

DOMINION TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS PROCLAIMS AN UNPRODUCTIVE BODY

35th Annual Convention At Hamilton Elects Straight Trade Unionists To All Its Offices — Moore and Draper Unanimously Acclaimed — One Big Union Sent To Bottomless Pit—Many Resolutions Adopted—Full Report of Proceedings.

The most representative gathering in the history of Organized Labor in the Dominion met last week when the 35th annual convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress assembled. Almost 1,000 delegates from all parts of Canada were present, and at all times the sessions were well attended and no opportunity was given the "revolutionary" wing to advance their ideas. President Tom Moore had no easy task, and the capable manner in which he conducted the convention won the admiration of all. The convention delivered a knockout or rather a death blow to the One Big Union early in the week, and while attempts were made at different occasions to re-open the question, the chair ruled them out of order. All the resolutions revolutionary in character were defeated, and the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress proved conclusively that it was a constructive organization and not a destructive one.

That the policy of President Tom Moore and his able secretary, Mr. P. M. Draper, was the right one, was fittingly exemplified when at the election of officers on Friday afternoon the convention unanimously re-elected these capable leaders by acclamation. The straight trade unionists on the executive committee were:

ARTHUR MARTEL, President; **W. W. WILKINSON**, Vice-President; **W. W. WILKINSON**, Secretary; **W. W. WILKINSON**, Treasurer; **W. W. WILKINSON**, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The congress stood in silence for one minute in deference to the late Allan Stubbins. It was pointed out, had been one of Labor's greatest and most enthusiastic champions. The officers' report was then presented, extracts of which were printed in these columns last week.

The main business did not get under way until the latter part of the afternoon session. Home Rule for Ireland was one of the several topics that came in for a fiery discussion, and the question of what is to be done with the defaulters was a close second. Property qualifications for men running for public office also came up for discussion. President Tom Moore presided.

The following resolution was read respecting home rule in Ireland: Resolved, by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, that we are in favor of the granting of a full measure of home rule for Ireland. The world war just ended was fought and won on the great principle of self-determination, and we don't see why Ireland has not got her liberty long ago. She is pleading for local autonomy. By the Dominion Government, and I would propose that the secretary of this congress be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the British Government, and to the United States of America, soliciting money on behalf of liberating that dear little Isle in the Western ocean. The resolution was adopted by a large majority.

This was changed by the committee on resolutions to read in lieu of the full measure of home rule for Ireland, a measure of home rule equal to that enjoyed by Canada. A number of amendments were proposed, and the resolution was adopted by a large majority.

LABOR MAN GOES TO BOARD OF COMMERCE

Mr. James Murdock, of Toronto, Takes Place of Mr. F. A. Acland.

Labor will be represented on the Dominion Board of Commerce. Official announcement was made last night that Mr. James Murdock, of Toronto, had been appointed a member of the board to take the place temporarily filled by Mr. F. A. Acland, Deputy Minister of Labor. The official announcement says in part: "Mr. Murdock has for many years been an outstanding figure in Canadian labor circles. He took a prominent part in establishing the Canadian Railway Adjustment Board in 1913 which did so much to ensure and maintain harmony and co-operation as between railway companies and their employees. For a year past he has strongly held the line in the war and, both as an individual and as a representative of the American Federation of Labor, told the Senate Investigating Committee last Friday, appearing as the second witness for labor. Mr. Gompers was first asked to define the issue in the controversy.

LONDON BRICKLAYERS ASKING WAGE INCREASE

It was decided at a meeting of the London Bricklayers and Masons' Association on Wednesday evening, to ask the Peace Conference, Chairman Whitcomb, of the committee on Officers' Reports, to point to a point of order and stated that the report of the committee had been presented the previous day, and adopted. The report was not before the house. President Moore rose and said: "The point is well taken." Delegate Waters, however, did not stop talking. He said: "It is an absolute crime that I should be denied a chance of defending myself. I appeal from the decision of the chair." Cries from all parts of the house greeted this remark, and President Tom Moore kept his gavel going until order was restored, and told Delegate Waters to proceed with his report to the British Trades Congress.

