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REPORT OF THE MINE WORKERS CONVENTION IN SUMMARY FORM

The Twenty-eight Consecutive and Fifth Biennial Convention of the United Mine Workers of America was in session fourteen days, closing on Wednesday, October 5. At the close of the business...

MONTREAL EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE WORK

At a meeting of representatives of nearly all the public welfare bodies held in the Windsor Hotel a sub-committee was formed to wait on the City Council to get their support in various plans for relief...

DOMINION WIDE FEDERATION FORMED COLLECTIVE PRESENTATION TO BE MADE

During the past week the Dominion officers of the various civil service organizations belonging to the postal department have been in conference in Ottawa for the purpose of forming a Dominion-wide organization from coast to coast.

FEDERAL UNION OF CIVIL SERVANTS ELECT OFFICERS

An interesting summary of the past year's work of the Associated Federal Employees, Union 66, was given by the retiring president, Mr. F. W. Patterson...

OTTAWA'S SUGGESTIONS FOR DEALING WITH THE UNEMPLOYMENT

The committee selected at a public meeting at Ottawa to deal with the difficulties of the unemployed have made the following suggestions.

TORONTO ORGANIZED TO RUN INDEPENDENT

General Organizer William Varley, of the American Federation of Labor, announced that he would be an Independent Labor candidate in East York.

MONTREAL TO COVER DAMAGE

As an aftermath to the police and firemen's strike in 1919 the city was condemned to pay \$1,000,000 damages by Mr. Justice W. R. Riddell.

Items of Interest from Overseas

A circular issued by the British Ministry of Health to County, Borough and Urban District Councils in England and Wales contains the decision arrived at by the Cabinet Committee on Unemployment with regard to the inauguration of works of public utility for the relief of unemployment.

GENEVA CONFERENCE IN ACTION

Wednesday last saw the opening of the Geneva conference at which the Trades Congress is represented by Prof. Tom Moore and Vice-President A. Martel.

LABOR SHOWS INTEREST IN TOWN PLANNING

The second Town Planning and Housing Conference for Ontario will be held in the City Hall, Toronto, on Monday and Tuesday, October 31 and November 1.

TORONTO MAN MADE DEPUTY

James H. H. Ballantyne, Toronto, has been appointed as deputy minister of labor for the province of Ontario.

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CANUCK OVERSEAS

Professor Lisebeck, in an interview, stated on unemployment: "This question can never be as serious or acute in Canada as it is here in England."

FURNACEMEN'S INCREASE

By the sliding scale, Cleveland Manufacturing's wages are increased. The average realized price level is 100.00.

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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER SHOULD JOIN UP

Some employers are strong in their defense of the non-union worker in taking all the advantages which the union has given to a craft without assuming any of the risk or cost of belonging to a union.

CALIBRE OF MEMBERS

Human societies are of such usefulness or detriment as their constituents make them, or acquiesce in others fashioning them.

Most every association had in its inception a commendable cause for existence and a noble mission to fulfill.

In the case of trades unions they were conceived in the minds of studious and fearless pioneers who realized that only through concerted efforts could inimical conditions be fairly and successfully met and overcome.

So while necessary for organized labor bodies to come to the front to protect the real producers from economic extortion, their cause for existence is most just and their work most creditable.

No individual member of a labor union can shift his or her personal responsibilities on to another; all either do their duty in the premises manfully or flunk on the job.

A WORTHY EFFORT

Nine million dollars in nine months is the record set by the Brotherhood of Engineers' National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio.

WATCH THE CORNER

Danger lurks just around the corner when you pass behind a standing street-car.

UNITED MINE WORKERS AGAINST RADICAL MOVES

Final sessions of the delegates to the United Mine Workers' Convention showed a strong desire to be thoroughly trade-unionist in action.

LABOR MINISTER FOR GENEVA Hon. Walter Rollo, minister of labor in the Ontario cabinet, having been appointed by the provincial government to attend in an advisory capacity the Geneva conference on labor questions, left for Europe at the beginning of the week.

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COAL MAY GO STILL HIGHER

Most of the hard coal used in Canada is brought here from the United States.

To the high price American householders must pay is added the exchange on Canadian money when you buy your coal.

