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GRATIFYING RESULTS.

Against tremendous odds seven of the ten Labor candidates were endorsed by Edmonton electors on Monday. The results are gratifying indeed, and prove conclusively that the majority of the voters in this city are prepared to endorse the democratic principles that were represented by the Labor candidates.

Mayor Clarke is to be congratulated on his greatly increased majority, and it is worthy of note that he received almost a clear majority of all the registered electors. Alderman Kinney has good reason to be proud of the excellent vote that he received. No more striking tribute could be paid to the outstanding excellency of the service that Mr. Kinney has rendered to the citizens during the years he has served on the council. Messrs. East and Sheppard have reason for gratification also, and the large vote that they received is an indication that they have the confidence of their fellow citizens. It is regrettable that Messrs. Findlay and Murray were defeated, for the Free Press believes that their keen interest in civic affairs, coupled with a practical knowledge of many of the city's problems, would have been of invaluable service to the community.

There is reason for rejoicing over the results of the School Board elections. At this time when education is such a prime factor in the community and national life, it is gratifying to have as School Trustees, men who have the vision of the place education has in the future of our city and nation. Dr. McPherson, S. A. Gordon Barnes and Frank Scott are men whose outstanding characteristics are breadth of vision, democratic ideals and personal integrity. The defeat by a very narrow margin of J. W. H. Williams is to be regretted and can only be attributed to the fact that Mr. Williams' long absence overseas is responsible for his not being so well known throughout the city as some of the other candidates. The fact that Mr. Williams headed the poll by a large majority in his home poll is evidence of the esteem in which he is held by those who know him best.

The words of Mayor Clarke, uttered after the success of the Labor candidates was assured, and which were approved by the Labor Aldermen-elect are worthy of repetition, and indicate that the Labor candidates are impressed with the responsibilities that have been placed upon them. "When you step into the council chamber," said the Mayor, "there must be no Labor ticket." "There must be no disposition to assume a dictatorship," declared his Worship, "and proper consideration must be given to every group of the community." Such must be the attitude of a successful administration, and the fact that in the flush of victory so serious a note should have been struck, augurs well for a conscientious administration of the city's affairs.

DESTRUCTION AT ITS WORST.

The Trade Union movement in Winnipeg was at one time probably the most efficient of any city in Canada. Under the able direction of R. A. Rigg and others the forces of Labor were so well organized, welded together so compactly, that the workers were in a position to establish conditions of employment that compared most favorably with other parts of Canada. There was no justifiable reason for a sudden departure from the methods that had created a movement so successful as to make Winnipeg known from coast to coast as a good union city.

But the very fact that Winnipeg, the gateway city and a live industrial centre, was exceptionally well organized, made it a strategic point of vantage for the dreamers, the "one-idea" men, whose program it was to gain control of the workers' organizations as a link in the chain of events that was to bring about a radical and immediate change in the order of society. That such a change was, and is, necessary is evident; that the Socialist Party of Canada theories were, and are visionary and impractical, is equally evident; that the trade union movement should have suffered so severely by the application of such theories is most deplorable indeed.

The Winnipeg trade union movement has suffered to a greater degree than has that of other cities because of the fact that the O.B.U. propaganda was promulgated more assiduously in that city than in other centres, with the possible exception of Vancouver, and the S.P. of C. leaders had more deeply entrenched themselves within the International unions. The once powerful movement in Winnipeg has been reduced to a skeleton of its former greatness and it will require some years of arduous and diligent toil to restore the once potent organizations that existed in that city. The visionaries have had their innings, the dreamers have been weighed in the balance and found wanting. Where they were allowed the greatest leeway the destruction they wrought was the most complete.

THE SIX-HOUR DAY.

The six-hour day is looked upon in many circles as not compatible with a proper plane of production. The same contention has been made regarding the eight-hour day, and the difficulty of arriving at the minimum of hours necessary to ensure proper production is admitted by reasonable thinkers.

On the question of the six-hour day, however, the matter has been scientifically determined in the mind of at least one great manufacturer. Lord Leverhulme, contrary to popular opinion, is not altogether a philanthropist. He is the hard-headed business man even in his greatest endeavors to better the material conditions of his work-people. He makes no pretense to be otherwise. The soap king ardently supports his contention that it pays "to sweat the machine rather than the man," and his treatise on the six-hour day is based on that contention. Lord Leverhulme in advocating the six-hour day as compared with eight hours, points out that the overhead expense will be increased comparatively little by working his plants two shifts of six instead of one shift of eight hours each day. By the "speeding up" of the work during the short shift it is claimed that almost as much production will ensue from six hours' labor as did formerly from eight hours' work. By employing two shifts thus doubling the wage cost, production will be practically doubled, while the overhead expense, or cost other than producing labor, remains practically as for the one shift of eight hours. Thus it is claimed that the cost of the unit of production would be actually reduced rather than increased by the inauguration of a six-hour work-day.

Lord Leverhulme has announced that he will carry out his theories on the six-hour day in Winnipeg, when the employees of the Royal Crown Soap Co. will be given the shorter day without reduction of pay. It will be interesting to observe the outcome of the inauguration of what has been freely referred to as an unreasonably short work-day.

