# Labor Items of Interest From the Capital City

**LABOR DAY ADVANCE NOTICE.**

To the city unions the following circular is being forwarded:—

Dear Sir and Brother:—The Labor Day Committee desires to extend a cordial invitation to the members of your local to participate in the Labor Day parade to be held in Ottawa, Monday, September 1st, 1919.

This being the first parade that has been held since the beginning of the war, the committee is very desirous of seeing the largest demonstration that organized labor in Ottawa has ever held.

The members of the Hull local unions are going to participate, and invitations have also been sent to [illegible] Ottawa Valley, and also to Ogdensburg, N.Y. The committee confidently hope that your membership will turn out 100 per cent. and make the 1919 Labor Day parade worthy of the crowning victory of peace and a practical demonstration of the strength of the organized labor movement in this locality.

The committee would request that you lay this communication before your local at its next meeting, with the suggestion that it appoint a committee to make arrangements for the participation of your local in the forthcoming Labor Day parade.

Thanking you in advance, and with best wishes for the success of your organization, yours fraternally, W. T. McDowell, Secretary Labor Day Committee.

**STONEMASONS FOR ACTION.**

That labor representation should be actively worked for and success attained was the very decisive note of all speakers at the regular meeting of the local of stonemasons. This subject was introduced by the Trades Council representative, Bro. Geo. Patrick. He stated that there was a very pronounced feeling for the organized labor movement to get in on the inside, and a decision arrived at to invite the numerous unions of city to select a representative that plans may be matured to become a factor in the City Council and other legislative bodies. The point was made by the speaker that this was a co-operative movement to aid the Independent Labor party and the movement would be enthused if the policy was straight labor without the revolutionary or dreamy idealist attempting to stop progress to the workers interests. Bro. J. Cameron spoke along similar lines and made a stirring appeal for the members to get busy and become an effective force. With the straight from the shoulder speeches a unanimous vote to enter the game was adopted, the local selecting Bro. John Small with instructions to carry the word that the stonemasons were staunch supporters of the movement.

A Labor Day Committee was appointed of five members to make arrangements for the parade. They were instructed to get into harness at once and have a report ready for discussion at the next regular meeting.

Bro. D. Millar occupied the chair, all the new officers being in their places. The local's roll of officers now is President D. Millar, Vice-President Wm. Lennie, Cor. Secretary J. Sandeman, Rec. Secretary Thos. Halley, Treasurer J. Small. Delegates to the Trades Council: Geo. Patrick, John Cameron and J. D. Robertson, Sergt-at-Arms Wm. Waller.

**FIREFIGHTERS' NOTES LOCAL 162.**

With the street cars running again the boys who have had a long way to travel to their stations will rejoice that they can now take a car under more pleasant circumstances such as hanging on to a fender of a jitney. Of course this does not mean that the street cars were full by any means.

President Sam Blackler did not suffer much by the street car strike as he left on his vacation just before the strike was declared and before his return it was about over, and seemed rather surprised when told about the strike, not being able to get his mail delivered where he was spending his vacation.

The men who are receiving the low scale of wages are beginning to feel the necessity of seeking some kind of a boost with the approach of winter. We feel sure if their case is properly placed before the authorities it will receive a just hearing; with coal at $12.35 a ton and still going up.

Capt. Beausejour has become the owner of a motor car and states that he has missed quite a lot of pleasure in not purchasing one long ago. He has procured a book of rules of the air, so I guess it will not be long before he will be soaring to the dizzy heights.

Saginaw, Michigan, have won their campaign for the two platoon system.

Milton, Mass., have the two-platoon system.

Columbus, Ohio, have been granted the two-platoon system.

Winona, Minnesota, have been granted the two-platoon system.

Local 201, Parson, Kansas, is the baby local.

Those responsible for the design of the new motor hose wagon are to be congratulated on their work. It can be truthfully said it is one of the finest pieces of modern fire apparatus on this side of the line anyway.