At the present time this means an increase in your coal bill of from fifteen to eighteen per cent.

And this depreciation in the value of Canadian money is due to Canadians buying far more goods from the United States than Americans are buying from us.

Any lowering of Canada's protective tariff would make this situation worse, lower still further the value of Canadian money and increase the price of coal that you must buy.

LOWER THE TARIFF AND YOU RAISE THE PRICE OF YOUR FUEL.

CANADIAN FILMS SOON ON MARKET

Richard C. Travers, star in "Big Timber," the first Canada-made feature motion picture in which a Canadian company has sponsored a Canadian screen star, was born in Ontario, the son of a Presbyterian preacher, Travers being a name adopted by the actor when he went to the States to go on the stage.

When in school in Canada, Mr. Travers made a name for himself as a hockey player and all-around sportsman. Soon after leaving college he decided to go on the stage and in reference to his father's wishes took another name. When the drama for movies was inaugurated by the companies which made up the old General Film Company in the United States, Mr. Travers was a member of the Lubin Company in Philadelphia.

After his return from overseas, Mr. Travers was featured in "The Rider of King Log," a Holman Day-Associated Exhibitors-Pathé production, the locale being in the Maine woods. Then he became leading man for Pearl White in several Fox features, and until his return to Canada had been with Vitagraph as leading man for Corinne Griffith.

At the time, John W. Noble, producer of some of the more important screen spectacles of the last decade, was arranging with Wallace MacDonald, general manager and organizer of the maritime Motion Picture Company, of Sydney, Nova Scotia, to come to Cape Breton to make Canadian pictures for Associated Exhibitors-Pathé release. A Canadian star was required and as Mr. Travers' Vitagraph contract was expiring he was approached with an offer to go to Canada.

"The success of as much of 'Big Timber' as I have seen on the screen makes me want to stay home, too," said Mr. Travers at a recent screen showing of the recent picture. Director Noble will take the film back to New York to the offices and laboratories of Associated Exhibitors-Pathé for cutting and titling, and there will organize a permanent company of stock actors and actresses for the making of at least six pictures a year for Maritime.

Mr. Noble has produced among many others such pictures as Sir Gilbert Parker's "The Right of Way," "Romeo and Juliet," "The Birth of a Race," "The Song of the Soul," "Cardigan," and "The High Road."

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WINNIPEG LURID GROUP NOW DEAD

According to a despatch to the Montreal Star, Sovietism is dead in Winnipeg. Doubtless the reason is that it has been found a wretched satisfaction for hunger and a hard winter coming apace.

Evidence of the demise of the power that for a time ruled Winnipeg in the spring and summer months of 1919 is found in two items of recent news. First:—The recent O.R.U. convention summoned for Winnipeg and forecast to be one at which about 600 delegates would be in attendance was able to recruit only a grand total of 22 for the best attended meeting.

The power that in 1919 had limited motion picture theatres to the right to entertain only after they had been given permission to put "Open by permission of the Strike Committee," on their doors was not able to commandeer the largest hall in the city, but was obliged to meet in a small hotel on a back street.

Second:—The workmen are beginning to repudiate the former leaders of the strikers. William D. Bayley, who gained notoriety in 1918 when at Vancouver on his way to New Zealand he voiced his disapproval of the singing of "Rule Britannia" in the schools, has been told by the St. James branch of the Great War Veterans that they want none of his support.

TRUST'S HYPOCRISY SHOWN BY SPY PLAN. New York.—"So long as the steel companies persist in the employment of spies and 'under-cover men' to combat labor unions, all their professions of good will toward labor may be discounted 100 per cent," says the New York World.

The spy is hired to defend industrial autocracy, to betray the interests of the workmen and to stir up the sort of trouble with which it is easiest to deal.

According to the supplementary report of the commission of inquiry of the interchurch movement, the spy system, which was an integral part of the managerial machinery of the steel corporation at the time of the strike in 1919, is still functioning, with no reduction in numbers and no change of attitude.

"There can be but one explanation, for its continuance. The steel corporation wants not men but beasts of burden as employees.

Every comparison of hours and wages among steel workers in the United States with conditions in the steel mills abroad tends to prove that the American workman has been given a raw deal. If there is ever another strike in the steel industry the public will know better where to place the blame."

