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LABOR --- From the Mines of Nova Scotia to the Pines of British Columbia.

HALIFAX ELECTS UNION OFFICERS FOR 1919.

At the annual meeting of the Halifax District Trades and Labor Council, the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Ralph Elmer, Carpenter; vice-president, Wm. Cash, Bookbinder; secretary, J. A. Gargitt, Printing Pressman; assistant secretary, Leo Fudge, Blacksmith; treasurer, M. D. Doolan, Longshoreman; sergeant-at-arms, Sam Garner; trustees, R. A. McDonald, S. J. Nutt, J. E. Lloyd; auditors, L. J. Dorey, V. J. Crandall, P. Healy.

CALGARY CONFERENCE, WESTERN LABOR

At the annual convention of the Alberta Federation of Labor, it was decided to attend the Western Labor Conference, Secretary Smith of the Alberta Federation of Labor, has wired Secretary Wells of the British Columbia Federation of Labor, intimating that every effort will be made by Alberta and Saskatchewan to get delegates out to make a success of the gathering of western labor men. Officers of the B.C. Federation of Labor, and the committee are working together and a joint call will be issued to cover the provincial convention, and the Western Conference. The date set for the convention is March 14. The conference will convene on the 13th. Arrangements have been made for both gatherings to be held in the Labor Temple, Calgary.

FERNIE LABOR PARTY.

Officers of the Fernie branch of the Federated Labor Party of British Columbia are: President, Jas. Clarke; vice-president, William Dickson; secretary-treasurer, W. B. Phillips; and an executive of six members with power to add to its numbers. The organization meeting was full of interest and enthusiasm. Political endeavors, says the District Ledger, "on the part of the workers in this section in the past have been marked by an absence of careful organization work at the beginning." The organization decided to enter upon a campaign of education. It is proposed to have regular Sunday evening meetings of a popular nature, not confined entirely to discussion of labor politics. There will be speakers on different subjects of current interest. Occasionally outside speakers will be brought in. The branch shows interest in returned soldiers and expects to gain very considerable membership from that source.

PETERBORO HEARS MINISTER OF LABOR.

Senator Robertson, Minister of Labor, gave an interesting address before the Canadian Club in Peterboro. An optimistic outlook in regard to the steel conditions in the Dominion, and a strong belief that this country has no need to fear the spread of Bolshevist doctrines, were the main points of his address. Senator Robertson said his belief that Bolshevism would not gain any footing in Canada or be the source of any worry for the Canadian people. He spoke of the Government's mobilization plan, dealing with the land settlement question, the employment problem, and other matters in connection with the war. The Labor Minister was very optimistic, expressing the opinion that there would be employment for everyone who wanted it in the course of a few months. He looks for a big expansion in Canada's foreign trade in the near future, and this, with the opening of the Canadian market, would provide work for the municipalities, would provide work for the municipalities.

TORONTO UNIONS ELECT OFFICERS.

Local 30, Sheet Metal Workers, elected the following officers: President, J. Dunlop; secretary, Alex. Kay; treasurer, Wm. P. Covert; recording secretary, H. W. Mackay; financial secretary, Sam Kay; treasurer, Alex. Kay; worden, M. Daly; conductor, J. Dunlop; trustee, T. Mason, C. Pim and H. Lord; business representative, H. W. Mackay. Resolutions of sympathy were extended to Bro. W. Milne, who had suffered the loss of his wife, and Bro. A. Trumbo, a sister, by influenza. At the regular meeting of the United Trades and Labor Congress, Toronto, the following officers were elected: President, G. H. Jones; vice-president, E. T. Walsh; treasurer, J. McCracken; business representative, Wm. P. Covert; executive committee, C. Duhig, C. H. McElshan, E. Smithers, Wm. McConnell; delegate to District Labor Council, Wm. P. Covert. There are a large number of returned soldiers members of Local 30.