During the same session another lively scene occurred when the committee on resolutions reported unfavorably on a resolution to appoint a permanent secretary. To many it was not a question of a permanent

secretary but a scheme to oust Secretary Draper from the office. Secretary Draper announced in French and English that if the job was to be made a permanent one, he would not be a contestant for the office, claiming that he would do no more for the Trades Congress if he devoted his entire time to the work. The division of the house was necessary to decide the issue, and the only roll-call vote of the convention was taken. The roll-call vote was in favor of the adoption of the committee's report. It is interesting here to note that the Machinists, with three exceptions, voted against the adoption of the committee's report.

Monday's Session. As has always been the practice of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, the president of the convention, Mr. P. M. Draper, presided over the opening of the convention. The 35th annual convention was no exception, and was held in the Hamilton Hotel, Hamilton, Ontario. The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress opened the convention. The 35th annual convention was no exception, and was held in the Hamilton Hotel, Hamilton, Ontario. The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress opened the convention.

By Toronto Typographical Union, No. 117. Whereas, by the provisions of the Copyright Act, the printers in Canada do not have the advantages of printers in the United States in printing books for their own use, and in view of the fact that the right books are not available in Canada, and in view of the fact that the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has requested the Dominion Government to have a clause inserted in the Copyright Act giving to Canadian printers equal protection to that afforded to printers in the United States by their legislation, and at the same time safeguarding the interests of Canadian authors and composers, the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress of Canada do hereby petition the Dominion Government to have a clause inserted in the Copyright Act giving to Canadian printers equal protection to that afforded to printers in the United States by their legislation, and at the same time safeguarding the interests of Canadian authors and composers.

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RAILROAD MEN

Tenth Annual Convention of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees.

During the past week delegates representing the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees from all parts of Canada have been in session at Ottawa for their tenth annual convention. The convention opened on Monday and will in session at the time of this issue.

At Monday afternoon session the Grand President of the Grand Division, Mr. A. K. Mosher, of Ottawa, delivered his opening address. The address was marked by a thorough disavowal of the One Big Union movement, and a recommendation that the Brotherhood should take an active part in labor politics.

The Grand President after reviewing the events of the past year, stated that the question of the moment was to discourage any tendency among railwaymen toward it.

He recommended that the Brotherhood appoint a legislative committee to deal with questions that affected the organization in the Federal Legislature, and suggested that local divisions appoint similar committees to represent them where needed at the Provincial Legislatures.

Mr. Mosher thought that the Brotherhood as a whole should take an active interest in labor politics. He put the question of the "color line" which was turned down by the Brotherhood at the last convention. At present only white railway employees are admitted to membership in the Brotherhood. Mr. Mosher advised that this restriction be removed and that organizations such as Order of Sleeping Car Porters, be admitted to full membership. Delegates on the question of grievances committees, which at present represented the Brotherhood of each railway, the president thought that the question of results would be obtained if the committees were consolidated into one.

His address closed with a brief report of the work of the National Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, which was a delegate from the railway employees.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Mr. M. M. Maclean, for the year shows that the Brotherhood is in a flourishing condition, about 3,500 members, have been added to the ranks since the year of 1918. The finances of the Brotherhood show an increase of over 30 per cent. The Grand Division is in a good standing. A full report of the proceedings will appear in these columns next week.

OTTAWA CARPENTERS HAVE A FOUR HOUR STRIKE

A walk-out of between 15 and 100 carpenters on Monday morning practically held up the work on the construction of the new Booth building on the corner of Bank and Queen streets, Ottawa. The men appeared on the job at the usual hour, but refused to go to work. The men had been employed in putting down forms, a job which should be done by carpenters. Their shop steward, Mr. John Halpin, was instructed by the men to refuse to work until they were reinstated.

Mr. George P. Graves, president of the Ottawa Carpenters, held a conference with the men and decided to agree to their demands, which were that they be reinstated on the same afternoon. In future work of tearing down the forms will be given to carpenters.

ST. STEPHEN LABORERS WIN

The difference between laborers and the Argyle Norcross Company, contractors, who are putting up extensive buildings at the cotton mill at St. Stephen, N.B., was settled this week.