**MUSICIANS NEW AGREEMENT.**

Secretary E. J. Cockburn forwarded the following letter to the managers of the Ottawa amusement houses:—

"As the musicians performing in the various theatres in this locality are feeling most keenly the cost of existence, and, with the exception of last year, when a slight advance of salary was granted, the price has been stationary for years, we beg to advise you that the following prices go into force from September 1, 1919:

"Leaders and organists, $43 weekly. Musicians, $36 weekly. Musicians playing piano, $38 weekly. Relieving piano and organ, $1 per hour. Musicians performing nights only, $18 per week."

**FROM THE TYPOS' JOURNAL.**

Correspondent Arthur Simpson of Local 102, I.T.U., makes interesting reading monthly in the pages of the Typographical Journal. From the current issue, with apologies to Arthur, the following is taken:—

All printed work for this city will henceforth carry the union label.

The Allied Printing Trades Council has induced the corporation to live up to a bylaw passed some time ago. C. S. O. Boudreault was largely instrumental in having the bylaw passed during his term on the aldermanic board, and he has rendered assistance recently in the efforts to make the law operative. Our thanks are due to Mr. Boudreault.

The Industrial Relations Commission held its closing session in this city on June 14. William Lodge, a member of the local, appeared before the commission and made some observations entirely in accord with the policy of organized labor.

By the time these lines appear in print we shall have signed up our new scale, $32 for 48 hours. Well, this will help considerably, for printers have been as hard hit by the war as most trades, inasmuch as our wages have remained almost stationary in the face of the increased cost of living. If we strive for a living wage for ourselves and are impatient at any parsimonious policy, let us remember that our international officers observe consideration in the same way. If we want a living wage we must be prepared to pay a living wage. Our local, to its credit [illegible] way.

We are pleased to welcome back from overseas A. Ross, D. Batterton and Austin M. Morrison. They are returning so fast it is difficult to keep track of them all.

The 38th Battalion arrived in the city on June 15, but left behind, in a soldier's grave, Sergt. Glen Wilson, a member of our local and one of the noblest boys that ever stepped into a printing office. He was side page to the scribe at the time he enlisted and his sterling character was recognized by every member who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

**STEAM AND OPERATING ENGINEERS.**

Local 473, Steam and Operating Engineers, for the ensuing term elected the following officers:—President, F. Lafortune; vice-president, W. McKinninch; cor. secretary, A. M. Watson; secretary-treasurer, Geo. Alexander; business

PRES. FRANK LAFORTUNE.

agent, C. W. Lewis; conductor, Geo. Smiley; guard, Alf. White; auditors, Bros. Wilson, McKinninch, and Smiley; trustees, Bros. Lafortune, Lewis, Alexander; delegates to the Allied Trades and Building Trades Council, Bros. Lafortune, Lewis and McKinninch.

President Lafortune, who was acclaimed, treated the members to one of his excellent discourses. He stated that the labor movement was as broad as the universe, with a hope that all engineers in this section would join up with the union. Every engineer requires the support of the movement to better his conditions, through increase in salary and reduction of working hours. There should be no 12-hour jobs he claimed and there would be none when Local 473 had reached the objective strength. All should lay aside the personal element making no difference in those outside the ranks but invite every engineer to become a member of Local 473. Having again assumed the responsibility of president for another year, he promised to give the best that was in him, though he would fail if he was not accorded the wholehearted support of all the members. The membership must be increased. To do this work he asked the members to help him and give results as they expected results from him. Carry application blanks, or let us know where a member may be secured, or an old member reinstated.

In order to build up every member must be interested and enthusiastic. This is best proven by regular attendance. He did not believe that capital and labor are natural enemies, on the contrary, the welfare of both is best promoted by a correct understanding, and this is the view that is now gaining ground, among the men of means and the men who work for wages. Still, it was necessary to keep a good look-out through organization. Let us ask nothing more than justice from the employing class and accept nothing less, were his concluding remarks.

