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BIG UNION IDEA

ON PRE-WAR BASIS

Against Proposed Strike on June 1st

By A. J. Healey

Industrial Commission Receives Suggestions

Members of Organized Labor and Representatives of Employers Appear and Submit Opinions and Ideas as to Cause of Social Unrest and Possible Solution of Problems Con-

fronting the Nation

URGES ACTIVITY

UNITED EFFORT ASKED

causes of and a solution to industrial unrest prevailing throughout the coun-try, the Royal Industrial Commission spent a busy and profitable spent a busy and profitable day in Ed-monton on Tuesday and has moved on toward the east. Edmonton offered good representation of both employers and representation of both employers of employes. Compared with reports of previous sittings it appears that Ed-monton Labor and representatives of industries have as clear and compre-industries have as clear and compre-industries have as clear and compre-tion of the rituation as any munity yet heard from.

Labor's Views

A. Farmilo, Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, was the first witness at the morning session. He was told the commission that industrial unrest was not an evil in itsefl, since it was

was not an evil in itsefl, since it was only by a wholesome discontent with what was wrong that right conditions could be established. A general co-beperation between employers and em-ployes would be the first step toward the eradication of evils. Large num-bers of unemployed were to be expected during the transition period, but a strong effort must be made to provide work for them.

Roll of Ninety-four Ninety-four members signed the roll

Taxi-Drivers Organized With a Charter

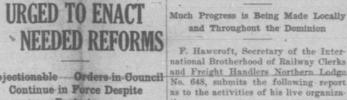
UNION BEGINS WITH

new Union was held last week and was a very enthusiastic one. Men desiring drivers, teamsters' helpers and stable men who are desirous of affiliating with the union should get in touch with Mr. Farmilo, phone 4018 or 72277. IN ORGANIZATION

ACTION ENDORSED BY TOM MOORE

In conversation with mem bers of the Trades and Labor Council Executive, President Tom Moore of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada stated that he had absolutely no fault to find with the action of the Trades Council of this city in unseating delegates, who advocated secession. Mr. Moore stated frankly that there was no room in the Organized Labor movement for those who would seek to tear down from within

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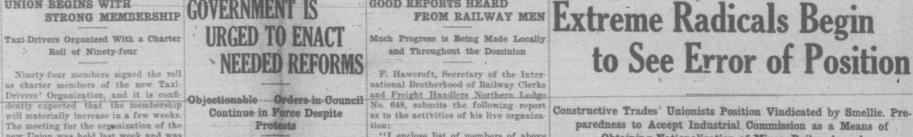
Much Progress is Being Made Locally

"I enclose list of members of above a very enthusiastie one. Men desiring to take part in the teamster's gather-ing at the Labor hall were turned away on account of lack of room. All team-sters, truck drivers, chauffeurs, taxi-sters, truck drivers, and stable CONGRESS ON THE JOB No Action Yet Taken On the Demand of Eight-Hour Constraints as represented in a recent issue of Edmonton Free Press. I am glad to say our local lodge is now making good progress. Our membership has been more than doubled in the past few weeks. We have now over forty memlodge as requested in a recent issue of

No. 2381 was passed restricting the pub-lication of books, newspapers, etc., printed in any enemy language and also giving power to restrict the circulation of any literature classed as objection-able matter. Since the pressing of them two Orders

acie matter. Since the passing of these two Orders-in-Council the Congress Executive have persistently protected to the govern-ment and demanded their repeal. Many cases of unjust prosecutions resulting in fines and imprisonment have been brought to our attention, and as far as we have been able sweitere have been brought to be subject the representation of the extremist element, those the ideal of the extremist element, those indoe being the being the being the being the being the being the ideal of the extremist element, those indoe being the b

Confederation of Labor, in France have



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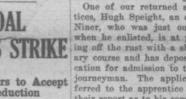
Other Transportation Facilities

b Day On the 25th of September, 1918, an Order-in-Council was passed making illegal the holding of meetings of some fourteen specially mamed societies, and in addition any other society which con-travened certain regulations defined in Section B, Order-in-Council 2384. On the same date Order-in-Council Ne 231 The press dispatches that have recently arrived portraying the action taken AGAINST THE ONE

