

Trades and Labor Union Acts on High Cost of Living

Committee Appointed to Attend Meeting of Joint Committee From City Council, Board of Trade and T. & L. on That Subject.

A decided impetus in support of the movement throughout the country to investigate the high cost of living, was given at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council held in their rooms last night. The major portion of the business transacted was in connection with the investigation to be conducted into this matter, special attention being devoted to the local aspect of the situation. Communications were received from both Alderman Ward and City Clerk H. P. Leonard, informing the council of the meeting of a special committee of the city council to be held in the office of the Mayor in the City Hall on Friday night, for the purpose of conducting an inquiry into conditions in Brantford. A report of the results arrived at in this meeting, will be submitted to the Dominion Government, and if any cases exist in which evils can be rectified by the assistance of that body, action will be taken.

A delegate from the municipal committee of the Trades and Labor Council reported that the report taken by the City Council, was no doubt, due, in some measure to the presentation of the difficulty, by the above committee. In support of this contention, the attention of the council was brought by Mr. Keene, that a resolution passed by a large meeting in Massey Hall, Toronto, on Tuesday night over which Mayor Church presided, embodied the exact sentiments expressed in a motion which passed the local Trades and Labor Council at one of its meetings of recent date. In fact, some of the clauses introduced and taken word for word, from the above mentioned motion. The order-in-Council, passed by the Government in Ottawa, authorizing investigations, also concurred with the suggestions proffered by the local body.

There was some doubt as to the possibility of enforcing the order in council to the extent of empowering the municipalities concerned, to extract the desired information from the merchants. It was stated that while some amendment would be necessary to insure the efficient execution of the Act, that this would in all probability be forthcoming in the near future.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Noble, Brown and Keene, was appointed to attend the meeting to be held on Friday night, and also to confer with representatives of the Board of Trade for the purpose of arriving at a satisfactory solution of the difficulty.

Mr. Keene suggested to the members that the representatives of the other bodies mentioned, would naturally be in sympathy with profiteers whereas the Trades and Labor Council would be influenced from the standpoint of the consumer. Personally, he advocated that prices for commodities be definitely fixed by the government at each operation whereby they changed hands—from the producer to the retailer and from him to the consumer. This policy has been adopted with some success in New Zealand where the prices of staples are decided each Monday morning so that there can be no occasion for dealers overcharging the public for the stock which they handle.

The excessive cost of installation of electrical apparatus and equipment was also discussed when this instance was compared to other lines of business in the city in which those who had already secured a foothold, sought to maintain a monopoly, thus preventing, if possible, men from outside the city invading this territory.

Mr. Keene advised that a competent man be secured to conduct the inquiry into the legitimacy of the profit made on food and other commodities by local merchants, and warned the council that it would be no easy task to extract the desired information, should the persons questioned, object to divulging. Under the head of unfinished business, the Slemin vs Meredith case was again brought up, and it was decided to pursue the investigation until some satisfactory conclusion had been arrived at. President Noble thought that as there had

been no public demand for the investigation into the Holmedale case, and as two judges had pronounced the action taken by the police in that instance to be beyond their powers, that the public should not be called on to shoulder the expense involved. The matter was left over until the next meeting however when the matter will be fully discussed.

The cost of the public convenience on the Market Square was considered, and while there was some doubt as to the final cost of the structure, the consensus of opinion was that it was considerably in advance of the original estimate. The municipal committee was delegated to look into the matter and report on the expense. It was also discussed over the recent action taken by the city council in raising the salaries of some of the officials. Some of the delegates took the stand that as the increase had been made in payment, the consequent raise in wages would have to be made up out of the pockets of working men who were attempting to purchase their homes. When the inevitable after-the-war slump comes many of the men would be unable to meet their tax obligations. In reply to this attitude, Mr. Keene stated that Great Britain, instead of increasing the salaries permanently, special bonuses were given, to meet special contingencies. He also contended that if competent officials were to be obtained, that sufficient remuneration should be paid them.

Delegate Brown thought that the outgoing council would know whether or not the officials concerned were deserving of a raise while Delegate Noble took the view that in expending the peoples' money, in this way, that additional burdens were being laid on the shoulders of next year's council.

NEW PRESIDENT OF PATRIOTIC FUND

Duke of Devonshire Becomes Chief Executive of the Association.

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—The new Governor-General, the Duke of Devonshire, has manifested his interest in the work being carried on by the Canadian Patriotic Fund by consenting to become the president of the Fund. This position was held by the Duke's predecessor the Duke of Connaught, from the inception of the fund until his departure from Canada in 1905. The national confidence and financial strength is largely due to his inspiration and personal devotion to its interests. The new Governor-General evidently proposes to take an active part in the work of this great national undertaking.

ZEEBRUGGE AGAIN RAIDED

British Planes Attack Naval Base and Return Safely.

London, Nov. 29.—British naval aeroplanes made a raid upon the harbor of Zeebrugge yesterday, it was officially announced to-night. The official announcement says: "The aeroplanes returned on an attack upon the harbor at Zeebrugge, but owing to the weather the results could not be observed. All the machines returned."

Port Arthur City Council decided to submit a by-law to find if the electors want the Hydro-Electric Commission to develop, construct and acquire some 30,000 horse-power for the city, probably at Dog Lake.

Mike Hryhorczuk, convicted of manslaughter at Winnipeg, in connection with the death of George Clements, a Winnipeg broker, at Sandy Hook, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE HONOR DUCHESS



The Duchess of Devonshire with Her Daughters, Lady Blanche (Left) and Lady Maude taken at Government House, Toronto. The Duchess was presented with an address of welcome by the Daughters of the Empire, after which she posed for this picture.

