

LABORERS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

TAILORS OPEN CAMPAIGN.
An organization campaign on behalf of the Journeymen Tailors International Union was inaugurated in Ottawa on Monday, when a mass meeting of the tailors and tailor-fitters, including dress-making establishments, and bushelemens working by ready-made stores, was held in the Metropolitan Hotel. The address in English was given by President Tom Moore of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, and in French by President T. C. Gagnier, president of the Ottawa Trades Council.

Mr. Moore called for applicants for the union and about two dozen responded. Mr. Gagnier, president, was in the chair, and L. Leclerc acted in his capacity as secretary. About 100 people were present.

Mr. Gagnier, president of the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America, Local 143, reported the conditions of the workers as very satisfactory. Last May a piece work was abolished and wages are reasonably good.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.

While the delegates to the Allied Trades and Labor Council, very pleased at the attitude of the largest bakery firm in the city, in reducing the price of bread by one cent a loaf, they cast some doubt on the motive behind this move. And they voiced this doubt by endorsing the resolution of the executive board that the price of bread be reduced to the next week or ten days.

"Reduction in cost of commodities to the consumer is bound to find hearty approval, but we are more than a Trades Council, and as representatives of the workers, carrying the high cost burden, at such an effort."

"In this particular we desire to point out that the largest firm of bakers in the city have reduced the price of bread. Press reports have stated, quoting this firm, that the reduction was made to help fight the present strike. It is like looking a gift horse in the teeth to question such a move, or to even suggest a motive for same, but we must have some doubt as to the motive behind this move, and to revive same we will read an advertisement published in the Ottawa newspaper on May 2nd, which states that in view of the added cost of the ingredients, and the necessity of augmenting the salaries of its employees so that they could meet the cost of living, it had been found necessary to increase the price of its bread by one cent per loaf."

Now these two statements may be reconciled beyond our comprehension, and we may be justified in thinking that with such rapid reduction in the price of bread, the trade, they formerly got from the workers has been placed in other channels where the conditions prevailed? Or we may suggest to other causes. It is a situation that requires thought, and the workers should have some doubt as to the way by a cent a loaf bargain, as much as the underlying principle involved.

Your executive present the foregoing to arouse interest in this matter, watching the checker board for moves. In the interval, we recommend that the firms who have dealt justly with the organized, and through them, the unorganized workers, and to continue to give the organized council of the bakery workers as to the firms that are entitled to support, with a suggestion to the trades directly or indirectly, that they do what the movement for the boosting of the trades of those friendly disposed to the cause."

Delegates Hayden also thought there was a "nigger in the wood-pile" and showed by figures that whereas in December last the price of flour in Ottawa was net \$11.50, and in May it was \$12.00, the price of bread had to be increased in May; yet with flour in July quoted at \$14.00 per barrel, this company had been able to reduce the price by one cent a loaf. He believed that 5,000 loaves of bread had gone to the streets of Ottawa, and that the firm who had dealt justly with their employees during their fight for a living wage, and recognition of the union, had some thing to do with the reduction. Also that it was made for the purpose of driving out of business those bakers who were not satisfied with the present order of things, and were talking of forming a new Master Bakers' Association. He felt that organized labor should continue its present tactics of supporting the trade only those who supported them; to do in fact as the A.F. of L. preaches: "Support your friends and defeat your enemies."

President Tom Moore, of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress shed some more light on the Hydro Road proposals. This matter is referred to in another column.

A resolution was introduced by Delegate Hayden calling on the Union Label Committee to have information compiled designating where union made products could be secured and also supplying to the merchants the names of manufacturers and wholesalers handling union made goods.

The semi-annual election of officers will be held at nine o'clock at the next regular meeting of the central labor body.

OTTAWA CARPENTERS NAME DELEGATES.

Delegates to represent Ottawa carpenters and joiners at the quadrennial convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, whose sessions began in Indianapolis on September 20, were selected at a special meeting of Local 192. The delegates are: Tom Moore, president of the Ottawa Trades and Labor Council, and Pat Green, past president of the Ottawa Trades and Labor Council. Messrs. Moore and Green were also appointed delegates to the annual convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, which gets under way at Windsor, on September 13. James Tapp was selected as third representative of Local 93 at the convention.

