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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

LABOR IN SESSION.

JUDGING from the advance information even at this date, the 36th annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will be fully representative, both from point of attendance as well as the world-wide interest that will be created when the labor parliament of the Dominion convenes, next month.

This open forum, so unlike other representative bodies in its unlimited breadth and scope, will even allow to be seated the self-representing minority warring crew, who, although claiming membership in the international trade union movement, have apparently no interest in same other than degrading its work and system, and brazenly working for its destruction.

Placed against the retarding influences, the effectiveness of the Congress' efforts are apparent in the long list of legislative successes gained both in the Federal and Provincial arenas. In the latter legislation in the workers' interests especially during the last decade shows the earmarks of the efforts made through the executives of the various provinces, following the Congress' procedure.

Under ordinary or superficial calculation it would appear that there should be more delegates in attendance this year than at the Hamilton convention, if this deduction was made from the Congress' figures, which show a gain of international membership in Canada for the twelve-month term of 58,815.

There is now in evidence a similar justified faith in the whole of the present officers with the allied feeling of confidence that the continuity of service will not be interfered or tampered with. The second term of President Moore with his faithful co-workers, Secretary-Treasurer Draper and Vice-Presidents Martel, Halford and McAndrew, having been one showing a mastership in direction and execution, whether the issues dealt with were large or small.

Across the Atlantic.

What Our Brethren in the Motherland Are Doing.

OUR WEEKLY BRITISH LETTER

LONDON, England, (Saturday)—The rapidly approaching crisis in the coal industry has resulted in an appeal being issued to the public to save and stock coal for the coming winter as a miners' strike is considered inevitable.

National Conference Plans.

The coal output today is 25 per cent less than in 1912, or nearly 80,000,000 tons reduction in output while wages have increased 217 per cent, as compared with a rise in prices of commodities to miners of 140 per cent.

The national conference on September 2 will fix the date for tendering notices of the strike, and probably the notices will expire at the latest on September 29. An important meeting will be held at Wrexham on Monday, when Robert Smillie and Frank Hodges, the miners' leaders, will speak.

Electrical Trades Deadlock.

If the threatened lock-out notices in the electrical trades are enforced, they will be confined to members of the electrical trade union, but the effect would inevitably involve thousands of other industries until a widespread lock-out would result.

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permanent improvement. Trade Unions which retain within their ranks men who use their membership to "bore from within" and destroy instead of support are assuming a serious responsibility and risk.

Government's Attention. The Government of Canada has given serious and constant attention to this problem during the past year and a half. Every action taken to protect the people has been misrepresented by the Red propagandists. If further sympathy or support is given to this revolutionary movement that would if it prevails devastate North America as it has devastated Russia, it will not be done innocently.

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To indicate the close similarity between the policy of the Socialist Trades and Labor Alliance and the One Big Union, a letter, addressed to Mr. R. B. Russell, just prior to the first One Big Union convention at Calgary in 1919, which has for some time been a public document, is here quoted:

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It is to be remembered finally that the insidious propaganda campaign which has resulted so disastrously in Russia is still being carried on in North America and in other parts of the world. The popular motto is "bore from within." This process is going on in both the religious and industrial field. Employers who do not show their regard for the needs and rights of their workmen are substantially aiding the enemy that would destroy them. Many do not recognize that the legitimate labor movement is today playing a large part in preventing industrial and economic disaster. It is also the power that guarantees to the worker a reasonable return for his labor, a standard of living much above that which would prevail were his interest not protected, and is an anchor to steady him from the waves of radicalism which from time to time seek to wreck all that has been accomplished by way of constructive

LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

WOODWORKERS ACCEPT AWARD OF THE BOARD

Appoint Committees to Meet With the Employers.

Inside Woodworkers, Local No. 616, unanimously accepted the award of the Board of Conciliation at a large and representative meeting of the Union at St. Anne's Hall Friday night. The statement given to the press was: "Union No. 616, Inside Woodworkers, unanimously accept the award of the Board of Conciliation and investigation, both majority and minority reports. In accordance with the same, the employees of the different shops appointed their committees to interview the employers during the next week to try to bring about an amicable settlement."

The meeting was addressed by Mr. M. M. McLean, general secretary of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, Controller John Cameron and others.

