

# LABOR NEWS FROM ALL PROVINCES

## TOILERS! VOTE FOR YOURSELF.

Workers of the Capital City of Canada never had a better opportunity of electing two members of the Board of Control than they have at the forthcoming election.

Control John Cameron has sat on the Board of Control for one year. His record—the record of Labor—is before the people. It is agreed by all that he performed the duties faithfully and well. He was the first Labor member elected to the City Council, and as such under the close scrutiny of all the citizens of Ottawa. The Ottawa newspapers, which cannot be charged with ever-friendliness to the trades union movement, state that he has been a good legislator. What has been done by John Cameron has been done for Labor. His record stands before the people and with him stands another candidate for the Board of Control in the person of Mr. Wm. Lodge, secretary of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association. These are the Labor candidates for the Board of Control. Both should have the support of all wage-earners of Ottawa.

Candidates have been placed in the field in some of the wards. In Capital Ward Mr. George Patrick is the Labor standard-bearer. Mr. Chas. W. Lewis seeks election in Victoria Ward. Workers in Dalhousie Ward have selected Mr. Michael Cain as their candidate. Alderman D. H. Macdonald and Mr. Wm. Pash the full slate in Rdeau Ward. In By Ward Mr. Chas. Greenberg is the Labor candidate, and in Ottawa Ward Mr. M. A. Beaudet. For school trustee Mr. W. McCaghey is a candidate in Capital Ward.

All of these candidates will be elected if the wage-earners of Ottawa will support themselves. Don't be fooled by election promises. Labor stands on a democratic platform and you can rest assured that if the toilers desire a voice in the administration of public affairs they will have to elect their own men. This year a very favorable opportunity presents itself. The pioneer work was done last year. The elections of Ottawa were made acquainted with the aims and aspirations of Labor. This year the education of last year will bear fruit.

Election day is yet a few weeks off, but now is the time to boost your candidates, and we are convinced that if each and every wage-earner in Ottawa puts his and her shoulder to the wheel we can elect all of our candidates to the City Council of 1921.

## The Associated Federal Employees of Ottawa.

Federal Union No. 66.

### RETURNED SOLDIER CIVIL SERVANTS MEET.

Last Sunday afternoon yet one more long step was taken towards making the Civil Service "safe for democracy," and an equally ambitious field of effort for the returned citizen who is at all acquainted with his education and training for further usefulness to his country in this highly important sphere of official life—the field which no one else has the most unquestionable right to take his place in, since he has already so emphatically proved his usefulness to the world and to civilization. Sunday's meeting, which resulted in the formation of a Civil Service Branch, Ottawa G. W. V. A., was the outcome of a most helpful suggestion made by President Loughnan at the previous Monday's general meeting of the Ottawa branch of the War Veterans' Association, viz.—That those members of the G. W. V. A. who were also civil servants should form their own organization, a distinct entity, in order that they might better and more freely be able to discuss those problems which directly affect them, and which, in each and every large degree, interest the general membership. This measure, as was pointed out, would have the effect of obviating the anomaly of having non-civil servants attending the general meetings, into the discussion of matters which could not be of great moment to them, and, moreover, of voting on the same. A good deal of time was wasted in the past owing to this very fact, which, while the airing of Civil Service grievances has been, unavoidably, listened to, and, to some extent, acted upon, has not directly concerned the discussion of matters of more general interest to G. W. V. A. members, matters the appeal of which was universal. It has also been hampered on account of the time devoted to those of purely sectional importance. President Loughnan's proposal embodied the basic principle of group representation, which is one of the planks in the platform of Federal Union No. 66, and which is already taking the place of the older system of calling upon the general membership of an organization for discussion of any and all questions, even though these might be outside the scope and knowledge of a large number of the members in the administration of bodies of citizens associated for the general welfare, such as the system of elections conducted on the principle of proportional representation is beginning to supersede the more antiquated method of the straight vote, which so recently resulted in a three-cornered contest, in the election of a representative on a minority vote. "P. R." it might be observed in parenthesis, the entire executive of the Associated Federal Employees of Ottawa.