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE PAYMENTS

T. A. Stevenson, of the labor department, Ottawa, stated at Toronto that it was not true that the dominion government was not willing to make any cash payments for the relief of unemployment during the coming winter.

He produced the order-in-council showing that the government would undertake to pay one-third of the relief expenditures as it did last year conditional upon the province paying a third and the municipality another third. But the province has already notified the city that it will not pay any share of cash doles, so that the dominion government offer cannot be carried out.

In addition, the dominion government is willing to pay a third of the excess over the normal cost of relief work if the city and province will pay the other two-thirds.

WESTERN CANADA SHOWS COAL SHORTAGE

According to a survey made by F. E. Harrison, inspector of the Dominion Department of Labor, and formerly assistant to Fuel Controller John Armstrong, a very serious coal situation confronts Western Canada. To indicate the nature of this it may be stated that the production of one Alberta coal field alone—Drumheller—is one million tons short for the first nine months of the year 1921 what it was for the first nine months of 1920.

This implies that but very meagre stocks have been laid up by dealers and consumers whereas last year, both classes, were buying heavily in anticipation of the winter's needs. Yet in spite of that heavy buying the railways were forced at the time to subordinate almost all their other freight traffic to the transportation of coal during the cold snaps. The bulk needs of the Prairie Provinces are 3,000,000 tons of coal and Mr. Harrison figures that 1,500,000 tons will have to be mined, shipped, and distributed before December 31, if there is not to be actual hardship. It is stated that neither the mines nor the railways can handle this tonnage and that it is therefore obvious that if there is a prolonged cold spell before the first of 1922, there will be at least an inconceivable and probably suffering. Last summer the consumers were given the benefit of reduced freight rates and reduced retail prices in a campaign to induce them to buy, but they were most reluctant to place orders, apparently thinking that a bigger reduction would come in the fall; but the railways are not cutting their freight charges any more and the operators declare that they cannot mine coal at less than the prices that will be up against it hard.

S. Mellory, manager of the United Grain Growers, is perhaps even more emphatic in his language than is Mr. Harrison, for he asserts that nothing a very mild winter will prevent actual suffering.

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NOW INVITING STRIKE ON ROAD

The Conciliation Board for employees of the C. N. R. sitting at Ottawa, consisting of Mr. Hamnett P. Hill, K.C., M.L.A., chairman, and Mr. Harold Fisher and Mr. G. D. Kelley, who appeared for the men and the companies respectively, met to receive the report of the conferences which have been held between the contending parties early this week. It was hoped that the result would be an agreement, but, with the exception that the companies withdrew their proposed alterations to the rules governing overtime, vacations and payment for holiday work, no basis of agreement was reached.

Claiming that the statement of the men's representatives that they would not consider the wage reductions as at present constituted, is reported to have said: "There is nothing we would like better than for you fellows to go on a strike. It would suit us splendidly."

The proposal was made that the employees should accept a similar agreement as that concluded in by the representatives of five brotherhoods composed chiefly of railway employees in the mining trades, at the meeting of the Board of Conciliation presided over by Judge F. S. MacLennan, at Montreal.

Nearly 20,000 shop, shod and station employees, porters, freight handlers, clerks, etc., are represented in the discussion.

It is anticipated that the Minister for Labor will now appoint an arbitration board, and until his decision is received, no further action will be taken by the Canadian Brotherhood.

TORONTO STREET RAILWAY UNION BOOSTS SALARIES

Union street railway employees of Toronto voted wages increases to Secretary W. D. Robbins and Business Agent Joseph Gibbons. This was in recognition, so members stated, of their efforts in obtaining an agreement with the Toronto Transportation Commission without a wage reduction.

Some differences which have existed between the union and the Transportation Commission over the seniority of employees are being adjusted, Secretary Robbins reported.

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The adverse exchange situation, the over production (the result of heavy war demands) from which Brazil is suffering, and the trade de-

pression general in the Americas, militate against an exchange of products at the present time but these conditions will gradually adjust themselves.

Direct representation in Brazil by a Canadian Bank will prove an advantage to our exporters in meeting the keen competition which will arise with the revival of trade.

