

LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

T. MARCEL RE-ELECTED RETAIL CLERKS' PRESIDENT.

At a well attended meeting of the Ottawa branch of the Retail Clerks' Association, held on Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Thomas J. MacNeil; vice-president, J. J. McNeil; secretary, J. J. McNeil; treasurer, J. J. McNeil; and a committee of five to look after the affairs of the association.

The members of the association are pleased with the results of the election and are confident that the association will continue to prosper under the leadership of the new officers.

The association is also planning to hold a convention in the near future to discuss the various labor issues of the day.

PLUMBERS' NEW AGREEMENT.

After a few days' deliberation during which labor conditions and the increased cost of living figured prominently in the discussions, the Ottawa Master Plumbers' Association and Local Union 71 of the Plumbers' Union of America reached an agreement respecting the new wage scale which will be in effect from January 1, 1920.

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The agreement also provides for a 10 per cent increase in wages for journeymen and a 5 per cent increase for apprentices.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE CLEANERS.

Protests of the women office cleaners in the Government employ in regard to the recent reduction of their salaries have been effective.

The women office cleaners are now demanding a 10 per cent increase in their salaries.

FIRE FIGHTERS TO ASK INCREASE.

The local fire fighters who are 100 per cent organized will ask the City Council for a substantial increase in wages for the ensuing year.

IRON AND STEEL WORKERS.

The Iron and Steel Workers' Union of America is holding a convention in Ottawa to discuss the various labor issues of the day.

CONTRACTORS AND CARPENTERS AND CONTRACTORS CONFERENCE.

Last Monday afternoon a "get-together" of contractors and carpenters of the Hamilton Carpenters' District Council was held in the L.O.O.F. Temple.

The conference was held to discuss the various labor issues of the day and to plan for the future.

METAL TRADES SOCIETY DRIVE.

In the Mothers' Hall last Tuesday afternoon a meeting of the Hamilton Metal Trades Council was held to discuss the various labor issues of the day.

FIREMEN'S UNION NO. 11.

Largely attended was last Tuesday's annual meeting of the Federal Union No. 11, held in the Labor Hall.

BUTCHERS ELECTED OFFICERS.

In the Mothers' Hall last Thursday the first annual meeting and election of officers of the Hamilton Butcher Workmen was held.

PLUMBERS' 40-HOUR WEEK.

Effective last Saturday the journeymen plumbers inaugurated the 40-hour week in Hamilton.

TEACHERS GET \$300 INCREASE.

Hamilton's female public school teachers have secured an increase of \$300 per year, retroactive from January 1st.

NEW OFFICERS.

Last Monday night in the C.O.F. hall, South John street, the members of Division No. 114, Grand Trunk employees elected the following officers:

WANT MORE PAY.

The Electrical Workers' Union, Local No. 105, have submitted the 1920 wage schedule for men and women operators to the Hamilton Board of Conciliation.

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ELECTRICIANS ACCEPT ELDERLY AWARD.

The award of the Conception Board presided over by Judge Gunn was unanimously accepted by the electricians at their meeting in the Labor Temple last week.

TORONTO FIRE FIGHTERS MEET.

About two hundred members of the Toronto Fire Fighters' Union attended the regular monthly meeting, which was held behind closed doors in room 2, Labor Temple.

TORONTO MEAT CUTTERS' NEW OFFICIALS.

The members of the Toronto Meat Cutters' Union at their meeting in the Labor Temple Friday night elected the following officers:

TORONTO LONGSHOREMEN'S UNION OFFICIALS.

The officers who will guide the affairs of the Toronto Coal Drivers' and Longshoremen's Union for the year 1920 are: President, A. J. MacNeil; vice-president, J. J. McNeil; secretary, J. J. McNeil; treasurer, J. J. McNeil.

TORONTO TRADES COUNCIL NOMINATIONS.

The principal business of the last regular meeting of the Toronto Trades Council was confined to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

ST. JOHN TRADES COUNCIL OFFICIALS.

At the last regular meeting of the St. John Trades and Labor Council P. A. Campbell was elected president and Andrew Martin, vice-president.

HALIFAX LONGSHOREMEN POINT OUT EVILS OF COMPENSATION ACT.

In connection with the operation of the Nova Scotia Workmen's Compensation Act Mr. Coolen, president of the Halifax Longshoremen's Association, recently stated that amendment to the Compensation Act came into force Jan. 1 providing for free services of a physician for 30 days after the accident.

BRANTFORD TRADES COUNCIL HANDS NOTICE TO PRESIDENT OF THE DRY DOCK.

A resolution of the Trades and Labor Council was today forwarded to the President of the Dry Dock, Brantford, Ontario, regarding the position of continuing to hold office when it was evident that great difficulty was experienced in carrying out his duties.

GLACE BAY MINERS NOT SATISFIED.

At the meeting of the local of the United Mine Workers, called in to discuss the new wage agreement with the Dominion Coal Company, the miners were roundly denounced for having consented to some objectionable clauses.

WINDSOR BRICKLAYERS TO ASK INCREASE.