WINNIPEG MOB WRECKS AUSTRIAN CLUBHOUSE

Bolshevik Hunters "Beat Up" Allies and Smash Furniture. Following the raid by veterans on the Bolshevik headquarters, the Austro-Hungarian Club in the north-end of the city, located at the corner of McGregor street and Mountain avenue, was completely wrecked by an angered mob, which seemed determined on destroying everything Austro-Hungarian in the course of the night. The plan was to smash up all the aliens and Bolsheviks they could lay their hands on. All the windows in the club were smashed, while the furniture was scattered about the place. The plan was to smash up all the aliens and Bolsheviks they could lay their hands on. All the windows in the club were smashed, while the furniture was scattered about the place. The plan was to smash up all the aliens and Bolsheviks they could lay their hands on. All the windows in the club were smashed, while the furniture was scattered about the place.

LABOR APPAL FORD 2 NEW MEMBERS.

H. I. Thomas of the J. R. Booth Company, Ottawa, and J. A. McElliott, vice-president of the Montreal Association of Machinists, Montreal, are the two new members on the Labor Appeal Board. Mr. Thomas is a member of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to replace Mr. Dugan and Mr. McElliott was chosen by the United Trades and Labor Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Franco. The latter is now in England with Mr. E. M. Draper representing Canadian Labor in the peace negotiations. Mr. Dugan retired for private reasons.

VANCOUVER IRON WORKERS.

Structural Iron Workers, Local 97, Vancouver, have elected the following officers: President, J. M. Hastings; vice-president, Geo. Gunn; recording secretary, James Jamieson; financial secretary, James Jamieson; treasurer, J. M. Hastings; trustees, R. Bronson; conductor, James Rankin; trustees, R. Bronson, A. V. Woods, A. W. Schell.

BRANTFORD DISCUSSES ENEMY ALIENS

Labor men, employers, Great War Veterans and others in the City of Brantford got together recently to discuss employment, repatriation, and the alien problem. A resolution was passed calling for the return to internment camps of all enemy aliens. Many of the alien already been released from these camps in order that they might take the place of men who enlisted. Now that our soldiers are returning it is felt that the foreigners should not continue to remain employment in place of our war veterans.

VICTORIA LABOR APPOINTMENT

Delegate Axom, of the Victoria, B. C. Machinists, was nominated by the Great War Veterans' Association for the position of agent in the Government Labor Bureau. He accepted after he had the endorsement of the Metal Trades Council. The Council unanimously endorsed the nomination.

SASKATOON CONVENTION POSTAL EMPLOYEES.

Western letter carriers and mail clerks, affiliating with organized bodies, will meet in convention at Saskatoon, commencing Monday, Feb. 18th, 1919. Put this in your memo-book.

TORONTO WORKINGMAN INVENTS NEW FUEL.

William Clayton, a Toronto workingman, has invented a new fuel which he calls "Nukol." Stirred by the suffering of the working class during the fuel famine of the past few years, Mr. Clayton persevered until he has a new coal substitute that performs in a remarkable manner. In public tests given at 16 Adelaide street, west, Toronto, the new fuel seems to do everything that coal can do—and at a great saving in price. The new fuel is said to have no cinders and a very small amount of ash.

TALK ISN'T CHEAP ANY MORE

Brantford, London, Ottawa and many other Ontario cities are complaining about the attempt of the Bell Company to raise telephone rates. The Canadian is attempting to justify its claim for higher rates before the Canadian Railway Commission.

BONUS FOR QUEBEC CIVIL SERVICE.

The Provincial Cabinet of Quebec recently decided to grant a bonus of one month's salary to every employe of the Civil Service whose salary is not above \$1,000 a year.

MONTREAL NEWSPAPER WRITERS ORGANIZE.

The newspaper writers of Montreal—men and women on English and French newspapers—have organized. The French writers led the way a short time since with a Newspaper Union. The two newly organized newspaper bodies will, no doubt, get together and work out an association.



LABOR'S GREAT TASK: Providing Food for the World and Food for Thought

Ottawa Council Elects Straight Trade Unionists

Election night with the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association always is looked forward to with sufficient interest to arouse a good attendance, the one just held being no exception. In point of attendance it came near being a record, 73 delegates casting their ballots, with a large crowd of visitors acting in as spectators, enjoying the various topics dealt with.

