public body in this regard. It is not too much to say that in the matter of affiliations and general interest taken the Ottawa Council is a topnotcher in the Trades Councils of this Dominion.

"Your executive have held twelve sessions. As to the work undertaken it is still fresh in all minds and the past six months has been a term which at all times entailed vigilant and energetic action with this central body of the International Trades' Union movement accepting responsibility to faithfully carry out its functions as well as the larger sphere of assisting in the upbuilding of the movement, which is today stronger and better in the Capital City than at any previous period in its history.

"There is around the six thousand mark membersnip in the city. The ability to grow is not ended and the next term should continue to see this progress which even if considered slow shows for that sturdy growth which stands for permanency.

"I extend to all and sundry my personal thanks for the generous assistance extended to me in the office of secretary. Differences of opinion we have had but these should be welcomed when the viewpoint is from matters of policy with the one ideal of the upbuilding of the movement of which we are proud to be enrolled therein then our differences are wholesome, to be encouraged, and the united front will be maintained. In our associations outside the correct attitude has been ours and such as to merit approval from the citizens generally. We have respected our opponents and the citizens have come to look upon this association as the recognized central voice of organized labor, at all times fair with determination to pursue the workers' cause in an unrelenting manner.

"Fraternally submitted,
"WM. LODGE."

A. F. E. OF O. LOCAL 66.

At a well-attended meeting of the Associated Federal Employes of Ottawa, Union 66, which was held on Monday evening in St. George's Hall, C. J. Tulley and Mrs. Poussin were elected by acclamation to vacancies on the executive council, while H. C. Ross and T. M. Cramp were unanimously appointed trustees.

Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, in a brief address, pointed out the benefits which would accrue to civil servants as a result of their affiliation with labor. He said that both labor and the civil service would be bettered by the association while the argument that it was undignified for the service was answered by the fact that they were wage earners and would be foolish to allow their interests to suffer from false pride. Another criticism—that labor was dominated by United States influence—was wrong as arrangement had been made for inclusion of such national organizations in the Trades and Labor Congress. Both British Columbia and Alberta had taken similar steps. In conclusion President Moore urged the union to send delegates to the convention which is being held in Windsor in September.

J. A. P. Haylon, editor of the Canadian Labor Press, in a short address, pointed out the extreme importance of sending representatives to the Windsor convention. He said that public opinion was rather against the civil service but, by affiliation with labor, this antipathy would be overcome.

Frank Jammes, president of the union, asked for the co-operation of the members and strongly urged that they help the executive to the full extent of their influence.

Reports were received from the treasurer, Mr. Simons, and the organizing secretary, G. C. Patterson.

Three delegates to the Windsor convention, Frank Jammes, Frank Grierson and J. Chandler, were appointed, while three other delegates to promote affiliation with the local Trades and Labor Council were elected. They were Messrs. House, Kenney and F. W. Patterson.

Both Get Acclamation.

F. LAFORTUNE was at the last meeting of the Allied Trades and Labor Association re-elected president.

WM. LODGE was re-elected corresponding secretary and chairman of the executive for the nineteenth term.

TRADES COUNCIL AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The auditor's report of the Allied Trades and Labor Association showed a net financial gain over the corresponding six months of last year of $132.25. The books showed a balance of $1,624.54, and the receipts for the past six months had exceeded the expenses by a margin of over three hundred dollars.

On the motion of the executive, it was unanimously decided to allow each of the three delegates to the Windsor convention, $125 expense money. This includes railway fare, and hotel expenses, as well as recompense for nine days.

"You are conservative, all right," commented President Moore,—"the delegates will not save much out of that appropriation."

Delegate Paquette, of the Retail Clerks' Association asked delegates to further the cause of the clerks with their unions in every way possible. He urged insistence on purchase of goods displaying the union label wherever practicable. The Labor Temple Committee stated that some $500 for a charter and legal expenses, was all that was necessary in order to get down to business with the proposed erection of a Temple in Ottawa. The matter will be fully discussed at the next meeting.

Delegate Lodge announced that everything possible is being done to make Labor Day celebrations this year the best in history. An exceptionally large turnout is anticipated, and delegates were asked to do their utmost to further the project.