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REAL REASONS FOR STRIKE IN BRITAIN

Ben Tillett, M. P., the British Labor leader, who attended the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, as a fraternal delegate, in discussing the causes of the railway crisis in England, said:

The trouble root cause of the present crisis is that although the Government has reached last April and referred in May to the effect that a certain standard of wages should be what is known as the Board of Trade, the railways and Sir Eric Geddes at this time to make their arrangements. The Government has already committed itself to the profiteers traders in collusion with the Government to maintain an impossible condition of living for the workers. The railways, I believe, are the worst offenders in this respect. It is this would relieve them of their present obligations to their employees.

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Labor News From the Busy City of Hamilton

By the time this issue of the Canadian Laborer is being read, the Hamilton Independent Labor Party will have held its convention and elected its officers for the year. The convention will be held at the Hamilton Hotel, on Monday, October 28, and will be held at the same time as the convention of the Ontario Labor Party. The Hamilton Labor Party is one of the strongest in the province, and its success in the coming year will be a matter of great interest to all workers.

Treasurer "Freddy" Decker were not forgotten. They were recipients of most expensive articles from "Wool" worth. Tom got a suit, and his wife a pair of shoes. Their gifts occasioned much laughter. After Delegate Halford had stepped down, J. C. L. Althoff, chairman, called on Walter R. Polk, secretary, and Capt. Halford, Treasurer. Decker and Capt. Halford were each presented with a pair of shoes.

There's sure to be a bumper turnout of members and will be members. Since Premier Bennett made the announcement that Monday, October 28, would be election day, at the same time the Referendum is taken, Labor in the Dominion City has been at fever pitch. Some of the laborites in their eagerness wanted to go right ahead, irrespective of preliminaries. It is expected that Hamilton will send two Labor representatives to Queen's Park for the next Legislature.

Who was elected as Fraternal Delegate to the British Trades Congress by the 35th annual convention of the Canadian body.

SUPPORT LABOR CANDIDATES

Delegates Halford and Simpson Urge Congress, Delegates to Political Action.

At the 35th annual convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress in Hamilton last week the delegates were urged to get into some political organization of the workers. Controller H. J. Halford, by the way is one of the new executive members of the Trades and Labor Congress, and "Jimmy" Simpson, of the Industrial Union, brought the full meaning of this home to the delegates.

LABORERS CIVIC "DADDIES" TO GET TOGETHER

Hamilton will be the "whip" for the I.L.P. "daddies" in the City Council. This was decided at last Friday's meeting. The Hamilton Labor Party will be represented in the City Council, and will be able to influence the City Council in favor of the laborer.

HAMILTON'S NEWS ITEMS.

Last Friday night in the Royal Connaught Hotel music room, a levy of ladies formed a circle around Mrs. C. L. Althoff, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, and presented her with a handsome necklace. Mrs. Althoff, who was accompanied by her husband, Mrs. J. P. Foster, Toronto, John Kennedy, Toronto, Vancouver, John O'Leary, Toronto, William Lodge, Ottawa, James A. Sullivan, Hamilton.

FUEL SUBSTITUTES.

If you've discovered a coal mine in your backyard you would feel tremendously elated. Now this is just what Edward L. Carter, of Washington, did for us when he invented "Oakum".

THE UNION MAN.

He said he was a union man, and he thought he was at that. He was not a union man, but he was a man who was a member of a union. He was a man who was a member of a union, and he was a man who was a member of a union.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

Among the many things in which Controller Harry Halford shines is at presentation ceremonies. He was in his element last Saturday afternoon during the presentation of the new City Council members. He was a man who was a member of a union, and he was a man who was a member of a union.

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Labor Items of Interest From the Capital City

STREET RAILWAY MAN HOX-OHED.

Mr. W. P. Jennings returned this week from Chicago, where he has been in attendance, representing Division No. 257, Ottawa, at the 16th annual convention of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees. Mr. Jennings was elected fifth vice-president of the International organization.