## HALIFAX BUILDING TRADES WAGE RATES.

The award of the Board of Arbitration appointed to consider the dispute between the Halifax striking building trades unions and their employers calls for the following wages:—

Carpenters, 66 cents per hour; painters, 66; plumbers, 70; electricians, 70; masons and bricklayers, 75, and plasterers, 75. The finding says that this award shall continue in force until December 31, 1920.

## I. W. W. MAGAZINE'S CONCRETE EVIDENCE.

Open advocacy of "the red terror," the destruction of the American Government, and the forcible seizure of power by the workers was continued in magazines printed in Russian and Finnish by the I.W.W., which were offered in evidence in sessions of the joint legislative committee, which is investigating radical and seditious activities in New York State. Some of the magazines were published in New York and others in Chicago.

Extracts from the magazines which were read by translators included such sentences as:

"The bourgeoisie can be paralyzed only by the red terror."

"Burn the codes of law; take all their riches; death to the bourgeoisie."

"One of the most effective weapons is sabotage; let us attack with the ferocity of tigers."

Among a number of letters which were read into the testimony addressed to the I.W.W. headquarters there was one from a woman teacher in a private school asking for literature suitable for boys of high school age. The letter was dated Salina, Kansas, and was signed Grace Generie Plank. The writer recommended that nothing be sent "so venemous as to antagonize at the outset."

# MECHANICS' PATENTS.

No one has more opportunities to become independent than an ingenious mechanic. The industrial work today is calling for the devices of clever mechanics—devices not to take work from working men, but devices to make the workingman more effective. When a man, however, has a device of merit he must be well advised in his first steps to market it. The wrong step may rob him of the fruits of his brain. The purpose of this department is to give honest, reliable advice about securing a patent, caveat, copyright, or the registration of a formula. This paper has retained the services of Canada's foremost patent expert to reply to your enquiries sent in to this column. This patent service is free to all subscribers to this paper. Write on one side of the paper only and sign your full name and address. Your name, however, will not be published in the paper.

## VETERANS FAVOR WHITLEY SCHEME.

Drastic proposals for making profiteers refund excess profits to the national treasury for reducing the high cost of living and keeping the cost of the necessary commodities of life at a reasonable demand for insuring for labor a fair return for its toil, and for business enterprises a fair return on the capital actually used, were made at the Dominion convention of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association by the Winnipeg delegates.

The convention opened at Montreal Wednesday. Following is a resolution embodying the proposals which is to be presented:

"Whereas, Canada is laboring under a tremendous burden of debt occasioned largely by the successful conduct of the war, and this burden will be still further increased by expenditure yet to be made in connection with the war in the payment of pensions and allowances to soldiers, sailors, aviators and their dependents;

"And, whereas, in order to do justice to soldiers, sailors and aviators who have been incapacitated, either partially or totally, and their dependents, and to the dependents of those who have been killed, it is necessary that the pensions and allowances now being granted shall be very materially increased;

"And, whereas, the cost of the necessary commodities of life has become exorbitant and is continuing to increase, apparently, will continue to increase unless some drastic and immediate steps are taken to control same;

"And, whereas, recent investigations before a commission appointed by the Federal Government have shown that certain firms and corporations engaged in the manufacture and distribution of some of the necessary commodities of life have during the war been making unfair and exorbitant profits, as a result of which profits the price of said commodities to the consumer has been increased tremendously and the purchasing power of money paid in wages to employes has been diminished;

"And, whereas, as a result of this ever-increasing cost of living and the revelations as to the undue profits which have been made during the war, unrest and discontent have developed among all sections of the people, and particularly among the wage-earning classes, and this unrest is showing a tendency to develop into revolution;

"Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved that a competent and impartial tribunal should forthwith be appointed by the Federal authorities, upon which tribunal organized farmers, organized labor, and organized soldiers should be represented, with full powers of investigation, the duties of such tribunal to be as follows:

