

### Labor Items of Interest From the Capital City

#### CARPENTER MILLMEN GOING STRONG.

Under the energetic guidance of the Carpenters' Council, Business Agent Pat Green, the millworkers of the city are almost reaching the zenith of their scope in adding membership to the new local, there being now so few outside the ranks of the workers in the new factories. The last meeting which was just prior to the closing of the charter filled the large hall of the Carpenters' Council. The number was over 100 new comers, who joined up, and were afterwards initiated.

There was a very prevalent feeling in evidence throughout the evening's discussions that better times are in store for the factory workers in the near future. It was acknowledged that they were amongst the lowest paid men in the city, as well as working the long hours of ten hours with the monotony of an hour off on Saturday afternoon or a nine-hour day. With the solid organization, this condition of affairs, wages and hours, is a remedy, and it is surmised that the employers are in a reciprocal mood for this advancement.

This meeting was in charge of Pat Green, business agent, and those attending had the advantage of hearing Tom Moore in his usual logical and forceful presentation of the organized movement. To his address can be attributed much of the evening's accomplishment, as his convincing arguments were chiefly addressed to the non-members. The meeting will be continued every Friday evening at the Carpenters' hall.

#### DOUBLE INITIATION FEE.

Cost of living is not the only item that comes along; others follow in train, and the Millmen and Operators got aboard, when they decided the fee for new comers in future would be \$10, an increase of \$5. The boys think it is a very increased rate. This brings the Picture Operators up to the same level as the sister local of Stage Em-ployes and it is surmised that the high fee is not paid with an indifferent membership, but to be a member is priced working to the advantage of the members. The amusement house managers and the employers.

The season has yet some time to run before the expiration of the present wage scale, but with the preliminaries of international sanction, it is to be expected that the picture operators are being in their schedule having selected Brothers Bill Hartnett, Felix Montreuil and J. Thi-bault to draft same.

#### CONVENTION ADVANCE GUARD.

Coming events casting shadows of the convention of the Theatrical Stage employees and Moving Picture Operators, are being in their schedule. Next meeting the convention delegate will be selected. Brother R. E. Marcell, of Local 95, will attend as the representative and spread himself in extending fraternal greetings, and a flow of oratorical words of wisdom. With Brother La Feuvre back in chief, the local will now be able to have a regular attendant at the Trades Council.

#### GATINEAU PORT MAYOR IS UNION PRESIDENT.

Can you beat this? To organize a local of laborers at Gatineau, Quebec, numbering in the hundreds and to select the Mayor of the Burg their first president has been actually accomplished. Thus the Quebec Province has its first labor Mayor, and he is fully qualified to membership under the charter of the International Laborers.

#### TYPOS' NOTICE OF MEETING.

May I remind you that at the above regular monthly meeting the proposed new scale of wages that will obtain in the city of Montreal, Toronto, and Ottawa for the next two years will be considered. And the status of the membership at present employed in the Government Printing Bureau will be reviewed with special reference to the recent Presidential strike. If there are beholders every member to be present and assist by his advice and wise counsel in reaching a fair and just settlement of these vital questions.

Members from meetings of the Union coupled with advance criticism (shop talk) of the decision taken thereat afterwards do not make for success and harmony. It is no use to continue to serve the best interests of all its affiliated members. Let us have a "Full house" on Saturday evening.

Before your next issue appears in print, we hope that we shall be engaged in the Daylight Saving Scheme and the eight-hour day.

#### FIRE FIGHTERS' NOTES.

Eighty per cent of the fires are preventable, was a statement made by Chief Graham, at Westboro. He said that the number of alarms in Ottawa had been cut in half since 1913, and this was due to co-operation by the citizens.

## OTTAWA CELEBRITIES



MR. MICHAEL POWELL.

Good health and good nature, productive of efficient work and sympathetic co-operation, seem to be the outstanding characteristics of our Ottawa celebrity Michael Powell, the genial mechanical superintendent of the Ottawa Journal composing rooms, who is well known to printers from New York to San Francisco, and from Houston, Texas, to Vancouver, B.C., long before they made him trustee of the Union Printers Home at Colorado Springs. This position he now holds, having filled it with eminent satisfaction and benefit to the I. T. U. for a number of years.

