

# The Locals' Page

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**IN THE LEGISLATURE**

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householders' tax must be paid monthly. In the event of any person being unable to pay, or refusing to pay, the city has the power to cut off the gas, light or water.

**Business Tax on Consumers.**

The business tax was also increased from seven to ten per cent, but there is no penalty clause for non payment of that tax. The business tax is supposed to be a concession by the business men in lieu of the other taxes. A concession, by the way, that costs them nothing as the consumer pays it by paying a little more for everything he purchases.

**A Suggestion.**

There is another method of taxation that was overlooked by the Medicine Hat aggregation which we pass on for their consideration next year. Why not build a wall round the city, put in toll gates and charge an admission fee from every person who enters, exempting only those who are going to buy drugs from the Speaker, real estate from Spencer, or consult the Mayor about an industrial site. Although the bill has only passed the committee stage, the chances are it will pass the house as the same influences are at work.

**Labor Member Moves for Half Holiday.**

The Labor member introduced an amendment to the charter asking that all the stores be closed for one half day throughout the year. The amendment was ruled out because it did not originate with the Medicine Hat Council. Alderman Huckvale stated that the question of a half holiday had never been raised, neither in the council nor by interested citizens. Calgary retail stores have been closed for one half day in the week for two years. Edmonton is asking for a charter amendment this year to compel all stores to close for a half day all the year round. Medicine Hat cannot be compared with these towns because Redcliffe, a rival town, is so close that if the stores close in the Hat and remain open in Redcliffe, the people would walk over to Redcliffe, a distance of six miles, and do their shopping. So the powers that be again decreed, that it would be unwise to in-

**NEW AGREEMENT  
TORONTO ELECTRICAL WORKERS**

Hydro-Electric Commission To Be Presented With Demand For \$1-An-Hour Rate.

The Toronto Local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have completed the terms of the new agreement to be submitted to the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission. The agreement asks for a new wage schedule for both apprentices and journeymen. The rate for journeymen is fixed at \$1 an hour, and if paid on a monthly basis, instead of the hourly basis, the rate will be \$208 a month. The hour rate for foremen and supervisors will be \$1.10 an hour, and if payment is on the monthly basis, \$225 a month.

The rates for apprentices will be 55 cents an hour for the first six months; 60 cents an hour for the second six months; 67 cents an hour for the second year, and 75 cents an hour for the third year. Three years shall be the term of apprenticeship, and at the expiration of that period the journeyman's rate shall be paid.

While the new wage rate constitutes one of the very important features, the agreement pays special attention to the working conditions, and some very progressive changes in the interests of the men are asked for.

The union label is the unmistakable sign of practical co-operation between employer and employee. The demand for the union label completes the relationship necessary to the most effective practice of co-operation by making the purchaser also a partner in the business.

terfere with the development of the Hat, by declaring a half holiday for clerks. The retail clerks will have to console themselves about the half holiday, until Redcliffe develops to be a city equal in population to the Hat. Then both will have to petition for the right to declare a holiday.

**CIVIC SERVICE UNION No. 52**

Our agreement received a very favorable reception. Our delegates are hoping to have a 1920 agreement to present to the Union for endorsement.

Get yourself posted on that very important subject that will be subject to discussion at 9 o'clock at your next regular meeting.

Suggestions are still in order for that social date in April.

On Wednesday, March 31st, at 8 p.m. a musical and social evening, to which all the members of No. 52 are invited, will be held in the hall of the Alexandra block. Your stewards have received letters from the library staff, who will be the hosts of the evening, and are requested to personally invite you to this social festival. Our sisters of the first floor will serve refreshments and are enthusiastically looking forward to a real good time.

Since the Scots have been so severely beaten in the athletic field and sports in the British Isles, it is rumored that a certain person on the top floor is about to make application for his Canadian naturalization papers.

It is reported that a sister of the 4th floor has purchased a new spring hat. Somebody believes yet there is more than one season to the year.

Blue and Yellow! The Radials are wearing the city's colors this year and all civic employees who are lovers of athletic sports can obtain a membership in the above club, either honorary or active, by applying to Bro. D. Robson, 2nd floor. The tickets are for sale at 50c and the fund that it is hoped will be instituted is to be expended in a novel and up-to-date project.

Robson is boosting the Radials, his eldest son, Charlie, is to play for the Swifts and Jim has signed up for the Shamrocks. A triple alliance that should land something at the end of the season.

**MANY ATTRACTIONS  
ARE PROVIDED  
FOR STOCK SHOW**

Guy Weadick, Noted Stamped Impresario Will Furnish Cowboy Sports.

