

CANADA'S FIRST NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE

Opens At Ottawa On Monday, Sept. 15. Have Equal Representation—List

The first National Industrial Conference of the Dominion of Canada, at which labor and capital will have equal representation, will convene at Ottawa on Monday next, Sept. 15. There will be seventy-five employers' delegates while organized labor will have an equal number of spokesmen chosen from industrial groups by the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress. About forty other persons will be in attendance at the conference comprising municipal representatives, members of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations, members of the Industrial sub-committee of the Dominion Cabinet, representatives of returned soldiers and others.

Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden, will open the conference and will act as chairman. The Honorable G. D. Robertson will act as vice-chairman. It is expected that the various provincial premiers will also attend. Hon. W. L. M. King, the new leader of the opposition party, will be in the opening day immediately following the address by the Prime Minister.

Col. David Cameron, formerly Ordnance Advisor of the Imperial Munitions Board, who since last spring has been following closely the development of British industrial policy, has come over to Canada to give the conference first hand information respecting the Whitley plan of Joint Industrial Councils, which has made such remarkable progress in Britain during the past year.

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Mr. Gerald H. Burt, who during the past two years has served as secretary of the Reconstruction Committee of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, will act as secretary of the conference.

The twelve members of the Canadian Railway Board of Adjustment No. 1, being six representatives of employers and six of employees, will attend the conference on behalf of railway transportation and telegraphs. There will be four delegates present from the Civil Service Federation representing the public service of the Dominion. The financial interests will be represented by three persons chosen by the Canadian Bankers' Association. No organization made up of farm laborers, it was found impossible to secure representation of employers and employees' interests in other industries. The Government was, however, desirous that agriculture should be represented and five delegates have accordingly been selected through the Department of Agriculture on behalf of the farmers' interests of the Dominion.

MONTREAL CONVENTION APPROVES LABOR MAGNA CHARTA

The fifth annual meeting of the National Council of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association was held at Montreal, Sept. 11-12.

It seems that every organization whether affiliated with the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress or the American Federation of Labor, the Manufacturers' Association, or any other body, is approached by labor's "Magna Charta" except the parent bodies, the Federal and Provincial Governments, but after the National Industrial Conference next week a change in the attitude of the Government towards organized labor is anticipated. Here's hoping.

OTTAWA TRADES COUNCIL

Labor will take an active part in the coming municipal elections in Ottawa, and probably will enter the provincial and Dominion fields. Tentative attempts have been made to contact seats in the municipal council, but with scant success. With 14,099 trade unionists in the city labor has felt that if a concerted effort was made to run candidates it could elect men who would represent their views.

To further the work of preparing the ground for labor's entry into the political arena, the Ottawa Trades and Labor Association will meet on Friday night about 350 to a committee of the association which has this work in hand. A platform will be prepared which will conform very much with the platform of the Independent Labor Party of Ottawa.

The motion picture "The Money Game" for the necessary propaganda was passed by a large vote, but before a long discussion which was entirely irrelevant to the question at issue.

Delegate Kavanagh who sponsored the motion said that there were several men in the city who could elect representatives to the city council, the Provincial Legislature, and the Dominion Parliament. It was, however, decided to refer the matter to the operators who were interested in labor candidates.

Delegate Draper who not only opposed the motion but also urged that the operators be referred to the Independent Labor party which looked after that end of the business. He wanted to know whether the Ottawa Trades and Labor Association intended to urge the power of the Independent Labor party.

Women Workers—Doris Meakin, Int. Bro. of Electrical Workers, Toronto; Helen Gutteridge, United Garment Workers, Vancouver; and Mrs. J. H. Leitch, Washington, D.C., secretary of the U. S. War Labor Board, who is intimately acquainted with the industrial relations in the United States, will also address the conference.