LABOR NEWS FROM OVER THE BORDER

WASHINGTON.—Private labor agents and employment bureaus throughout the country are trying to put the United States employment service out of business by having Congress refuse to appropriate the necessary maintenance funds. The Government has dealt a hard blow to this means of labor exploitation by its no-profit system of supplying labor.

HEADS LABOR BOARD

PARIS, FRANCE.—The commission on international legislation on labor of the Peace Conference has unanimously elected Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L., as president. This commission was appointed by the peace conference and has no official connection with the present interrelated trade union conference which will be attended by President Gompers and four vice-presidents of the A. F. of L.

BIG MONEY IN OIL

NEW YORK.—Oil workers in the California and Texas fields who are demanding wage increases will be interested in the announcement that the Atlantic Refining Company, a leader in the Standard Oil group, has a surplus of \$46,000,000, as compared with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. To reduce dividends from a figure that might alarm the public, Standard Oil companies are issuing more stock to their stockholders. Under this arrangement a dividend of 30 per cent. for instance, does not look as large as a 20 per cent. dividend on one-half the amount of stock.

SHORTAGE OF U. S. HOMES

WASHINGTON.—The Department of Labor states that in normal times the building of about 600,000 homes a year is required to supply the normal growth of the country and replace losses occasioned by fire and other destructive agencies. For the past two years this normal construction has been practically suspended. What housing construction has been accomplished has been mainly to meet war conditions. It is stated that there is a shortage of nearly 1,000,000 homes in America.

TEXTILE MILLS YIELDING

NEW YORK.—The United Textile Workers' campaign for an eight-hour day is proving successful. In many New England mills the demand is being granted. In several instances mills have been shut down "indefinitely," the managements declare. In a number of mill towns the operatives have carried out their plan of working only eight hours a day. The campaign is being directed by John Goheen, president of the United Textile Workers of America.

Pres. T. Moore's Advice to School Teachers

"If the school teachers of Ottawa and vicinity want to give practical effect to their movement in the direction of obtaining better salaries for their most important work there is a way in which they can do it. Let them form an alliance with organized labor, as teachers in the United States have done, and they will find that it will work to their benefit," said Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in discussing the question of school teachers' salaries.

PRESENTS LABOR CASE

LONDON, Feb. 12.—William Adamson, leader of the Labor party, in the House of Commons, speaking today on the industrial situation, said that it was almost as menacing and dangerous as war itself. He said that the principal Labor amendment to the reply to the Address from the Throne would relate to the causes of industrial unrest.

BI-ANNUAL CONVENTION

Between 250 and 400 delegates belonging to the International Brotherhood of Shipbuilders and Marine Fitters, Central Union will convene in Ottawa for one week commencing Monday, May 26. Charles C. Shay, International President of the union, is now in Ottawa making arrangements for their coming. The difficulty of securing a hall suitable for the convention has been overcome, the use of Horticultural Hall, having been granted. By the erection of a temporary platform and the installation of acoustic arrangements the hall will be entirely satisfactory in the opinion of Mr. Shay, and will make an ideal meeting place.

TO PRUSSIANIZE IDAHO

BOISE, Idaho.—The State Federation of Labor is opposing a bill now pending in the Legislature, which, it is declared, would Prussianize the State Government. The Governor would be empowered to appoint and remove every official and state employe will State police officials would have power to enforce all the penal and regulatory laws of the State and would have power similar to the Sheriff of the counties. The unionists call attention to this attempt to establish a state dictatorship.

LABOR HAS NEW OUTLOOK

LONDON, England.—Discussing the cause for unrest among British workers, J. B. Clifton, trade unionist and former food controller, said that employers have failed wholly to recognize the changed outlook of the British worker who demands a share in the amenities of civilization won by the war and he will not have the door shut to him.

8 HOURS FOR WOMEN

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The Illinois industrial survey, created by the last general assembly, has recommended an eight-hour day and a 48-hour week for women workers in this state. This recommendation is signed by Dr. James B. Herrick.