BOOSTING THE UNION LABEL AT OTTAWA.

That the union label should receive the attention of all trade unions is being realized here as never before. At the last meeting of the Allied Trades and Labor Association the secretary read a letter from the local union of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America announcing that the Journeymen Tailors' label was now obtainable at J. C. Curry's, 139 Bank street, and Fred Smith's, 307 Bank street. Business Agent A. Cole, of the Building Trades Council, announced that arrangements were being made to have the Painters' Union label available and the Retail Clerks' delegates informed the delegates that many of the local stores were boosting the union label but had not yet put the trades union principles into operation in their stores, only one store, J. A. Larocque, being a "closed shop" for the retail clerks. Let us keep on boosting the union label and by purchasing union-made products in shops displaying the Retail Clerks' Protective Association card we will help these men and women in advancing themselves into a sphere of democracy in their shops.

DELEGATES TO WINDSOR CONVENTION.

Trades and Labor Council—President, F. Lafortune; secretary, Wm. Lodge, and vice-president, F. Rowe.

Firefighters—J. Villeneuve and Donald A. Dear.

Bakery Drivers—Rod. Plant.

Carpenters, Local No. 93 — Tom Moore, Pat Green, J. Halpin and Jas. Tapp.

Laborers—J. Henderson, H. Cunningham and L. Binett.

Culinary Workers—M. Beaudet.

Hull Trades Council—A. Zuana.

Associated Federal Employes, Local 66—F. Jammes.

Civic Employes—C. I. Clarke and Walter Thompson.

SOME GOVT. CARPENTERS NOT RECEIVING MINIMUM.

Claiming that carpenters employed temporarily in some of the Government departments are not being paid the wages accorded them under the Fair Wage Act, Mr. Patrick Green, business agent for the local Carpenters' Union, accompanied by Robert Cole, secretary of the Building Trades Council, and G. Henderson, representing the Builders' Laborers, waited upon the Hon. Dr. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture, on Monday, with a request that their wages be increased to the minimum rate of 85 cents an hour now enjoyed by all carpenters.

Mr. Green pointed out one specific instance where temporary carpenters employed at the Experimental Farm, although skilled men, were only receiving in the neighborhood of 56 cents an hour, which Dr Tolmie stated he was unaware of. He promised that he would see into the matter and have a satisfactory adjustment made within a few days.

"A minimum wage rate of 85 cents an hour has been set by the Fair Wage Act, for all skilled carpenters," said Mr. Green, "and this rate should be paid in all Federal Government departments. I pointed out to the Minister, that temporary carpenters in the Public Works Department are receiving the minimum wage rate, and that the same treatment should apply in all Government departments. I have Dr. Tolmie's assurance that the grievance I voiced on behalf of these carpenters will be looked into and adjusted in the near future."

TRADES COUNCIL HONORS EX-PRESIDENT GREEN.

After the election of officers at the last meeting of the Allied Trades and Labor Association, President Tom Moore of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, who occupied the chair and conducted the election, on behalf of the officers and members of the central labor body, presented Ex-President Pat Green, (U. B. C. & J.) with a gavel, upon which was mounted a silver plate, suitably engraved, as recognition of the efficient manner in which he conducted the business of the council during his term as president.

OTTAWA NEWSY BRIEFS.

W. F. Morrison, of Local Union No. 93, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, has changed his occupation, temporarily at least, and will figure in the spotlight for the next year with the Maple Leaf Troop, a concert party of returned soldiers. Mr. Morrison was a member of the Fourth Division Concert Party in France and is well known to many of the boys who saw service in France and Flanders.

Organized little more than a year ago the Mailers' Union, affiliated to the International Typographical Union, have been successful in securing a bonus of two dollars a week for all unmarried workers and three dollars a week for married mailers. President Leo McCaffery is representing the local at the I.T.U. convention at Albany, N.Y.

