THE LONDON TRADES COUNCIL. MEETING OF THE LONDON TRADES COUNCIL.

A special facting of the trades delegates, forming the London Trades Council, was held on Monday evening, the 21st inst., at the Bell Inn, Old Baily, Mr. Grant in the chair

Mr. G. Shipton, decorator, and Secretary of the Council, said, before entering upon the business for which the meeting had been called, he desired to call the attention of the council to a report which had appeared in the papers of a large meeting of employers of labor, held on Thursday last, at the Westminster Palice Hotel. At this meeting employers were present from all OVERNMENT HOUSE COTTAWA parts of the United Kingdom, and representing all the staple trades, and manufactures of the country. The object of the meeting was to establish a National Federation of the Employers of Labor in all branches of industry, with the avowed object of counteracting the growing power and influence of trades unions of workmen. The Federation Association was formed, and an influential executive council was elected, consisting of large employers in the engineering, mining, cutlery, woolen, building and other trades, with instructions at once to commence operations. As a trades unionist he freely admitted the full right of the employers to enter into a combination of this sort, but his object in calling the attention of the council to the subject was that they might consider the propriety of drawing closer together the large amalgamated societies or trades councils, so that they might be in a position to meet in a powerful and effective manner any policy of an aggressive character that might be inaugurated by the federation of Employers. He thought it a matter which it was the special duty of the council, as the only recognised organ of the London trades, to take up, and to call the attention of the provincial councils to it. He suggested now was the time to form a Federation of Trades Councils as had been so often suggested. .

Mr. George Odger, bootmaker, said the Council, if they took any action in the matter, must avoid clashing with the National Trades Congress. He had seen many attempts of this sort made by employers, and they had all been miserable failures. He predicted the same failure for this new Federation. He was afraid any action taken by the council would give the movement an importance it did not really possess.

Mr. King, bookbinder, disagreed with the last speaker. He looked on this movement of the employers as one deserving the serious attention of the council. It was a question of too much importance to be discussed without notice. He would there fore move that the question be taken into consideration at the next council meeting.

Mr. Warran, shoemaker, seconded the resolution, which having been supported by Mr. Dixon, turner; Mr. Watts, pipemaker; Mr. Dodd, zincmaker, and others, was agreed to.

The immediate business for which the council was held, on the best means of obtaining the release of the carpenters committed at the Central Criminal Court, and now undergoing six months' imprisonment for an alleged conspiracy and assault upon a fellow workman, was then entered upon.

Mr. Sinclair, carpenter, said the council had fully investigated all the circumstances of the case, and they had come to the conclusion that Tamplyn and Pyle, the two men convicted and now imprisoned, were entirely innocent of the offence for which they had been convicted, and they felt convinced that if an interview could be obtained with the Home Secretary they would be able to prove the innocence of the men to his satisfaction, and obtain their release.

After some discussion, a resolution was adopted, instructing the secretary to write a letter to Mr. Bruce, requesting him to receive a deputation from the Council, and stating the reason of the request being

A resolution was also adopted by the council, pledging their support to the journeymen coopers now locked out by their employers.

### THE LONDON BAKERS.

A meeting of the journeymen bakers of London, was held recently, in the two Brewers tavern, Great St. Andrew Street, Soho, London, England, for the purpose of forming a trade protective union similar to that in the building and other trades. The chair was taken by Mr. How, (journeyman baker), who said that if since last September the bakers had been perfectly organised the masters would not have dared to treat them as they were doing at the present moment. It had been a fatal mistake at the time of the strike to subscribe to the "four to four" system, which led to incessant labor; and speaking from the experience of twenty-five years, he could tell them that the long-

hours system had never paid. He was convinced that eight hours for night work and twelve hours for day work were quite sufficient labor for fair vages. They, should admit into their ranks no one under the age of eighteen, and none who worked for unfair wages. After a good deal of discutifon of grievances, prominent among which was the operation of the Smoke Nuisance Act, it was agreed that a union should be established



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