SHOULD NEGLECT NO PHASE OF MOVEMENT.

The place of the individual trade union in the Organized Labor movement is analogous to the place the worker's job occupies in connection with the individual worker's material existence. But as his job does not alone compose the worker's material life, neither is the individual trade union the sum total of the Labor movement, and the central bodies of Organized Labor are analogous to the individual worker's political and social interests. While recognizing that the job comes first, no sane person would advocate the neglect of the other phases of the individual's material existence, and while recognizing the prime importance of the individual trade union, no sane person should advocate the neglect of the other phases of Organized Labor.

Every union in Alberta should be affiliated with the provincial

TYPOGRAPHICAL

UNION HELD WELL ATTENDED MEETING

Nomination of Officers and Many Other Matters of Importance Are Dealt With

The regular December meeting of this union was held on Saturday evening last, in the Trades' Hall, President McCreath in the chair, with a splendid attendance of members.

The sick committee reported four members as practically recovered from indisposition and the sum of \$75 was paid out in sick benefits.

This union again endorsed the proposition for the international body to refund to Canadian unions the dues paid for soldier members for the time previous to the U.S. entering the war.

The inactivity of the local Allied Printing Trades Council caused some strong comments to be made and they will have to get down to business or suffer drastic consequences.

The question of the formation of a club for the allied printing trades was left over to the new year, when the civic elections will be over and also, it is hoped, the job scale satisfactorily settled.

The nomination of officers reminded one of the scripture quotation—"Many were called but few were chosen." President McCreath was again nominated, after a two years' term, but asked to be released. Numerous were the protests against nomination afterwards, but eventually one stuck. Nominations will be open again next meeting and there are hopes of a little excitement. There will be a contest for vice-president. The two retiring secretaries were nominated and the nominations for seats on the executive committee came as fast as the winter's weather.

A couple of notices of motion were referred to a special committee to investigate the financial receipts and distribution of same and the expenditures of the union, to report at the next meeting.

The union decided to supply and pay the wages of two men to scrutinize for the Labor candidates in the civic elections.

A disputed and complicated question of priority of subs was referred to the president of the local union to secure a decision from the international officers. Charges of discrimination laid against a local foreman were referred to the appeals committee to adjudicate on.

One new member was initiated at this meeting.

Previous to adjournment the members were addressed by President McCreath on the matter of the Labor ticket for the Civic elections on Monday next and urged them not to be backward in well-doing, but to poll every vote and poll straight and solid for what they stood for. He told them that if failure came our way the fault must be laid at our door entirely.

PRESSMEN'S UNION ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING-YEAR

A. S. Neale Chosen to Represent Union at Alberta Federation of Labor Conference.

Officers for 1920 were elected at the December meeting of the Printing Pressmen's Union on Friday last.

P. C. Giles, one of the younger members, who learned the trade in Edmon-

ton, was elected as President. E. C. Tompkins is the new Vice-President, while Secretary-Treasurer A. K. South-er retains that post for another year. The Executive Committee will be composed of Leon Mercer, Alex. Reid, B. Stockdale and B. Whitley. L. Mercer, C. Cousins and T. Williams were elected as delegates to the Allied Printing Trades Council, and A. S. Neale, D. W. Mowbray and Elmer E. Roper will represent the union as delegates to the Trades and Labor Council.

It was decided to send a delegate to the Alberta Federation of Labor Convention in Calgary, and A. S. Neale was chosen to represent the union there.

Winnipeg restaurants are serving icing sugar in powder papers and patrons hardly know whether to take it before or after meals.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

It should not be necessary to urge trade unionists to become members of the Labor Party and we trust that it will not be necessary to do so longer.

General Booth said: "A man may be down but he is never out." We take exception to the statement and would refer to the foot of the Aldermanic poll to prove our contention.

The O.B.U. organ in Vancouver boasts that the International union is weak in the Edmonton coal mine field. It is strange that a so-called workers' organization should gloat over the fact that a condition exists whereby Edmonton miners are working under much less favorable conditions than those that prevail in the southern coal fields. Such is actually the situation here, thanks to the activities of the destructionists.

The Oregon Labor Press protests against the filching of its editorials by other papers without credit being given to the proper source. You have our sympathy brother; it "gets our goat" too, to see an editorial, over which we struggled for the greater part of an evening, appearing in the editorial columns of an exchange as the product of some other fellow's think tank.

The steel strike was caused, said Judge Gary, by "ignorant foreign-ers." The New York World of November 25th declares: "Steel officials say the problem of insufficient labor is being met in various ways. Many negroes, Greeks and Mexicans have been brought in since the strike began." Apropos of which the New Republic says: "It might have been supposed that after recent experience with the 'unassimilated alien' the steel officials might have been suspicious of such an easy solution of their Labor problem as the importation of the classes indicated, which are not likely to mix well with the working population on the ground. The Steel Corporation might have tried to enlist 'one hundred per cent Americans' from the industrial region itself. That, however, would have involved the payment of wages affording a one hundred per cent American standard of living and liberty."

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MAYOR.

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