At the last meeting of the Allied Trades and Labor Association the Teamsters' Union drew the attention of the trade unionists in Ottawa to the fact that a large number of teamsters are at present non-union. In a letter to the secretary they state: "This local (No. 496, International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Chauffeurs of America) desires your assistance in any way possible, especially those trades coming in touch with teamsters, encouragement to join the union will be appreciated." Let everyone do his bit.

Efforts are being made to have the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers' Union watermark placed in all paper manufactured by the J. R. Booth firm. An international closed shop exists there and the firm is entitled to use the label.

President Sam Blackler, of the Ottawa Fire Fighters' Union, Local No. 162, will represent the local union at the first annual convention of the provincial conference of Fire Fighters of Ontario which meets at Toronto on Aug. 25 and 26. Ontario Fire Fighters have secured much advanced legislation during the past year, due to their international affiliation. The conference has been called to prepare resolutions for presentation to the annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

John Robinson, of the Building Laborers' International Union, who for a number of years has faithfully and efficiently fulfilled the functions of sergeant-at-arms at the local central labor body, was unanimously elected to that important post, amid applause, at the recent election of officers of that body. Always on the job is John.

Secretary-Treasurer P. M. Draper of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and M. J. Powell, general superintendent Ottawa Journal, and a member of the Board of Trustees Union Printers' Home, are this week at Albany, N.Y., attending the annual convention of the International Typographical Union, representing Ottawa Typographical Union No. 102. President Leo McCaffery of the local Mailers' Union is also attending the convention representing the local mailers who are affiliated with the I.T.U.

HAMILTON.

CARPENTERS' DELEGATE TO WINDSOR.

Albert Blythe will represent local No. 18 carpenters' union at the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada convention, which meets in Windsor on Monday, September 13. He was named at the last meeting in the Labor Hall. Fred Hawes will also attend the annual event.

HAMILTON TRADES' COUNCIL.

The semi-annual election of officers took place at the last meeting of the Trades and Labor Council. Practically all the officers were re-elected. Harry Bourne, molders' union secretary, was again honored with a term as president.

The officers elected were as follows: Harry Bourne, president; Alec Boyd, vice-president; H. G. Fester, corresponding secretary; Matthew Price, recording secretary; H. J. Halford, financial secretary; J. Pryke, treasurer; J. Sniveley, sergeant-at-arms; Delegates Hardy, Lawrence, Longfellow, Boyd, Halford, Kemp, Riley, Corrigan, executive committee; Delegates Sniveley and Kerslake, auditors; Delegates Wherry, Pryke, Halford, Bourne, Lawrence, hall committee; Delegates Fester, Halford, Longfellow, Bourne, Riley, Lawrence, Price, Corrigan, Boyd, Kemp, organization committee, H. G. Fester, H. J. Halford, J. Kerslake, building trades council delegates.

Delegates from Local 700, Steam and Operating Engineers' Union, were successful in urging the council to petition the Provincial Government to insert the fair wage clause in all contracts. In the interim, communications will be sent to all Ontario central labor bodies, while the attention of the Ontario executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will be directed to the matter.

Delegate Riley, machinists' union, reported that recently a member of the union, employed at the T. H. & B. railway shops, was injured while following his employment. Dr. Rennie, reported Delegate Riley, had refused the member the required compensation board certificate, the doctor, it was alleged, having stated that the injury was not the result of an accident at work. The council named Delegates A. Boyd and P. Thompson to investigate the matter.

The council will aid Local No. 379, Railway Carmen, to bring the next international convention to Hamilton. It was stated that about 2500 delegates would be in session.

Credentials were received and accepted from the motion picture operators, plasterers and blacksmiths' unions. Progress was reported regarding Labor Day demonstration. A communication from Provincial M.O.H. McCullough regarding water for Homeside residents was laid on the table for future consideration. The A. F. of L. label department appealed by letter for the wearing of union label clothes on Labor Day.

BUILDING LABORERS' NOW 568 STRONG.

On Saturday Business Agent Edward Hazell, Hod Carriers' and Building Laborers' Union, produced a statement which had just arrived from international headquarters showing that the local union pays per capita on 568 members, with an addition of 4% for the next payment. This disputes the contention of some of the contractors that the Building Laborers' Union only has a membership of less than 100, and not representative of the building laborers of the city.

