

Views of Gus . ncq, One of Our Overseas Re, sentatives

ADD NEW UNIONS.

Mene: Mene! Tekel! Upharsin! Ever since I leit Europe, the Berne conference, Paris, and mighty Lon, don, that mystic handwriting on the wall has been staring at me every, where like an unbidden guest. It is not a religious thought either, but just as an answer to some wir labor problems which I intend to deal with in letters to this paper from time to time.

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MIDLAND, ONT., WORKERS ADD NEW UNIONS.



FROM COAST TO COAST

MANITOBA APPOINTMENTS. WINNIPEG UNIONS SEEK INCREASES. Mrs. Agries S. Chambers has been

appointed inspector under the Fe Every Winnipeg union, without a male Minimum Wage Act, accord-ing to an announcement contained ingle exception, is seeking more pay for its members and either has presented its demands to employers in the current issue of the Manitoba Gazette. or is framing them for early pres-Ratification of the appointment of 14 officials on the staff of the

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HOLD CONFERENCE.

WANT CLOSED SHOP.

Following the lead of Toronto, Winnipeg stenographers are now ed by Sir Adam Beck and those organizing. Wherever office heads associated with him in connection congregate someone is always tak- with the hydro-radial bylaws. ing the joy out of existence by ask- brought wonderful results. There ing: "Is your stenographer a union

HAMILTON WORKERS AGAIN VICTORIOUS.

The whirlwind campaign conductwere few who were familiar with the situation had any doubt of the

Labor's New Magna Charta From Overseas Seasons

After much deliberation by different labor bodies and representatives in different cities overseas, the labor platform for all labor of all nations

and no chipmen between fifteen and eighteen to be employed for more than six hours daily. At least two hours each day must be devoted by these young workers to technical or regular educational classes, and they will not be permitted to work at night or on Sundays or holidays.

Half-Holiday Saturday.

A half-holidey on Saturday will be introduced into all countries, and workers shall be allowed a continuous weekly rest of at least thirty-six hours, while the hours of work shall not exceed eight daily or forty-eight weekly, and even less than this in dangerous trades.

Women shall not be employed at night, and employers shall not give en work to do after their regular day's work. Women shall not be employed in especially dangerous trades which it is impossible to make healthy, nor in mines above or below ground. Women shall not be allowed to work for ten weeks altogether before and after childbirth, six weeks of which shall be taken after confinement. In every country a system of maternity insurance shall be introduced

providing for compensation at least equal to sickness insurance benefit payable in the country concerned. Women shall receive the same pay as men for the same job.

The use of polsonous materials shall be prohibited in all cases where it is possible to procure substitutes fo. them,

Labor's Right to Organize

Workers shall have the right of free combination in all countries. A system of employment insurance shall be maintained in every country. All workers shall be insured by the State against accidents. Special code of laws for the protection of seamen shall be established. Regarding immigration, which shall not be prohibited in a general

way, the charter recognizes the right of any State to restrict immigration temporarily in a period of economic depression, or for the protection of public health, and recognizes the right of a State to require a certain standard of education from immigrants. The above sketch sums up the chief proposals of the British labor

draft, which draft has been adopted with some unimportant revisions by the International Legislative Commission.

CANADIAN EXPRESS WORK- | CONGRESS PRESIDENT AT ERS' BOARD AWARD.

TORONTO. Pres. Moore at Toronto stated: "I

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between labor and capital Mr. Moore spproved of the principle and spirit of the Whitley Industrial As to Mileage tasks. The chairman of the Board rec-omfhende that the question of the introduction of the mileage basis of payment for the services of mes-sengers and helpers, instead of the present method, be taken to the Canadian Railway Adjustment Board No. 1 for adjustment, Mr. and spirit of the whitey industry Councils os. Great Britain. "I not agree with Hon. MacKen King in regard to the partners industry.—the four-fold basis of dustry," said he. "I look on dustry as being dividend betwee employer and employe. There is further division."

WINNIPEG STENOGRAPHERS ORGANIZE.

ADD NEW UNIONS. As a result of mass meetings this attermatic has begun. Organizer Jim Marsh of the Brotherhood of Carpen-ters and Joiners installed a Millimary Branch. Bro. Marsh urged upon them the importance of having the union label on all trim and finish going from the factories, 50 candid dates being initiated. The following officers were elected and installed; President, Bro. Lapp, recording secr-tary, Bro. N. Sheffield; financal sec-tary, Bro. Arthurs, Switzer and Bush. The new local is very enthusiastic, and will add to 'is numbers. The meetings will be held in the S. O. E.