This meeting of Sunday last, to which were invited all returned soldiers who were civil servants, was called for the purposes of discussing what attitude shall be taken to present the claims of the civil servants, who saw service in the war, to the Government with a view to urging an increase in pay, and other requirements of forming a Civil Service Branch of the War Veterans, and of going into the question of the extent to which those members of the G. W. V. A. who are employed in the Civil Service will associate with Federal Union No. 66.

Major McKeand, who had been invited to the meeting to speak, opened by stating frankly that he had always been strongly in favor of civil servants associating with labor. He recognized that whatever the result of the meeting was the best way to get it. He then went carefully and minutely into the modus operandi of handling the six or seven thousand applications that are now pending. Major McKeand is a member of the Civil Service Commission's Board of Hearings, which position, as he has minutely observed, he had never got anything out of except criticism. At the close of his address he answered, to the best of his ability, a number of questions that were put to him by various comrades in the hall—questions arising, for the most part, out of their own appeals.

The chairman of the Returned Soldiers' Committee, Federal Union 66, who was also elected to the provisional vice-presidency of the new body, began his address by pointing out that the Civil Service Branch of the Ottawa Veterans was scarcely in a sufficiently advanced stage, so far, to collect information or evidence on re-classification injustices, actual or potential. The first thing to do was draw up a constitution and get

played affected by our work. They pointed out that in New York City and State misunderstandings had developed between the forces engaged on the task of classification and the men and women whose jobs were being described and valued, and that this friction had very seriously interfered with the consummation of the enterprise. Your Commission decided to call in the authorized representatives of the employees and lay before them in frank, open fashion the plans of the Commission. The employees, individually and collectively, have separated while heartily with your Commission. They did not attempt to exact promises as to the character of our recommendations, and the members of your Commission made no promises, except the one which was freely tendered at the beginning of our conference, when we assured the president of one of the employees' associations that all the details of our work would be open to inspection at all times by anyone interested. We have adopted this consent to that policy. Your Commission has had no secrets to conceal. We were engaged in a public work, and we were anxious to avoid misunderstandings and to avoid misunderstandings was to conduct our inquiries in such an open, above-board fashion, that you interested might know not only our conclusions, but the process by which those conclusions were reached.

The black type does not appear in the report. There was no need to emphasize any particular portion of a plain, honest statement of policy. The necessity for emphasis is our own, right here in Canada. The reorganization is being conducted by the same firm that reorganized the Service at Washington. Why are they not using the same methods? Is it because they are not being permitted to?

At Thursday's meeting of local No. 1, International Bricklayers' and Masons' Union, in Bricklayers' Hall, members re-elected their officers for the ensuing term. The officers-elect are: President, H. Callaghan; vice-president, James S. Barker; secretary, Frank Woods; treasurer, A. Faulkner; conductor, John Allan; Tyler, A. C. Lewis; trustees, H. G. Fester, Controller T. O'Heir, Controller C. I. Altheison, S. L. Houston and G. V. work are efforts of the Literature Committee. H. W. West is chairman of the Finance Committee.

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## OTTAWA. TORONTO.

**SPECIAL POLL FOR RAILWAY WORKERS.**  
The Board of Control last week decided that the special poll for railway men should be held in the aldermen's room of the city hall on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday previous to election day. The \$22 returning officer will be paid \$37 for the three days and the poll clerk \$11.

**M.P.M.O. OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**  
At a regular meeting of the local union of Motion Picture Machine Operators held Sunday last, the officers of the union were re-elected by acclamation for another year. They are: President, Wm. Harriott; vice-president, M. F. Carey; secretary, Wm. Maynard; treasurer, Chas. Bamford; business agent, Wm. Lane; sergeant-at-arms, Chas. Horne. A committee was appointed to arrange for the annual dance.

Controller Candidate Wm. Lodge, who is secretary of the Theatrical Federation, was present and addressed the meeting. It was decided that full support would be given the Labor candidates in the forthcoming municipal election.

**TO LAY CORNER STONE NEW CIVIC HOSPITAL.**  
At a meeting of the Civic Hospital Commission last week it was decided to lay the corner stone of the civic hospital on December 18. Mayor Fisher will officiate at the ceremony, and especially representatives of all classes and conditions, which have been active in securing the hospital. Director of the plans for the construction of the main building was left over until the January meeting, when the contractors will decide the materials to be used in the hospital.

