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OVER NINE HUNDRED DELEGATES ATTEND TRADES' CONGRESS

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lation be passed prohibiting the use of the air or electric hammer in the fabrication of cut stone. Another required the Dominion Government to enact legislation giving Canadian printers equal protection to that afforded United States printers, and at the same time safeguarding the interests of the Canadian authors and composers. A motion calling for the abolition of municipal councils was also adopted.

Introducing the report, the President made reference to the industrial troubles which have prevailed in Canada and the serious consideration they demanded. Speaking of the progress made by the trades unions, the report said: "The growing power and influence of the Trades and Labor congress have been amply demonstrated as the year progressed, the government and numerous public bodies of all kinds exhibiting a keen interest in our attitude and declarations on the many important matters affecting labor."

"The work we have carried on has been made more difficult by the action of those who, because of their failure to control, have lost no opportunity to harass, and, if possible, destroy the effectiveness of the congress, during the past year. Notwithstanding this, and realizing that we are far from having obtained all we set out to accomplish, the Trades and Labor congress can count the past year's results as the equal, if not superior, to any of the preceding thirty-four years of its endeavors on behalf of the workers of the Dominion of Canada."

The following statement regarding the One Big Union was embodied in the report of the executive council: "Since 1914, the trade union movement has been the subject of attack from many quarters. All its old enemies and some new ones have been in the field. There have been the usual crop of foolish employers who thought to crush it. There have been gallons of editorial ink spilled in efforts to reform it. Governments have passed laws and orders-in-council to control it and backed these up with all the powers of the state at times. We merged into the days of peace on November 11 stronger and better for the tests we had passed through and it remained for a section of the organized workers themselves to do what governments and employers had failed to do, and the nearest approach to disaster came when 10,000 workers were swept off their feet by alluring promises of the advocates of the One Big Union."

"The futility of the O.B.U. methods should have been apparent from the beginning, founded as it was on force and intolerance of the chosen leaders of the labor movement, repudiating the organizations from which they drew their financial and numerical strength, preaching class hatred throughout the country, and gambling their whole future on the success of sympathetic and national strikes. We are able to report, however, that the storm seems to have passed, that the workers are again recovering their equilibrium, and the international trade union movement seems to be established once more in the centres where the One Big Union advocates made their strongest attacks."

The following committees and chairmen were appointed: Credentials—J. E. Foster, Montreal. Officers' reports—J. Wilkinson, Vancouver. Constitution and law—J. H. McVety, Vancouver. Resolutions—F. Baneroff, Toronto. Union labels—A. E. O'Leary, Toronto. Audit—Ernest Webb, Toronto. Rules and order—J. A. McClelland, Montreal. Ways and means—J. Briggs, Hamilton. Special committee on immigration—W. R. Trotter, Vancouver.

At the opening session of the afternoon, reports of the president, the executive council and the provincial executives, federations of labor and fraternal delegates, were submitted to the convention.

President Moore's report in the main was a review of the legislation enacted by the federal government in the past year.

No woman will be permitted to take charge of a passenger airplane in Great Britain.

QUEENSLAND HAS SOLVED H.C.L. PROBLEM IN MEAT

Policy Now Past Experimental Stage and Exploitation Going On Along Grand Scale

Queensland, New South Wales, seems to have solved the cost-of-living problem in so far as the prices of meats is concerned. Its policy is now past the experimental stage. It was inaugurated on November 12, 1915, by the Queensland Labor Government, which, after investigation, announced its conviction that "exploitation was going on along a grand scale." Every effort at restriction had met with protests from dealers, who bitterly complained that the price-fixing boards were trying to ruin them. So the Government decided to test the situation by entering the trade itself.

State butcher shops in Queensland have brought cheap meat. Mr. W. Francis Ahern, staff correspondent of the Montreal Star at Queensland, in a detailed dispatch to his paper last week, tells what has been done and how it was done. After two years and a half of operation he states that the price of meat, which had increased one hundred per cent. during war time under private control, has been brought down "to a figure equal to what it was before the war, plus the difference due to legitimate causes, such as droughts, etc."

State action, he declares, has demonstrated that the meat market of Queensland, under private control, was "the victim of both unregulated chance and interests which were not competing against each other, and did not even pretend to be striving for public ends." The market manipulators were establishing an autocratic rule over the whole business.

State operation immediately caused a sharp slump in the price of all meats to the consumer. Beef fell nine cents per pound when the first State shop was opened. Competition exercised a potent effect upon private enterprise, which was not interfered with. Private dealers and corporations were, however, forced to bring their prices down to those charged by the State. Mr. Ahern quotes the official market prices during two years of operation to give the results. Comparative prices for the various cuts of beef, mutton, lamb, and for sausages, mince-meat, etc., are given in detail, and in every case a very substantial reduction per pound has resulted.

