

Labor News From the Busy City of Hamilton

By the time the news of the Canadian Labor Front is being read, the Hamilton Independent Labor party will have held its convention and elected its standard-bearer to contest the East and West Hamilton ridings at the Provincial election. At last Friday's regular meeting of the I.L.F. it was decided to hold a convention on Thursday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the hall of the Hamilton Trades Union, to elect a delegate to the Provincial election.

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 Hamilton 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 one Labor representative to Queen's Park for the next Legislature.

But it's not going to be a "take-it-or-leave-it" proposition. It is a big and thorough campaign inaugurated. The "Tories" and "Dons" both intend to make a supreme effort. The former, L. J. Sam Lander, M.M., former editor of the Labor News. He was acknowledged as the best candidate in the Hamilton City. The latter, I. L. P. doesn't name a candidate for East Hamilton that suits him, as well as William Armstrong, a Secretary of the I.L.F. in Hamilton, who has his platform and policy will be undoubtedly that expounded by Editor Flatman in his O. R. U. sheet.

Who the Labor candidates will be is problematical. But unquestionably the strongest, capable and positive the most reliable men will be the I. L. P. members' choice. Of course even Laborites are addicted to gossip. With some, Controller G. C. Halpern, favors East Hamilton's candidate. With others, Controller Harry J. Halford, honored with a vice-presidency by the Dominion Trades Congress during the convention, is talked of. Then again the names of Ald. Charles I. Atchison and Hydro Commissioner Gordon Nelson are mentioned. The whole quartet are O.K. The trouble is, however, Labor's rank and file might be spoiled for choice.

For West Hamilton, the only name mentioned is that of Walter R. Rolfe. He was defeated in the November election of 1911, by 24 votes. And in passing, Mr. John Allan, the gentleman who defeated him, has publicly announced that he wouldn't be a candidate for reelection. So the Laborites are rather awestruck. But Labor intends not to take any chance. Labor is out to win "by hook or by crook," as the Laborites don't "stop to consider."

The farmers and Laborites are still in the North and South West, and the Hamilton Laborites are in the West time parties will have a short of a chance. They have had their "hangings" long enough, agree Messrs. Farmers and Labor. The "Gris" and "Tories" have for too long been the exploiters of the masses. Their fairy stories won't wash any longer.

LABORERS CIVIC "DADDIES" TO GET TOGETHER.
Hamilton will be the "whip" for the I.L.F. "daddies" in the City Council. This was decided at last Friday's meeting. The Hamilton Laborites, prior to the City Council convening, to discuss and determine important civic matters, to gather the Labor confidence together in a caucus, with a view to having the Labor group mutually agree on policy and action. In the opinion of the I.L.F. the more is very much to be desired. But it's better late than never.

Ald. Gurry raised the question. He wanted the members of the I.L.F. to consider the matter of having the Labor administration to do for them should vote on salary increases, which is on the agenda for the next City Council meeting. He stated that he was going to oppose the bonus. He contended that \$48.50 per week received by Works Secretary Archie Kaprielian was sufficient. He contended in advancing the lower paid civic employees. Furthermore, he decried the fact that the Labor representatives in the City Council were often divided on important matters.

He wanted to know why the Labor group didn't "get-together." Ald. O'Neil declared that he would be the Labor Controller and Aldermen to meet before a City Council meeting to discuss matters. "If only happened once, and that was in the year. Invariably ever since our representatives have been at size and seven, voting and otherwise," he declared.

Ald. Atchison exhorted the members to be more broadminded regarding salary increases. "We should get away from the idea that every time there's a tick in the pick and shovel are workmen," he said. (Hear, hear, greeted this observation.) He concluded by saying that the heads of the various departments of Hamilton's civic departments were not incompetent. Further, as compared with salaries paid by other cities, Hamilton's were at least one-third lower.