(1) "To thoroughly investigate the business of every individual person, partnership, company or corporation which is now or which may have been engaged in the production, manufacture or distribution of any of the necessary commodities of life, or in the production or manufacture of munitions of war during the period commencing the first day of August, 1914, to date;

(2) "To ascertain through investigation or report as to the extent by which the capital of such person or persons, partnership, company or corporation, has been increased from the said first day of August, [illegible] of investigation;

(3) "To give judgment to the amount by which such capital has been increased during said period, less a reasonable annual increase of not more than — per cent. shall be paid to the treasury of the Dominion of Canada, as and by way of special contribution on the part ownership of capital to the national debt of Canada, and said tribunal shall have power to say in what manner and upon what terms moneys so found to be due shall be paid, and to order such security for the payment thereof as such tribunal shall think fit and proper so as to absolutely ensure the payment of the amount judged to be due.

"This convention further resolves that legislation should be passed in the Federal House which shall provide for an annual or more frequent inspection of the books of all persons, partnerships, companies or corporations engaged in the production, manufacture or distribution of any of the necessary commodities of life for the purpose of ascertaining from time to time the profits being made, and such legislation should provide that all profits earned in excess of a reasonable return upon the capital actually used (the return to be determined by the tribunal herein before referred to) shall be paid to the state in the form of taxes to apply to the national debt of Canada.

"The tribunal should have power to fix the price at which commodities are to be sold subsequent to the last investigation made so as to ensure that the consumers of such commodities shall not be called upon to pay a larger price for such commodities than is necessary to give.

"To labor involved in the manufacture of same sufficient to maintain a proper standard of living and to the capital involved a fair return;

"And this convention further resolved that Labor should receive out of the products of its own toil sufficient to maintain a standard of living worthy of Canadian citizenship, and steps should be taken wherever possible to create joint councils of industry upon which employers and employes and the general public are represented, the duty of such joint councils to see that the wealth produced by industry is equitably and fairly distributed between employers and employes and the interests of the general public, and also to safeguard, and for the purpose of giving to Labor a deeper interest in industries in which it is engaged, this convention is of the opinion that an extension of profit sharing along the lines of the Whitley report will be conducive to more harmonious relations between capital and Labor, and to the peace and well being of the people of Canada."

# ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

**GET SIX-DAY WEEK.**

The municipal authorities of Paris have met the six-day week demand of 1,700 clerks employed in the municipal grocery stores, which will hereafter close from Sunday noon to Monday noon.

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**TRIPLE ALLIANCE AGAINST CONSCRIPTION.**

The triple alliance of labor, which is composed of the railwaymen, transportation workers and miners, met in London on Tuesday and registered a vote of 217 to 11 against conscription, participation in Russian campaigns and the intervention of military force in trade union disputes.

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**FRANCE TO COMBAT H. C. OF L.**

Four definite measures intended to reduce the cost of living were decided upon at a meeting of the French Cabinet. Henri Roy, a deputy, was appointed a commissioner to execute the ideas agreed upon.

The four plans were:

1.—"Clemenceau" or "Vilgrain" food-selling booths in Paris will be doubled in number and others will be established in other centres of population.

2.—Cheap restaurants to supply meats at fixed prices will be started in Paris and in the provinces, under the control of the Ministry of Supplies.

3.—All war stocks of food-stuffs will be sold to the public, chiefly through the co-operative societies.

4.—A special service already organized in the Ministry of Supplies will seek to curb illicit speculation in food-stuffs.

A bill pending in Parliament contains provisions supplementing existing laws against speculation and increases penalties.

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**YORKSHIRE MINERS STRIKE.**

While union leaders were discussing the Government's demands for guarantees that no strikes be called in the coal mines for three months, 150,000 miners struck in the Yorkshire district. Their action was caused by a dispute over the operation of the Sankey award. Thirteen hundred miners have struck in Kent.

Since the above strike was called miners to the number of 10,000 were out in Nottingham and Derby, while the miners at Monmouth and Lancashire also laid down their tools, but the workers in the two latter districts went back to work on Tuesday to save the mines from destruction, but did so under protest. In some mines the Government has placed sailors, and these workers are protected by soldiers.