OTTAWA NEWSY BRIEFS.

It is altogether probable that the Board of Conciliation in the matters in dispute between the Hull Electric Railway and certain of its employees will commence its sittings early next week. Controller J. Gibbons of Toronto, in representing the Hull and Geo. D. Kelly, the company.

At a recent meeting of the local Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union, Alf Lardon was appointed permanent business agent. Daniel McCann was elected vice-president for the balance of the year.

Business Agent Alf Lardon, of the Ottawa Printing Pressmen and

AMHERST MOULDERS STRIKE OVER.

The moulders' strike at the Robb Engineering plant, Amherst, N. S. was brought to a close last week by a satisfactory agreement being reached between the men and management. The new terms being an hourly wage of 72, 75 and 78 cents respectively.

ST. THOMAS BOILERMAKERS HOLD SUCCESSFUL PICNIC.

Although it was cloudy most of the day Wednesday and very unsettled until late in the afternoon, the fact did not mar the day for the St. Thomas Boilermakers' picnic. Early in the afternoon the picknickers started on their street railway trip, and by the time that the sports were in full swing over five hundred persons were assembled.

The annual fourth annual outing and the officials of lodges number 372 and 413 claim that they are well satisfied with the results and that the picnic was a success from start to finish.

WINDSOR CARMEN ACCEPT WAGE OFFER OF BOARD.

The Windsor Carmen Board, at a meeting last week, accepted an offer of the Ontario Commission, now in charge of operating the Windsor street railway, to increase their wages by five cents an hour, with the understanding that at the end of three months the commission give further consideration to wage demands.

BROOKVILLE TRADES COUNCIL.

Your correspondent visited the Brookville Trades and Labor Council in Victoria Hall, Brookville, on Friday last. President, Mr. F. Clutterbuck, in the chair; F. E. Boyd, secretary, at his post. The meeting was most representative and enthusiastic, being called for the making of arrangements for the coming celebration of Labor Day, and if one can judge from the energy shown by the members of the various committees, will eclipse anything ever attempted in Brookville.

After the business of the council was finished and the meeting adjourned, the advisability of picking a candidate for the field for the Federal election and the necessity of forming a branch of the Independent Labor Party was discussed, and it was unanimously decided to work on the matter. It was agreed upon between this body and the U. F. O. as to coming together on the selection of a candidate for the coming Federal election, and to form a branch of the I. P. L. and committees toward these ends were named.

Among those who gave addresses were: Fred Clutterbuck, F. E. Boyd, W. J. Dowell, F. W. Logan and Geo. L. Harcourt, of Brookville; John Beresford and Wm. Pratt, of Gananoque.

ULTIMATUM FROM RENFREW TOWN FATHERS.

The town fathers of the town of Renfrew, members of Local Union No. 778, International Steam and Operating Engineers' Union, have issued an ultimatum to the Light and Power Board, to the effect that if the board do not resign from the union or quit the employment of the municipality, the union was taken on the recommendation of the board, and the Light and Power Board, and passed council unanimously.

J. A. P. Hayden, of Ottawa, was addressing a meeting of workers at the Renfrew union received official notice of the council's decision and on behalf of the workers brought the matter up at the meeting. The president Tom Moore, of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress who has taken up the matter with the Department of Labor.

MONTREAL BARBERS IMPOSE FINE.

At a meeting of the Montreal branch of the International Journeymen Barbers' Union, held Sunday night, to discuss the situation arising out of the recent strike, a decision was reached to impose a fine of \$10 on all barbers, members of the union, who failed to quit work when ordered to do so, or who returned to work without the permission of the union, who failed to quit work when ordered to do so, or who returned to work without the permission of the union, who failed to quit work when ordered to do so, or who returned to work without the permission of the union.

LAMBTON FARMERS AND I.L.P. JOIN HANDS.

It was officially announced at Barnia on Monday that the Independent Labor Party and the United Farmers of West Lambton will join hands in the next federal election. A convention will be held in the early part of September to select a candidate. It was stated that the only difficulty between the two parties at the conference held on Saturday was the eight hour question, and decision on this was left to the Dominion executive of the U. F. O. and the I. L. P. The tariff was not discussed.