SHEET METAL WORKERS OF HAMILTON ELECT DELEGATE.

Business Agent Frank Farrell was named at the last meeting of Local No. 61, Sheet Metal Workers' Union, as delegate to the annual Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Convention, which starts in Windsor on Monday, September 13.

During the meeting there were four candidates initiated. The members decided to hold the annual picnic on Saturday, August 28, the place to be selected on Monday night.

NEW PRESIDENT OF MOULDERS UNION.

James Thompson, having found it impossible to act as president of Local No. 26, Iron Moulders' Union, James Carroll, one of the most popular of local "sandrats," has been named to fill the responsible bill. Bro. Carroll, who has long been associated with the I.M.U. of N.A., while a member of Local No. 26 has filled various offices and he is considered a worthy successor of Alex. Madigan, recently retired after serving faithfully for four consecutive terms.

HAMILTON ENGINEERS MEET.

During the last meeting of Local No. 700, Steam and Operating Engineers' Union, a communication was read from International Bricklayers' and Masons' Union headquarters stating that the bricklayers' executive board was about to confer with the carpenters' executive committee relative to the "defensive and offensive" working agreement consummated in 1914.

After a discussion the members decided to petition international headquarters to name a French-Canadian organizer.

STEEL WORKERS ORGANIZING.

After an absence of some time in Montreal, Canadian Vice-president Ernest Curtis, International Iron and Steel and Tinworkers' Union, paid a flying visit to Hamilton last Thursday to confer with Business Agent Albert Kemp on matters of importance. Mr. Curtis vacated the city again on Friday for Montreal, where a strike of 800 iron and steel workers is on. The three I. and S. locals are making marked headway at Hamilton, and already two of the trio are 100 per cent. organized.

HARRY TAKES A HOLIDAY.

Ex-Controller H. J. Halford, Trades and Labor Congress of Canada vice-president, quietly slipped out of town several days ago to take a well earned rest and sojourn far from the "madding crowd." It is the first holiday Bro. Halford has had in many years.

CARPENTERS SCARCE AT HAMILTON.

Journeymen carpenters are hard to get these busy building construction days. At the Bricklayers' Hall a big list of contractors in need of carpentering help is conspicuously displayed, but it does not avail much. Business Agent Arthur Dickson is leaving no stone unturned to locate men, but, he says, "it is like pulling hen's teeth, finding journeymen." So far Bro. Dickson and Ald. Archie Burton have been delegated to attend the International Union Convention, which convenes in Indianapolis, Ind., on September 26. Several other delegates will be named at a later date. It is also the intention of the several Hamilton and district carpenters' locals to send a full quota of delegates to the annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, which this year meets in Windsor on Monday, September 13. Albert Blythe and Fred Hawes are the two members of Local No. 18 who will make the trip. Locals No. 2612 and 2659 will name their representatives before the month's end; also Dundas and Beamsville branches.

TORONTO.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

P. W. Ellis, George Wright and Fred R. Miller were appointed by the City Council last week as a transportation commission to manage and operate the street railway system of Toronto, on the expiration of the franchise of the Toronto Railway Company in September, 1921. The Council adopted the recommendation of the Board of Control after four hours of acrimonious debate. It would seem from the proceedings that any citizen who is willing to serve the city in any capacity must first have his name bandied across the floor of the Council chamber, his fitness criticized and finally cause violent recriminations between members.

In presenting the report of the Board of Control Mayor Church made a strong plea for generous consideration of the recommendation. He said the traffic commission was to be a permanent body and would start work at once. It was the most important appointment that had been before the members of the Council in a long time.

Toronto had embarked upon a public ownership policy, and it was therefore necessary that the men chosen to manage the street railway system should be avowed public ownership advocates. Many names had been before the Board of Control, but he felt that he was voicing the sentiment of his colleagues on the board in stating that no three men could have been named who would have commanded more widespread support from the public and the press.

TORONTO TRADES COUNCIL.