The most hopeful feature of the coal strike is the decision of the Welsh miners at a conference at Cardiff not to join the Yorkshire movement. There was not great accession of strength to the strike movement. The men on strike total about 275,000, Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Monmouth being the counties mainly affected.

Sir Eric Geddes, Minister without portfolio, who on Monday was appointed a commissioner to settle the strike, is at Leeds, and, according to Government statements, will confine himself to affording protection to men willing to work at the pumps, and will not interfere in any way with the actual strike movement.

Andrew Bonar Law, the Government spokesman, told a questioner in the House of Commons recently that as far as the Government was aware there was no particular person behind the miners' unrest, and that the movement seemed to be a protest against the increase in the price of coal, against the dearness of living, against military interference in Russia, and conscription. At the time of writing, no settlement appears in sight.

## FUEL FOR THE WORKERS.

Something must be done to provide plenty of good fuel at a reasonable price for the great mass of the people who toil. This world shortage of fuel which threatens will be very serious for the Canadian workers because we are largely dependent at present on the coal mines of the United States. The Canadian Mining Journal prints a statement by E. S. Peabody, chairman of the National Coal Association of the United States.

Mr. Peabody says that we are facing the greatest coal shortage in history, which serious situation can be remedied only by an immediate increase in production of 25 per cent. or more. If something is not done it is possible next winter that one factory in every eight in the United States will be forced to shut down for lack of fuel. If the coal famine is such a menace in the United States, where the bulk of the coal is, what about Canada, our country that looks to the United States for fuel? We must do something to prevent the people from being cold and also we must prevent a lack of employment through "shut-downs" for lack of fuel.

The United States has a bituminous coal shortage of about 65,000,000 tons for the first 24 weeks of 1919. There is an alarming shortage in anthracite coal for domestic use. Some authorities predict that domestic coal will be scarce and worth from $18 to $20 per ton this fall and winter.

It appears that some American coal may even have to be sent to the old country to help the coal situation over there. British coal mines will produce about 44,000,000 tons less than the coal output in 1913. Britain may be forced to discontinue the export of coal this year. The coal problem is one of the biggest problems in Great Britain today.

Canada imports from the United States every year somewhere around 20,000,000 tons of coal, of which about one-third is anthracite coal. According to Floyd Parsons, the American coal-expert, the best anthracite fields of the United States are within measurable distance of exhaustion, and it is quite possible that in the not distant future that country may be compelled in self-protection, to curtail or discontinue coal export. To meet this impending lack of fuel Canada must do something at once. One thing that can be done is to help and encourage the Briquetting Industry, a new national enterprise which will utilize Canadian raw materials and Labor to meet Canada's great need of the hour.

Author: "You remember my last book?"

Artist: "The one I illustrated?"

Author: "Yes. Well, Sir Barnes Stormer wants me to dramatize it for his next West-end production."

Artist: "I say! That's splendid. I must read it."

# Labor News From the Busy City of Hamilton

**TRADES COUNCIL.**

Last Friday's meeting in the Labor hall revealed the significant fact that the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council is solid for the International Trades Unionism. There's no fear of the Central Labor union seceding from the A. F. of L. A communication from the Guelph Trades and Labor Council exhorting the T. and L. to support a resolution urging the Dominion Trades Council to inaugurate a National Council of Labor, giving mandatory power in all industrial disputes [illegible] working labor was construed by the delegates as advancing a secessional movement from the A. F. of L. So the letter was filed. No action was taken respecting a telegram from Secretary Kavanagh, Vancouver T. and L. Council, urging that the Hamilton T. and L. refuse to participate in the forthcoming Industrial Conference to be held in Ottawa in September unless the Government released the five foreigners arrested and refused bail as an aftermath of the "Peg" strike.