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GUELPH RADIAL DISPUTE

The Minister of Labor has created a Board of Conciliation to deal with the dispute between the Guelph Radial Railway Company and its motormen and conductors. Judge Colin B. Snyder, of Hamilton, has been appointed chairman of the board. Harry Mahoney, of Guelph, will represent the company, and Thomas Hall, also of Guelph, the employees.

The garment workers' strike, which has been in progress in Guelph for several weeks, has been terminated, the employers having signed an agreement providing for a 44-hour week, collective bargaining, arbitration in case of disputes, preferential union shops and a minimum wage scale. The agreement is operative until June 1, 1920, after which committees from the union, and the employers will meet on February 15 and August 15 in each year to arrange a scale of wages to become effective upon the expiration of the agreement.

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WINNIPEG TRADES COUNCIL WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN "PROTEST" STRIKE

The efforts of the One Big Union and Central Defense Committee of Winnipeg to promote a general strike in September 17 on a protest against the arrest of the Winnipeg strike leaders received a rebuff at the hands of the Trades and Labor Council of Winnipeg which has repudiated the action of its own executive in countenancing the movement.

The Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council took the same stand with regard to the attempted boycott on the National Industrial Conference to be held in Victoria Museum, September 15.

The A. B. U. and the executive of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council issued a circular letter to all laboring men, whether organized or not, to strike on September 17 if the Winnipeg strike leaders were not released on bail. This step on the part of its executive has been discredited by the Council sitting as a whole.

Mr. Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, stated this morning that in view of the order from the O. B. U. to boycott the National Industrial Council, the western delegates have reiterated their determination to attend and notification has been received that some have already started east.

The O. B. U. movement in the west is steadily losing ground, the sane and reasoning element taking a firm stand with regard to the whole situation. The step taken by the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, besides the rebuff to countenance the action of the O. B. U. in ordering a general strike, takes the character of a direct ultimatum to that organization as a whole.

The Minister of Justice, in the House on Monday, presented a bill to prohibit members of the Dominion Police and of the Northwest Mounted Police from belonging to trade unions.

The bill continues in force the provisions of an order-in-council, to the same effect, issued under the War Measures Act. The bill was read a first time.

The industrial situation in Canada today is one that demands the most thoughtful and careful consideration of every citizen. If particularly every member of organized labor.

It is expected that every local Division will fully appreciate the magnitude of the task that is before us, and do their share in helping to solve them.

Your attention is drawn to article 28, paragraph 2, of the constitution for proposed amendments to constitution, also article 38, page 89 for number of delegates that your Division is entitled to at Grand Division meeting.

For the purpose of arriving at the number of members in good standing, a roll will be made that only those fully paid in both dues and assessments can be counted.

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TEETH-ANNUAL CONVENTION

Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees Will Convene at Ottawa.

The tenth annual convention of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees will be held in Ottawa on Monday, September 29, immediately following the parent body convention, the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress. As the convention "call" indicates many important matters will come before the convention and it is expected that a large delegation will assemble at the convention. Following is the convention "call" issued by the grand president, A. R. Mosher:

The tenth meeting of Grand Division will be held in the city of Ottawa, in St. George's Hall, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 893, 895, 897, 899, 901, 903, 905, 907, 909, 911, 913, 915, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 929, 931, 933, 935, 937, 939, 941,

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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

THE SHORT CUT TO UTOPIA.

UTOPIA is a wonderful city of Dreams. Up there the roads are paved with Ham and Eggs and the Rivers are flowing with Beer. Nobody works very much. For a free ticket to this wonderful city, apply to the nearest Orator of the O.B.U. To many misguided people with a taste for beautiful word pictures, the O. B. U. is a short cut to the workers' Paradise—Utopia.

According to the "Federationist," the O.B.U. idea seems to have a sort of magnetic attraction for a number of persons. Always there have been those whose fancy is easily captured by a formula or a slogan. Always there have been those easily enamored of a short cut to salvation. Such a delusion has been the "One Big Union"—a few swift strokes—emancipation and a fanciful life without trial and tribulation. That seems to have been the notion that took possession of the "One Big Union" advocates.

