

## PORT HURON NOTES.

Labor Day was fittingly celebrated here on Monday, Sarnia, and surrounding districts of Canada having crossed the "invisible boundary" (St. Clair river) and, joining the Port Huron division, made an international demonstration. A typical Uncle Sam and an equally good representative of John Bull headed the procession, which was very largely attended. The Canadian contingents led the way, headed by the beautiful band from Sarnia. Following them came the American unions, headed by the Port Huron city band, the post of honor amongst the followers being accorded to the striking machinists of No. 117, 68 in number. Some of these carried parti-colored umbrellas on which appeared the mottoes, "Be men; Stand Pat," "No Seabs in this Crowd," etc.

The Machinists are very much pleased with the victory they obtained over the Grand Trunk Company in the injunction suit instituted against them, it was so refreshing to hear of a judge who administers justice in such cases. But they are not unduly elated, as they feel that they have a powerful and unscrupulous enemy, who will not acknowledge a defeat and who will probably try again.

The local unions are making every endeavor to send a good delegation to the convention of the Michigan Federation of Labor at Saginaw on Sept. 19th next.

## THE EIGHT-HOUR STRIKE.

Printers in Indianapolis and Albany Ordered Out.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 12.—The local Typographical Union has ordered 150 members here to strike at once for an eight-hour day. President James M. Lynch, of the International Typographical Union, last night said: "I have instructed unions in various cities to demand contracts immediately for an eight-hour day, to commence on Jan. 12. Wherever the demand for the eight-hour day is refused the union printers have been instructed to strike at once."

Buffalo, N.Y., Sept. 12.—The biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America began in this city to-day, meetings being held at Convention Hall. This organization has 30,000 members in the United States and Canada. About 400 delegates are here. P. H. Wallace, of Toronto Junction, a member of the Grand Executive Board, heads the Canadian delegates, of whom there are about a score.

Probably the most important business of the convention is the proposal to amalgamate with the International Association of Car Workers, which has a membership of 8,000 men in the same trades, and with the Brotherhood of Car Inspectors, Car Repairers and Railway Mechanics, which has 6,000 members.

A lively time is in view, as the International Association of Car Workers admits negroes as members. It is allied with the American Federation of Labor. The Brotherhood of Carmen bars the black men and is not allied with the Federation, but is in touch with the Brotherhood of Engineers, the Conductors and other strictly railroad unions.

"A year ago last January the Executive Board of our organization and of the Car Workers held a conference to effect unification," said a Carman to-day. "It was a failure, because our officers, and the International Association, and the International Association insisted it would not sacrifice its negro members by amalgamation without them. It is likely there will be some trouble

on this score when the matter comes up. Nobody can forecast the result."

The International Association of Car Workers also is holding its convention here, about 100 delegates being present. A committee from the Brotherhood of Car Inspectors, Car Repairers and Railway Mechanics is on hand with authority to take action for that body. The three organizations will get together on the amalgamation proposition the latter part of the week.

Watertown, N.Y., Sept. 11.—Fifty printers struck on Saturday to force the eight-hour movement, closing down all the job offices and papers.

Springfield, Ohio, Sept. 11.—Printers in five local plants were called out on Saturday until the proprietors sign the eight-hour agreement. The principal concerns affected are the Crowell Company, publisher of the Woman's Home Companion, and the Winters Company. The publishers of the daily papers all signed the agreement promptly.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Sept. 11.—Union printers employed by the Cataract Journal and the Niagara Falls Gazette have gone on strike for the eight-hour day. The printers involved work in the job departments of both newspapers and the composing rooms. The two papers refused to sign the eight-hour agreement, and have declared open shop. Publication of neither paper will be suspended, the managers say.

## RICH UNIONS.

Racine, Wis.—Organized labor of this city has been served with a summons by Sheriff Dericks and complaint served on members of the Trades Council and affiliated unions who are defendants in a suit brought about by a baker, O. B. Shultz, for the sum of \$25,000 damages, he alleging that his business was boycotted.

## WARNING—STAY AWAY FROM ROCHESTER!

Rochester, N.Y., Aug. 1, 1905.

To Central Bodies and Organized Labor in General, Greeting:

On June 15th, 1905, the Central Trades and Labor Council of Rochester, N. Y., issued a circular letter to the Central Bodies and organized labor throughout the country, warning wage earners to stay away from this city as there are no surplus of jobs to be had. That the Chambers of Commerce was endeavoring, through advertisements and circulars, to induce unemployed labor to come here as there was plenty of work at good wages; that Rochester was a desirable place to live in, on account of cheap rents and low prices for the necessities of life.