The Auditor-General's report shows that, notwithstanding the general drop in prices, during the first eleven months of operation the State butcher shops returned a net profit of over \$13,000 to the Government. But profit was not aimed at. The shops were instituted merely to serve a public need. And the result to the consumers has been, according to Mr. Ahern, that "the cost of meat has not increased during war-time in Queensland." The Government's policy, he points out, has not been to capture the meat business in the State, but to force private corporations and dealers to treat consumers fairly. In this, he says, the Government has succeeded, notwithstanding that it buys its supplies from the farmers and producers at no advantage. As a matter of fact, for some time meat sold by the State was "bought at prices one-quarter of a cent above that paid by private purchasers from the ranch owners."

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WEEK OF FRUITFUL DEBATE AT THE INDUS. CONFERENCE

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from time to time, due regard being given to local living conditions.

The Dominion government should appoint a royal commission composed equally of representatives of labor, employers and the public to investigate the wages to unskilled workers and report.

Provincial Governments be asked to investigate the salaries paid female teachers to the end that the children of all provinces of the Dominion have equal educational opportunities.

Housing Resolution

That this conference, recognizing that such industrial unrest, economic loss and social suffering has resulted from poor land speculation and insufficient housing and high rents, heartily recommends the action of the Dominion and Provincial governments in their united effort to improve housing conditions and provide facilities for the proper and satisfactory housing of our people, and recommends increased co-operation of and investigation by the to find a satisfactory solution of the problem.

Hours of Labor

Employers' resolution: That appropriate government commissions, composed of an equal representation of employers, employees of various industrial, producing and distributing industries, should be appointed to undertake investigations as to the adaptability of the hours of labor principles of the peace treaty to the different industries of the country and to report as early as possible.

Employers' Resolution.

That we agree with the recommendations and findings of the royal commission on industrial relations and urge the adoption of an eight-hour day by law throughout the Dominion, with due regard and recognition of the Saturday half-holiday where the same prevails and its extension is possible.

In industries subjected to seasonal climatic conditions, such as fishing, farming and logging, if it can be established by investigation that the operation of such law is impracticable, then exemption shall be granted to such industries from the operation of the law.

Third Group Resolution

We approve of the principle regarding employment and hours of labor set forth in the treaty of peace and in paragraphs 50 to 53 inclusive of the report of the royal commission, and would recommend that the government of Canada enact legislation providing for such in all industries where it is now established by agreement, at the earliest opportunity and after investigation by a committee of representatives of employers and employees representing the various industries, legislation to be provided by the governments of Canada for the same to be extended in all industries where it can be applied, having due regard to the curtailment of production and distribution.

TRADE UNIONISM HAS COME TO STAY IN INDIA

Mr. B. P. Wadia, known as the father of Indian Trade Unionism, gave evidence recently at the Joint Parliamentary Committee, now sitting to discuss the Indian Reform Bill. He said there were about 20,000 members of the Madras Labor Union alone, that Trade Unionism had come to stay in India, and that he was asked to form branches all over the country. The present bad conditions of the workers he attributed to the fact that their welfare was in the hands of bureaucrats and not of Ministers responsible to the Indian people. Social conditions had reached a point where they were no longer bearable, and the laborers were now looking to political power as a means of improving their position.

DRAFTSMEN FORM ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL

New Union Has Made Splendid Progress and Has Membership of About 4,000

In May, 1918, a number of draftsmen's unions throughout the country came together in convention and organized the International Federation of Draftsmen's Unions. Recently the jurisdiction of this body was extended and its title changed to the "International Federation of Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen's Unions," under which name it is now flourishing with a membership of about 4,000. The organization has already made splendid progress, having established a wage scale for marine draftsmen throughout the whole shipbuilding industry and the Navy Department of the United States Government, securing approximately a 32 per cent increase for all draftsmen engaged in this class of work, a forty-four hour week and the recognition of representative committees elected by the men.

Its officers, after rewriting and modifying this scale, presented it with substantiating data to the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions of the United States Railroad Administration, hearings being held May 12 and 13. There is every reason to believe that it will be substantially put into effect by direction of the Regional Directors throughout the entire Railroad Administration. This will mean about a 30 per cent increase for all engineers and draftsmen. Should this effort on the part of the International result as favorably as expected, it will be recorded as another victory for organized labor.

All civil engineers and draftsmen within the railroad service should either form locals or become affiliated with those already formed, so that the organization may be put in a position to assist them in obtaining the benefits of the work we have so nearly completed.

About 2,300 engineers and draftsmen working on railroads are now affiliated with us, and we welcome all those who have not yet taken advantage of the opportunity to join us in a movement which means so much to us all.

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