The annual general meeting of the Windsor local No. 564 American Federation of Bricklayers and Masons was held on Monday evening at the armistice with about 50 members attending.

EDMONTON TRADES COUNCIL.

At the first regular meeting of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council for 1920, held in the Labor Hall, the following officers were elected:

SCOPE OF KANSAS CITY LABOR LAW ENLARGED.

Last Wednesday's session of the Kansas City Legislature, the Mothers' Pension Act was amended to extend benefits to include widows of men who were unable to provide for their families.

W. MacKay, Street Metal Workers.

James MacKay, Street Metal Workers, is the president of the local union in the city of Toronto.

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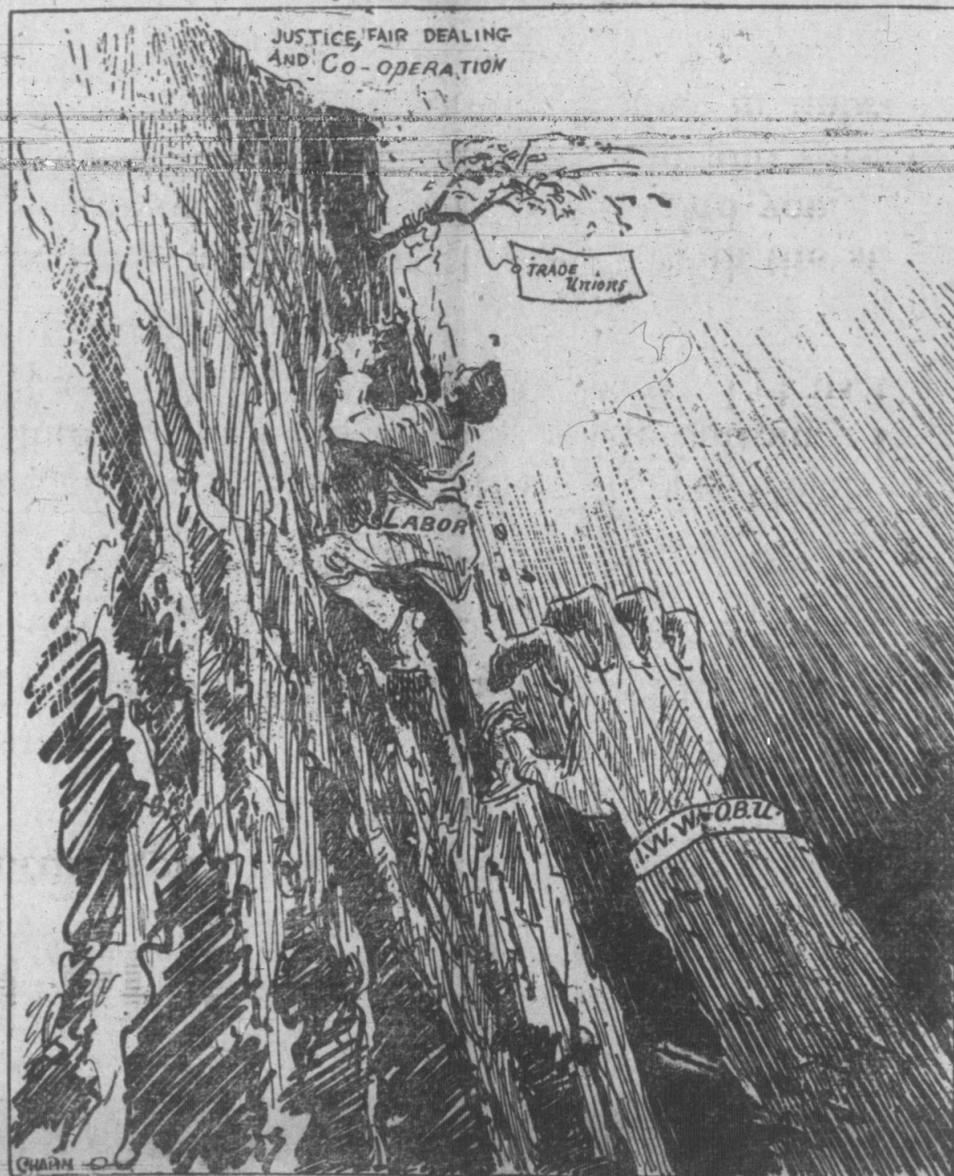
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LABOR'S FUTURE.



Don't Let Him Drag You Down!

Every picture tells a story. Like the figure in the picture Trade Unionism in Canada has climbed a mighty precipice and still has some rough bits ahead of it. The situation of the figure, near the top of the climb, marks the position of Organized Labor in Canada, which to-day, after half a century of arduous work, is gradually nearing the pinnacle of its objective.

But like the arm in the picture, the One Big Union and the I. W. W. is stretching out a hand to pull Labor back to the bottom. Its devotees are saying: "You have been climbing the wrong way. Let us take you back to the bottom to begin all over again!"

Remember that the long arm of the "red", with the strength of funds that come from no one knows just where, is ever behind you. The "red" is right in your midst, armed with spacious arguments and glib speeches. To-day, more than ever, Organized Labor must stand together in unbroken ranks.