Being identified with the Ontario Federation of Union Printers since its inception, and always engaged in some form of activity on behalf of unionism and union printers, he never tires in his eulogy of the beneficent features of the work of the I. T. U. as represented by its Home and Sanitarium. Mike advertises the home and the home adverteises Mike, when he visits frequently and shows his beneficial effects in his avoidpious efforts to save the building. I am afraid we would have been without a clubhouse.

#### GOMPERTS' WAR SPEECHES HERE AND ABROAD.

All during the great war struggle, both before and after the United States declared war against the German and Austrian Governments, President Gomper's war speeches were frequently called upon to address his fellow citizens and fellow-workers from the public platform upon the great principles involved in the war and the tremendous part played by Labor. The demand for these addresses became so great that it was deemed advisable to gather together his principal war speeches and have them published.

The work was undertaken while Mr. Gomper was abroad last summer with the American Labor Mission to Great Britain, France and Italy. Doran & Company, New York, the publishers, delayed publication until Mr. Gomper's return, so as to include at least one address made in each country visited by him. The book, under the title "American Labor and the War," is now out.

A review of this volume, published in one of the New York papers, has this to say: "It would be necessary to go far afield to find clearer, more robust and more convincing expressions of American feeling toward the war than are on the pages of this volume. And the supreme merit of it is that Mr. Gomper's unflinching speaks in a language understood of all the people."

Some union men only pay their dues and then kick against the union men that not only pay their dues, but donate two or three nights a week, gratis, to make the union worth while, and conditions in this world better for all.

#### ONTARIO PROVINCIAL LAW TO ELIMINATE SWEAT SHOPS.

Hon. Finlay G. Macdormid, Minister of Public Works, introduced a bill in the Legislature which has as its primary purpose the abolition of sweat shop conditions in Ontario, which have so long been the subject of criticism. For years past various labor organizations have asked that these conditions should be remedied, and now the Government has decided to act.

Under the amendment introduced to the Shop and Factory Act, no clothing manufacturer shall let out clothing to be made until he is satisfied that the factory is approved for the work by the factory inspector.

#### ONTARIO LABOR PARTY CONVENTION GOOD FRIDAY.

At a meeting of the Ontario Labor party executive committee held here it was decided to hold a convention in Toronto, Canada, May 10, at the Temple on Good Friday. W. H. Rolfe presided over the full turnout of members. With a view to building up the membership of the party, it was resolved to recommend to the convention that a permanent provincial organizer be appointed. The convention will be held at the Ontario Labor party headquarters, 778 East King street, when twenty-five females assembled. Mrs. Demester, waitress organizer, addressed the gathering and she had no difficulty in stirring her enthused auditors to action. Controller Harry J. Halford did his share, too.

#### WENTWORTH COUNTY LABOR PARTY.

A step in the right direction, between labor and farmers materialized as an important meeting in Moulders' Hall, last Saturday afternoon, held under the auspices of the Wentworth County Labor party. John Douglas, County president, and there were about 150 people present, including many women. The meeting was presided over by the gathering during the whole proceedings, which bespeaks a good omen. Very well represented were the farmers, with the laborers and prominently affiliated with the United Farmers of Ontario. Ere the three hours' session closed, the farmers, representing Canada and South Wentworth county hall appointed a committee of twelve, which will meet in the immediate future a committee of labor. It was also agreed that femalehood will be represented on both committees.

Allan Studheim, Labor M.L.A., East Hamilton, in his good speaking form, and for upwards of an hour, dominated his auditors' attention. Frankly he told both farmers and labor that they might as well get fair and square, and understand each other, for there were some things upon which they couldn't agree. He asked the industrial folks to acquaint themselves with the farmers' conditions, and learn what they were up against.

Mr. Studheim said that while the farmer studies "Old Mother Earth" and the toiler knocks at the workshop door for a job, the politicians were plotting the industrial folks. The speaker characterized Ontario's Public Accounts as worse than a Chinese puzzle, and that Col. Gray in the Provincial Legislature last week, during his attack on Argyle House, had knocked aristocracy more than ever Studheim had ever done in his career.

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## Labor News From the Busy Days of Hamilton

of both sides will be held sooner or later to discuss the request. Of late, Local No. 26 has initiated quite a number of new members. An active organization committee has been at work, lining up the unorganized "hand-rats," and the way things are going, the 500 membership mark will soon be reached.

Next Wednesday, April 2, the Ontario Conference Board, has materially assisted the local committee.