I. L. P. FORMED AT FORT WILLIAM.

Provincial Secretary Joe T. Marks, of the Independent Labor Party, received a telegram Saturday morning from Fort William stating that a branch of the party had been formed there, and asking that a charter be forwarded immediately.

BRANTFORD I.L.P. WILL CONTEST FEDERAL SEAT.

The Brantford Independent Labor Party will place a candidate in the Federal riding of Brantford in the next Dominion election, and it is said Mayor MacRidge may resign from the Legislature to take the nomination.

MAY BE STRIKE OF N.S. MINERS.

Silly Barrett, district 26, International Mine Workers of America, left Friday night for Indianapolis to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the I.M.W. Various matters affecting the coal miners of the United States and Canada will be discussed, but the suggestion of a general strike which was on Barrett's mind, will be dealt with by the local committee at present investigating wages for the coal miners of the Province of Nova Scotia. Mr. Barrett will ask the board if it is prepared to sanction a strike.

MONTREAL CIVIC EMPLOYEES FORM FEDERATION.

Election of officers of the Federation of Municipal Employees, of Montreal, held last week, resulted as follows: President Arthur Bouchard; president of the Police Union; vice-president, A. Archambault, of the Engineers' Union; secretary, A. Mathieu, president of the Civic Employees Union; treasurer, E. C. Cocheau of the Police Union; secretary, A. Bergeron, of the Police Union; John Bradley of the aqueduct workers; J. Mead, of the Police Union; A. Bergeron, of the Police Union.

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Decision is For 60 Per Cent. of Men's Demands—Boost in Wages Goes to Nearly 2,000,000 Organized Railway Workers.

The United States Railway Labor Board on Tuesday awarded the nearly 2,000,000 organized railway workers wage increases totalling \$600,000,000.

The increase amounts to approximately 21 per cent. of the present rates of pay.

The board comes as the basis of this decision, the award says, "the continuance in full force and effect of the rules, working conditions and agreements in force under the authority of the United States Railroad Administration. The intent of this decision is that the named increase except as stated, shall be added to the rates of compensation established by the United States Railway Administration."

The award is retroactive to May 1 of the year.

The decision of the board grants to the railroad workers approximately sixty per cent. of the billion dollar increases which they sought.

Presidents of all the leading brotherhoods and representatives of the railroad managers were present when the decision was made public.

Maintenance and Unskilled.
The following increases were granted maintenance of way and unskilled forces:
Construction foremen, their assistants, section, track and maintenance foremen and assistants, bridge and mechanics in these departments, 15 cents an hour.
Laborers employed in shops and round houses, 10 cents an hour.
Mechanics helpers in bridge and building departments, track laborers, common laborers, brick tenders, hoisting foremen, pumper engineers, crossing watchmen or flagmen and lamp lighters and tenders, 8 1/2 cents an hour.
Train dispatchers are given an increase of 12 cents an hour, and yard masters and assistant yard masters, 15 cents an hour.

The following increases are added to the established rates for clerical and station forces:
Storekeepers, chief clerks, foremen and other clerical supervisor forces, clerk, with one or more years railroad experience, train and station clerks, 13 cents an hour.
Stationers, elevator and telephone operators, watchmen, employes operating office appliances and similar work, 10 cents an hour.
In the handlers or truckers, 12 cents an hour.
All common laborers in and around stations, store houses and warehouses, not otherwise provided for, 8 1/2 cents an hour.
Clerks of less than one year's experience, 7 1/2 cents an hour and office boys, messengers and other employes under 18 years of age, five cents an hour.
Stationary engine and boiler room employes, 13 cents an hour.
In the signaller departments, foremen, inspectors, maintainers, signal men and their assistants, 13 cents an hour; helpers, 10 cents an hour.

The decision provides that employes in the departments named who are properly before the board and not otherwise provided for shall receive an increase equal to that established for the nearest respective classes. "The intent of this article," the decision says, "is to reduce the rate of pay for a miscellaneous class of supervisors and employes, practically impossible of specific classification, and at the same time to bring them into the same consideration and rate increase as provided for analogous service."