By a unanimous vote the Toronto District Trades and Labor Council last Thursday decided to withdraw its representation from the Citizens' Liberty League, which Delegate Charles O'Donnell informed the council was in process of reorganization. The council took this action in dealing with the request of Rev. Peter Bryce, of the Ontario Referendum Committee, who had asked the council to name a representative on a committee which was to assist the executive committee of the organization of which he was the secretary.

Several delegates, when Mr. Bryce's communication was read, declared that the council would be in a peculiar position in view of the fact that it had members on the committee of the Liberty League. Others took the view that the council should give its support to the prohibition section of the labor movement and appoint a member to the referendum committee or withdraw its representatives from the Liberty League.

Delegate James Ralph, of the brewery workers, who was on the Liberty League Committee, declared that he had not heard from it for eighteen months. "I represented the council, but the league did not seem to think that I existed," said Mr. Ralph. "As far as the brewery workers are concerned, the sooner the referendum is taken the better. Prohibition has been a benefit to the distillery workers, and not to us. There were 87 drunks in the Police Court last Tuesday, but it was not from ginger ale or two ane one-half per cent. beer."

TORONTO NEWSY BRIEFS.

At a largely attended meeting of the Bricklayers' Union held in the Labor Temple last week, President William Genoves was elected as delegate to the International convention of bricklayers, stonemasons, and plasterers, to be held in Cleveland on October 4. Secretary Fred Howell and Walter Thorne were elected to go to the provincial conference, which meets in Hamilton in September, and J. A. Jones and J. Sutherland were elected as delegates to the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, which meets in Windsor. Business Agent John T. Vick was also given credentials to attend the Trades and Labor Congress.

Secretary John Cottam of the District Carpenters' Council is representing the men in connection with the liquidation of the affairs of the Dominion Shipbuilding Company. "There are several hundred men whose wages have not been paid," said Mr. Cottam, "and present indications are that it will be some time before they are."

Business Agent Styles of the Painters and Decorators reports a large increase in membership during the month of July. All the members of the union in the city are busy, and the total membership is nearing the 1,000 mark.

Vice-president A. C. Hay, of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employes, told the mass meeting consisting mostly of Grand Trunk employes in Victoria Hall last week that Canadian roads had practically agreed to the new wage schedule recently handed down to the United States Railroad Labor Board. The Canadian Railway Association was the only opponent of the schedule, he said, and this because they wished to await the decision on increased freight rates.

R. S. Bartlett, president of the Postal Employes' Federation, announced after a meeting of the executive committee last week that a board of hearing would sit in Toronto at an early date to deal with grievances of postal employes that had arisen under the reclassification of civil servants.

The Labor Day committee will meet at the Labor Temple on the second and fourth Fridays of the present month to perfect arrangements for the Labor Day celebration.

The Board of Arbitration which is investigating the wage dispute between the Toronto and Niagara Power Company and the Toronto Street Railway Company and the machinists, carpenters, and other employes of the two companies were busily employed this week drafting their finding on the evidence submitted. It was expected that the finding of the board would be forwarded to the Department of Labor on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

At the regular meeting of the Stonemasons held Saturday night in the Labor Temple, John McLeod was elected to represent the union at the international convention to be held in Cleveland, in October. Mr. McLeod was also selected to represent the union at the provincial conference to be held in Hamilton next month.

Business Agent J. J. Gibbons, of the Street Railway Men's Union, returned to the city on Sunday after officiating last week as the representative of the Hull Street Railwaymen's Union on the Board of Arbitration which was sitting on the wage dispute between the men and the company.

Secretary J. T. Marks, of the Provincial Independent Labor Party states that there are many encouraging reports received from many sections of the province in connection with organization work in anticipation of the next Federal elections. There is a disposition on the part of the various branches to co-operate fully with the farmers' both as regards candidates and organization areas.

Walter Brown, business agent of the Boot and Shoe Workers, declares that conditions in the trade are worse than at any time during the past twenty years.

Great interest is being taken in carpenter circles over the election which is now taking place to choose a successor to John Doggett, former business agent of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. The following names appear on the ballot, which is being distributed to the members today as candidates for the office: J. W. Chavnor, G. W. Johnson, M. F. MacMahon, D. Munro, Geo. Sellers, D. Spencer, and S. Short.