MACHINISTS WANT 8-HOUR DAY AND 15 CENTS HOURLY INCREASE.

The members of Local No. 414, International Association of Machinists, have not only requested the eight-hour day—44-hours-week—but a wage increase of 15 cents hourly. Toolmakers, 10-cent; machinists, 75 cents; and specialists, 60 cents hourly. Some of the firms, it is said, are favorable to the request, while others are opposed.

Next Wednesday, April 2, a special meeting of the union will be held, when reports from the various firms about their progress in securing the union, there's not very many unemployed on the books. There are several hundred machinists, toolmakers and specialists in the local union.

BLACKSMITHS' UNION FORGING AHEAD.

Last Thursday night Vice-President P. W. Ireland addressed a large gathering of blacksmiths, the result being that many new members were initiated. Controller Halford, Alex. Boyd and Harry G. Foster also gave brief talks, which bore fruit.

POSTIES ALSO RESTLESS HERE.

According to J. A. MacDonald, president of the Ontario Carriers' Association, as evidenced among western and Toronto posties, the boys here are restless. The Government's apathy regarding the issue of increased pay and improved working conditions is the cause. The letter carriers' war bonus ceased at the end of March. The posties have asked for a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$1,500 yearly. They also want one half holiday morning for 11 months of the year. At present the minimum pay is \$600 and the maximum \$950 yearly.

CIVIC EMPLOYEES.

A successful open meeting of the Civic Employees' Union was held in the Labor Hall last Thursday night. William Nolan presided. The members expressed their dissatisfaction over the two cents hourly wage increase conceded by the City Council. They had asked for \$22 weekly steady work, and the eight-hour day. They got the latter. Ten new members were initiated during the month.

Secretary Nat Moore hotfoot criticized the engineer for his having brought a man from Toronto to supervise the Kenilworth avenue bus bonus case at the end of March. He said, "The new foreman, as he said, was incapable and he wouldn't work for him any longer. It was an insult to the workmen of Hamilton to have a man imported from Toronto when men fitter for the job were right here. A resolution of protest was passed. Vice-President Wm. Simmons, Secretary

Controllers Halford De-mands Coal Price Probe.

Apparently some of Hamilton's coal prices are beginning to show the "handwriting on the wall." According to Controller Harry Halford, who, since his election, has been seen to visit the mines from whom fancy prices for their "black diamonds" were exacted by several Hamilton coal shippers, there's a "handwriting on the wall" to stop further investigation.

"I have spent much time, and some money, and we have at least one Hamilton coal dealer," said Controller Halford, to the C. L. P. correspondent. Some days ago, through the persistency of the labor sewer job. The new foreman, as he said, was incapable and he wouldn't work for him any longer. It was an insult to the workmen of Hamilton to have a man imported from Toronto when men fitter for the job were right here. A resolution of protest was passed. Vice-President Wm. Simmons, Secretary

Molders Request 8-Hour Day and 75 Cents Hourly.

Last Monday, Corresponding Secretary Harry Bourne, Molders' Union, Local No. 14, notified the foundrymen, that commencing May 1, the molders and coremakers, following a special meeting had decided to request an eight-hour day—forty-four hours weekly—and seventy-five cents hourly. The present wage rate is sixty cents per hour, or nine hours daily. Nearly 400 union molders and coremakers are affected. Eighteen foundrymen have received notice of the proposed new scale. The shop is closed. The remainder being open. A conference between representatives

N. Moore, and Treasurer G. Beaver were elected to wait on the Controllers next Tuesday to present the protest.

The following addressed the members: H. G. Foster, Alex. Boyd, E. Farrell and Wm. Bruton. The latter spoke for the new General Workers' Union. Mr. Farrell had the audacity to ask the Civic employees to surrender their A. F. of C. charter and go over to the G. W. U. He got an icy reception. So wearisome did his speech become that President Nolan had to request him to quit.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL MEET.

Many delegates attended the last meeting of the B. T. Council presided over by Edward McLean, Business Agent Sam Lawrence reported that he had interviewed Hon. S. C. Newburn, Minister of Militia, and T. J. Stewart, M.P., urging that work be started on the post office extension without delay. Also that he had given preference to the outsiders. Both gentlemen promised to exert their influence with the Public Works Department officials and the Electrical Workers' agreement was approved by the Council. It was reported that the

streetcar, carpenters and Lathers' Union, were favorable to the 40-hour working week. Delegate Poirer reported that through the influence of the B. T. Council, the Lathers' organization had been successful in signing up with one of the largest lathing and plastering contractors. At their next meeting of the Council a list will be presented of all contractors fair to affiliated building trades.