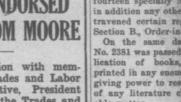
Trade Unionists in Great Britain. Whilst it is no doubt a hard jolt for some of our "exceedingly advagced friends?" to find Bob. Smillie, advocating the nationalization of mines, rail roads, means of transportation, and that the state and workmen, should jointly control and administer. This is a very alarming condition of affairs. Smillie Printers Vote 100 Per Cent Strong T. AND L. COUNCIL at a farming condition of affairs. Smillie the ideal of the extremist element, those who believe that process can call be

We are of the opinion that the representatives of labor in Britain are on Typographical Union, No. 604, was hold

fines and imprisonment have been brought to our attention, and as far as we have been able, assistance has been rendered to secure the elimination of sentences imposed under these Orders-in-Council, each time limiting their scope. These have not been recognized



It is rather interesting to find the propaganda sheet of the O.B.U. taken up very much with criticisms of men to, 3.120 meat butchers and to, 3.120 meat butchers and a friendly and conciliatory spirit. This J. W. Findlay, also of the Trades and Iabor Council, favored government wership of the essential industries sweh as the mines and metropaking plents. He also advocated nationalized system along economic lines, the nation a mational minimum of living condiwas accepted and they were given power SEEKING A SOLUTION TO LABOR PROBLEMS deemed it desirable and the proposed the job employers was so far from a desirable standard that it was consigned LOCAL GARMENT WORKERS GET RAISE
Recent negotiations between the employers and the local Garment Workers' Union resulted in a substantial increase in the rates of pay for the workers and the establishment of a 44-hour week.
ALLIANCE OF FOUR TRADES IN FRANCE
The General Vancouver milk distributors, bosses the present moment all are agreed that lems during the past four years and at cerner, have got to be solved.



BEGINS WITH STRONG MEMBERSHIP GOVERNMENT IS

bring about a fairer way of settling labor troubles.

ing the workers.

Edmonton was known as one of the

locked out. Provision for the insurance of work-men against sickness and for the insur-ance of workers' dependents was urged as one of the remedies of the present unrest. the rivemen's Onion is secure a double platoon system for the Hull fire brigade. This was the decision reached at a meet-ing of the Trades Council in Lafleche Hall, and was the initial business of the newly formed council.

ests of the laboring classes the inter said Mr. Findlay, and he considered it

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Another Labor View J. W. Findlay, also of the Trades and At Toronto, 3,120 meat butchers and development of the trade union move-packers went on strike Monday morn development of the trade union move-ment in Edmonton, and have brought it which should not be circulated.

scabbiest cities in Canada declared Mr. Findlay, who instanced a number of shops where union labor had been locked out.

SHEET METAL MEN

National prohibition was needed in STRATFORD HAS BRANCH OF I.L.P.

have been fruitful in getting togeth-under the Sheet Metal Workers' ba The formation of a branch of the In- ner, the employes of the McClary Manu said Mr. Findlay, and ne considered it absolutely necessary. The last strike in Edmonton had been uncentrolled for lack of such a measure. Asked as to what he would prohibit, Mr. Findlay it is asserted that the visit of Joseph

what he would promitit, Mr. Finalay said "anything over 2 per cent." Mr. Findlay also thought that the parliament of Canada ahould be made up only of members engaged in the es-sential industries. Nine-tenths of the Continued on more 2)

local express men in their strike. are filled.

PLATOON SYSTEM heaped upon their respected members. It is not by any means clean and pro-

Efforts of Organizer J. H. Kennedy

NOW ORGANIZED

ALL LOCAL UNIONS TO GIVE ATTENTION

So that every week regularly w may get a line on the activ every Local Union, we would earn estly request that local secretaries of a correspondent in every local fur nish us with news of happenings every week for publication in th Trades and Labor Council Paperin th The Edmonton Free Press. We de sire to feature Local Labor News

and that we may be accurately in formed, Locals are asked to furnish this matter and hand it in to Secre tary Farmilo. Please give this mat ter prompt attention and oblige. Please give home address give home address and

phone, if any, of person from whom this news is to be received. Cut this out and present at Chion-meetings. PRESS COMMITTEE.

Trades and Labor Council.

JOINT CONTROL SCHEME

decided to establish a Labor Alliance, which comes into existence this week, and workers, have organized an "In-uniting the Unions of railwaymen, dustrial Council of Milk Distributors" these difficulties, so far as they are condockers, builders, and the engineering with equal representation of employers trades. This organization will aim at and employes, for the purpose of dis-

obtaining the nationalization of rail-ways and the taking over and control of national production by the working

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has drawn up a constitution.