Controller Halpern, Hydro Commissioner Nelson, Ald. O'Neil, and H. West were elected a committee to confer with the City Council and West and East branches regarding salaries pensions and gratuities. H. West and J. Roberts sponsored the motion.

Controller Halpern was commended to see that should Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P., British Labor leader, come to Canada, he be invited to speak in Hamilton under the auspices of the I. L. P. It is expected that Mr. Henderson, who was recently elected to the House of Commons, Westminster, at the Wilton, Lancashire, election, will visit Hamilton on his tour.

Labor Items of Interest From the Capital City

STREET RAILWAY MAN HOX-OLED.
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.

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.

Controller H. J. Halford said: "We were told that if we won the war we would get something substantial for winning it. We are here in this convention to get it." He reviewed the history of the Ontario Labor party for the past few years. As an example of what co-operation among the workers could do, Controller Halford pointed to the election of the late Allan Stuebbs to Parliament. "We realize that we have got to be consolidated if we are to get into Parliament. We remember what happened in the last election. It was the rotten thing that was done in Canada. The fixed the list and we didn't have a chance of winning. We won't let it happen again."

Controller Halford drew attention to what had been accomplished by Labor in Hamilton in the recent elections for the board of control, city council and board of education. "Our trades unions are all right, but if we want to get what we want we must put our own men in Parliament—men who understand our aims and aspirations," he declared. "We want men in Parliament who will give us laws that the country has been waiting for for years. Let us put our own men in and we will be satisfied."

When "Jimmy" Simpson, secretary of the Provincial Labor party, mounted the platform he was greeted by an outburst of applause that was deafening. "The Labor party of Toronto thought this would be a good opportunity to make an appeal to the congress for support in getting men in Parliament at the coming election," he said. "If the congress couldn't see its way clear to give financial support to advance the political interests of the workers of this province, I would ask the individual delegates for this support."

"What we need in our Parliaments now is more men to voice the aims and aspirations of the workers. If you are in favor of parliamentary action that should be about the results we want, you should have no hesitation in joining the workers who are behind labor's representatives and want to appeal to you to get into the political organization." He urged that in this respect it was very necessary that the workers act in conjunction with the agricultural as well as industrial interests. "If we have a labor representative in our Parliament there would be no need for industrial and other Parliaments because we would have a Parliament that would voice the thoughts of the workers." And as regards the industrial conference now in session at Ottawa, he thought it would be better to abolish the Senate and have the conference sitting all the time.

"You have listened now to the future member for Hamilton and to the future member for York," commented Chairman Tom Moore at the conclusion of Controller Halford's and James Simpson's address. This was greeted by cheers.

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.

The convention of the International Union of Barbers was one of the largest in the history of the organization, some 600 delegates being present. Many important changes were made in the constitution. The minimum dues hereafter will be \$1 per month. Sick benefits have been raised to \$2 per week, instead of \$1. The old idea of face a barber always a barber was voted down and hereafter the only man entitled to a card is one actually working at the trade. Previously all contracts were for not less than two years; this was changed and now all contracts are for one year only. A resolution to allow men to become mem-

bers of the union was voted down almost unanimously. Delegate Alfred Hamilton, of Toronto, was elected fourth vice-president. The next convention will be held in Tulsa City, Tulsa.

It had been generally expected that Ottawa would see the best representation of the City's Association of America. However, this is not to be, for at their annual convention, held at Portland, Oregon, recently, when the vote was taken there, Ottawa was defeated. The Canadian fire ladders are sure to land the convention for Canada next time. Louis Sam Haddock was the delegate from Local Union No. 142 and informs the Canadian Labor News that Ottawa was elected vice-president of the convention. The re-organization of the organization was elected one of the vice-presidents. This is the first time in the history of the organization that a delegate from Eastern Canada was elected to an office. Vice-president Johnson is a French Canadian but speaks the English language fluently. He is one of the outstanding Labor men in the city of Montreal and his election to the executive of the International Association will be a word of good for the fire ladders.

