

# LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

## OTTAWA.

### BAKERS STILL OUT.

Some thirty-six journeymen bakers of Ottawa are still on strike due to the refusal of two or three of the large shops refusing to grant a nine-hour day and a "closed shop."

Every trade unionist and sympathizer should insist on union-made bread coming into his home.

Are you doing your bit?  
If not, why not?

### BAKERY DRIVERS NEGOTIATING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Bakery Drivers' local was held on Wednesday at 115 Sparks street. The meeting adjourned for over three hours, while a committee of the men, composed of President E. Plant, T. Barnes and J. J. Moore, met with the management bakers at 139 Sparks street and presented their demands.

The master bakers made a counter proposition, the nature of which was not announced. On the return of the committee to the men's rooms a short session ensued, lasting until 11:30, at which time the men were left over to be dealt with at a special meeting on Monday night.

The agreement under which the bakery drivers are working expires on June 1. The minimum weekly rate of pay is now \$21 per week, and the cost of living is paid 2 1/2% as a minimum wage.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was announced that the bakery drivers had decided to accept the offer of the employers as well as the offer of the employers was left over to be dealt with at a special meeting on Monday night.

### LEATHER WORKERS.

At a regular meeting of Local Union No. 169 of the Leather Workers' International Union, held on Wednesday evening it was decided by unanimous vote to send a letter to the Board of the International Union, demanding that the agreement recently accepted by the union be carried out in full force and effect. Committees from the various shops in the city reported that generally the terms of the agreement had been carried out with the exception of Bridge, where no change has been made.

### INSIDE WOODWORKERS.

"We are still ready to negotiate with the employers at any time. We do not want a strike, but we want the employers to recognize the trade union principle that a fair day's work is worth a fair day's pay." Chas. Fisher, president of Local 646 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, which includes over 33 per cent of cabinet makers, millmen and inside woodworkers, thus summed up the attitude of the men on Friday night, when the question of appointing a committee to meet the employers was discussed.

### OFF TO CONVENTION.

R. R. Marcell and Charles Bramford will represent the Ottawa branch at a special convention of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators at Cleveland, Ohio, next week. They will leave Ottawa on Saturday night and will be absent about a week.

### POOR MAN GETS IT EVERY TIME.

During the taking of evidence at a Board of Conciliation in the dispute between the Ottawa Gas Co. and its employees on Monday, one of the old employees told a sad but true story of the life of the average wage earner today. He was Robert Taylor, who represented the yardmen, but who said he spent most of his time doing work inside the city. He asked that the men be paid the rates generally prevailing for laborers in the city, 60 cents an hour. The gas, dirt and cost of living, he said, were the reasons why an increase was being asked for. The men were at present receiving 42 cents.

### BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL.

A unanimous approval of a vote of confidence in N. W. Beaven for his continuance as president of the Ottawa Building Trades Council, was the order of business at the 115 Sparks street Monday evening at which a variety of matters were discussed, and of particular local interest, the regular meeting of the Ottawa Building Trades Council, which was held at the new Loew theatre was taken up.

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