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Profit Sharing As to profit-sharing, the witness told of the plan now being followed by his company, by which \$3,000 was recently divided among the employes. So far as he knew, there was general satisfaction with present conditions in this particu-jar case.

lar case

Commission No Remedy

Commission No Remedy E. J. Thompson, representing machin-ists of the G.T.P. local, said that as producers the men were not getting what they produced, and to this he pre-scribed reason for a great deal of un-rest. He said he did not place much faith in the committee on industrial re-before similar boards before, and the re-scrimet of the balance of its views to the det-before similar boards before and the re-transe the said he did not place much he for the balance of its views to the det-the said he did not place much he for the balance of its views to the det-the said he did not place much he for the balance of its views to the det-he comparison to the same of the s ations for he had seen and appeared before similar boards before, and the re-sult had heen nil so far as he was con-cerned. "We are at the mercy of a class and I for one do not consider that this commission will remedy matters much. The results you obtain will be taken up by the same old class and will be dealt with by them" Mr. Thompson told the committee. He spoke of his impossibility of pro-He spoke of his impossibility of pro- he claimed.

Labor Must Be Fair

He spoke of his impossibility of pro-curing a six roomed house under a rental of less than from \$30 to \$40 per month and thought that something should be done in the way of a remedy. His children, he also considered, should have the best education provided by the state, but that on account of the high cost of the necessities of life and the

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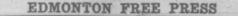
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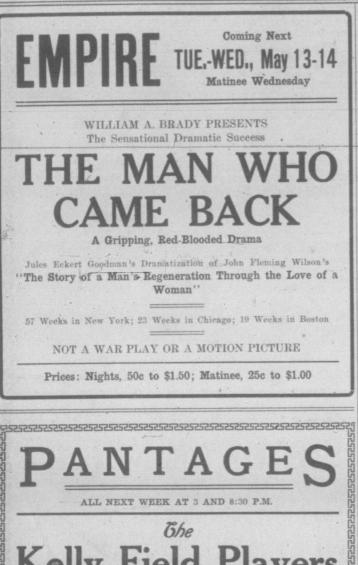
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who, being a resident in Ottawa, has been in close conference with the Be-Order in-Council, 2997, was passed probeen in close conference with the Be-patriation Committee since its creation on these matters. Late last fall, upon the representa-tion of the congress, Mr. T. A. Steven-son, President Toronto Typographical Union, and Secretary Toronto District Labor Council, was appointed as Assist-ant Director of Demobilization of the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Com-mission. In this connection he is now occupied the whole of his ime.

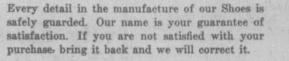
mission. In this connection he is now through chartered banks so that imme-occupied the whole of his time. **Private Employment Agencies** Many private employment agencies still exist and much stronger agitation will be needed before the several pro-vincial legislatures take action to en-tirely close these agencies, in accord-ti One accord to the several pro-tirely close these agencies, in accord-tirely close these agencies and accord-tirely close these agencies in accord-tirely close these agencies accord-tirely close these agencies in acco The government has made arrange-serious shortage of homes in practically

ments with the railroad companies that men sent to out-of-town points shall receive special rates on the railroad where the fare is in excess of \$4.00— On the 14th day of January, Orderthe rate being the ordinary one until the fare reaches \$4.00—decreasing in amount until the rate has reached 1 cent per mile which means that for any dis-tance from 134 to 400 miles the ticket right of returning extended until six

will be \$4.00 and for all in excess of that 1 cent per mile. This applies only to men who register and are sent from government-owned employment agen-cies. Legislation existing conditions, however, and the demands placed demands of many important organiza-

before the government at the annual in-terview in November, 1918, the follow-ing legislation is being considered this session and is being cloaely watched, and where possible and necessary. EIGHT HOURS has been presented on and where possible and necessary, amendments accured to meet with the declarations of our membership. A Bill making provision for compen-sation to federal employes by the Fed-eral government depositing funds with Provincial Compensation Boards, thus avoiding delay in payment to the in-jured worker, has been passed this ses-sion. A Bill creating a Federal Health De-partment which will take into account

partment which will take into account and the elimination of overtime is still the many resolutions passed at our Con- being pressed upon the government.





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