There was a full turn-out of the various delegates to the Building Trades Council at Monday's meeting in the Labor Temple and a large amount of routine business was dealt with. General Secretary John Doggett presented his report, in which he pointed out that the results accruing from the new steward system were already beginning to show a marked effect.

EASTERN CANADA.

INGERSOLL MACHINISTS PROGRESS.

Organized last December the Ingersoll machinists now have a membership of over 200. They purpose organizing a branch of the Independent Labor Party in the near future. A joint Farmer-Labor picnic will be held on the 28th when it is expected that Jas. Marks, provincial secretary of the I. L. P., will be present and deliver an address. Other speakers expected are Premier Drury and Hon. Walter Rollo.

MONTREAL MUSICIANS GET INCREASE.

An amicabe arrangement having been made between the managers of theatres at Montreal and the Musicians' Union in regard to the wage scale for the next theatrical season, an increase has been granted and agreed upon equal to 40 per cent. of existing wages.

MONTREAL TRAMWAY CO. STANDS BY AWARD.

Further discussions were held on Tuesday between the general committee representing the Tramways Union and Lt.-Col. Hutcheson, general manager of the Montreal Tramways Company, as a result of which the friendly relations between the union and the company were increased. The deputation from the men suggested that further concessions be made with regard to wages, etc., but Lt.-Col. Hutcheson stated that the award of the Board of Conciliation would have to stand as the basis of settlement.

That, it was stated by the management of the company, was as far as the negotiations had proceeded.

It is probable that after the general committee representing the union have talked over the result of their conference, a further meeting will be arranged later with Lt.-Col. Hutcheson.

GRAND TRUNK ELEVATOR MEN STRIKE AT MONTREAL.

Grain elevator employes of the Grand Trunk at Montreal to the number of fifty men are on strike as a protest against the refusal of the Montreal Warehouse company, which operates the elevator they are employed in, to raise their wages. The men are asking for an increase from 40 and 42 cents an hour to 54 cents.

HALIFAX NEWSY BRIEFS.

The Halifax Trades and Labour Council and various unions affiliated with it are now established at the temporary labor temple in the old office building of the Relief Commission on the Citadel, Sackville street. There are two large rooms available for meeting purposes and a number of offices. The office hours of Secretary Martin are 11 a.m. until noon, and 5 to 6 p.m. The remainder of his time is devoted to his duties in connection with labor in different parts of the city.

The electricians and blacksmiths of the Halifax Shipyards, who were on strike, have accepted the 7 cents increase offered.

The Halifax Trades and Labor Council Labor Day programme committee is hard at work completing arrangements for the parade, sports and boxing journey.

Labor Eastern canada.

MONTREAL TRADES COUNCIL WILL INVESTIGATE TEACHERS' GRIEVANCE.

The Montreal Trades and Labor Council discussed at its meeting last night the dismissal of 48 teachers by the Catholic School Commission, the reason said to have been given for this action being that they declined to leave the union movement and join another association that had been formed under the direction of the commission.

The decision of the meeting was to appoint a committee to study the question and report back to the Trades and Labor Council.

GUELPH MOULDERS OUT.

One hundred and fifty moulders walked out on strike at Guelph last week following the refusal of their employers to grant an increase in wages. Although the officials of the union refused to discuss the situation, it was learned on good authority that the demands are for a 23 per cent. increase in the wage scale.

Eastern Canada—

NORTH SYDNEY LONGSHOREMEN'S DISPUTE.

While in North Sydney recently E. McG. Quirk, of the royal commission enquired into the longshoremen's strike there. Mr. Quirk's object is to get the facts of the case on both sides and if possible make a recommendation to the Minister of Labor of a reasonable settlement that both sides might be got to agree to. It all depends, of course, upon the attitude to be taken by the Reid Company but there is a probability of the company giving serious consideration to whatever suggestions the Minister may make on the strength of Mr. Quirk's recommendations.

MONTREAL TRAMWAY BOARD'S FINDINGS.