BACK FROM INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

Inspector Agent A. A. Labry, of Local Union No. 704, International Barbers' Union of America, has returned to the city after attending the annual convention of his organization at Baltimore and the annual convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress at Hamilton.

OTAWA LOST CONVENTION BY SMALL VOTE.

It had been generally expected that Ottawa would see the best case of the day for the year. However, this is not to be, for at their annual convention, held at Portland, Oregon, recently, when the vote was taken, they were defeated by St. Louis. They are now in Ottawa, and the Canadian fire ladders are sure to land the convention for Canada next year. Local Union No. 142 and inform the Canadian Laborer of the results of the convention.



W. P. JENNINGS

BRITISH TRADES UNIONS GROWING.

An enormous increase in membership in British trade unions is shown in a "Trade Union Congress" report just issued which gives the present total membership of bodies affiliated with the unions as 4,532,000 as compared with 3,232,000 just before the war. The most startling increase is noted in the membership of the Agricultural Laborers' Union, which was on 200,000 last year, but now is 1,000,000. Seventeen other unions have made increases during the past year of more than 100,000.

THE SQUARE DEAL.

If I lost your union label you should be as much for mine. This is simply reciprocity. It is the spirit of true brotherhood. Among us rank and file. To promote the union label. All the time should be our theme.

BUY SAFETY MATCHES.

Safety Matches are safer. Use them and help to prevent fire.

Comradeship



Admiral Sir David Beatty

ADMIRAL Sir David Beatty, when speaking at Leicester a few days ago, said:—

"We have been through four and a half years of a great struggle. We have all learned something—the true value of comradeship. Comradeship has enabled us to win the war."

Realizing the significance and truth of this statement the Citizens' Liberty League appeals to the people of this Province to develop the spirit of comradeship, mutual forbearance, toleration and sympathy. Let us be fair-minded, less rigid, more reasonable, and more willing to give and take.



Samuel Gompers

The workmen of Ontario appeal for better beer—non-intoxicating beer—beer containing 2.51% alcohol by weight—THE BEER OF THE BALLOT.

Samuel Gompers, the world's greatest labor leader, stated the workman's position clearly when he said:—

"The normal men, the men of Labor who work eight hours a day and no more, the workmen who earn decent pay, the workmen who have comparatively comfortable homes, they do not want the artificial spirit. The man of normal spirit finds comfort in pleasant surroundings; he does not need, and, as a rule, will not partake of intoxicating drinks; he shuns the effects of intoxicants. What we now ask is that the men of Labor, the masses of our people, shall have the opportunity to drink a glass of beer of not more than 2 1/4% by weight of alcohol in that

beer, and I am told you cannot drink enough of that character of beer to get drunk even if you tried."

Scientific tests, practical experiments and thorough research prove that beer of even greater strength than 2.51% of alcohol by weight, is absolutely non-intoxicating. (The results of these tests have been filed with the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.)

As no harmful results can possibly come from drinking beer of this quality—is there any fair or logical reason why the working men should not have the more palatable beer for which they are asking—THE BEER OF THE BALLOT?

Support the working men and the Citizens' Liberty League in the endeavor to obtain a fair, just and reasonable compromise on the present too drastic prohibitory legislation.

