LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

I. L. P. TO CONTEST CIVIC ELECTION.

The Independent Labor party will contest every seat in the City Council, besides putting up candidates for the Board of Control and for the Mayor's chair, and will select the candidates at the convention to be held on November 24. They will also place men in the running for school trustees. This, together with the determination to organize a French branch of the I. L. P., was definitely decided at the meeting of the Independent Labor Party in the hall of the Ottawa Council of Carpenters yesterday afternoon. The [illegible] T. MacDowell presided, and about 60 members were present.

To obviate the possibility of the convention being "stuffed" and the nominations going to men not in full accord with the [illegible] of the I. L. P., the selection of candidates will be confined to members of the Independent Labor Party or to members of Trades unions. All candidates other than straight Trades unionists must hold a full membership in the I. L. P. for at least 60 days past as an earnest of their good faith. This step was taken to prevent "election day friends" from securing the backing of the party.

To facilitate the movement in the French sections of the city, a special committee was appointed to organize a French branch. The committee follows: Messrs. F. LaFortune, V. Pasch, O. Pasch and C. Charron.

RETAIL CLERKS' EUCHRE

A great many attended the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association grand euchre held in St. Anne's Hall on Wednesday of last week. Satisfaction was expressed by all at the splendid manner in which the programme was conducted, and even a larger attendance is expected at the next euchre. There were 22 winners of eight games, while those winning seven games numbered 45. Three series were played.

The prizes were as follows: Gentlemen's door prize, $5, won by Mr. Alfred Ouellette; Ladies' door prize, $5, won by Mrs. E. Jolicoeur; great special prize, nine yard costume velvet, won by Miss R. Bettez; consolation prize, 12 complimentary tickets to Francais Theatre, won by Mrs. E. Biggers.

The officers of the association are sincerely desirous of thanking the donators of the prizes and others who assisted in the success of the affair.

REGRETTABLE AFFAIR.

During the past week the police commissioners have been investigating into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Sarah Marie Shipman, who died in St. Luke's Hospital after spending a night in gaol where she had been placed on a charge of drunkenness.

Mrs. Sarah Marie Shipman was taken from a street car in the Albert street car barns early on Friday evening and lodged in the Police Station. It was thought by the police and the street railway inspector that she was intoxicated.

In the Police Station Mrs. Shipman was treated as a prisoner and was allowed to lie on the floor of a cell a part of the night. In the morning she was removed to St. Luke's Hospital where it became apparent at once that she was seriously ill. Her death occurred at 3.30 on Saturday, afternoon.

It is interesting here to note that the street railway inspector and the motorman and conductor were all engaged by the street railway during the recent strike.

OTTAWA BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL.

A regular meeting was held on Monday evening, November 17. Some important matters were brought before the Council. Among them was one dealing with the time when future agreements should expire. The contractors have suggested December 31 instead of April 30. This is being forwarded to all locals affiliated with the Council, and requesting their view of it, and report at the next meeting.

Lengthy communications were received from the Building Trades Council of Detroit and Omaha. The Detroit Council called our attention that they were compelled to place the Dupont Engineering Company on the "unfair list." This firm is doing work in several other cities and flatly refuses to do business with organized labor. They ask us to pay no attention to any advertisements coming from them. The Omaha Council drew attention to a large biscuit firm, the Iten Biscuit Company, a corporation operating in several cities. This firm is not only unfair to union labor in their factories but refuses to give any contracts to any firm of builders who employ union labor. They appeal to the local Council to assist in any way possible. The Council passed a motion that these, with other firms in Ottawa who refused to sign the agreement with the Building Trades Council, be forwarded to the Canadian Labor Press for publication.

Secretary Jackson states that the firm of McDougal Bros., at present having the erection of St. Patrick's bridge, refuse to recognize union labor, also Morphy & Co., at "Lindenfea," and Lest Green, at present erecting houses on the Ottawa Land Association premises and Westboro.

The Council realizes the value of the Industrial Council, which came into force as the result of the conferences that were held in the early [illegible] and which have been amicably settled.

With the various schemes on foot the Council is looking forward to continued prosperity for the building industry in this city.

SHORTAGE OF CARPENTERS.

There is quite a shortage of carpenters in Ottawa at the present time, says the Ottawa correspondent of Local 93 to the Ontario Provincial Council of Carpenters. "A good many of the members are going out of town, where they get better wages. Work on our agreement for next spring will start with our next meeting. Hope we will rank with the rest of the province next year. For this year we are tied up with our agreement."