Manager Stark of the Edmonton Exhibition announces that he has arranged, with Guy Weadick, the noted Stamped Impresario, to bring a bunch of his outlaw bucking horses and a few of the "top" broncho-busters of the West, to the Edmonton Spring Live Stock Show, to be held in the Arena on the Exhibition grounds, March 30th to April 3rd.

Mr. Weadick is probably the best known authority on cowboy sports and pastimes on the continent, as for the past fifteen years he has been internationally famous for his productions of world's championship contests and exhibitions of Wild West sports all over the United States, Europe and Canada. He produced the Stampede at Calgary in 1912, Winnipeg in 1913, and Calgary last August. He has just purchased a ranch on the Highwood River, southwest of High River, and will become a permanent resident of Alberta. Among the well-known bucking horses that he will bring to the Spring Show, are several who caused much comment at the Stampede in Calgary last August, such as "Budger," "Socks," "Midnight," "Yellow-Jacket," "Bald-Hornet," and the famous roan horse "Blue Dog"—the horse that no three cowboys at the Stampede could saddle.

Miss Flores La Due, the world's champion fancy rider, well remembered for her clever rope work in Calgary, both in 1912 and last year, will give an exhibition each evening, mounted on her famous horse "Prize," and riding the \$1,000 silver-mounted Mexican hand-carved saddle presented to her in Winnipeg in 1913 by H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught. "Strawberry Red" Wolf, the Oregon whirlwind, when it comes to riding outland bronks, will no doubt make as many friends and admirers in Edmonton as he did at Calgary last year, by his reckless disregard for life and limb, when he makes his famous flying mount, aboard the outlaw "Scorpions," as Red calls the bucking horse.

There will be other bronk riders, also exhibitions of trick and fancy riding, roping, and the funny mule "Prohibition Flossie," who they say can dance "to beat the band."

With the already large entry list at

**C.N.R. MACHINISTS**

Lodge 817, L.A. of M. meets Friday, 26th at 8 p.m. Make this a lively meeting and let others know your ideas. Don't talk around the shop, and miss the meetings, where such business is supposed to be conducted. You get paid for working in the shops—not talking. Talk in the lodge room—you pay for that privilege to the exclusion of others. Get your money's worth.

The integrity of the organization must be upheld; and if the whole-hearted honesty of purpose of your officers and committee-men is questioned, especially that which might work an injustice to the rank and file to the benefit of any one or more of those elected to do your will—why, your prerogative, of course, is clearly set forth in the constitution.

For instance: Don't you admire your schedule? Well, well! and what have you done to rectify matters? You'll most likely send a delegate to Div. 4 convention when it's called. What instructions are you to give him? Haven't thought about it yet, eh? Now, see here; it requires no proverbial "Philadelphia Lawyer" to make the last schedule work any old way desired, for or against the employee. Then why not pin a schedule that is to be a benefit to the employee instead of a detriment? (Besides which you'll find you'll have to employ a legal advisor etc. to act with the shop committee-men). Sure, instruct your delegate now! Give him lots of time to work up his case.

The seaharbers are likely to broaden out if the 75c hair-cut is treated as our own 117c. treated it. Of course, he won't say where he got his, but he only paid 50c for it. Another member done better at the McDonald, and if some arrangement is not made with the barbers whereby union men, on presenting their cards fully paid up, at the union hair shops, get their beans tonorialized, we'll say at a reduction anyway, there is likely to be an extreme feeling of enmity and malevolence between the party in the chair and the party with the razor—and at that particular time the latter has the advantage. (Moral—get a cannon.)

Say! isn't that Williams guy some juggler? Are you going to let the apprentices be juggled into doing that wheel-lathe stunt all over again? Also, What about Ed. Letin?

**FIRE FIGHTERS' LOCAL No. 209**

Schedules are not one-sided agreements, for while they do provide what the employee will receive, it also provides what he shall do. It is therefore, absolutely essential that all should study these features—"receive" and "do" for in receiving an obligation is placed on the receiver that he "must do."

Among those noticed at the last meeting of our local at No. 2 Hall was Bro. Stephens of No. 6 Hall.

Bro. Bridson, No. 1 Hall, has resigned from the Fire Dept. and leaves this week for his new farm home near Lloydminster. Bro. Bridson carries with him the best wishes of this local and we hope he may have "cattle on a thousand hills."

Manual labor, in the early stages was largely performed by slaves, the freemen being practically all absorbed in the activities of war.