An increase from 37 to 45 cents per hour for first-year conductors and motormen of the Montreal Tramways Company, from 40 to 50 cents per hour for second-year men and, after the second year 55 cents instead of 48 cents per hour, is the recommendation made in the unanimous report of the board of conciliation that conducted an enquiry into the wages dispute between the company and its employes. The report, which was made public by the Minister of Labor on Thursday, is signed by Hon. Judge Archambault, chairman; E. W. Villeneuve, the representative of the company, and J. A. Woodward, representing the employes.

EXTRA $400,000 FOR HOUSING BOARD.

Chairman E. R. Dennis of the London, Ont., Housing Committee, has returned from Toronto with the announcement that arrangements have been virtually completed for borrowing an additional $400,000 to carry on the construction of dwellings. Mr. Dennis estimates that when operations are suspended next winter $500,000 will have been spent on the season's programme, and an additional $300,000 will be available to commence work next spring.

PORT ARTHUR TO CELEBRATE LABOR DAY.

Plans for the big celebration in Port Arthur on Labor Day are rapidly materializing. Current River Park and the Park Arena have been chosen by the site committee as most suited for events of the big day. There has been no lack of enthusiasm among the workers on the different committees which were appointed a week ago and already good reports are being received of progress. When the final plans have been submitted to the general committee they will be of such a nature as to guarantee that the celebration will be the biggest and the best held at the Head of the Lakes for many years. It is now several years since the labor men have had a real Labor Day and the Port Arthur workers are determined to make the first Monday in September one to be remembered. The Sports Committee, always the big committee in celebrations is out securing prizes for the events and is meeting with success. The prize list and programmes will be ready for distribution later.

WENTWORTH FARMERS AND WORKERS GET TOGETHER.

The Wentworth district council, I. L. P., met last Friday in Foresters' chambers, A. Griffith presided. The committee named to confer with the U. F. O. relative to the nomination of a candidate for the federal election reported having held a conference last Saturday. No decision was reached and another "get-together" will be held at a later date.

A discussion took place regarding the distribution of educational literature to the I. L. P. membership, some of which will be given out at the provincial I. L. P. picnic in Wabasso park on August 21.

NO STRIKE LIKELY OF MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY.

At the close of a conference held on Monday between the officials of the union and the Montreal Tramway Company's executive, the former stated that, in consideration of the public interest, which was strongly impressed upon them in these conferences they had decided to adopt a conciliatory attitude in regard to the arbitration award in their dispute with the company. No strike is likely on the Montreal Tramway.

"They have undoubtedly been bad great men; but inasmuch as they were bad, they were not great."—Leigh Hunt.

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ACHIEVEMENTS
IN CANADA OF THE
L. R. STEEL COMPANY, Limited
5c to $1.00 Stores

A detailed and accurate record, up to date, of the progress of this Company in building and installing an International Chain of Stores from Coast to Coast.

Montreal—A building, 86 ft. 9 in. by 140 ft., at 463 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. The foundation has been excavated, work has begun on the concrete and the front of the building is being remodelled. An addition to the rear is being built. When reconstructed to conform to standard requirements, this structure will contain a 5c. to $1.00 store, woman's specialty shop, and in the basement a soda fountain, lunch counter and other attractive features.

Quebec City—In Quebec City two new stores are being built, under lease to the L. R. Steel Company, Limited. One store is on St. John Street, the other on Crown Street. Foundations are in and work is proceeding on the iron work. Both buildings, as soon as completed, will be occupied by 5c. to $1.00 stores, specialty shops for women, soda fountains and lunch counters.

Sherbrooke—A store has been acquired on Wellington Street. An addition to rear has been completed. The front will be remodelled. This excellent location will be used for an L. R. Steel Company, Limited, 5c. to $1.00 store.

Ottawa—A substantial modern 2-storey building has been purchased at 68 Sparks Street, in the heart of the shopping district. It will be transformed into an L. R. Steel Company, Limited, 5c. to $1.00 store, specialty shop and cafeteria. Possession will be obtained May 1st, 1921.