### CHICAGO MEAT CUTTERS VOTE TO STRIKE

Completion of the strike vote in the packing industry, taken by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of Chicago, was announced by G. J. Hayes, president. He said the poll stood 35,354 yes and 3,490 no.

A conference of executive officers and representatives of allied crafts will be held, Mr. Hayes said. A strike of packing-house employees at the John Morrell Company plant at Ottumwa, Iowa, which began this week, Hayes said, was the most important strike in the industry since the war. He reported 1,000 men out.

## POSITION OF A. F. OF L. ON UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE

An expression of minority opinion on the measures proposed by the Committee on Manufactures of the U.S. President's Unemployment Conference was presented to the Conference on the final day of its sessions at Washington on the signature of Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor; Sara A. Conboy, Secretary of the United Textile Workers of America; and Roy Dickinson, Associate Editor of Printers' Ink, New York City.

Inasmuch as only unanimous committee reports were taken up by the Conference for action, this minority report, as well as the majority report from which it dissented, was merely presented to the Conference and not acted upon. This was the case with a number of other reports which came to the Conference without unanimous committee support.

The report signed by Mr. Gompers, Mrs. Conboy and Mr. Dickinson, as follows: Although the undersigned constitute a minority of the members of the Committee on Manufactures in this Unemployment Conference, they can not by any stretch of the imagination be regarded as representing a minority of the citizenship involved in the industrial field of our country.

We dissent from the conclusions and decisions reached by the majority of the members of our committee, and submit for consideration a brief statement of the reasons for our inability to agree with the majority report.

The third preamble is so entwined with proposals that one cannot discern where "Whereas" ends and resolutions begin. The third whereas or preamble is artfully worded and intended to imply that business men are now selling at a loss and that the profits and interests have been defeated, and that the only factor that remains for reduction is the wage earner in his wages, a matter with which we shall deal later in this report.

On the recommendation for the repeal by Congress of the so-called Adamson Law, attention is called to the fact that wholly apart from, independent of and prior to the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States declaring the Adamson Law constitutional and before its provisions were put into operation by railroad managements, a voluntary agreement had been reached between the presidents of the railroads companies and the chief executive officers of the railroad

deals with subjects which have been omitted entirely. The majority has erred as grievously in omission as in commission.

We deem it necessary at the outset to emphasize more fully the industrial disaster that must result from any further application of a policy of wage reduction. The industrial prosperity of the country is based upon the purchasing power of the masses of our people. The masses of our people are wage earners, and ability to purchase commodities depends upon their wage. Mistaken reasoning has never expressed itself more falsely or more crudely than in the declaration that reduction of wages would induce a return of prosperity. The industries that to-day are in the most deplorable condition are those which are affected to the highest degree by reduced buying power of the people. As a proper course in relation to this particular phase of the general subject, we place before the conference the following recommendations:

1. There must be adopted no policy of wage reduction. On the contrary, there must be a policy calling for the highest possible rate of wages in every industry. In terms of industrial well-being this means the adoption of a policy of placing in the hands of all of the people the highest average of buying power in order that there may be the greatest possible consumption of commodities and the greatest consequent demand for the production of commodities. Reduction of buying power stops purchasing which, in turn, inevitably stops manufacturing and creates unemployment.

2. There should be adopted as a permanent policy everywhere business standards which eliminate profiteering, place commodities upon the market at the lowest possible cost per unit and enable manufacturers to base unit costs upon one hundred per cent utilization of the productive capacity of plants. Managements having assumed the responsibilities which go with its functions has no moral right to tax the public for its inefficiency by costs fixed upon a basis of part time production.

There has been placed before this committee ample evidence of the fact that those commercial lines of

essential to that understanding. We see in this proposal a constructive and logical substitute for State regulation or control. We propose that there be made available through responsible agencies voluntarily created, information on production costs showing the cumulative influence of each turn-over and the pyramiding of commission expenses.

SAMUEL GOMPERS, SARA A. CONBOY, ROY DICKINSON.

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The Provincial Employment Bureau is now in charge of supplying work for women and there is a fair demand in fur factories as well as in the shoe and leather trade.