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pany expires at midnight, April 30, and one rull month's notice of their demands must be given. There is unrest among postal employes. They were promised certain things which did not ma-terialize, it is said, and a general strike is one of the possibilities of the near future unless the Gov-ernment grants substantial in-creases in pay. This strike, it is said, would be effective throughout Western Canada. Electricians are seeking increases which range from 25 to 114.3 per cent. and say their demands will have to be met without compro-mise. Electrical contractors and civic authorities say the demands are absurd and cannot be met, or even considered. Many other unions are seeking increases just as extensive, and it is said that some local unions may insist upon a five-day week and a six-hour Cay.

HALIFAX BUILDING TRADES An effort to reach some basis of rage scale agreement which shall wage scale agreement which shall be acceptable to the building trades organizations and to the contracting firms of Halifax was made when a committee of employers was ap-pointed to confer with the repre-sentatives of the unions. The build-ing trades unions in all branches in Halifax are demanding a seventy-five cent an hour scale, except the mand eighty cents per hour. The new scale is to go into effect on the firm of May.

mended here and will probability double like membership next meet in the origin as about the same number are working nights. Bro, Friett also took ward with him, a charter application of the delegates to throw "a took of the delegates to throw "a monkey wrench" into the machine runnel. This committee deal of the non-union men be prohibited from following that there was not by any means a maintous opinion as to the formation of the "collegites to the construction of the construction of the construction of the sections of the construction of the section of the collegates to throw "a monkey wrench" into the machine runnel. This committee deal to the delegates to throw "a monkey wrench" into the machine result of the construction of the object of showing that there was not by any means a maintous opinion as to the formation of the construction o

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In Toronto a movement has been very successful to date to unionize the housemaids and other domestic employees. In Winnipeg a step in this direction was taken some time ago. Now for the big shuffle of girls back into domestic life! On the horizon looms the Canadian Corps, a great horde of four hun-dred thousand men, tramp, tramping back to Canada and their jobs!

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the ratepayers of Nelson and Salt leet townships on Saturday, these along with Hamilton, having failed to carry the bylaw zwo years ago. Nelson township carried the bylaw by a majority of 108, but Saltfleet defeated it by 41 votes. Saltfleet thus is the only municipality along thus is the only municipality along the Hydro-Radial route that is op-posed to it.

GOV'T. PRINTING PRESSMEN AND ASSISTANTS.

At the time of going to press con-ferences are proceeding between the interested parties of the Government Printing Pressmen and As-sistants, at Ottawa, with a good sistants at Ottawa, with a good prospect of atisfactory agreeman: being reached. A conference with the allied crafts has brought the situation to a position that agree-ment may now be reached. The pressmen and assistants are taking presenten and assistants are taking counsel from the other crafts who would be affected, having dropped the personal interests to the general good which attitude has been fully appreciated. A resumption of work at an early date is now the post-bility.



FOR WHITLEY SCHEME. In order to try out a plan along the lines of the Whitley scheme in England, an attempt is being made to form a joint industrial council, which will deal with the building trade in the city of Toronto. Mr. Wills Maciachian, who was a mem-ber of the War Labor Board is the chairman. At the offices of Mr. E. C. Compton, Fair Wage Officer of the Labor Department, which were recently opened on Viotoria street. representitives of the Builders' Ex-change, the Flooting atreet. Trades Lengue was directed through its chairman M. John Dogget, to attend with five ropresentatives. "It means a new eta in indus-try." said Mr. Dogget, who fell stated that the Building Trades Lengue, over which he presides should be chomen for the first ap-plication of the much-discussed Whitey scheme, in Canada. BRANTFORD THE S-HOUR By a vote of 45 to 32 the ques-tion of sending a delegate bu the Trades and Labor Congress of Cha-ada was today turned down by the British Columbia Federation of Labor. The Congress meets this year at Hamilton, and although the Fed-eration has usually sent along its representative, the distance east may have been a factor in deciding some of the delegates' votes.

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EDMONTON MAYOR ON COST OF LIVING.

The cost of living in Edmonton for a widow and three children is \$1.751 per annum, according to Mayor Joseph A. Clarke. A petition for an increase in pensions for war widows, and their families in the Edmonton district was laid before the Pensions Committee of Parila-ment at Oltawa, and the cost of living for such a family was placed at the figure mentioned. The Mayer described it as "very moderate" it described it as "very moderate" it described it as "very moderate" it described it as low ances for pleasure or rectration. The senie was referred to the Labor Departs ment for report.

TORONTO NOW HAS LABOR BUREAU.

The designated votes. WINNIPEG GARMENT WORK-ERS GET SHORTER HOURS. Tories have been granted a 15 per tories, have been granted a 15 per tories, have been granted a 15 per tories, have been granted a 15 per tories and a 400 employes will ber the fact that Mayor McBride is tories and a stope critics, perhaps due to tories and a stope critics, perhaps due to tories and stope critics and a stope tories and stope critics and a stope tories and the increases in wages and a stope tories of the employees will ber tories of the employees will ber tories of the employees union, local is more day address of the employees union, local is worked a 48-hour week