HAMILTON FIREMEN ENTERTAIN.
During the convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress at Hamilton last week, the Hamilton firemen entertained the visiting fire ladders to a banquet. Ottawa's delegate, Secretary Donald A. Dear, was present as well as President Pat Green and Secretary Wm. Lough of the Trades and Labor Council. A short address was delivered in both languages by Delegate J. R. Dalphond, the newly elected executive officer of the International, and also by President Pat Green. The Hamilton firemen are to be congratulated on the splendid hospitality shown.

SELECTED 5th VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION OF STREET AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY EMPLOYEES OF AMERICA AT THE 16th ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT CHICAGO RECENTLY.

A visitor to a small country town lost his dog, an animal which he prized very much.

Rushing to the office of the local newspaper, he handed in an advertisement offering five dollars reward for the return of the dog.

Half an hour later he thought he would add to the advertisement the words "No questions asked." So he hurried off to the office again.

When he got there the place was empty save for a small boy, who looked very sulky.

"Where's the dog?" asked the tourist, glancing round the deserted room.

"Out looking for your dog," was the aggrieved retort.

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, and 4,132,000 in 1912.

The most startling increase is noted in the membership of the Agricultural Laborers' Union, which was only 20,000 last year, but now is 100,000. Seventeen other unions have made increases during the past year of more than 10,000.

THE SQUARE DEAL.
If I lost your union label You should do as much for mine: This is simply reciprocity, never-failing sign.

If I lost the spirit of trust and brotherhood Among us rank supreme: To promote the union label All the time should be our theme.

In the field of union labor This should be our Golden Rule: Work and strive to win diplomas In the Union-Label school; Always do unto each other: As you'd wish to be done by; Have the label of your brother: Union man on what you buy.

Act together as a unit In this new important move: The results will be astounding: Unless yourself from out the groove Of faction, for remember, On one point you should agree— If I demand your label, You should do as much for mine: —Thomas H. West in The Garment Worker.

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.

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THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.
Among the many things in which Controller Harry Halford shows is at presentation ceremonies. He was in his element last Saturday afternoon during the presentation of the new electric cars to the Ontario Electric Railway Co. The newly elected Congress vice-president was elected to make the annual presentation. Not only did he perform his duty creditably, but he afforded the recipients and delegates such amusement. Controller Halford spoke appropriately. To Sam Griggs and Res. Tillet, M.P., fraternal delegates from the C.P.A. and the Ontario Trades Congress respectively, handsome flags were presented. To Messrs. James Newman, from the Workers' Labor League and George Brown, from the Ontario Trades Congress, a gold watch was given. To Messrs. George Brown and James Newman, from the Workers' Labor League and George Brown, from the Ontario Trades Congress, a pair of gold and silver watches were presented.

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 contents of the ignoble garbage can, the refuse of a city, has been taken and by a magic process turned into a fuel that will burn in the house—a fuel as satisfactory and clean as you may handle the briquettes without soiling your fingers. It is a fuel that has many advantages over coal for which we pay \$4 more per ton.

At a demonstration given in our own streets the best producing properties were fully proved, complete combustion being obtained—nothing but a few grey ash remaining, and this may be used as a valuable fertilizer for the garden.

The lasting qualities of "Oakum" is also one of the best of its virtues. The fire can be left overnight to be rekindled in the morning without the aid of any new briquettes.

The process of manufacture is no secret, the managing director, Mr. Long, assisted by an able staff, explains the details of the process in such a way that you may obtain a full and complete knowledge of the invention. Write for your free trial.

In these days when the supply of anthracite coal is greatly diminished and it is admitted it is very probable that anthracite will ever again be cheaper, the need of substitutes is very evident. What we are about to present is the best of them. The turning of a garbage can into a source of the solving of the problem of the disposal of garbage and waste under scientific and sanitary methods, while providing a cheaper and more efficient fuel for the workman.