### QUEBEC SITUATION IMPROVES

According to a "Star" special a marked improvement in employment

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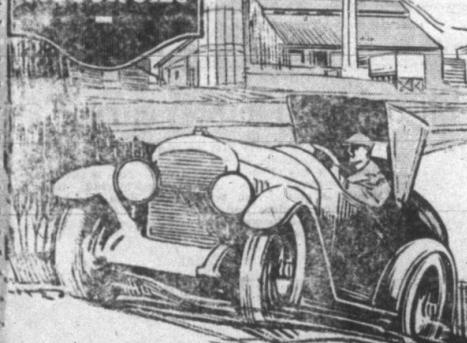
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# The National Crisis

THE Election to be held on December 6th will be the most momentous in Canadian history; for as men and women vote will depend the economic stability, the political stability and, indeed, the national stability of this country.

Today we find group striving against group, class against class, the industrial and financial structure of the country assailed by false and unsound doctrines and theories, while our great neighbour to the south has adopted a trade exclusion policy directed against Canada's vast agricultural interests.

The currencies of nearly every country in the world are depreciated. The Canadian dollar in the United States is subject to a heavy discount causing a loss of over one hundred million dollars in exchange annually.

Europe is overwhelmed with war debts—unemployment is acute—and the restoration to pre-war conditions is slow.

While Canada is in a much more favorable condition than many countries, yet there is evidence of stagnation, instability, unemployment and lack of confidence.

Taxes are heavy because of the country's efforts in the Great War, but have become burdensome on account of the misconceived policies and blunders of Governments that directed Canada's affairs prior to 1911.

These conditions are largely the direct aftermath of the war, but they must be dealt with fearlessly and constructively. This is no time to consider experimental changes, or the theories of visionaries.

This is no time for Crerar and his Free Trade Policy.

This is no time for King and his wobbling "charted" policies, varying with each provincial boundary.

It is the time to cling to orderly, stable Government in the interest of all the people; to be guided by the experience of the past proceeding upon lines that have been proven sound.

It is the time to place the destinies of Canada again in the hands of a Government led by a sane, courageous Canadian who has safely brought the country through the trying years of reconstruction, and upon whom we can rely to retain and initiate policies in the interest, not of a group or class but of all the people.

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## OTTAWA TRADES COUNCIL MEETING

Unemployment, the question of work on the new city hospital, the attitude of certain local aldermen toward Labor, and the railway strike, were the chief subjects before the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Council.

The president, J. A. P. Hayden, detailed the work done by the advisory committee on unemployment, and dealt with the steps being taken by the Federal Government and the city to combat unemployment during the winter. "No worker," he announced, "will be allowed to starve in Ottawa this winter."

City Council's action in giving the contract for put stone for the civic hospital to Ottawa stone-cutters was applauded. It was said, however, that some aldermen, notably Aldermen Whyte, Hunt and Lowe, had wanted to reduce the labor wages stipulated, to bring the Ottawa tender within the mark of the lower but rejected Montreal offer. These aldermen were separately and somewhat severely criticized, and labor was advised to take a more active part in civic elections.

Delegate Adam Hay, of the Railway Clerks, introduced the strike topic. He pointed to the two recent wage reductions of 12 per cent, and 10 per cent, and showed that of the three United States roads on which men had struck in the past, one was bankrupt, one in the hands of the receiver, and only the third was still going. He charged that unemployment was due to a strike of Capital, which discharged men at 60 cents an hour until they could re-employ at 30 cents.

The foremost speakers were Delegates Adam Hay, Robertson of the stone masons, Peter Leckie and D. McCann. Donald Dear, of the firemen, occupied the chair while the president made reports.

The date for the I.L.P. political convention was announced as October 31 and Delegates McCann, Red Plant and Charles W. Lewis were appointed convention delegates by the chair. Two Labor candidates will be put up in Ottawa.

The introduction of a resolution by the executive committee of the Allied Trades and Labor Association, at its meeting, protesting the rate of thirty cents an hour paid laborers on provincial highway construction, caused much discussion, during which the "starvation wage" was declared by some delegates, others declared that this condition was due to the fact that the rate was 25 cents.

The executive drew attention to the rates which were being paid by lumbering concerns in the District to bushmen, viz., from \$16 to \$30 per month, and recommended that this question should be the subject of an enquiry by a provincial fair wage board.