NEW INTERNATIONAL UNION.

Last week we made mention of the fact that the local milk drivers and dairy employes had applied to the American Federation of Labor for a charter. This has been granted and on Monday evening last the new organization elected its officers and started on its way. This new union will be known as Local No. 93, Milk Drivers' and Dairy Employes' International Union. Mr. Wm. Lodge, secretary of the Allied Trades and Labor Association, installed the officers and was assisted by Mr. Donald A. Dear, of the executive of the Trades Association, and Mr. R. Plaunt, president of the Bakery Drivers' Union. The new local is already over 60 per cent. organized, and it is expected that before very long that the local dairy employes will have a 100 per cent. organization. The new local will have its quota of delegates at the central labor body.

HAMILTON.

I.L.P. MAKES PROGRESS.

How times have changed in Hamilton. And very materially, too. It is not very long ago, that the Independent Labor party had to carry on its regular business meetings with a mere handful of members. Now it's all changed. The Labor Hall is almost too small to seat the attendance, irrespective of the fact that the present auditorium is twice the size of the now demolished John street quarters.

Last Friday night, which was regular I.L.P. meeting night, the Labor Hall was taxed to capacity. Furthermore, Sergt.-at-Arms L. Jenkins, was kept busy chair-hunting. And from 8.15 o'clock until soon after eleven bells, President Harry Bourne was kept on the qui vive.

George Pilton put the members in good humor when he reported that next week the membership campaign would start. And unhesitatingly he emphasized that the committee anticipated that the 3,000 new member objective would be easily over-reached. There's already over 1,500 members on Financial Secretary "Bill" Cassaday's books, so ere snow flies in the Ambitious City, the I.L.P. Central Branch will be numerically filled to overflowing. About 100 new members were enrolled last Friday night.

Michael Cummings, a veteran locomotive engineer, and a trades unionist of long standing, made the members sit up and take notice when in deprecating the fact that no financial statement from the Ontario License Commission had been given the public since the O.T.A. became operative, he said that dispensary agents had profited $50,000 per month, while the distillers had made millions of dollars. Secretary Shaw was commissioned to write the Provincial Secretary requesting a financial statement.

The suggestion offered by Mr. Rollo that the I.L.P. start a debating society found ready favor and at the close of the meeting, Ald. O'Heir enrolled many aspirant debaters. Controller Halcrow also supported Mr. Rollo respecting an I.L.P. social club being started and a special committee was appointed to arrange for the same.

THREATENED TIE-UP AT CITY HOSPITAL.

Unless Hamilton's Hospital Governors live up to their agreement entered into with the Steam and Operating Engineers' Union, Local No. 700, recently, a strike of six stationary engineers employed at the city hospital will result. At midnight last Friday, following a conference of Local No. 700 officers and the half dozen hospital engineers, a wire was despatched to the International president, Chicago, requesting sanction for the men to strike. Until the hospital engineers became unionised their wages were $2 per day and board. Their request for 52 cents per hour, as received by civic stationary engineers was compromised at [illegible] an hour being given, which aggregates $105 monthly, General Organizer Healy, Niagara Falls, arranged also for the men to be paid semi-monthly, the new scale to date from September 1st. The back pay isn't forthcoming, while the hospital authorities refuse to pay twice a month; hence the threatened strike. It is said that in the event of a strike the service at the hospital would become dislocated. The Canadian Labor Press trusts a strike will be avoided. The union men proved reasonable by accepting the compromise. Now let the hospital governors play their honorable part.

MOULDERS HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE SEVEN MONTHS.

The Moulders' and Coremakers' strike has now been in vogue nearly seven months. At last Wednesday's metineg of Local No. 26, I. M. U. of N. A., the Strike Committee reported that there was no immediate prospect of a settlement. One-half of the strikers, it was said, had secured work at the trade outside the city, while others were working away from the trade. Those still on the pay-roll show no signs of "cold feet" and intend to carry on indefinitely. One of the strikers informed the meeting that he had been discharged from four other jobs, upon it being known that he was a striking moulder. President Alex. Madigan said it was pleasing to report that from all parts of the province financial assistance to help the strikers was pouring in. Every local union in Hamilton had assessed the members and the strikers were very grateful for the aid. The union "sand rats" provincial wide, realize that the moulders' strike here for the eight-hour day and 75 cents per hour is their battle. It is appreciated that if the Hamiltonians lose, "down will go wages and up go the hours;" so they are taking no chances. Very soon a big boxing effort will be staged in one of the theatres to help the strikers and no efforts will be spared to insure success to the undertaking.

