

act y what they may please to make them. Active or sluggish, keen or dull, narrow or broad, just as the members are intellectual or otherwise. But represent as they may either of these alternates, the trade union is the best form of organization for the toilers to protect their present interests and work out their future welfare.

Holding these views myself I submit them for your best consideration, and trust that the day is not far distant when the workers will realize and enjoy them to the fullest extent.

There are many reasons why this Congress should be congratulated for what has been obtained in their interest during the past year, and in conclusion I take this opportunity to mention them. First, the workers of British Columbia have been honest to themselves in selecting Mr. Ralph Smith to represent them in parliament, a fact which I believe is appreciated by workmen throughout the whole Dominion. Again we have reason to feel proud that the Dominion Government selected one from amongst the army of toilers in Mr. John Appleton to act on a very important commission, which was of so much importance to the workers of our land. I congratulate Mr. Smith therefore for his great victory, and Mr. Appleton, upon the fact that through his sound judgement the outcome of his labors have already been of great benefit to the working people of this country.

The Dominion Government is also worthy of our appreciation, especially the Hon. Wm. Mulock, Postmaster General, and the Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, for their commendable action in having placed on all contracts in their departments, a clause providing for the payment of the union rate of wages.

It is also my pleasing duty to announce that for the first time in the history of the Congress, a local union has been established at Moncton, N.B., working under a charter granted by your Executive. We have every reason, therefore, to be gratified with the progress organized labor is making in Canada, and that we may continue steadily to advance is the desire of all. That we may do so let me urge that this gathering, like those of the past, will have the same beneficial results.

In conclusion I thank you, one and all, for the many kindnesses you have extended to me, and I can only say in return that my hope is, that the results of your deliberations at this meeting will bring with them all the blessings of a peaceful and happy future to yourselves and your families.

DAVID A. CAREY,

*President Trades and Labor Congress.*

The Executive Committee presented the following reports :—

*To the Delegates to the Fourteenth Annual Session of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada :*

GENTLEMEN,—Your Executive Committee beg to present the following report:—Shortly after the adjournment of last session all resolutions passed by the Congress bearing on Dominion legislation were typewritten and forwarded to the various ministers and His Excellency the Governor-in-Council. The same were officially acknowledged.

During the session of the Dominion Parliament a portion of your Executive, viz. : Mr. D. A. Carey and Mr. Chas. March, of Toronto, and Mr. Edward Little, of Quebec, waited on the Government and laid before it the subjects of most vital importance to the interest of labor. It is stated to have been the most encouraging interview yet held by your Committee, the members of the Government present giving a patient hearing and thoroughly entering into the discussion of the objects of the Congress. Those present on the occasion were Sir Louis Davies, Hon. William Mulock, Hon. David Mills, and Hon. William Patterson.

During the past session the bill providing for the protection of union labels and designs was introduced into the House by Mr. Geo. H. Bertram, M.P. for Centre Toronto. The bill passed the House by a unanimous vote and the promoters of the bill (the Legislative Committee of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council and the Allied Printing Trades Council of Toronto) were satisfied that the same would become law. Such was not to be the case, for when the bill reached the Senate a snag was struck and