Toronto—Corner of Danforth Avenue and Gough, 78 ft. by 110 ft. has been purchased. Plans are ready for the building of a modern structure to contain an L. R. Steel Company, Limited, 5c. to $1.00 store, a woman's specialty shop and a "Hunnymoon Sweets" candy shop.

A large warehouse at 32-38 Mutual Street, Toronto, has been purchased by the L. R. Steel Company, Limited. It will be fitted out with electric hoists and other modern improvements, to be used as a warehouse for the Company's stores in and around Toronto.

Goderich—A lease is held on a most modern and well-situated building here. Remodelling is about completed, and the opening date of this store is set for August 7th. This will be the first L. R. Steel Company, Limited, 5c to $1.00 store in operation in Canada.

Owen Sound—A long-term lease is held on a valuable store location on Second Avenue west. Extensive alterations are being made. It is planned to open this L. R. Steel Company, Limited, 5c to $1.00 store about August 21st.

Oshawa—A valuable site on Simcoe Street has been leased. Old store buildings are being removed to make way for the fine, modern building to be built and used as an L. R. Steel Company, Limited, 5c to $1.00 store and woman's specialty shop. Bids for constructing the new building will be let in a few days.

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

Achievements in the United States of the L. R. Steel Company, Inc.

Three Pioneer Producers—Three stores have been operating since last Spring one each in Danbury, Conn., Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Port Jervis, N.Y. These stores are being remodelled to meet the standard requirements of the L. R. Steel Company, Incorporated.

Wilmington—In Wilmington, Delaware, a very valuable store lease has been acquired. A modern merchandising building is being reconstructed into a standard L. R. Steel Company, Incorporated, 5c to $1.00 store, which is planned to open about Oct. 1st.

Two Chains Acquired—13 stores—10 recently acquired from the Holzworth 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 woman's specialty shops, and the first two mentioned, cafeterias also.

Buffalo—A very substantial and spacious building has been purchased on Washington Street, opposite Elliott 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 woman's specialty shop, to retail hats, waists, corsets, hosiery, toilet requisites, at a price limit of $10. Large plate glass windows are in place and interior fittings are being installed. The opening of this Specialty Shop De Luxe is scheduled for August 15th.

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 in an unusually good merchandising location.

Niagara Falls, N.Y.—The most prominent corner in Niagara Falls, N.Y., a city of over 50,000, has been leased for 99 years by the L. R. Steel Company, Inc. A large building, when erected here, will contain one of the most notable stores in the chain of the L. R. Steel Company, Incorporated.

---SITES WANTED---

The L. R. Steel Company, Limited, plans to cover Canada from Coast to Coast. Negotiations will be entered into for the purpose of leasing, buying or building stores in the following cities and towns in the Dominion:

TORONTO DISTRICT
Toronto (2)
Guelph
Woodstock
Sault Ste. Marie
Windsor
Hamilton
St. Thomas
St. Catharines
Cobalt
Peterboro
Kitchener
London
Welland
Sarnia
Chatham
Stratford
Sudbury
MONTREAL DISTRICT
Montreal (4)
Three Rivers
Brockville
Maisonneuve
Thetford Mines
Sherbrooke
Verdun
Kingston
Cornwall
St. Cunegonde
Ottawa (2)
Valleyfield
Lachine
St. Hyacinthe
Belleville
Levis
Hull
HALIFAX DISTRICT
Halifax
Moncton
Glace Bay
St. John
Amherst
Sydney
Fredericton
Charlottetown
Sydney Mines
WINNIPEG DISTRICT
Winnipeg
Port Arthur
Moose Jaw
Fort William
Brandon
Prince Albert
Regina
CALGARY DISTRICT
Calgary
Edmonton
Victoria
Saskatoon
Vancouver
Lethbridge

The above list is only for the immediate needs of the Company. Eventually about 100 sites will be needed in Canada.

Information concerning store sites may be sent to the Real Estate Department of the L. R. STEEL COMPANY, LIMITED, CANADIAN EXECUTIVE OFFICES, SUITE 1101, ROYAL BANK BUILDING, TORONTO. WESTERN OFFICES, MERCHANTS' BANK BLDG., WINNIPEG.