THE SANCTITY OF AGREEMENT.

IN a recent appeal to Organized Labor to throw over their Trade Union affiliation and become members of an organization called the "One Big Union," a number of "Idealists" and "S. Canada give prominence to a straight Trade Union movement of agreement.

POLITICS and PEOPLE THROUGH THE TELESCOPE OF LABOR

The session of Parliament, called particularly to ratify the treaty of peace, is now in full swing. The speech from the throne forecasted the message will see that the bill to approve of the treaty and the League of Nations, and there is no doubt that the House will carry it.

Labor News From the Busy City of Hamilton

The Hamilton Trades and Labor Council administered another black eye to One Big Unionism when at last Friday's meeting it decided to "take no action" regarding the appointment of a Defense Committee for the purpose of inaugurating a campaign locally to raise funds and stimulate public feeling to secure the release of the imprisoned "Peg" strike leaders.

Here's To Woman.

Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal—Cain. ASSIST GIRLS TO ORGANIZE. At a regular meeting of the Ottawa Trades and Labor Council on Friday last, a grant of \$15 was voted to assist a union of factory girls in securing a charter.

BLAMES THE PACKERS.

Attributing the "exorbitant price" of food to the packers in part, Mrs. Florence Kelly, secretary of the National Consumers' League, on Friday appeared before the Senate agricultural committee in support of the Kenyon packer regulation bill.

EFFORTS TO FORCE GIRL WORKERS TO DOMESTIC SERVICE.

Official efforts are being made in England, it is reported, to encourage unskilled girl workers now being rapidly demobilized from Government offices to enter domestic service.

DIFFERENT FOR ONE.

The fifth day drew to its close with the twelve jurymen still unconvinced. The court was impatient. "Well, gentlemen," said the court officer, "letting the jury room, shall I, as usual, order twelve dinners?"

BRITISH TROOPS LEAVING RUSSIA.

In reference to the allegations recently published, that the public was being misled in regard to the British policy in North Russia, and that the military and not defensive operations are being carried on there, a high official of the war office, interviewed by a representative of Reuters, said there had never been the slightest intention of despoiling a fair Russia from the policy of evacuation, which was proceeding satisfactorily with the help of relief supplies.

STELL COMPANY OF CANADA POSSESSES MONOPOLY RIGHTS OVER THE TROOPERS.

Trade unionists and citizens generally interested in matters of labor were surprised to learn during the week that the Stell Company of Canada would not recognize trades unionism. F. H. Whittier, general manager, positively told the committee of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Steam and Operating Engineers' Union, Local No. 700, etc.

NEWSPAPER HAMILTON ITEMS.

Walter R. Rolfe, Broom and Whisk Makers' Union; Eddy O'Dell, International Brotherhood of Bricklayers' Union; and John A. Fleet, Carpenters and Joiners' Union, and general organizer for the American Federation of Labor, are three Hamiltonians who will attend the Industrial Conference instigated by the Federal Government, which meets in Ottawa on Monday, September 25.

CONGRESS PRESIDENT VISITED HAMILTON.

Last week Tom Moore, President Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, paid a flying visit to Hamilton. During his brief stay he conferred with Walter R. Rolfe, Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council of Hamilton, relative to matters pertaining to the Convention which convenes in the Ambassadors on Monday, September 22.

By agreement, Hamilton's local unions are electing their delegates to the Trades and Labor Council. The delegates are: Dick Ryan, Secretary; Dick Ryan, Treasurer; Dick Ryan, Secretary; Dick Ryan, Treasurer; Dick Ryan, Secretary; Dick Ryan, Treasurer.

AMERICAN LABOR, CAPITAL AND AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE.

The conference between Labor, Capital and Agriculture, called by President Wilson for discussion of the present economic situation will be held in Washington between October 5 and 10.

VANCOUVER DELEGATES WILL URGE 6-HOUR DAY.