HAMILTON'S NEWSY BRIEFS.

Complete unionization of the building trades is not far distant. Last Monday's regular meeting, when Frank Dwyer presided, accelerated the move, when a resolution was unanimously passed to the effect that after May 1 next, at the expiration of the various agreements with the contractors, the "union job" clause be inserted in all new agreements. A special committee of the council consisting of one representative of every affiliated union with the B.T.C., to get together and make all the necessary arrangements to carry out the purpose of the resolution. After May 1, should no hitch occur, no union man will be permitted to work with non-unionists on any operation coming under the jurisdiction of the Building Trades Council. At the next meeting the special committee will submit the results of its labors to the delegates for final ratification.

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Growing steadily is the Iron, Steel and Tin Workers' Union. Last Sunday another open meeting held in the Moulders' Hall, resulted in 50 new members being initiated. Recording Secretary Harry G. Fester, Trades and Labor Council addressed the assembly. In recognition of the untiring services rendered the new organization, Mr. Fester was made honorary member. In future Saturday weekly meetings will be held.

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At last Monday's meeting of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' Union, it was announced that effective November 1st, over 100 wiremen employed by the contractors had been granted a wage increase from 65 cents to 70 cents per hour. The Dominion Power and Transmission Company's meter men also have been conceded a 20 per cent. wage increase. The local membership now exceeds 400. Several new members were initiated during the meeting. H. G. Fester, H. W. West and A. Hurst were visitors to the meeting, representing the Independent Labor party. Their appeals to their auditors to join the I.L.P., fell not on deaf ears.

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The Jewelry Workers' Union, recently organized, is making headway. At every meeting quite a number of initiations take place, which is a good omen. The new local has decided to affiliate with the Trades and Labor Council, and T. Timmons has been appointed delegate.

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Provincial President John Briggs, Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, visited Toronto last week. His mission was in connection with several members of the organization who persisted in their dual allegiance with the A.F. of L. organized labor movement and the O.B.U. Mr. Briggs was compelled to take strong measures. And he told the delinquents "on the fence" that they had either to quit the O.B.U. or sever their connection with the carpenters' society.

TORONTO.

DEMANDING MINIMUM WAGE OF $45 PER WEEK.

[illegible] wage of $45 based on a forty-four hour week, has been presented by the Watchmakers and Clockmakers' Union to the manufacturing jewellers and watchmakers of Toronto and the locality and the retail stores. The demands of the union mean, if granted, almost one hundred per cent increase in wages to a considerable number of the watchmakers.

ENDEAVORING TO PREVENT LOCK-OUTS AND STRIKES.

An organization which aims to banish strikes and lock-outs from the men's clothing trade, has been completed by the Toronto manufacturers with the co-operation of the unions and gives promise of working out to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Arbitration is the keynote of the scheme and both sides have entered into an agreement to accept the verdict of the arbitration machinery provided.

This agreement involves 29 clothing manufacturers of the city, or 35 per cent. of the total outside of the contract shops, and 2,000 operators on men's and boys' clothing. These 2,000 operators are members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, but are not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The manufacturers have assigned to a general agent, known as labor manager, the task of settling on their behalf all disputes whether relating to wages or working conditions, with the operators, which cannot be adjusted between the shop chairman and the superintendent. If he cannot reach an agreement with the union manager the issue goes to a board of arbitration consisting of four delegates two representing the manufacturers and two representing labor with a fifth member who is the impartial chairman, and whose decision on all disputes is absolutely final.

LINEMEN MAKE DEMANDS.

Four hundred linemen, of Toronto, who are members of the Electrical Workers' Union, and who at present receive seventy-five cents an hour and have a 44-hour week, intend to ask for ninety cents an hour at the end of the year, when their agreement with the power companies and public utilities will expire.

ELEVATOR MEN TO ORGANIZE.

Good progress is being made in Toronto towards the organization of the elevator workers into a federal labor union affiliated with the A. F. of L., says the Banner. Organizer John A. Flett, of Hamilton, had the matter in hand, and from the way in which prospective members are being enrolled the chances of building up a strong organization looks very bright indeed. The promoters of the new movement say that once started, with the prevailing sentiment in favor of trades unionism, it should not be long before 1,000 members were in line, as there is a big field to work on.

