

Federal Labor Minister Asks Co-Operation

FEDERAL UNION'S REQUESTS TO NEW GOVERNMENT

Associated Federal Employees (Law, Federal Union No. 66, has asked Premier W. L. Mackenzie a communication urging the reorganization of the government departments at the approaching session to the following needs of the service: A bonus for 1922-1923 on cost-of-living increases since 1919...

Ottawa, January 6, 1922. Right Honorable, The Prime Minister of Canada, Ottawa. I have the honor to submit, with, on behalf of the Associated Federal Employees of Ottawa, a memorandum of views of this organization on the subject of what comes, in our opinion, the most insistent and pressing needs of the service.

Immediate Need. Perhaps the most immediate need is a salary adjustment. There are, however, great difficulties in the way of carrying a permanent revision of salary at the present time, owing to numerous anomalies of the existing positions...

REORGANIZATION. The reorganization of the government departments is a subject of great importance. It is suggested that this be done by creating an inter-departmental council as well as departmental councils along the lines of the Whitley plan...

DRUMHELLER UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Unemployment in the Drumheller district is becoming acute and at a mass meeting of the unemployed miners on Sunday last it was decided to request the town council to introduce some relief measures.

A large meeting of miners at Wayne on Friday night also went on record as fully behind the Callie mine. After hearing an address by Mr. Livett...

BAKERY DRIVERS UNION OFFICERS

Joseph Boal, for many years well known in trade union circles, was elected president of the annual meeting of the Bakery Drivers' Union, Local 488, by being elected to the post of president.

TEST MINIMUM WAGE

Boston.—Three women social workers broke down when they attempted to test the state minimum wage law in a restaurant.

LABOR VARIETY

At the session the Conference discussed a resolution moved by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, M.P., that the work of education should be supported by the principle of educational opportunity for all members of the community...

NEW MINISTER MAKES A STRONG APPEAL SAYS "MUST HAVE INDUSTRIAL PEACE"

Declaring that "Canada needs, must have, and will have, co-operation between employer and employee," Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, in an appeal made public, issues a call to employers and employees to get together on their 1922 wage and working condition agreements...

Mr. Murdock's appeal follows: "The Labor Department of the Dominion Government cannot be successful in performing its intended functions without the co-operation and assistance of Canada's citizenship, both employers and employees."

"Conditions in years gone by, and especially during last year, have indicated the misfortunes incident to delaying the making of agreed understandings between employer and employee, and this has been more particularly in evidence, and detrimental to the public interests in many parts of Canada, in connection with the building trades."

STATISTICS BUREAU PERTINENT RETURNS

While there were 693,116 employees working for wages in Canada during 1918, the number had declined in 1919 to 660,183. Employees working for salaries, on the other hand, increased from 75,221 in 1918 to 88,316 in 1919.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVERSEAS

HOSPITAL WORKERS. The British Hospitals Association has issued a statement regarding the work of the Transport and General Workers' Union. It is felt by the employers that this will retard construction, as contractors will hesitate to engage men for a long period, under terms which will not be in force in May.

UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Although, says the U. S. Public Health Service, when typhus and plague subside in Europe (as they must eventually) the menace of the vermin-bearing immigrant will practically disappear, still the Public Health Service will continue to insist that travellers to this country must be reasonably clean when they embark, regardless of any infection to which they are known to have been exposed.

The louse is, of course, quite as common in some quarters of the larger American cities as it is in the European slums; and it is dangerous only when it has become infected, which it can be only by biting an infected person and absorbing his germ-laden blood.

Nevertheless, insists the Public Health Service, greater personal cleanliness should be a far more ordinary decency and healthfulness required from immigrants; and no return should be allowed to the conditions that prevailed for many years before the war, when very many immigrants from central Europe arrived in an incalculably dirty vermin, many of them infected with typhus.

SELL OLD MILK

New York.—Milk dealers are re-applying unsold milk and forcing strikers to dispose of it as fresh milk to the charge made by striking milk wagon driver to Dr. Campbell, city health commissioner.

LABOR AFTER KINGSTON MEET

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REGULAR SESSION OF THE OTTAWA TRADES COUNCIL

The Allied Trades and Labor Association wants the Government to pay the prevailing rate of wages on the Rideau Canal Work. A committee of five delegates from the Ottawa Trades Council met on Saturday afternoon to discuss the matter.

The rate of wages paid by the Improvement Commission on the Rideau Canal work was under fire for some time. Finally it was decided to send a committee to wait on the Government, and the chair named the following: Delegates McCaffrey (chairman), Robertson, Lewis, MacKie and Cole.

The Friends of Soviet Russia appealed for a grant, but the lengthy communication was filed. Mackie considered that Russia could not be such a bad place when a former Premier of Canada and a Senator spoke in an Ottawa church in favor of sending money to relieve the famine.

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