**OFF TO TORONTO.**  
Mr. A. Donald Dear, a member of the Toronto Executive, of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada left on Thursday evening to attend an executive board meeting at the Toronto legislative programme of the Trades and Labor Congress will be presented to the Drury Government on Friday morning.

## HAMILTON.

**METAL POLISHERS' DOINGS.**  
In the A.O.F. Hall, North James street, on Thursday night, a large number of members of local No. 24, Metal Polishers' Union, gathered on hand for the election of officers for 1921. The election of a financial secretary in succession to Charles E. Johnson was deferred until the next meeting. Bro. Johnson, who has faithfully filled the office for seven years, asked to be relieved, his other duties in connection with the local being too onerous for him to continue. Efforts on Thursday to locate a volunteer were futile. The members, after commending Mr. Johnson for his able services, passed a resolution of thanks.

The following are the new officers: President, George Forscell; vice-president, R. H. Walker; recording secretary, G. D. Harris (acclamation); financial secretary (acclamation); treasurer, Charles J. Johnson; trustee and auditors, G. Forscell, J. M. Long, G. D. Harris; sick committee, F. Birchall, John Ramsay, D. O. Anderson; District Council delegate, Charles Johnson (acclamation); Metal Trades Council, G. Forscell and C. J. Johnson; Trades and Labor delegates, R. R. Walker, C. J. Johnson, G. Forscell, G. Forscell, C. J. Johnson; social committee, G. Forscell, R. R. Walker, H. T. Joyce, M. J. Ball, C. J. Johnson; publicity agent, C. J. Johnson.

The secretary's annual report showed that the organization was flourishing numerically and financially, and that lately many new members had been initiated. Lack of time prevented a complete report of the social and organization committee, and as to next year's programme. Members are urged to attend the next regular meeting, during which an important announcement will be made.

**ENGINEERS' DRAWING.**  
The Christmas prize drawing which is being conducted by local No. 700, steam and operating engineers' union, to afford monetary relief to engineers who have been on strike several months, will take place in the Labor Hall on Thursday, Dec. 23, in connection with the affair, the drawing committee is arranging for a smoker and musical entertainment. To date many thousands of drawing tickets have been sold, and success is assured.

**BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL.**  
A memorial from the Building Trades Council of Hamilton will be forwarded to Premier Meighan at Ottawa, calling upon the Dominion Government to recognize its primary responsibility to provide a so-

there a long time, and that in proportion it took a detective longer to reach the first class than it did a policeman. The City Administrator promised to approve the suggestion. The arbitration of the demands of the Police Union was not favorably entertained by the Administrative Commission. This suggestion of arbitrating the differences that exist between the city authorities and the city police force was suggested by the Police Union.

**CORNWALL WORKERS TO HAVE SHORTER HOURS.**  
Commencing Monday, the Stormont and Canada branches of the Ontario Cotton Linters, who are located at Cornwall, Ont., curtailed their working hours per week from 50 to 36. These industries, until further notice, will close each week on Thursday evening, instead of at noon on Saturday.

## WESTERN CANADA

**THE LABOR PARTY LOST IN EDMONTON.**  
Owing to the defection of the Labor party from power, the Citizens' ticket gained control over the city council and public school board at Monday's Labor elections. D. M. Duggan will be the new mayor of Edmonton for 1921, winning with a majority of 485. George Wright, vice-president of the Citizens' ticket and one Labor alderman was re-elected. The new school board is composed entirely of members who ran on the Citizens' ticket.

**WINNIPEG TRADES COUNCIL ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT.**  
George Wright, vice-president of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, representing Local 122, International Brotherhood of Machinery and Electrical Workers, was elected president of the council at the annual meeting last Tuesday evening. He will succeed H. J. W. Powers, International Typographical Union, who occupied the chair during the last year, and who refused to allow his name to be put up for election again.