The committees appointed were: W. C. Edwards and Company—Edward Fieckel, Alex. Vanasse, Eugene Delorme; James Davidson Company—Ernest Amyotte, Joseph Perrin, Nap. Derige; Geo. M. Mason—Charles E. Fisher, Joseph Mariner, Thomas Harris; McAdiffe & Davis—Archibald Evesraie, Joseph Charro, Edward Dineale; James Oliver & Son—E. Sauter, William Stowell, Joseph Beaudin; M. C. Neate & Son—Charles Dawson, H. C. Avery, Philip Houle; Ottawa Hair Works—J. W. Drew, Edward Sarault, Ernest Roy; James Hill & Sons—W. Phipps, R. Mould, J. Kiegan; R. A. Sprules & Son—Walter Wilson, R. Bisson, Armand Carriere; Ottawa Car Company—W. L. Wagner, D. Birt, James Lucas; Martin-Orme Factory—J. C. Osborne, William Sutton, R. Cote.

OTTAWA.

LOCAL PROJECTIONISTS' NEW SCHEDULE.

Fourth Vice-President Wm. Govett of the International Alliance of T. S. E. and M. P. M. O. of America was in Ottawa last Sunday, and attended a meeting of the local projectionists. A committee of the local projectionists, headed by Wm. Hartlett, Secretary Wm. Maynard, and Business Agent Wm. Lane, with the international "Wm. Govett" with the local theatre managers and at the end of a conference which lasted one hour and fifty minutes it was announced that from Sept. 6 the wage schedule would be \$37 per week. This is an increase of \$11 per week. Business Agent Wm. Lane was elected to represent the local at the annual convention of the Trades Congress, which meets at Windsor on Sept. 12.

OTTAWA TRADES COUNCIL.

Many questions of interest to the workers of the Capital city were dealt with at the last session of the Allied Trades and Labor Association, held on Friday night. President F. Lafontaine presided, and there was a goodly number of delegates present.

Credentials were received from the Journeymen Tailors' Union and the Associated Federal Employees of Ottawa, Federal Union No. 55.

Amongst the communications was one from the International Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Union, having to do with the local situation, and pointing out that the campaign against unfair shops will be carried on despite the fact that one of the employers has a fund of \$25,000 to defeat organized labor. The letter brought a little discussion as to the best means of securing victory for the organized workers. Organizer James Walsh of the International Union was present, and was given the privilege of addressing the council.

Approval of the move to have a uniform fire call was given. This was brought to public attention at

the recent convention of fire chiefs, at St. Thomas.

The cement shortage and its effect on the building and construction industries was noted by the executive council, who recommended that the matter be referred to the annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress, which meets at Windsor, on September 13.

Increased telephone rates were not approved. The executive recommended that the council join with other bodies in opposing the proposed increase, and recommended that no increase be allowed until full justice of the telephone company's claim was established. It was further recommended that this public utility should no longer be in the hands of a private corporation.

While the executive did not bring in a recommendation on the move to have the municipality grant loans to private owners of lots, expression of opinion was sought, and after a little discussion, in which many of the members took part, the following resolution was carried unanimously: That this trades council approves the move for the loaning of money by the city to enable owners of lots to build homes.

A report of progress was made by the Labor Temple committee. The chairman, Delegate F. McRae, was absent through illness. The report was made by Delegates Lodge and Hayden.

Delegates Layton, Jennings, Messick, Clarke and Beaudin were named as a union label committee. During the discussion regarding the use and abuse of the union label, it was announced by Delegate Hayden that in a very short time Ottawa paper mills would be manufacturing paper bearing the union watermark. This information was received with applause.

A resolution having to do with the co-operative movement was introduced by the Associated Federal Employees, and dealt with in another column. The executive were instructed to bring in a list of names to constitute the committee.

Labor Day preparations are going nicely, according to the report of Chairman Lodge of that committee.

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BROOM AND WHISK MAKERS PROGRESS.

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HAMILTON.

ANOTHER ORGANIZATION CAMPAIGN FOR METAL TRADES.

On September 7 another organization campaign will be launched under the auspices of the Hamilton Metal Trades Council. This was decided on at a special meeting of the Metal Trades Council delegates and special committees from affiliated local unions. President Frank Farrell was in the chair. It was announced that Secretary Berres, local trades department of the A. F. of L., had promised every assist-

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TORONTO.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS' BOARD'S AWARDS.