The six-hour day, with a 36-hour week, the recognition of labor unions and collective bargaining, the right of employees to organize, and the establishing by the various provinces and not by the Dominion of a minimum wage, will be urged by the delegates representing the Trades and Labor Council of Vancouver, which was recently reorganized by the international unions, when these delegates attend the National Industrial Conference at Ottawa.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

What Our Brothers in the Motherland Are Doing. BRITISH TROOPS LEAVING RUSSIA. In reference to the allegations recently published, that the public was being misled in regard to the British policy in North Russia, and that the military and not defensive operations are being carried on there, a high official of the war office, interviewed by a representative of Reuters, said there had never been the slightest intention of despoiling a fair Russia from the policy of evacuation, which was proceeding satisfactorily with the help of relief supplies.

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Labor Items of Interest from the Capital City

I. T. U. LOCAL NO. 102.

Ottawa Local No. 102, International Typographical Union, instructed its secretary to notify the Master Printers that unless they named their representatives to adjust the scale of wages for apprentices within one week, that the I. T. U. representative would proceed with the schedule and would submit it to the executive of the Ottawa Local for approval. The agreement with the Master Printers was signed and came into effect last week, but the schedule of wages for apprentices as called for in the agreement has not yet been made. The union committee has asked the Master Printers on several occasions to name their representative to act with the union printers' nominee, but to date no action has been taken and the move of the union at its meeting on Sunday night is with a view to winding up the agreement and making it effective. It might be interesting here to note that while the local union has had a voice as to the number of apprentices that are employed in the different shops, it was not until this year that they had a voice as to their scale of wages. It is expected, however, that the bosses will immediately appoint their representative and the matter will be disposed of with dispatch.

The secretary informed the meeting that 15 members of the local were still overseas, or still on military duty, and that the total membership of 102 was in the neighborhood of 455.

Messrs. J. A. P. Haydon, M. C., and H. Borthwick were selected as additional delegates from the local union to the 36th annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress at Hamilton during the month.

Considerable discussion took place as regards the employing of soldiers and sailors in the various offices with a view to making them operators after six or nine months' training. One of the members asked whether being done in the matter.

President P. W. Draper said this was one of the chief bones of contention facing the Typographical Union throughout Canada and that the I. T. U. was endeavoring to make a satisfactory settlement. The president also told of a recent visit to the schools of instruction in Toronto and Montreal, where the matter was thoroughly gone into with the school officials but so far a satisfactory understanding had not been made, but it is expected that this will be brought about in the very near future.

DELEGATES DOMINION TRADES CONGRESS COVENTION

Allied Trades and Labor Association; Pat. Green, Wm. Lodge and Chas. W. Lewis. International Typographical Union, Local 102; J. M. Draper, Geo. W. Ross, Geo. Duncan, J. A. P. Haydon, M. C., and H. Borthwick. Carpenters, Local No. 93; Tom Moore, J. B. Leavitt, M. Kazanagh and J. Halpin. Carpenters, Local 2428; D. Rankin. Journeyman Barbers: A. A. Aubry, alternate J. S. Macdonald, Bricklayers: N. Beaven. Musicians: E. J. Cockburn. Mill Local: Wm. Fisher, Hill and Sulphite Workers Union: G. Row. International Brotherhood of Bookbinders: Chas. Hurat (International Headquarters), and W. MacDowell, representing the local union. Local 473, L. U. S. and O. E.: F. Lafortune. Motion Picture Operators, Local 257; Wm. Lane. Carpenters, Local 1159; J. Dagenais. Carpenters, Local 646; Bros. Drew, Fisher and H. Trembley. Bakery and Confectionery Workers: G. Gunderson. Firemen, Local 182; Donald D. Dear and J. Morrison. Bakery-Drivers: R. Plant. International Alliance Theatrical Stage Employees, Local 8; R. Marcel, alternate; G. Graham. Papermakers, Chaudiere Falls, Local 95; H. Caldwell. Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators, Local 290; J. White and P. Leckie. Street Railway Employees, Division 277; P. Jardi. Federal Union No. 14,551; Bank Note Employees: Elzear Lamothé, alternate, Wm. Cox. Hotel and Restaurant Workers, Local Union No. 418; Vice-President P. Quinn. Builders' Laborers, Messrs. J. Henderson, Corby and Carney. Mill Trade and Labor Council, President Paradis, and P. Zuana.

MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS

At one o'clock on Monday afternoon the motion picture operators members of Local No. 257 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators met with the managers of the Regent, Centre, Family, and Imperial theatres that they would not resume work until the managers had signed the agreement that had been handed to them. One clause in this agreement read that the managers must agree to recognize J. J. Theault as the operators' business manager. As Theault is a stage man and not an operator the employers refused to have anything to do with him and for the past few weeks have been holding the agreement in abeyance on this account.

Matters came to a head on Monday when the operators walked out and the managers were hard set to get operators for their machines for the afternoon show. Before the evening show a conference was held between managers and operators, and when the operators agreed to strike out the clause about Theault the agreement was signed and the men returned to their machines. The question of wages was promptly adjusted.

RETAIL CLERKS PROTEST.

A resolution protesting against certain stores which kept their doors open on Saturdays after 11 o'clock last Saturday was adopted at a meeting held on Monday night by the Ottawa Retail Clerks' International Protective Association. The meeting claimed that these stores were going around the city bylaw and defying its purpose by hiding behind a few technicalities or flaws in the wording of the law, which, however, meant very clearly that "every shop in the city of Ottawa for the sale of goods, ware or merchandise, coming under certain classes, such as watches and jewelry, boots and shoes, millinery, furniture, hardware, bicycles and sporting goods, gents' furnishings, men's clothing, and every shop for the carrying on the business of merchant tailors and departmental stores, should be closed before six o'clock of each day."

The meeting further resolved that the early closing committee of the Ottawa Retail Merchants' Association

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYMENT BUREAU FILLS POSITIONS

Figures of the Saskatchewan Bureau of Labor covering the entire harvest labor movement of this season show that during the month 4,934 men were placed out of a total of 8,761 applicants. There were 13,823 vacancies, but of this number 2,722 were cancelled. A large number of unskilled vacancies is accounted for by an order placed by the Drumheller mines for 1,190 miners, who must be returned, and 257 men for railroad construction at Fort William.

The vacancies for the Drumheller mines are being filled gradually but still at a satisfactory rate. There is a vast demand for men for railway construction work in the Fort William district, and returning harvesters are being induced to stop at Drumheller. The men have agreed to extend their cheap excursion rates until the work is completed.

The following are the separate figures for the month of August in connection with the Employment Office of the Saskatchewan Government:

Applica-	Vacancies	Placements
Pegina	2,959	2,645
Saskatoon	1,967	2,478
Moose Jaw	1,419	2,257
S. Current	1,142	1,293
Yorkton	531	551
Estevan	267	235
Albert	225	225
Weyburn	102	74
N. Battleford	55	88

From the dried out area of the province 1,246 persons were shipped to points in Saskatchewan, where the crops were good and work assured.

Service Button Workers.

Notes of Particular Interest to Ex-Service Trade Unionists.

EDITH CAVELL'S BETRAYAL CONDEMNED TO DEATH.
Georges Gaston Quien, on trial before a court-martial, charged with having had treasonable dealings with the Germans and having betrayed Edith Cavell to them, was this week convicted and condemned to death.

CANTEEN PROFITS TO AID VETERANS.
In connection with the disposal of the seven million pounds sterling profits of the Canteens of the Expeditionary Force, it has been decided to allocate a quarter million towards helping British disabled officers and men, another quarter million to widows and dependents, and an equal amount is to be assigned to general welfare work among ex-service men in London, such as in providing clubs.