ADDRESS I. L. P. ON CIVIC GOVERNMENT.

Packed to the doors was last Friday's meeting of the I. L. P., held in several Labor Halls. Harry Bourne presided. The speaker of the night was E. S. Hogarth, B.A., of the Collegiate staff. His discourse was on "Municipal Government and Training for Such Office." The speaker advocated a course of civic training to manage the affairs of contractors. At their next meeting of the Council a list will be presented of all contractors fair to affiliated building trades.

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THE RESULTS FOR 1918 ASSETS \$87,620,378.85 INCOME 7,460,204.61

Cash Income from Premiums, Interest, Rents, etc., in 1918 21,651,099.69 Profits Paid or Allotted to Policyholders in 1918 1,546,607.16

Total Surplus 31st December, 1918, over all liabilities and capital (According to the Company's Standard which is more severe than that laid down by the Insurance Act.) 8,027,378.53

DEATH CLAIMS, Matured Endowments, Profits, etc., during 1918 9,768,564.28 Payments to Policyholders since organization 78,862,881.15

ASURANCES ISSUED DURING 1918 81,591,392.04 Increase over 1917 3,779,824.56

LIFE ASSURANCES IN FORCE 340,809,856.13 Increase over 1917 28,308,710.42

THE COMPANY'S GROWTH

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## Men

SHIRTS

For instance, long service, full value men's Madras Shirts, with double wear cuffs, in attractive stripes, plain and combination colors, \$1.95. Others at \$2c, \$1.50 to \$4.50; Silk Shirts, \$1.00 to \$6.00.

## MEN'S HATS

For every kind of face and head, including the new, becoming, narrower brim with roll edge. Hard Hats in new shapes, \$2.50 to \$4.00. Christy make included. Soft Hats, in newest shades, \$1.95 to \$6.00. Men's Caps, \$1.25 to \$3.00. Men's Neckwear, 35¢ to \$1.50.

## UNDERWEAR

Penman's Merino Underwear, \$1.25 a garment. Penman's and Watson's Cashmere Underwear, \$1.25 a garment. \$2.50 Light-weight Combinations, Saturday: \$1.98.

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## Splendid Record Achieved during 1918

THE year 1918 was for the business of life assurance a year of supreme achievement. Owing to the combined effect of the war and the influenza epidemic, death claims were unusually high. The payment of these claims enabled the Companies to render an unprecedented measure of public service, and to fulfill to a more noteworthy degree than ever previously the beneficent purpose for which they were founded.

The record achieved during 1918 by the Sun Life of Canada was one of particularly striking success. For the first time in the Company's history new assurances paid for exceeded Fifty Million Dollars. The growth in size, strength and prosperity accentuates the Company's position as not merely the leader among Canadian life offices, but one of the great insurance corporations of the world.

The Company's financial power is emphasized by its large Assets, Income and Surplus. During the year \$7,460,000 was added to the Assets, which at December 31st, had reached the huge total of \$87,620,000. The Income is now \$21,651,000, while the undivided Surplus is \$8,027,000.

Some idea of the magnitude of the benefit to the community from the Company's operations is afforded by the disbursement to policyholders of \$9,768,000, of which \$3,368,000 represented sums paid to the beneficiaries of policyholders swept away by death.

The Policyholders have again had the opportunity of taking, through the Company, the leading part in subsidizing the 1918 Victory Loan. Besides fulfilling to the utmost of its ability its patriotic duty in this regard, the Company has also been able to take advantage of the unique opportunity to purchase very favourable terms large amounts of long-term securities, the beneficial effects of which will be felt on the earnings for many years to come.

The impetus given to life assurance by the experience of 1918 continues into the current year, and the results of the operations for the first two months greatly surpass all previous records.

ASSETS	
Assets as at 31st December, 1918	\$87,620,378.85
Increase over 1917	7,460,204.61
INCOME	
Cash Income from Premiums, Interest, Rents, etc., in 1918	21,651,099.69
Increase over 1917	2,362,102.01
PROFITS PAID OR ALLOTTED	
Profits Paid or Allotted to Policyholders in 1918	1,546,607.16
SURPLUS	
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BUY WINGS STAMPS

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