It seems that the first warning issued by the Central Trades and Labor Council has not been properly heeded, because hundreds of wage earners have applied to the Chambers of Commerce for positions, either in person or by letter, and the local labor market is now over-run with people for whom there is no work at any price.

Rochester is cursed with probably the strongest combination of employers there is in the eastern states. These organizations have during the past two years used their utmost endeavors to break up and weaken our labor movement and have in some instances been partially successful. Organized labor have spent thousands upon thousands of dollars to maintain their positions and the flooding of the local market with a surplus of labor will necessarily cause the ex-

penditure of thousands of dollars more.

The situation before the issuance of the last appeal was bad enough, but at present it is infinitely worse and should be taken heed of by our brother and sister trades unionists throughout the country and they should use their utmost endeavors to keep skilled and unskilled wage earners from coming in here.

To show how well the Chamber of Commerce has succeeded in accomplishing its purpose in flooding the local labor market with undesirable people, a perusal of the daily newspapers of Rochester will be interesting.

Hoping that you will take heed of this warning to stay away from Rochester, and that this circular will be read at every meeting in your city, we remain, fraternally,

Central Trades and Labor Council.

J. S. Wolen, Pres.

P. Bohur, Jr., Sec.

P.S.—We do not want financial assistance, simply your moral support.

## BAKERS AND CONFECTIONERS.

The semi-annual convention of the International Bakers and Confectioners' Union met at Portland, Maine, last week.

The staunch and loyal members of Local Union No. 22, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, voted unanimously at their regular meeting, Friday evening last week, to assist a very worthy cause. The matter was brought before the meeting by J. J. Swanson, Business Agent of the District Council of Carpenters and also Business Agent of the Building Trades Council. T. P. Nicholas, President of Carpenters' Local 22 and President of the District Council of Carpenters, immediately came forward in his customary whole-souled manner and supported the proposition. The result was a unanimous rising vote, and as a still further result the little children in the San Francisco Foundling Asylum will, in the future, enjoy the warm and life-giving sun. Every man in the large hall stood up, volunteering his services to build the much-needed piazza for the innocent tots. And those union men promised more—they agreed to obtain the material necessary to complete the building. Hence the babies will receive light and sunshine, and the members of Union 22 will feel happy in having assisted nobly a worthy cause. It is deeds of this kind that live. May we have more of them. They make the world brighter.—Organized Labor.

## CHICAGO WOOD WORKERS.

During the seven weeks' strike of the Amalgamated Woodworkers' Union in Chicago only one striker was arrested and he was dismissed when brought to trial. The union spent \$21,648.

## PREACHER CRITICIZES LABOR.

Unfair for Union Bodies to Dictate as They Do.

Ottawa, Sept. 10.—Rev. George F. Saxon of the Dominion Methodist Church made a slashing attack on the methods of union labor to-night.

He said the unionists had asked the support of the church, and he proposed probing the methods. He endorsed the right of workingmen to organize, but he protested against any body dictating to an employer whom he should hire, and

making it obligatory for men to join a union, whether conscience approved or not.

He also objected to arbitrary fixing of wages, regardless of competence, and also the claim to the privilege of refusing to work and at the same time preventing other men from taking the job.

Now that Labor Day is over and new resolutions made to live up more strictly to trade union principles, let us all pull together and demand the union card, label or stamp on every article purchased. One request for union made goods does not amount to much, but when thousands of trades unionists persistently ask for these things and insist on being served with them, merchants are certainly going to put the goods in stock.

## SURE TO WIN.

Machinists' Delegates Confident of Winning the Santa Fe Strike.

When the strike was first called over a year ago the Santa Fe for a time was able to get along all right in their machine shops because the market was full of machinists.

Now, however, when there is plenty of work for machinists, the non-union men who amount to anything will find work in shops other than those where a strike is on. This fact has put the Santa Fe in a hole and it won't be long before they will come to our terms.

## NO POLITICS.

Boston (Mass.) Central Union, by an overwhelming majority, recently voted not to enter politics, and denounced, by disuniting, influence of politics in trades unions.

## Bakers' International Union

LOCAL 204

## ATTENTION !!

## Bakers' Strike Still On

There are 55 Men out of Bredin's, Weston's, and Tomlin's Shops Still on Strike.