I. L. P. ELECT OFFICERS.

At the Independent Labor party convention at the Labor Temple Saturday night, the applications of Messrs. R. J. Stephenson and W. J. Hevey for membership which it was stated were turned down by the executive of the party, were not discussed. Secretary Buckley explained that these, with others which had been questioned, will come before the executive committee when the doubtful members will be asked to attend.

For the ensuing year, the officers elected were: President, James Ballantyne; vice-presidents, Mrs. Singer, John Macdonald, A. Glen; secretaries, J. W. Buckley and Roy Palmer.

CARPENTERS' AND JOINERS' CONDITIONS IMPROVING.

According to the Trade Report of the Provincial Council of Carpenters the cabinet makers and inside millmen are making progress in Toronto. New members are being made each meeting night and Local Union No. 1820 is going ahead. Conditions have improved in the trade in the last four months; some of the shops have reduced the hours to eight a day and four on Saturday, and most of the shops are paying 60 cents per hour and more. The report concludes by saying: "Let us make the object to attain next spring 70 cents per hour and a 44 hour week. Surely this is little enough for a man to live on and bring up his family."

WESTERN CANADA

BROCKVILLE TEACHERS SET MINIMUM WAGE.

At a recent meeting of the Brockville and East Leeds Teachers' Institute the question of salaries was discussed. A schedule for the province was proposed and ordered to be forwarded to the Ontario Educational Association. For rural teachers and assistants a minimum of $900, increasing yearly up to $1,700, was suggested for principals of from two to five rooms. A minimum salary of $1,600, increasing to $2,400, for principals of more than five rooms. A minimum of $2,400, increasing to $3,300 was also suggested.

In the opinion of the meeting, now that the cost of living has more than doubled, the minimum salary of $900 was considered too low and it was felt that a teacher receiving $500 in 1914 should be paid over $1,000 now.

The Canadian Labor Press would advise school teachers in all parts of the Dominion to ally themselves with the International Trade Union movement which would have its entire resources and experience at the teachers' disposal. Teachers are rapidly identifying themselves with organized labor in the United States and we believe that the Canadian teachers should do likewise.

WINDSOR CLERKS DESIRE TO COME UNDER COMPENSATION ACT.

Retail clerks of the Border Cities at the meeting of their association in the Trades and Labor Council rooms on Wednesday night, passed a resolution aiming at bringing retail clerks under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act. The resolution was moved by E. Brown.

A committee was appointed at the request of the Retail Merchants' Association to meet with that body and discuss the new schedule asked for by the clerks. The committee includes Messrs. Bennett, Wild and Brown and Miss Dupois. President Jeffries was in charge of the meeting.

The resolution aiming at inclusion of retail clerks under the working of the Compensation Act read:

"That we, the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association, request J. C. Tolmie, our provincial member, to endeavor to have the retail clerks placed under the Workmen's Compensation Act, the same as all other crafts."

MONCTON CIVIC EMPLOYES' UNION.

Last week the Moncton City Council formally recognized the Civic Employes' Union, recently organized, and agreed to the schedule of wages and hours without discussion. The main feature of the schedule include a nine-hour day, time and a half for overtime and a slight increase in pay all round. The union embraces all the civic employes, from the City Clerk down, with the exception of the Board of Assessors.

HALIFAX SUFFERERS NOT YET COMPENSATED.

At the last meeting of the Halifax Trades and Labor Council much discussion took place over the matter of compensation to explosion sufferers. It was pointed out by various delegates that there are still a number of sufferers who have by no means received compensation campatible with their loss. It was also pointed out that too much money was being spent on some of sufferers, which necessitated a heavy mortgage being attached to every house taken over. A motion was unanimously put through instructing the secretary to write Secretary P. M. Draper, of the Trades and Labor Congress, to use his influence at Ottawa to get something definite done for the explosion sufferers of Halifax.

NOVA SCOTIA MINERS APPLY FOR BOARDS.

Applications for the appointment of boards of conciliation have been received from the various collieries in Nova Scotia, but officials of the Labor Department at Ottawa are hopeful that there will be no tie-up of mining operations, in view of the impending shortage of bituminous coal in the country. The usual procedure in regard to appointing boards is being followed by the department in regard to these applications.