2,216,042 BRITISH SOLDIERS DEMOBILIZED.
The British War Office announced that from the date of the armistice to noon on September 2nd last, the following numbers were discharged or demobilized from the army: Officers—demobilized, 119,575; discharged as medically unfit, 21,272. Other ranks—demobilized, 2,751,272; discharged as medically unfit, 178,281; discharged from reserve classes, 143,433. Total officers and other ranks discharged and demobilized, 3,216,042.

THE FUTURE OF "OLD ORPINGTON."
The Ontario hospital at Orpington closes this week, the last four hundred patients sailing on the Argonauta last and a very large and enthusiastic gathering of workers was on hand. Mayor Moreau extended greetings and addresses were delivered by Dr. Lafortune, "The Point," and among the Ottawa labor men who addressed the gathering were: President Pat. Green of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Council; President F. Lafortune of the Steam and Operating Engineers' Local Union; Business Agent C. W. Lewis of the same organization; and others. Gattineau Point is almost a hundred per cent organized and is truly a "closed shop."

LOCAL NO. 419, I. U. H. & R. E.
President H. Levesque, of the Local Union of Hotel and Restaurant Employees, occupied the chair for the first time on Sunday last, when a regular meeting of the local was held. The chief business before the members was the selecting of a delegate to represent the Local at the 35th annual convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress. Vice-President F. Quinn was selected. A letter was read from the former president, who has received a good position outside the city and is getting along well there. The new president carried on very creditably. He is an old-timer, having been for a number of years financial secretary of one of the local unions.

"PROTEST SUNDAY" UNOBSERVED.
"Protest Sunday" as last Sabbath was called by the O. B. U. officials in Western Canada, passed without any notice being paid to it in the Capital City, and rightly so. The workers' "protestants" had anticipated that the workers throughout the Dominion would fall in line, but in this they were doomed to disappointment, for the strike, or protest, or whatever you like to call it, did not materialize in Ottawa or elsewhere. The strike was called as a protest against the refusal to grant bail to the eight Winnipeg strike leaders who are in jail awaiting trial on serious charges.

DISTRICT 18 FORMER OFFICIALS SEEK REINSTATEMENT.
The question of reinstatement of some of the miners who some time ago were active in O.K.T. propaganda, is engaging the attention of the representatives of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, now in Calgary. These are not the late officials of District 18, members of the policy committee, but various men in the Lethbridge and Fernie fields who have been more or less prominent in advocating breaking away from the international affiliation.

These miners have now written, stating they are willing to abide by the rules and regulations of the U. M. W. A., and asking to be reinstated. With the object of thoroughly going into the matter, Morgan Lewis, who is at present in charge of the international affairs in the district, proceeded with the other representatives to Lethbridge, Thursday evening. It is not the intention to consider any application for reinstatement from any of the late officials of the district, however, as they have stated, these latter men will be dealt with by the executive board of the organization.

SUGAR WILL NOT ADVANCE.
There is plenty of sugar to be had in Canada, and the price is not expected to advance. D. L. McKinnon, of the Atlantic Sugar Refineries Ltd., at the close of the session of the Dominion Commerce last week at the Windsor hotel, Montreal, He replied in answer to a question by Hon. H. M. Robinson, chairman of the board, who asked:

"Is there any justification for domestic hoarding of sugar?"

W. F. O'Connor, K.C., also asked Mr. McKinnon:

"Do you think there is any hoarding among the retailers in the West?"

Mr. McKinnon: "The retailer is not hoarding but the public is. Sugar may go up a cent or two, but nothing like the advance that is rumored. A cent or two a pound, however, is a great advance in the sugar man. My personal opinion is that before Christmas, the wholesale price, which is now \$10.25, will be \$11 or \$11.25."

RAILWAY EMPLOYES AND OFFICIALS MEET.

A conference of the Railroad Brotherhoods has been held for the purpose of discussing the relationship between capital and labor, and as to whether the Canadian Board of Adjustment No. 1 is to continue, and if so, on what basis.