Delegates mentioned that many "jerry-built" houses were being erected in Hamilton, some being "fire traps." A committee was elected to work in conjunction with the Building Trades Council and jointly both sides will go the limit, where the city's building bylaws are being violated. For the first time credentials were received from the newly organized Bakery Wagon Drivers' and Butchers' and Meat Cutters' Union.

**MOLDERS REJECT FOUNDERS' OFFER.**

Last Thursday's conference of Hamilton founders and molders and coremakers didn't end the strike, which has been on for 12 weeks. The bosses' offer of 64 cents per hour and a 50 hour week, was turned down flat by the men. Another "get-together" will be held soon, according to Manager Robert Christie, Sawyer-Massey Company, who said as a result of the confab, both sides had been drawn much closer together. The "sandrats" struck work on Monday, May 5, the foundrymen refusing to concede a wage increase from 60 cents to 75 cents per hour and the 44 hour week. Some of the strikers characterize the founders' offer an insult, not a compromise. One married molder, the father of four small children, said "He'r rather pick oakum than return to work on the bosses' terms. It would mean $2.40 less per week if we accepted," he said. The men say they won't resume work until the founders "come across" with all the strikers' ask for.

**SHOE WORKERS GET MORE PAY AND WORK LESS HOURS.**

Retroactive May 1 nearly 400 employes of the James Macpherson company's factory, members of the International Boot and Shoe Workers' Union gain a 10 to 20 per cent. wage increase and reduced working hours per week from 55 to 47. The settlement was negotiated without recourse to a board of arbitration, by Manager Duffield and E. W. O'Dell, International organizer. Both sides are well pleased with the result.

**BUTCHER WORKMEN FORM UNION.**

With over 100 members enrolled, Local No. 13, Amalgamated Butcher Workmen and Meat Cutters' Union organized last Thursday night in the Molders' hall. Harry George Fester, Recording Secretary Hamilton Trades and Labor Council, called the big assembly to order and proved a very able master of ceremonies. Mr. Fester unfurled the charter, initiated the charter members and installed the officers elect. Controller Harry Halford and School Trustee Walter R. Rollo were the speech makers of the night, and their replete informative talks fired their auditors to unmistakeable enthusiasm. Mr. Rollo performed the secretarial duties. The following officers were elected: President, R. H. Matthews; Vice-President, E. Blank; Recording Secretary, R. Venattor; Financial Secretary, Joseph McGarr; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, W. Wilson; Guard, F. Braemer; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. Caskey; Guide, J. Pickard. Trustees, T. Smith, F. Durst, J. McMullen. Trades Council delegates, R. H. Matthews, J. McGarr, F. Durst. The first five officers will constitute the executive committee. Local Union No. 13 will meet the second and fourth Thursday each month and the Molders' hall, will be the headquarters.

**POLITICAL DOPESTERS BUSY.**

Last week Mayor Charles Good-enough Booker publicly announced that he would be a mayoralty candidate again at the next January election. He has been thrice Hamilton's Chief Magistrate. And so easy has Mayor "Charlie" headed the polls, that he imagines he's unbeatable, like Toronto's mayor, "Tommy" Church. Well Mr. Mayor, just wait awhile. Perhaps labor will have something to say. There are lots of Hamiltonians who hold the opinion that had the I.L.P. nominated Controller George G. Halcrow as mayoralty candidate last January, the Labor man would have "topped" the polls. Unless a material change clouds the labor horizon, either Controller Halcrow or Controller Harry Halford will be in the mayoralty field. Some of the labor "skates" favor nabbing a few more civic seats at the next election. Controller Halford says Controller Halcrow is the man, and if "Georgie" won't run, labor will nominate somebody else. And if the I.L.P. doesn't deem it expedient to run a mayoralty candidate, Harry says he won't think twice of "coming out" himself. Of course it's much too soon prognosticating about such matters, but still the Hamilton Times' political scribe [illegible] apparently "copy" being shy, he took a political "fall." He was a mile out. Mr. Scribe dared to cast that federal and provincial elections being not afar off, Walter Rollo and Controller Halcrow would be contestants for Dominion Parliamentary honors because, likely T. J. Stewart and Hon. S. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia, present incumbents of Hamilton's Federal seats, would step out. But here comes the "joker." The Labor party would "drop" Allan Studholme, M.L.A., East Hamilton, to make room for a younger man. And so on. Well labor has no desire to drop Mr. Studholme, who has represented East Hamilton in the Ontario Legislature for four terms. The seat is "Studdy's" as long as he wants it. Such talk is all bunkum! As soon as Premier Hearst and Premier Borden pronounce the dissolution of Parliaments, Labor will be "up and doing." And labor doesn't brook outside interference. I.L.P. officers and members when they assemble in convention will nominate whom they think fit and qualified. The Hamilton I.L.P. has always conducted its conventions for candidates' nominations democratically and will continue that square policy. There's this to be said, however, labor will contest every seat in future Provincial and Federal elections, at least in the Ambitious City. And what's more, success will attend labor's efforts.