Miss L. Carter, the discoverer of "Oakum" has been in Toronto for some days making arrangements for the erection and equipment of an experimental plant. The "Briquettes Briquetting Press" will be used with a capacity of 10 tons per hour. The company has an estimated daily output of 2,000 tons and the work presents an alluring opportunity to the small investor. A workman's propensities and so on. A further word is all that is needed to get you started.

"THE UNION MAN."
He said he was a union man, and he thought he was at that; He was not sure, but he had a head he looked for the union with a broad, vigorous smile.

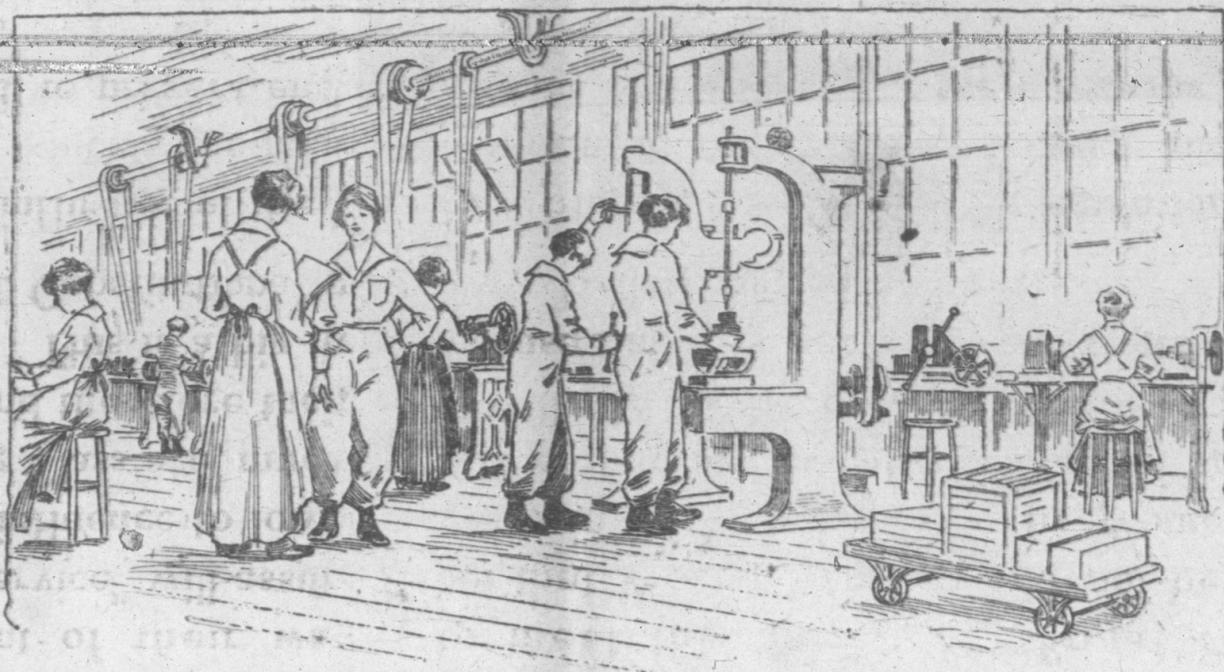
He said he thought a "scab" was made of the meanest kind of dirt. But despite his indignation he had on a sweatshop shirt. He swore that business interests made the union man the goal. But there wasn't any garment worker's label in his coat!

His speeches in the union hall were patriotic rouses. But he never asked the salesman to show him union trousers! For breakfast he ate Grape-Nuts, and he drank non-union booze. He wore non-union stockings and he bought non-union shoes. And when with words of righteous wrath he got up to stir 'em, from his neither pocket, but a bag of Duke's or Durham.

Oh, when he preached unionism, which was his favorite hobby, as like as not he'd have a card made "Little Bobby."

Oh, sure, he was a union man! If you could hear him, you'd get a better idea of the kind of a man he was.

LABOR'S FUNCTION



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.