FIRMS TO GIVE BONUS.

At the request of the employes of the Canadian Western Fuel Company at Windsor for an increase in wages on account of the increased cost of living, the company announced that an additional bonus of 25 cents a day would be given from September 1, and would continue until the cost of living had been reduced a like amount. A bonus of five per cent. was also announced by the Engineering and Machine Work of Canada at St. Catharines, payable on October 1 to all their employes on their wages during the year ending July 1, last.

SCOTT BECOMES PRESIDENT AGAIN.

At the last meeting of local 4481, U. M. W. of A., Stellarton, Thos. Scott was elected president in the election of officers. Sam Askles, vice-president; Colin Jameson, re-elected recording secretary; Alonzo Hall, financial secretary, and Pat Brown, treasurer. Mr. Scott was farmerly president of Stellarton Federal Union.

WINDSOR TELEPHONE OPERATORS GET INCREASE.

Operators of the Windsor telephone exchange have recently been granted a substantial increase in pay. They are now paid on the same rate as the operators in the Toronto exchanges. The wages to start are $12 per week, with regular increases every six months until a maximum approximating $28 per week has been reached. According to officials of the company, this scale will probably grow as the Border Cities develop and the company's business increases.

Operators work on what is known as schedule 89, day operators working periods of six and seven hours and night operators eight. No operator works more than eight hours per day. They have one day off each week, with pay and, in addition, they are granted two weeks' vacation in the summer.

MORE HOUSES FOR KITCHENER WORKERS.

The Dominion Rubber System has taken steps to erect 300 modern houses in Kitchener and Waterloo for the benefit of its employes, in view of a large addition to its plant which is contemplated. These dwellings are to be built under the Ontario Housing Act, and housing commissions have been appointed for the purpose by two municipalities.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS DEMAND FIXED SALARIES.

Austin McInnes, of the Rural Mail Carriers' Union of Canada, announced recently that rural mail carriers in the Maritime provinces would go on strike on November 22. They are demanding a fixed salary, according to mileage as in the U. S., instead of the jobs being given by the post office to the lowest tender, as at present. They say that the postal department ignored their request, hence the coming strike.

EIGHT HOURS FOR LONDON NURSES

Miss Stanley, lady superintendent of Victoria Hospital, London, Ont. announces that on December 1, the eight-hour day for nurses will go into effect at the hospital. The innovation will mean an addition of fifteen nurses to the present staff.

WINDSOR TO SEEK FURTHER REPRESENTATION.

During the past year Windsor labor has had four representatives on the city council, but at the forthcoming civil election it is expected that the working people of the Border City will have at least six standard-bearers.

QUEBEC EXECUTIVE WANT SUGGESTIONS.

Democratising industrial and political power is the slogan and there are three vital thoughts before the executive for Quebec of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, namely the eight hour day, proportional representation, and adequate compensation for workers injured or killed. There are enough thinkers in the Province to offer amendments to the existing laws and all should study and prepare their suggestions, sending them either through their unions or direct to Gus. Francq, 2 St. Paul St., Montreal, vice-president of the executive of the Trades Congress for Quebec.

KITCHENER I.L.P. TO CONTEST CIVIC ELECTION.

The Kitchener Branch of the Independent Labor Party are completing plans to have at least fifteen candidates, for the various offices in the city council, the water commission, the light commission and the public school board in the forthcoming civic election. It is the intention of the I.L.P. to hold a convention in the near future when all the working men and women will be invited to attend whether they belong to Trade Unions or not. The executive of the I.L.P. also went on record as opposing any measure to change the name of the city again.

SYDNEY MINES' CLERKS VOICE OBJECTION.

At the last regular meeting of the Sydney Mines City Council a letter was read from the Clerical Union of the A. F. of L. strenuously objecting to the Scotia Company enlisting the services of non-residents and non-taxpayers and asked the City Fathers to endeavor to have the Scotia company hire local labor before seeking help elsewhere. The communication caused a lively debate but on a division it was placed on file as the majority of the council did not consider that they had any jurisdiction in the matter.

GALT I.L.P. AND G.W.V.A. UNITE FOR POLITICAL ACTION.

It is generally understood that the Galt branch of the I.L.P. and the G.W.V.A. of that city will unite for political action and at the outset will contest the forthcoming civic election in January.

WOODSTOCK WILL HAVE LABOR CANDIDATE IN CIVIC ELECTION.