**T. AND L. OPPOSES STANDING ARMY OF 10,000 FOR CANADA.**

The pronouncement by Minister of Militia Hon. S. C. Mewburn, in Parliament recently, declaring a standing army of 10,000 men in Canada to maintain law and order, isn't approved by the Hamilton Trades and [illegible]

Delegates Fester and Boyd were named a special committee to frame a resolution of opposition to be sent to Premier Borden and Cabinet Ministers, calling upon them to desist from this wasteful expenditure of the peoples' money and urging other legitimate means to maintain peace and harmony among all classes in Canada. The germ draft of the resolution follows: "The Hamilton Trades and Labor Council goes on record as protesting against the mobilization and maintenance of a standing army in Canada, believing that the maintenance of such is a wasteful expenditure of money, non-productive of beneficial results, entirely opposed to good economy, and absolutely unnecessary for the peace of the country."

**FRANK DWYER HAMILTON BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL PRESIDENT.**

After two years' faithful service as president of the Building Trades Council Edward J. Madden retired from that responsible and onerous office last Monday night. His elected successor was Frank Dwyer. Mr. Madden was the recipient of a standing vote of thanks from the delegates and thanked for services rendered. Mr. Madden declined the invitation as fraternal delegate to the council. He is now in business for himself and employs a journeyman plumber. During the session Sam Lawrence was also complimented for his work as business agent.

The officers elected follow: President, Frank Dwyer; Vice-President, Guy Potter; Recording Secretary, Robert Towler; Treasurer, Samuel Lawrence; Auditors, G. Potter, William Pawson; Trustees, E. Marshall, P. Prior; Trades and Labor Council Delegates, E. J. Madden, S. Lawrence, G. Potter, Business Agent, Sam Lawrence.

Controller Harry Halford was congratulated on a resolution passed regarding his stand against the shingling of East Hamilton houses without felt paper being put underneath. The council went on record favoring a labor day parade. So far the answers received the B. T. C. referendum respecting "closed jobs" are favorable. A permanent Business Agent will be elected. One of his duties will be to prevent union building tradesmen working with "cardless" men.

The Plasterers' and Lathers delegates reported both local unions had had a "get-together." Henceforth no plasterers will plaster non-union lathers' work and lathers will not lath non-union plasterers' work. The auditors reported that the council financially and numerically was flourishing. All city building trades locals are affiliated excepting the Bricklayers' union. The intervention of the American Federation of Labor is being sought to bring about the "brickies" affiliation.

**DOMESTICS' UNION UNDER WAY**

Hamilton's Domestic Servants are proceeding very nicely organizing a local union. They owe much to the Women's Labor party, whose officers and members are leading every effort to effect the formation. Last Monday night in the Foresters' chambers, East Main street, under the auspices of the W. L. P. another organization meeting of the domestics was held. There was a big turnout of the girls and before Mrs. E. J. Madden declared the session adjourned, 14 more girls had signed the application blank for a charter. Another meeting will be held on Monday, July 28, at which Mrs. Madden and Harry Fester assured the girls, an International woman organizer would be the speaker; Mr. Fester was in rare talking form. He congratulated the girls on their interest and enthusiasm. He pointed out that since the Toronto, Winnipeg and other Canadian cities' Domestics had organized, improved working concessions and increased wages had been derived. He urged them to perpetuate the Trades Union spirit among their sisters engaged in the household work calling and lose no time in forming a local union.