The report of the executive committee, dealing with the future policy of the council, which was presented, was added a recommendation from T. J. Murray, K.C., that a joint stock company be formed, with localities within the council as stockholders, provoked a discussion that lasted for more than two hours. The report recommended that David Boyd, editor of the paper, who resigned owing to a difference of policy concerned with the recent election, be asked to reconsider his resignation, which consent was withheld until the next meeting of council.

**CANADA'S WARSHIPS REACH HALIFAX TUESDAY NEXT.**  
Canada's three warships will not reach Halifax until next Tuesday morning at eight o'clock. A wireless message will be sent to the Department of the Naval Service from the cruiser Aurora, is to the effect that the ships were at Bermuda yesterday. The message states definitely that the ships will arrive at Halifax on Tuesday morning.

**From Many Sources.**  
Against patronage and favoritism. For the British Whitley principle. For a fair classification. For superannuation. For equality of opportunity for men and women. For the returned soldier. For the temporaries. Union 66 is strength.

**GOVERNMENT LIKELY DROP HEALTH BILL, IS REPORT.**  
LONDON, Dec. 15. (Canadian Associated Press)—The Government is likely to withdraw its bill on the Health Bill, which was rejected yesterday by the House of Lords, and probably will not proceed with it at all without much alteration.

**APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made by the Municipal Corporation of Ottawa to the Legislative Assembly at its next session: For an Act authorizing the said Corporation to provide by Bylaws for borrowing upon debentures, without obtaining the assent of the ratepayers, the sum of money for the purposes specified: (1) \$45,000 to provide for the extension, equipment and furnishing of a Nurses' Home in connection with the Isolation Hospital, and for the purchase of laundry machinery. (2) \$30,000 to provide for the construction of a relief sewer from a point at or near Finch street, crossing the Rideau River at a junction with the main sewer at or near Waverley Road. (3) \$100,000 to provide for the cost of water main extensions, and new water services. (4) \$40,000 to provide for the purchase and installation of water meters. (5) \$50,000 to provide for the purchase and installations of fire hydrants.

**APPLICABLE TO PARLIAMENT.**  
AND for an Act amending the Ottawa City Transportation Act, by striking out the word "after" in the second line of subsection 1 of section 11 thereof, and by substituting therefor the word "without" or in the third line of subsection 1 of section 11 thereof, for an Act amending the said Act, by providing that notwithstanding that the Corporation may have given the notice referred to in section 22 of the said Act, and have proceeded to arbitration as therein provided, it shall not be obliged to acquire any property of the railway and the real and personal property of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company in Ontario, in connection with the work thereof, unless and until a Bylaw providing for the acquisition of such property by the said Corporation shall have been passed, submitted to and approved by the ratepayers of the said City of Ottawa, and the Bylaw is submitted to them at the annual municipal election in January, 1921, will determine the terms in which the above legislation will be submitted.

**WIFE—'I COOK AND COOK FOR YOU, AND WHAT DO I GET? NOTHING.' 'YOU'RE LUCKY, I GET INDIGNATION.'**  
—Daily North-Western. Messenger Boy (with early morning telegram)—"Does Mr. Jenkins live here?" "Yes, lucky. I get indignation."—Daily North-Western. Feminine Voice (upstairs): "Yes, bring him in."—Melbourne Times. "I believe in the right to strike, but you cannot always be striking."—A. Short, M.P.

**STEEL PLANT GETTING READY TO RE-OPEN.**  
The Dominion Steel Corporation announced on Friday that it fired up seven of its ten blast furnaces which have been cold since the strike of the steel railroaders began 18 days ago. These furnaces will be ready for operation in less than a week, and several of the mills closed down by the strike will re-open. No attempt is being made to operate more than three or four of the 23 switch engines left idle when the yard men quit work.

**MONTREAL POLICEMEN DEFEATED.**  
In the conference last week between the executive of the Montreal Police Union and the Administrative Commission, the delegation from the Police Union, headed by the second class, was advanced to the first class. It was represented that some of the men in this class had been

After the greatest and most murderous bloodshed in history, we have Ireland, Russia and Armenia. A gentleman named Broome has died after making a quarrel of a million out of a million of the workers, not his carpets. "I can command immediate and

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