

LABOR PARTY WAS FORMED LAST NIGHT AND PLATFORM ADOPTED

Thirteen Planks Decided Upon at Meeting Held Last Evening—Gathering Addressed by Mrs. Richard Hooper, Mrs. W. C. Good and Mrs. Edmund Flewelling—Factory Inspection and Pensions for Dependent Mothers and Fathers Among Subjects Discussed.

A meeting of labor men and others interested in the forming of a labor party in the city and county of St. John, was held in the Trades and Labor Council's rooms in the Oddfellows' building on Union street last evening. The constitution, by-laws and platform of the Independent Labor Party of the City and County of St. John, as drawn up at a previous meeting were presented for approval and were unanimously adopted. Several women among the audience were called upon to address the meeting. Their remarks were followed with much attention, and a vote of thanks was extended to them. Mrs. W. C. Good was heartily applauded after signing her name as a supporter of the new party's constitution.

In opening the meeting F. A. Campbell, president of the Trades and Labor Council, said he was sorry that the attendance was small, but it was caused by other attractions of the evening. He was pleased, however, to see several present who were not identified with organized labor. It was felt that if the labor man's interests were to be represented in the legislature, it was for this reason that the platform which was to be submitted for the approval of those present, had been drawn up, and he would extend an invitation to all who were in favor of it to become members of the party and endorse their platform.

It was then moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be read, and that the platform be discussed and adopted section by section. Amendment carried.

The planks of the platform were then considered and adopted section by section as follows:

- 1st. The public ownership of a public utilities and natural source of wealth.
- 2nd. Direct legislation through the initiative, referendum and recall.
- 3rd. Abolition of property qualification for all municipal offices.
- 4th. Abolition of all election deposits.
- 5th. That adequate equal pensions be granted to all disabled soldiers, sailors or officers or men, or their widows and dependents.
- 6th. Pensions for mothers with dependent children.
- 7th. This plank came in for some discussion, and it was moved in amendment that dependent fathers be also included. Allen Acar thought this section would make the children wards of the state, which was not desirable.
- 8th. Mr. Campbell—who has the right to look after children without any one else to look after them, if not the State?
- 9th. Mr. Acar—"I do not think it is the intention of the Labor Party to allow the children to become wards of the State, there are institutions already founded for that work."
- 10th. Old age pensions.
- 11th. The president explained the section, and W. F. Hatheway was also called upon to discuss it. Hatheway said that the system had been in vogue in New Zealand and Australia for some time, and that he was heartily in favor of it.
- 12th. Creation of national reserves of coal and timber.
- 13th. Government control of coal storage.
- 14th. Equality of opportunity for men and women, politically, socially and industrially.
- 15th. The eight hour day.
- 16th. It was moved and seconded that the platform be adopted in its entirety, and carried.
- 17th. The president announced that the election of officers would be held at the next meeting. He would like to

Canadian Portrait Painter At Bermuda

Mrs. Henry Haddon McAvity Entertains at Hamilton, Bermuda—Has Painted Portrait of the Governor General, Sir James Willcocks.

The following from the Bermuda Colonist will be of interest to many friends in the Maritime Provinces, who will be pleased to learn of Mrs. McAvity's success:

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Henry Haddon McAvity was at home to her friends at Rhyllon, Hamilton, St. John's. She is a recognized successful portrait painter, and her guests had the privilege of obtaining a private view of her latest work, a portrait of H. E. the Governor, General Sir James Willcocks. The work is well done, the likeness striking, and the details most minutely carried out. The general, dressed in khaki, is standing, cap in hand, the ivory of his sword showing, and the ribbons of his many decorations clearly defined. His features are clear and life like.

IRISH SUPPORTERS DOUBTFUL OF COLBY

No Champion of Cause in Harmony With All of Wilson Policies.

New York, March 2.—Despite his public denunciation of Great Britain's treatment of Ireland, sympathizers with the Irish cause here yesterday were not inclined to jubilant over the naming of Bainbridge Colby as Secretary of State. Mr. Colby's published utterance yesterday that he was in entire sympathy with all of President Wilson's policies was taken to mean that his views regarding Ireland had undergone a change since Sunday evening, May 14, 1916, when he spoke at a meeting in Carnegie Hall at which resolutions were adopted denouncing the present relations between Great Britain and Ireland and demanding that no peace treaty be signed which did not give Ireland the right of self-determination.

NEW BRUNSWICK CASES BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

Ottawa, March 2.—In the Supreme Court today the argument in ship "Purdy" vs. Coy was concluded. Judgment was reserved.

DENEKINE'S ARMY TRAPPED IN THE KUBAU PENINSULA

London, March 2.—General Denekine's army has been trapped in the Kubau peninsula, southeast of the Sea of Azov, it is claimed in a Russian official statement dated Sunday. By an agreement with the town it was not to be assessed on a higher valuation of its business than \$100,000, and sixty per cent of the value of its lands and stock. The exemption beyond this was of all rates and taxes and the main question for decision was whether or not it included exemption for school rates. Complaint was also made of too high a valuation in any event. The court below held that there was no exemption as to school rates and upheld the assessment.

First of Hearings On International Waterways Adjoins

Opponents and Proponents Will Assemble in May, at Some Place to be Designated, to Express Their Views.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 2.—The initial hearings on the proposal to canalize the St. Lawrence River, at a cost of \$100,000,000 to be borne by Canada and the United States, adjourned this afternoon to meet on May 1, when the first sworn testimony on the feasibility of the plan will be taken. Proponents will submit proof and will be subject to cross-examination by opponents of the project, it was announced.

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OBITUARY

Moncton, N. B., March 2.—The death of Mrs. Guy Fowler, wife of a well-known C. N. R. employe, occurred at her home here this afternoon after an illness of several months. Deceased, who was 37 years old, was a daughter of the late George B. Blaney, formerly a well-known C. G. R. official of the Moncton shops. She is survived by her husband and four children. Charles Blaney, C. N. R. foreman at Transcona, is a brother, and two other brothers are John Blaney, at Little Rock, Arkansas, and Tupper, of Vancouver. Two sisters, Mrs. James Robinson, of Cambridge, Mass., and Mrs. William Jones, of Everett, Mass., also survive.

Two Reservations To Peace Treaty Have Been Readopted

Washington, March 2.—Two more of the Republican reservations to the Peace Treaty, one of them affecting the bitterly debated Monroe Doctrine provision, were re-adopted in the Senate today without changing and by greater majorities than they commanded when originally presented last November. The Monroe Doctrine reservation, which Senators have been said to be scarcely less objectionable to President Wilson than that relating to Article X, got the support of 11 Democrats and won by a vote of 55 to 34 in November, when only nine Democrats supported it.

RY. COMMISSION SETTLES WEIGHT VARIATION QUESTION

Montreal, March 2.—A judgment from the Railway Commission received by the Transportation Bureau of the Board of Trade today settles the question of allowance for variation in weight of cars when weighed on railway track scales with their loads. The ruling made today specifies that the scale of allowances for such variations in weight shall, in future, be made by the railway companies. This order is taken as a general settlement of a dispute that has been going on since 1913 when the railways made application to the Railway Board for permission to reduce their scale of al-

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