Story of 13th C. F. A. Battery, By a Member

Gunner E. C. Duval Tells of His Adventures Since Leaving This City Some Two Years Ago.

France, Nov. 10th, 1916. The Editor, Courier. Gentlemen,—On Nov. 16th, 1914, there marched away from Brantford, a body of men known as the 32nd How. Battery (66 in number), to join a similar number of the 33rd How. Battery of Hamilton. This combination were destined to form the now famous 13th Battery of the 4th Brigade, C.F.A. Now, gentlemen, when we left Brantford, on that eventful day, there was much blowing of trumpets, much handshaking and God bless my lad, a grateful city is proud of you, and will not forget you, and the dear ones you leave behind will be well cared for, etc. etc. But how hollow all this appears to be, since we as a Brantford body of men have received no official recognition since Dec. 1914, when each man received a parcel from the children of Brantford per the Ladies' Guild, or something of the kind. I may here say we left Toronto, May 19th, 1915, Sept. 14, 1915. So now we have practically seen 14 months of actual

fighting, with the result that of that 66, only 18 now remain to represent the city of Brantford in this unit to keep the old flag flying, the home fire's seem to be getting so low as to be practically out. Now gentlemen, these few lines are written at the express wish of the boys themselves, and is no cheap advertisement trick. The ladies of Hamilton and Toronto have been very kind to us, or I should say the boys in this unit hailing from those places have been most generous. We also note how the Home Gards get treated and feted, but the boys who are doing and dying, out of sight, out of mind.

In conclusion, please allow me to say, this is not a begging letter. I guess we can carry on, but a word or two from those gentlemen, (representing the city) would be much appreciated.

Gentlemen, I thank you for space in anticipation, and beg to remain, Faithfully yours, E. C. DUVAL, Gunner, 83329, 13th Battery, 4th Brigade, C.F.A. France.

HUSBAND MISSING ELEVEN YEARS

Wife of Collingwood Man Now Seeks to Collect Insurance.

Windsor, Nov. 30.—Because she has not heard from her husband, Capt. Peter Olson, since 1909 Mrs. Olson, formerly of Collingwood, Ont. but now living in Windsor, asked Mr. Justice Middleton at Sandwich yesterday afternoon for an order declaring him dead, so that she might collect \$2,000 insurance from the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

The application was opposed by the fraternity on the ground that Mrs. Olson had made no attempt to locate her husband. Judgment was reserved until Thursday, the court intimating that he might cause advertisements to be published in Chicago newspapers before making an order for payment of the insurance. Capt. Olson left Collingwood in 1904. He continued corresponding with his wife until April 17, 1909, when he directed his family to send his letters to Room 100 East Van-buren Street, Chicago, which is the office of the Lake Carriers Association there. In the last letter received from her husband Capt. Olson said he was sick and short of money. Since that time he has never been heard of.

TORONTO AVIATOR HIGHLY HONORED

Stepson of Lt.-Col. H. C. Osborne Becomes Flight Commander.

Toronto, Nov. 30.—Word was received yesterday of the promotion of Lieut. C. L. Bath of Toronto to the position of Flight Commander and Captain of the 29th Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps.

Although only twenty years of age when war was declared he enlisted for active service with the Eaton Machine Gun Battery and proceeded with that unit to England. Shortly after his arrival in Britain he was transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and for nearly two years has served with the British forces on the western front, recently at the position of gallantry and distinguished service.

Capt. Bath is now twenty-two years of age. He received his education at Trinity College School, Port Hope, Trinity College, Toronto, and McGill University, Montreal, where he was an undergraduate in applied science before enlisting. His sister, Mrs. Agnes Kelly, aged 81, of Beaver Park, near Shorncliffe, England, one of the first Canadian hospitals to be established overseas.

While suffering from mental infirmities due to her advanced age, Mrs. Agnes Kelly, aged 81, of Beaver Park, a widow, wandered from her home and was killed by a train at the station.

News Notes

A memorial service was held in St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, for Richard A. Mitchell, late student of Trinity College, Toronto, who was killed in action.

The first of the live stock for the Quebec Winter Fair arrived, and, as usual, it was a consignment of dairy cattle. H. C. Hamill, of Markham, was the first on hand.

The baggage car had his trunk over the cord.

The captain and crew of the American schooner Bob Roy have arrived at Mogador, Morocco, in a motor boat. The vessel ran into a gale Nov. 18, while bound from Alicante Spain, for Havana, and was abandoned, sinking Nov. 20, ninety miles northeast of Madeira. The Bob Roy was a four-masted schooner of 786 tons, built in Camden, N. J., in 1890. She was owned in Philadelphia.

CHANGES IN BRITISH NAVAL COMMAND



Sir John Jellicoe (Wearing Uniform Cap) Who Becomes First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty and Sir David Beatty, (Bearded) Who Becomes Commander of the Grand Fleet



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A native of Sunderland, County Durham, England, Mr. Williamson is only 27 years old. He possesses that rarest of all voices—a genuine tenor of golden timbre and extended range. It is a type of voice that stirs enthusiasm and that often creates a sensation. As an artist he is remarkably versatile, having sung with equal success in concert, opera and oratorio. His first engagement in America was with the Century Opera Company, and he appeared in many important roles in the productions of that organization. At the Sunday night concerts of the Century Company he became so popular that his appearance always brought forth an ovation from the audience. Since his arrival in this country, his popularity has steadily increased, and to-day he is in high favor from coast to coast.

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