Delegate Johnson said that the figures were hardly correct, as statistics in his department showed that up to the end of last week the wages offered had been from \$26 to \$32. Since then, however, two firms had decided to lower the wages to \$25 to \$30. In addition men had to pay transportation both ways unless they stayed until the break-up and he estimated that on an average a man who worked six months in the bush, drew the equivalent of four months' wages.

Delegate Lewis said if he was correctly informed men had been shipped to the bush by firms at a \$16 a month wage rate, and Mrs. A. J. Johnson, another delegate, went him one better when she remarked that a friend of hers admitted to her that just recently he had shipped "four loads of men to the Kipewa with wage rates ranging from \$16 to \$24.50 per month."

According to orders issued by Dr. J. W. McMillan, chairman of the Minimum Wage Board, no experienced female employe 18 years or over in a manufacturing industry shall be paid less than \$11.50 per week in cities of 5,000 or over (Toronto except), or \$11 in cities under 5,000.

In the case of inexperienced adults the minimum wages fixed are \$9.50 and \$9 for the first six months and \$10.50 and \$10 for the second six months. Young girls are to receive not less per week than \$5 and \$7 for the first six months with increases for the second and third periods of six months. After 18 months' work girls are to be rated as experienced help.

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## EVIDENCE BEFORE ARBITRATION BOARD

It was stated employees would not agree to the 12 1-2 per cent wage reduction in the aggregate, and an equally decided assertion by F. P. Brady of the Canadian National Railway that his company would insist upon the entire saving represented by such reduction, were given before the board of arbitration.

It was said that if the management would agree to reduce the total, then it would be possible to discuss distribution. They would only consider the 12 1-2 per cent basis as a maximum to be deducted from the higher paid employees, while lesser reductions might be considered for the lower-paid.

For use at the session, Oct. 27, Rev. Byron Stauffer, the chairman, asked Mr. Brady to submit a selection of the classes concerned which in his opinion would be most badly hit by any reduction in wages, and a list of say eight of the 35 classes involved, which could best stand the cut.

Mr. Stauffer held that there was considerable difference in the way in which a wage reduction would affect the employees. He cited, for instance, a stenographer of 18, earning \$110, as compared with a freight shed man supporting a family, with a pay check of \$90 a month. It was brought out that stenographers earning \$60, \$65 and \$75 before the McAdoo award in 1918, rose to \$87.50, \$90 and \$95 by virtue of that award, and to \$110, \$120 and \$125 respectively after the Chicago award last year. By the reduction this year their pay became \$100, \$110 and \$115 respectively. In the matter of percentages, the pay rose from 100 per cent previous to the McAdoo award to 144, then 182, and finally back to 166 per cent.

C. W. Bolton of the department of labor appeared before the board to give cost of living information. Taking 100 as the basis in 1913, he said that prices had risen to 201 in 1920, and had now fallen back to 163 per cent. Mr. Stauffer arranged that these shall be available at the next session similar figures covering general changes in wages over the same period.

A. C. Egan made the statement that outside of an increase in passenger rates recorded in March, 1918, which netted the company about 5 per cent, they were working on exactly the same passenger rate, based as in 1915. The increase allowed in September, 1920, had already been wiped out by reductions made on January 1st and July 1st of this year. Freight rates had also been reduced 5 per cent on each of these dates.

Mr. Brady said the railways would be better off without passenger traffic; sleeping cars were invariably a source of loss, as also observation cars. Mr. Egan added that all the railway's profits are made during the last four months of the year, when the grain is moving.

This week is expected to wind up the sessions.

## LONDON LABORERS ARE HOLDING CONVENTION

Final organization of the London Labor Party will be undertaken at a meeting called for this week in London. Memorial Labor Temple, when plans will be considered for participation in the forthcoming Federal and probably the annual civic elections.

This meeting will be open to regularly accredited delegates from bodies which have decided to affiliate, also to the organization delegates who attended the previous meetings of the party. In the case of organizations which have not yet considered the question of affiliation seats will be given to former delegates of the Labor Representation Committee on the payment of the affiliation fee.

The election of officers will take some little time of the convention, as well as the ratifying of the platform of the Ontario Section of the Canadian Labor Party.

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