All the general chairmen of the different railway labor organizations will be present at the gathering. All the presidents of the organizations will also attend, including President Lee of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, President Stone of the Brotherhood of Engineers, President Carter of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen, President Barker of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

It is expected that the session will be engaged in discussing some very important questions affecting the lowering of the cost of living, and it is probable that the definite action will be taken in the matter. The meetings will take place in Montreal on September 11 and 12, and it is likely an adjournment to Ottawa will be made.

SYDNEY CIVIC AUTHORITIES IGNORE MINERS.

The Sydney Post says: "Failure of the civic authorities in Sydney to extend any courtesies to the representatives of the United Mine Workers, who met in convention in this city last week, was the subject of much unfavorable comment among the delegates, many of whom were attending their first convention in Sydney."

"Many of our delegates were desirous of the convention being held in Halifax next year, but the Cape Breton officials urged the claims of Sydney as a place of meeting and finally succeeded in bringing the convention to this city," said James

MAcLACHLAN, SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE U. M. W. TO THE POST TODAY.

"Halifax always gave the miners a pleasant outing, but at our convention here last week we never saw one of the civic officials, and were not even welcomed to the city. I heard many delegates commenting on this and I can say that their comment was anything but complimentary to the civic authorities."

"The miners of Nova Scotia left many hundreds of dollars in the city last week and would have appreciated some display of interest in their deliberations on the part of the civic officials. However, I suppose the city of Sydney is waiting to honor some individual of high rank and could not be bothered with the representatives of the working-

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CITIZENS' LIBERTY LEAGUE

ITS AIM AND ITS OBJECT

The Citizens' Liberty League is an organization of representative men and women throughout Ontario, who through necessity have banded themselves together to oppose all legislation (Dominion or Provincial) which tends to curtail the liberties and lawful rights of the citizen.

In view of the imminence of the Ontario Referendum the activities of the League will for the present be chiefly directed to

SANE LIQUOR LEGISLATION

The Ontario Temperance Act, adopted by the Government as a war measure—without the vote of the people—is legislation that does curtail personal liberty and one which has brought great dissatisfaction.

The Citizens' Liberty League is absolutely opposed to a return of the open bar as it previously existed in Ontario under the old License Act. The League believes that The Ontario Temperance Act should be repealed and so enable the Government to enact a law in accord with the sentiment of the people, permitting the general sale of non-intoxicating beer and light wines and the sale of pure spirituous liquors only through Government agencies under proper restrictions.

Now that a Referendum is about to be taken, the members of the League feel that every citizen should clearly understand the meaning and significance of the questions asked in the Referendum Ballot.

In order to accomplish this purpose the Citizens' Liberty League will discuss all phases of this great issue in the public press in the interests of sane, moderate temperance legislation.