**EAST HAMILTON VETS ENTERTAIN.**

It didn't take the East Hamilton G.W.V.A. branch members long to realize that paying rent for their clubhouse was a loadstone. So they determined to buy the property outright. The right kind of committee was elected, publicity and otherwise. Some weeks ago the Vets held a tag-day which unfortunately wasn't a monetary success. The citizens didn't "come across" so handsomely as anticipated. However the returned khakiclads shed no crocodile tears. They set to work and gathered in the coin, sufficient to buy the property outright. The Vets pay rent no more. On Saturday night they entertained the youngsters—200 of them—who helped on tag-day. And a few adult guests were at the banquet, including Manager James A. Wall, Lyric theatre, Mrs. Frank [illegible] the Hamilton homecoming "Tommies," and Miss Mary E. Kennedy, all of whom helped the Vets' cause along. It was a jolly time. President "Bill" Jordan, D.C.M., M.M., was chairman and his after dinner speech was just "A." And Mr. Wall, self styled Lyric theatre "janitor," pleased his auditors while he discoursed. "There's nothing too good for the returned soldiers. And never forget the Lyric is ever at their disposal for anything in their behalf," he emphasized. An unusually high class musical programme interspersed with refreshments and dancing, afforded the adult and juvenile guests every enjoyment, and all were sorry when the orchestra played as a finale The Maple Leaf.

**NEWS ITEMS.**

Last Sunday the Trades and Labor Council Labor Day Committee met in the Labor Hall. There was a full attendance of delegates when Ald. Chas. J. Aitchison started the session. The sports' committee reported as having secured the services of P. J. Jones, Hamilton Herald sporting editor, to supervise the open and union soft ball games, which are the big events on Labor Day. The donation committee stated that, thanks to Hamilton's generous manufacturers and merchants. To all appearances Monday, September 1, will afford a bumper Labor Day demonstration.

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Hamilton's bread and cake wagon drivers are organizing fast. Last Sunday at the regular meeting five initiations took place. There are now 85 drivers in the new local union, and only 20 more required organizing. In the absence of the president and vice-president, both out of town, Melville Stanton, presided. There was a big attendance. The "boys" are biding their time before seeking more pay and shorter hours.

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In the labor hall last Monday night the Painters' and Decorators' union picnic committee met and organized. F. H. Ball was elected chairman and M. Dwyer secretary. Saturday, August 26 was decided the date of the annual outing and if satisfactory steamship arrangements can be made, Centre Island, Toronto, will be the picnicking venue.

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A column conducted by a lawyer versed in all the little transactions of daily life wherein a workingman will need a little legal instruction. Matters dealt with are those pertaining to leases, payment of rent, notices to tenants, seizures for rent and wages, garnishees, collection of debts, collection of back wages, what a bailiff may do and what he may not do; questions pertaining to Due Bills, Taxes, Mortgages, Deeds, Contracts, Building Agreements, Promissory Notes, Wills, Bills of Sale, Suing for Damages caused by accident, Court procedure, forms of contract and release for apprentices, Bail bonds, Affidavits, Building and Loan law and many other points that may puzzle a workingman. This legal service is free to all subscribers to this paper. In writing to this column write very plainly on one side of a sheet of paper and sign your full name and address to the letter. No reply will be given to any enquiry that does not carry the full name and address of the writer as a guarantee of good faith. The name, however, will not be published. A certain number of these letters will be dealt with in each number of this paper. If you have a legal point you can save more than a year's subscription by sending it into this department.

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