Bro. Edwards, No. 5 Hall, has completely recovered from his painful scalding accident and last week again resumed his duties.

**MARSEILLES HAS  
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the Spring Show, and the Wild West entertainment added, the attendance this year should be a record-breaker.

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**"Horrors!  
Another  
Coalition"**

By "The Critic"

The editor shouts "Horrors!" at my mild suggestion that the future governments might be formed by alliance of one or two groups, while he himself is suggesting that all governments should be formed from representatives of all the groups. Which would be the worst coalition?

His government, as I understand him, does not actually govern. It is merely an Executive, chosen by Proportional Representation from the groups in the Legislature, whose duty it is to select the actual men who are to administer the different departments of state. They would therefore be expert ciphers at the head of the various departments whose duty it would be to carry out the policy dictated by the Executive. These heads of department would not themselves be members of the legislature or responsible to it; they could not be men of strong personal opinion. Their duty is to carry out the will of a strange conglomeration of capitalists, laborers, freetraders, protectionists, pacifists, militarists, in proportional representation. My contention is that no first-class man could be reasonably expected to take on such a job and that, if he did, it would be undemocratic to have such a one irresponsible with the legislature except through the Executive.

There seems to be a mix-up in the minds of some as to the meaning of group-organization. In this discussion, as I understand it, we are presuming that the geographical constituency is retained or enlarged and that electors divide themselves into groups according to their opinions. But some seem to imagine that we are talking about industrial representation, i.e., a parliament of groups elected from each industry by the industrial vote. Now the Trade Unions and Associations came into being in order that, by their economic force, they might criticize and win changes from the government. Their raison d'être is the representation of the wishes of comparatively small groups of men or women to make sure that their particular interests are not forgotten in the administration of the country's affairs. Even if we consider the ultimate aims of the largest industrial unions, the taking over and administering for the nation the industries in which they are engaged, still the value of the union itself and, therefore, of the industrial vote lies in the productive field and the men voting as members of the union would vote in accord with their producing interests rather than their consumer-interests. Every man in the country is or should be both a producer and a consumer. Every man ought to be eager to secure production. And it is valuable that he should possess in his union a weapon for criticism. But when he votes for his government, he should vote as a consumer, in accordance with the dictates of his mind while he is at home rather than in accordance with the suggestions of the work-shop.

But even when we retain the geographical divisions, we still find groups arising. Laborers are forming a distinct group in every country; the farmers of Canada and U.S.A. are forming another group; some of the returned soldiers seem to imagine that they can form a group, though I agree with the editor in his doubt as to their success; the capitalists have always been an organized group; the middle class and the

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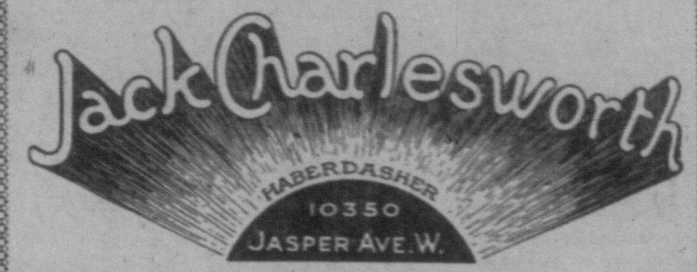
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educationalists ought to have formed themselves into groups long ago. In most city constituencies representatives of these groups will run for election and we will all vote for our choice by the proportional method. But this will have a very different result than would happen if we chose our representatives by some form of industrial representation.

Now the whole object why I, for example, would vote for a Laborer to represent the city of Edmonton would be because I expected him to use all his influence in parliament to abolish the capitalist system. His duty in my eyes would be to form an alliance with those elected who would carry out the policy of the democratic control of industry. Now our editor's scheme would compel my representative to assist in the election of an executive on which the capitalist, ready to kill all my ideas, would have a seat with the Labor representative. The combined efforts of this executive would result in ordering some expert to carry out a nondescript policy on which the opposing interests had managed to agree. I would far prefer that my representative would remain among a minority of critics in the legislature, rather than that by joining in electing an executive of all stars he should surrender the very purpose to accomplish which he was sent to parliament.

Free-trader must oppose protectionist. Capitalist must oppose socialist. Pacifist must oppose militarist. It does not seem commensurate to me to suggest that they should all agree on a compromise. The majority of the people of the country must say by their vote which line of policy is preferred. Then the representatives of the groups favoring this line of policy should form a government. The representatives of the other groups should form a very valuable opposition, with the object of constructive criticism of the governmental policy. After all, oppositions in parliament are necessary to right government. Ask Lloyd George.

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