

the history of
Fair wages with
the election in 1891.
Dr. Union Congress.

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The Newcastle Meeting of the Trades Union
Congress 1891
Notes of the Proceedings part II
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1.93 Resolved That considering the evils recently disclosed before the S. Con
the Congress, instructs the Preliminary Comm. to use every means at their
disposal to secure the insertion of a clause prohibiting (under penalty)
subletting in all contracts given out by the Govt, by municipalities,
or other public bodies, except where the department or authority spe-
cially concerned allows the subletting of such special portions of
the work as and not to be produced or carried out by the con-
tractor in the ordinary course of his business. That no
contract shall be given to any person, that does not conform
with the
the recognized customs & conditions as to rate of wages
laid down by the trades union on his line in the district where such special portions of
work are to be executed; also that no contract shall be recognized or validly made in a district
in the respective districts; demands that where the factory
clause is inserted & violated the penalty shall be rigidly
enforced. This Congress also calls on all labor represen-
tatives & other friends of on all public bodies to insist
on these conditions being inserted in all contracts & strictly
carried out - "wherever possible to insist upon public bodies doing
their own work without the interference of a contractor."
1.94 Resolved That they do not desire that the low wages in one town or district should be
brought into competition with the higher wages in another town or district.
1.94 Resolved That they ought to congratulate themselves upon the fact that
nearly all large towns in the country had passed resolutions in their favour
that some of the unions gave their work to sublet to houses.
After much discussion, of amendments, the above was carried
unanimously. p. 95