INTERNATIONAL UNIONS PROGRESS DESPITE OPPOSITION.

While there is in some parts of Canada and the United States an insidious campaign against the International Trade Union movement, still the membership of the various craft organizations continues to grow.

In the current issue of the American Federationist, the official organ of the American Federation of Labor, it is announced that during the month of May charters were issued from that body as follows: Central labor unions, 18; local trade union, 28; federal trade unions, 13; total, 59.

The various international trade unions also show remarkable progress as the following reports will show:
Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers—One thousand employees of local unions has increased by four. We now have 70,000 members. Sixteen thousand, six hundred and sixty-two dollars was expended in death, \$34,985 for the relief of 1,728 of our members. State of employment is good.—Wm. Dobson.
Laundry Workers—We now have 131 locals, with a total membership of 7,000.—Harry L. Morrison.
National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association—We have sixty-three locals with a total membership of 20,487. State of employment is improving. Lake situation is in very bad shape; boats can not get sufficient fuel to operate.—Geo. A. Trieb.
Molders—We have 483 local unions with a total membership of 82,444. State of employment is good.—Victor Kleiber.
Paving Cutters, Teachers—We now have 142 locals with a total membership of 19,400.—F. T. Stocker.

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"Motto for the new rich: Accents will happen,"—Sunday Times.
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Expected Wage Increase Will Be Granted Canadian.

No immediate benefits will be derived by Canadian railroad workers as a result of the increases in wages awarded by the United States Railway Labor Board to railway employes in that country. Calvin Lawrence, Canadian representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, when approached by the Labor Press on Tuesday said that he could not give an opinion as to whether the Canadian railwaymen would regard the increases as awarded to their co-workers in the United States sufficient to ask that the same scale of wages be applied in Canada, or not.

If the award of the Labor Board is accepted across the border a meeting will be called of the Canadian membership of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of America and kindred organizations to decide if the award would be acceptable to workers in Canada.

Application has already been made to the Canadian Railway Board of Adjustment No. 1 by several of the employees' organizations to have the United States award applied to railway workers in Canada, according to Mr. Lawrence.

Although employees of Canadian railways operating in the United States will be benefited under the award of the Labor Board, the employees resident in Canada, who work takes them into the States will continue to be paid at the same rate as in other parts of Canada.

Efforts will be made by Canadian employes to have the award, which granted in Canada, anti-dated so as to be applicable at the same time as the award in the States.

Among the vice-presidents attending the conference in Cincinnati of the grand officers, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, in A. C. Hay, Winnipeg, and on Monday he said: "The Canadian Pacific Railway, both the eastern and western lines, have agreed to incorporate the findings of the Railroad Labor Board with our brotherhood agreement."

Mr. Hay also announced that Grand President L. H. Fitzgerald would conduct a first hand investigation into labor conditions in Canada.

The mustard plaster has a pull, but what is it worth after it has used it?

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Increases Awarded to U. S. Railway Men.

Increase to U. S. railway men under the new award follows:
PASSENGER SERVICE: Engineers and conductors, \$1.24 per day; firemen, \$1.00 per day.
FREIGHT SERVICE: Engineers, firemen, helpers, 15 cents per hour.
YARD SERVICE: Engineers, firemen, helpers, 15 cents per hour.
PASSENGER SERVICE: Conductors, ticket collectors, baggage checkers, messengers, \$20 per month.
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NEW RATE SCHEDULES.
Supervising rates established by the railroad administration the board fixed the following schedules:
YARD SERVICE: Foremen, \$8.00 per day; helpers, \$4.50; switch tenders, \$3.00.
HOSTLER SERVICE: Outside hostlers, \$8.24 per day; inside hostlers, \$5.00 per day; helpers, \$3.00.
SHOP EMPLOYE INCREASES.
The following increases were authorized for shop employes:
Supervisory forces: Machinists, boiler-makers, fitters, sheet metal workers, electrical workers, power men, millwrights, rigger tenders and core-makers, all crafts, 15 cents an hour. Regular and helper apprentices and helpers, all crafts, 13 cents an hour. Car cleaners, five cents an hour.
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