Substantial increases in wages to the employees of the Toronto Railway Company, Toronto Power Company, and the Toronto and Niagara Power Company, are recommended in the majority award of the Board of Conciliation. The report is signed by H. E. Gillen, chairman, and Fred Harcourt, for the employees, and it states that W. H. Moore will submit a separate report. The employees involved are employed both at Toronto and Niagara Falls. About 450 men are affected by the award.

A summary of the increases is as follows: Electrical workers employed in Toronto, are increased from 10 to 12 cents per hour over present

rate for each employee.

Electrical workers at Niagara Falls are increased approximately five cents per hour for each employee over present rates, and it is pointed out that the same rate the employees had an increase since May 1st, this year. It is understood that the electrical men at Niagara Falls had an increase of approximately five cents per hour since May 1st.

Machinists' wages are increased ten cents per hour, or \$4.40 per week, and the helpers seven cents per hour, or \$3.65 per week. The rate for the machinists is 81 cents per hour.

The wood-workers or carpenters are increased 10 cents per hour, or \$4.40 per week.

TORONTO NO PLACE FOR UNEMPLOYED.

"Toronto is no place for people out of work to come to from other parts of the province," said J. A. Miller, superintendent at the Ontario Government Employment Bureau, in Toronto this week.

"There is not much work being offered in Toronto," he added, "but there is plenty of it outside the city."

Mr. Miller said that a number of men have been laid off work in Toronto factories and that their territories are practically marking time.

WOULD TAKE OVER TELEPHONES.

"I'm in favor of making a strong protest to the Government and asking it to take it over from the company," said Controller O'Heir, last week when asked his opinion of the application of the Bell Telephone Company for increased rates.

"It is time the Government controlled it now that it is practically a necessity," the controller asserted. "I would favor the Government stepping in and taking the company over. There is practically no chance of competition and why should the telephone company be guaranteed eight per cent? I'd just pay it what it puts into the company without any watered stock or anything else."

TEXTILE WORKERS AT HAMILTON JOIN MOVEMENT.

Last week in the Labor Hall a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council organization committee decided to co-operate during the organization campaign of the Textile Workers' Union, recently formed at Hamilton. Arrangements will be made to hold a mass meeting of the organization committee, at which Hon. W. R. Rolfe will be asked to speak. International Organizer J. Thomas reported that the membership was rapidly being built up and prospects were that in the early future a 100 per cent. branch would be established.

ENGINEERS' DELEGATE TO INT. CONVENTION.

Business Agent E. Longfellow, of local No. 799, steam and operating engineers' union, who has been named by the membership to attend the Pittsburgh, Pa., international convention next month, will leave for the "smoky city" soon after Labor Day.

BROOM AND WHISK MAKERS PROGRESS.

At the last regular meeting of the newly organized broom and whisk makers' union the members were addressed by Secretary Wm. Lodge and Executive Board member Chas. W. Lewis of the Allied Trades and Labor Association. The new union decided to participate in the celebration of Labor Day and it is expected that they will have a float in the parade.

TORONTO.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS' BOARD'S AWARDS.

Substantial increases in wages to the employees of the Toronto Railway Company, Toronto Power Company, and the Toronto and Niagara Power Company, are recommended in the majority award of the Board of Conciliation. The report is signed by H. E. Gillen, chairman, and Fred Harcourt, for the employees, and it states that W. H. Moore will submit a separate report. The employees involved are employed both at Toronto and Niagara Falls. About 450 men are affected by the award.

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MONTREAL—A building, 86 ft. 9 in. by 140 ft. at 469 to 475 St. Catherine Street East, has been leased and is being transformed into an L. R. Steel Company, Limited, 5c to \$1.00 store.

QUEBEC CITY—In Quebec City two new stores are being built under lease to the L. R. Steel Company, Limited. One store, on St. John Street, the other on Crown Street, are planned to open in November.

SHERBROOKE—A store has been acquired on Wellington Street. An addition to rear has been completed. The front will be remodelled. Opening is scheduled for December.

OTTAWA—A substantial modern 2-story building has been purchased at 68 Sparks Street, in the heart of the shopping district.