Encouraged by the large vote polled at the recent Provincial election, the Independent Labor Party of Woodstock will contest as many of the offices as possible in the forthcoming civic elections. Candidates in some instances have already been named and prospects are bright for their election.

GUELPH TRADES COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Guelph Trades and Labor Council was held last Thursday, President Thos. McPherson in the chair. There was not a large attendance and the meeting was a short one. A committee composed of Geo. L. Fowke and Thos Hall was appointed to appear before the civic financial committee with respect to the request that all land be taxed 1 per cent on buildings. It was decided not to send a delegate to Hamilton to attend the Town Planning Convenion on November 27 and 28, but the resolution referred to above with respect to to land tax was ordered to be sent to that meeting. It was decided to hold forum meetings during the coming winter months, to be addressed by outside speakers. A committee composed of Messrs Heeley, Fowke, Jones, Farley and Hall was appointed to handle these meetings

EASTERN CANADA.

CLAIMS ALBERTA MINES ACT NOT ENFORCED.

Complaint is made that the Alberta Mines Act is not being enforced in the mines of the Lethbridge field, that miners were allowed to work more than eight hours a day, that former United Mine Workers of America officials were discriminated against by the mine operators, and that the Government regulations requiring a cost of living enquiry every four months to establish the amount of bonus to be paid miners to meet the rising cost of living were not complied with. These were the charges made by Robert Peacock, secretary of the Lethbridge local U. M. W. of America, at the opening session of the Alberta Coal Commission sessions last week.

ENFORCING THE WORKINGMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

For some time past the Workingman's Compensation Board of the Province of Alberta has been endeavoring to make the act as effective as possible. Last week some 153 employers were summoned to appear before the police court in Calgary for failing to comply with section 27 of the Workingmen's Compensation Act of 1918, (Alberta); in that statements of the total amount of wages earned by all their workmen during the month of September have not been transmitted to the Workingmen's Compensation Board, Edmonton, on or before the 20th of October.

ACT AMENDED TO PROTECT MINERS.

As a result of an investigation of the causes of an accident at Nanaimo, B. C., in which sixteen men lost their lives through the breaking of a hoisting rope, the Coal Mines Regulation Act of British Columbia has been amended as follows: "All cage chains in general use shall be annealed once at least in every six months, and detaching hooks shall be cleaned and refitted once in every three months. Every winding rope shall be given a bath in hot oil before being installed. Every winding rope shall be re-capped at intervals of not more than six months in accordance with regulations made under this act, and no winding rope which has been in use for more than two years or which has been spliced shall be used for raising or lowering persons."

THE DEMOCRATIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE PLATFORM OF THE I. L. P.

Here is the platform of the independent Labor party of Ontario, organized less than three years ago, and growing stronger and stronger every day.

The object of the Independent Labor party of Ontario is to promote the political, economic and social interests of people who live by their labor, mental or manual, as distinguished from those who live by profit upon the labor of others.

"Therefore, we have established a permanent provincial organization in order that we may act on the co-operation as far as possible with independent political organizations or the farmers and the producing class for the purpose of electing men or women who will stand by the democratic principle of a working class movement, with all that this term implies.

"The public ownership of all public utilities and natural sources of wealth.

"Nationalization of banking and credit systems.

"Direct legislation through the initiative, referendum and recall.

"Gradual elimination of unearned increment through a tax on land values.

"Equal pay for equal work.

"Abolition of property qualifications for all municipal offices.

"Abolition of all election deposits.

"Proportional representation, with grouped constituencies.

"No court to be legally competent to declare unconstitutional any act of the Parliament of Canada.

"Amending the British North America Act in order that the decisions of the highest court of appeal in Canada shall be final in all matters, civil and political.

"That adequate equal pensions be granted to all disabled soldiers, either officers or men, or their widows and dependents.

"Pensions for mothers with dependent children.

"Old age pensions.

"Creation of national reserves of coal and timber.

"Government control of cold storage.

"National, health and unemployment insurance.

"Maternity benefits and free hospital services.

"Equality of opportunity for men and women, politically, socially and industrially.

"The eight-hour work day.

"The democratic control of industry.

"Abolition of the Canadian Senate.

"Free and compulsory education including text books, free education in all institutions controlled by the Government, every child to be guaranteed from its birth until it becomes a self-supporting member of society, the material necessities of life, medical supervision, and an unlimited education.