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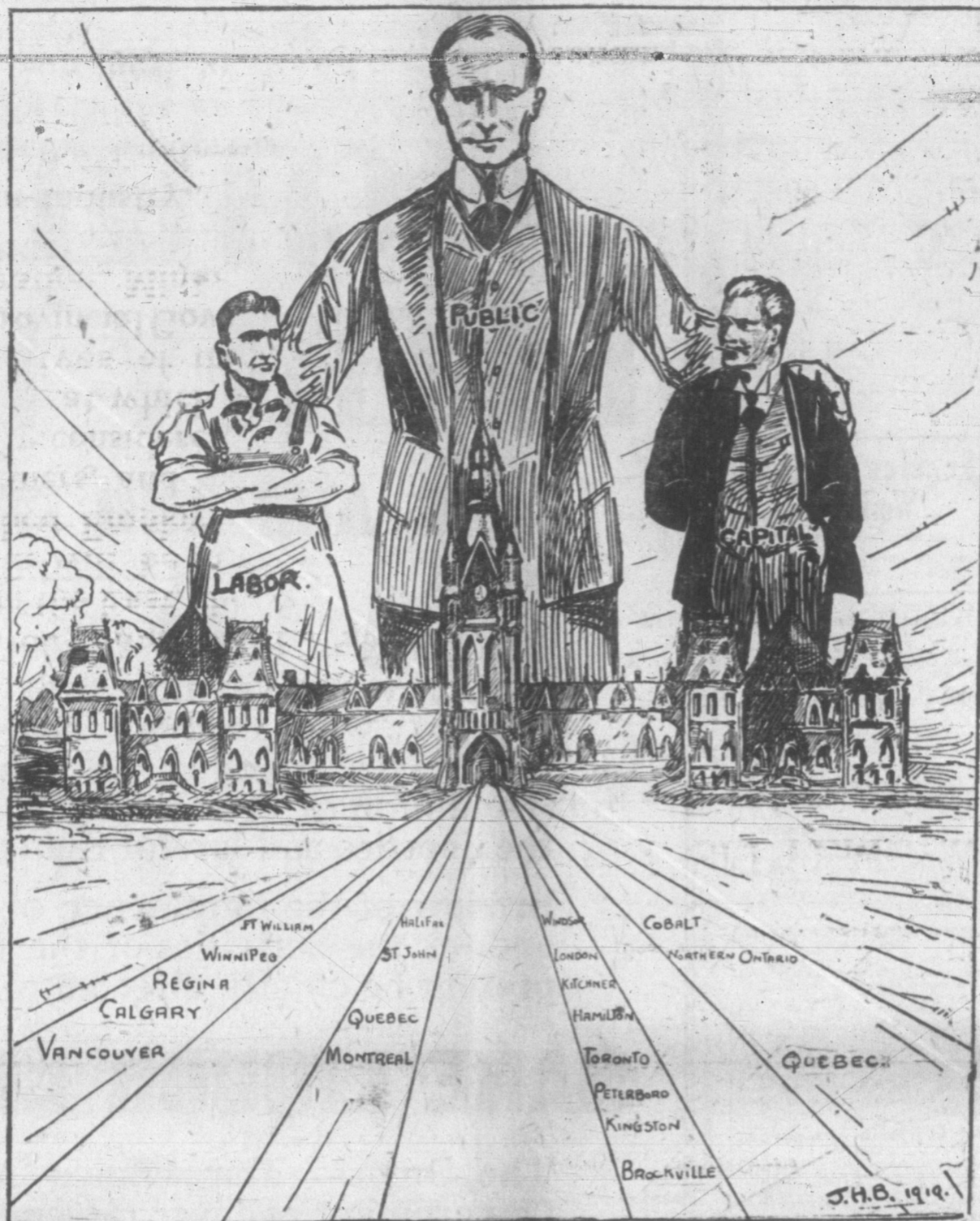
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INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 15.

ALL roads lead to Ottawa for the great National Industrial Conference which has been called by the Dominion Government following the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations. The wise men from the East, the West, the North and the South will be in Ottawa on September 15, when Employers and Employees will be partners, and matters of interest to both will be considered in a round-the-table conference, at which also will be seated representatives of the Dominion Government, the Provincial Government, the Civil Service Federation, Mining Engineers' Organizations, and representatives of other bodies interested in Industry.

The keynote of the Conference will be a closer relation between the Employer and the Employee, and how best to amend our laws to bring this about.

Never since Confederation has a conference of such a national importance been held in Canada, and the best brains

of the Employers and Organized Labor will be on hand.

Canada is awakening to the needs of the workers, and much important legislation will undoubtedly follow this Conference.

Canadian Workers need be thankful that they have safe, sane and broadminded leaders at the helm.

Our laws can only be amended in one way, and that is by constituted methods, and the Conference on September 15 is expected to have far reaching effects, and in the interest of Canada it is necessary to have a closer understanding between the Employer and the Employee.

The employer recognizes this fact and is sending his best brains to Ottawa. Organized Labor has always pleaded for a closer relation, and its leaders will be on hand at the Conference, where the workers' case will be well presented.