TORONTO—Plans are ready for building a modern store at corner of Danforth and Gough on valuable site recently purchased by this Company. Store is planned to be opened after the first of the year. A large warehouse has been purchased at 35-35 Mutual Street, Toronto.

OWEN SOUND—The Company's 5c to \$1.00 store here on Second Ave. West is planned to open August 27th.

BRANTFORD—One of Brantford's best corners—Colborne and Queen Streets—has been purchased by the L. R. Steel Company, Limited. Here will be re-modelled a modern merchandising structure that will be occupied by an L. R. Steel Company, Limited, 5c to \$1.00 store and specialty shop for women.

SAULT STE. MARIE—The St. Charles Hotel property, north side of Queen Street, has been purchased for reconstruction into one of the Company's stores.

L. R. Steel Company, Inc., is making the following progress in the United States:

THREE PIONEER PRODUCERS—Three stores have been operating since last Spring, one each in Danbury, Conn., Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Fort Jervis, N.Y.

WILMINGTON—In Wilmington, Delaware, a very valuable store lease has been acquired.

TWO CHAINS ACQUIRED—13 stores—10 recently acquired from the Holzworth chain—3 from the Willner chain—are being transformed into highly efficient L. R. Steel Company, Inc., 5c to \$1.00 stores in Ottumwa, Iowa; Kansas City, Quincy, Ill.; Oshkosh, Wis.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Danville, Ill.; Aurora, Ill.; Rock Island, Ill.; Maysville, Ky.; Kendallville, Ind.; Detroit, Mich.; Moline, Ill., and East Palestine, Ohio. The Kansas City, Quincy and Ottumwa stores will have women's specialty shops, and the first two mentioned, cafeterias also.

BUFFALO—A very substantial and spacious building has been purchased on Washington Street, opposite Ellicott Square Building. The two lower floors of this building will be remodelled and beautified into one of the finest cafeterias in America, capable of seating 450 people. The upper portion of this building will be used as a warehouse by the L. R. Steel Company, Incorporated.

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FUEL COMMISSIONER CONFERS WITH MINERS

Hon. F. B. Carvell, Dominion Fuel Commissioner, and chairman of the Railway Board, was at Halifax this week, and held a conference with coal mine operators and representatives of the miners. The conference was in private, and no statement of its decision was given out. Endeavor was being made to insure coal supplies for eastern Canada, and there was no desire to unnecessarily hamper shipments abroad, and the embargo would not be retained a day longer than was possible, once the best interests of the people in the way of coal supply had been served.

THE ASSOCIATED FEDERAL

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sent to the Board of Hearing, but to the Civil Service Commission. "Now you see it, and now you don't. Not even the boldest of the officers of the Federation will have the temerity to suggest, surely, that the Civil Service Commission is a Whitley Council in embryo. We can only repeat that the Department of Labor has, we understand, a limited number available of pamphlets on the purposes and functions of Whitley Councils.

Brothers All.

A pleasing reminder of the way in which Labor is being regarded in hitherto class-divided England is furnished by Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald in a recent issue of the Nation. Writing of the British Labor party conference which met during July in the somewhat fashionable watering-place of Scarborough, he describes it as the greatest conference ever held by the Labor party. There were something like 1,200 delegates present, including a large element of new people. "It was interesting," he says, "to hear the tones of the English public school and university following in debate the burr of the northern miner or the Doric of the Clyde worker. Modestly, in the middle of a row of working-class delegates, sat one of our titled folk bearing a name that was brought over by the conqueror. There, massed in front of us, who were on the platform, was the proof positive that the Labor

party is no longer a class affair, but has appealed with success to all classes."

"The various teams," he continues, "pulled well together. Before the meeting, some of our newspapers brought out their annual stunt that Scarborough was to see devastating disintegration. Scarborough displayed energetic unity and evangelical harmony."

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Dog or Hineset?

The heart-breaking attempts that are being made in many departments of the Government to fit existing and necessary positions into a classification based on hypothesis remind us of the bewildered porter in Punch, who had to arrange the subtleties of nature according to the unstable tariff schedule of his company. "Cats," he is noted as saying, "is dogs, and guinea pigs is dogs, but this 'ere tortoise is a hineset." Which are you?



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