"We believe that performance is better than promise and we rest our claim for the support of the workers on the general declaration that we stand for the industrial freedom of those who toil and the political liberation of those who for so long have been denied justice."

PAINTERS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

The current month's issue of the official organ of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators reports a gain for August in the membership of 2,825, bringing the total up to 184,963. The report shows that work was never more plentiful than it is now for this season of the year and the outlook is favorable for a good run of work during the coming winter.

The trade union, like the man who, profiting by past mistakes, keeps everlastingly at it, will eventually be crowned by success.

BOLSHEVIKI—SONG OF HUNGER.

Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief,
Heard some little children,
Those words repeat,
Yes—today you're a good citizen;
Tomorrow, maybe, you'll be a tramp.
Environments mould our circumstances
And the so-called "good folks" apply the stamp:
Poor men are not always beggars,
Or rich men always thieves,
And fine clothes don't make good citizens
As some folks make believe.
Tailors may improve your figure
And you'll hear the gossips say
"Here comes a noble character—
See how his shoulders sway."
You or I can't trust our character
To some other fellow's care.
Any more than you can judge
A woman's goodness by the color of her hair.
Listen!
You cannot buy a character any more
Than you can buy a soul,
And remember, just the way you think
So your path in life will mould,
And your life is more precious than
The earth's output of gold.
Yes! Hun-war-lords made lots of heroes
And turned honest men into thieves,
And it likewise turns the workless man
Into a raving Bolshevik.

—James (Pitchfork) Henderson.

I. L. P. Aim to Organize Whole of Ontario.

In a private residence in the west end of Toronto just three years ago, eleven men and one woman, who believed that a labor party could gain for the working people needed improvements that they could ont gain for themselves unorganized, met and framed the organization of the Independent Labor party, called, for shortness, the I. L. P. The following summer, July, 1917, a convention in Toronto of all the other various organizations that had sprung up in the meantime, decided on united action and the present platform.

In the new Legislature for Ontario are fifteen men who are members of the I.L.P. and eleven "straight" representatives. It is known by everybody that wherever there was any kind of organization behind a Labor candidate he was successful. Where Labor won the win was by a large majority, up in the thousands, and where the party was defeated the minorities were very small.

Labor men are wondering how different the outcome would have been had the Labor organization been as strong as the United Farmers of Ontario. It is evident that the majority of the U.F.O.-I.L.P. coalition over the House would be more than one, and possibly that the Farmers would not have had all to say in the selection of the Premier.

"What has been the result of the election on the I.L.P.?" Joseph Marks, secretary of the party, was asked.

"I have been swamped with enquiries on how to form branch associations," he said, pointing to a pile of correspondence several inches high. "We have had no paid officers or organizers in the party up until the present, but, oh! my! this work is getting big enough for a man's whole time.

"Towns are beginning to organize now who have never had any organization. Windsor and the Detroit River front are organizing. So is Cornwall and the St. Lawrence district, Port Arthur and Fort William and others," said Mr. Marks, running through a few letters.

He pointed out that many towns and cities which had not been at all sure of their strength had become really enthusiastic when they found that their candidate was beaten only by a very few votes.

It is because of this heart-felt interest that we have decided to launch the "crusade." Just before the next election will be no time to start organizing. It is right now when enthusiasm is at its height. So, commencing this month, we have arranged for the successful Labor candidates and other prominent men to tour the province and make every organization a wide-awake one. We shall start in with our forces on virgin soil.

"We hope to more than double our present membership by the "crusade," he declared.

Even clergymen and university professors have sent applications for membership in the party. At the present time more than twenty per cent. of the membership are men who live by their mental labor. Anyone is eligible for membership, provided that he lives by labor, mental or manual.

The Province of Nova Scotia, which has become organized recently, adopted in its entirety the platform of the I.L.P. of Ontario. The Farmers' platform, according to Secretary Marks, is identical to it.

"So why shouldn't the Farmers and Labor parties keep up their alliance?" he asked. "They are both composed of workers. We even have a couple of Farmers' branches of the I.L.P. We have backed each other solidly. At many places where we have backed U.F.O. candidates the Farmers have agreed to back our men in the Dominion election."—By Richard B. Mathews.

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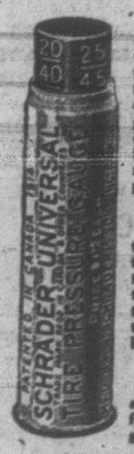

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