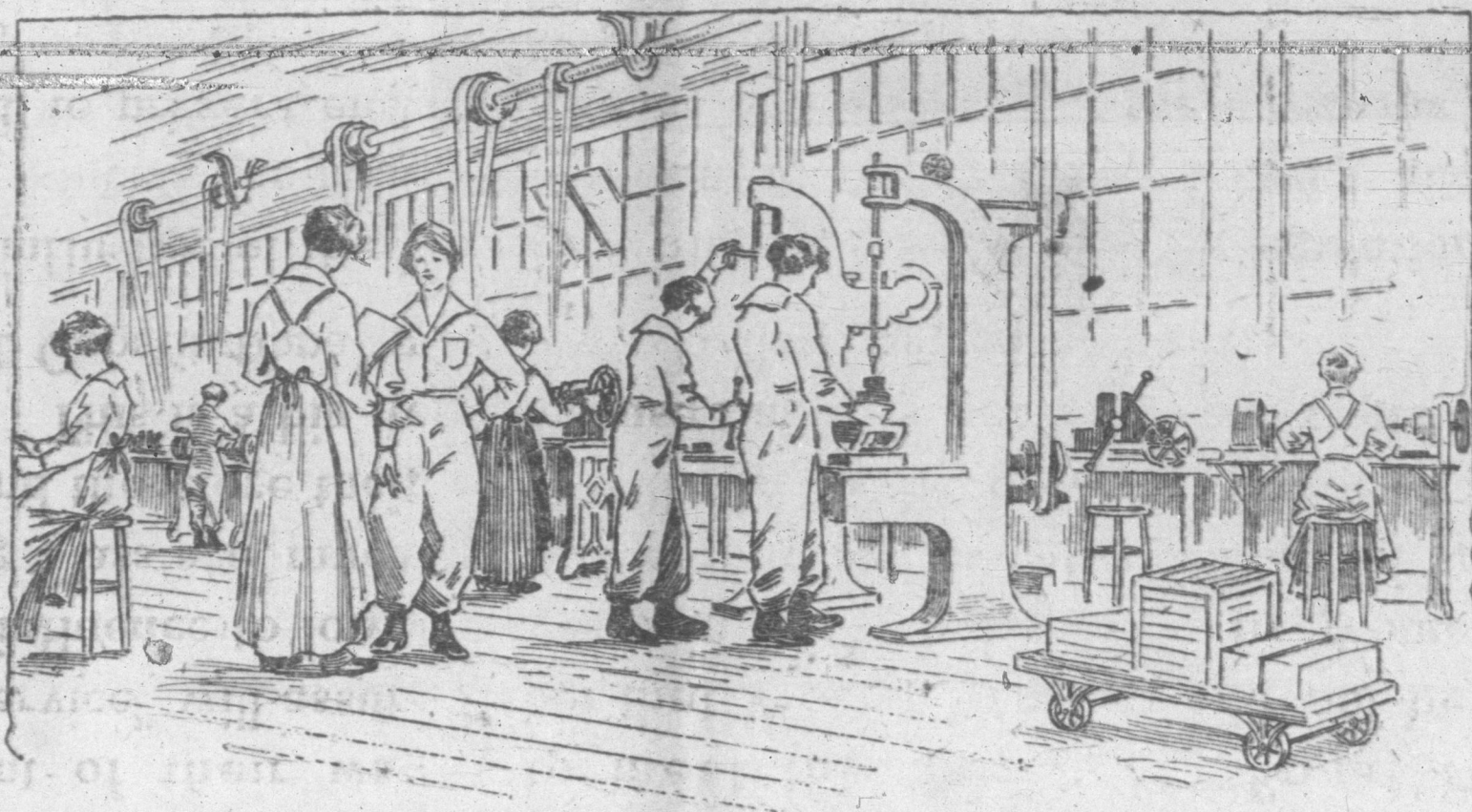
Vote "YES" to all Four Questions

Mark your ballot with an X. Any other markings will spoil it. Remember, also—every voter must vote on every question or his ballot will be spoiled.

Citizens' Liberty League

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Equal Pay for Equal Service.

THE Entrance of Women into Industry and Political Influence is a source of Strength to Labor. Increased Factory Production and an improvement in Industrial and Social Conditions are to be expected. The granting of the Suffrage to Women is an Advance that can be looked upon with pleasure by Labor. There are millions of Women engaged in Industry. The enlargement of their wages to meet the Slogan of "Equal Pay for Equal Service" will assure Labor that Women Workers will not be a competitive influence to lower wages paid for Male Labor. The Women of the Working Class are much greater in number than the women of any other class--and therefore their votes will add to the power of Labor at the Ballot Box. This is a big item, because Labor is going to achieve its ideals by Peaceful, Constitutional means--by Ballots instead of Bullets.

The influence of the Women Voters will be exerted for legislation to protect and educate the rising generation, to secure better housing and sanitation, and to prevent enslaving hours of Labor. For these reasons suffrage for women receives the endorsement of Labor.