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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

LABORERS ASK 50 CENTS PER HOUR.

Ottawa Local Union of Hotel Carriers and Laborers have served notice on the Building Trade Contractors, that commencing on April 1, a fifty cent per hour wage will be the minimum.

It is claimed that the laborers have to date been too moderate in their requests and that their fight for no means what should be the aim, it having to be taken into account that this class of worker depends on weather for their conditions, thus making for the uncertainty or stability of income.

The members of the union point out that the cost of living has not reduced the high cost of living to an extent to be noticed, and that the present wages are quite inadequate to make the ends meet of securing of the essentials.

Attendance at the meetings of the union are now capacity with the fact that the new members are being constantly enrolled, the officers claiming that the prospects are bright that the local union is fast approaching the membership of the city unions.

NOW FOR 44-HOUR WEEK.

It would appear that the civic worker is coming into his own. Con-Plant has a motion for an eight hour day, without any reduction in pay from that received for the longer day, and at the board of control recently a letter was read from Ald. Balharrie asking that civic employes be allowed the statutory holidays with pay.

LOCALS OF HULL, P.Q., ARE FORMING TRADES COUNCIL.

Locals of the City of Hull, P.Q., are now considered sufficiently numerous to form a Trades Council, the initiative being taken by the Paper Makers and Paper Mill Workers, with C. Paré, in charge.

PRESENT NEW WAGE SCALE.

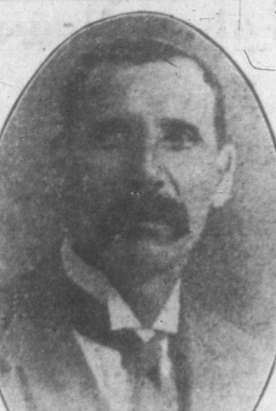
The City Firemen Local 142 International Association of Fire Fighters has voted out for a substantial all round increase in salary, and have presented a petition to Chief Graham, for his approval.

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MR. CHAS. LEWIS

As circulation manager to the Canadian Labor Press, Mr. Chas. Lewis, intends to get in touch with the city local unionists especially as business agent of the Stationary Engineers, also as a member of the executive board of the city trades Council.

Mr. Lewis also in the Ottawa and Hull, wrote out the understanding which was approved by the various representatives. Mr. J. B. Hunter, the Deputy Minister of Public Works, was also on the job, and the Trades Council President, Pat Green, was active from the beginning in assisting the officers, in charge of the situation.

REGRETTABLE CONDITIONS SAYS ORGANIZER.

Claiming that married men employed in Ottawa bread baking shops are receiving only \$13 a week, Joseph T. Walsh, international organizer for bakery and confectionery workers, says that conditions in Ottawa are deplorable.

MORE BOAT-ROCKING.

The Grain Growers out West had a big pow-wow a short time ago at Brandon. Judging by press reports they are fighting mad about a number of things, but their chief concern for the moment is to get the scale of the manufacturers.

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PURE MILK NECESSARY

WASHINGTON—The need for pure milk for public use to place clean milk within the reach of every family having little children is emphasized in a report of the New Orleans milk situation, issued by the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor.

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The Bricklayers' and Masons' Union of London, Ontario, has raised wages 5 cents an hour, making the minimum 72 cents.

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COMPULSORY TRAINING

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BAKERS' UNION ACTIVE.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 8.—The two largest baking concerns in this city have signed the new wage scale of the Bakers' Union. When agreements expire next May the schedule will be enforced in other plants.

CLOTH SPONGING HAZARDS

ALBANY, N.Y.—The state department of labor has issued a special bulletin on the unhealthy conditions surrounding workmen engaged in the process of sponging and steaming of cloth.

ELECTROTYPERS GAIN

ELECTROTYPERS and Finishers' Union No. 72, of Philadelphia, has signed an agreement with employers. The wage provision is retroactive to the first of the year, and rates are advanced as follows:

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FIREMAN'S NOTES.

President S. B. Blackler called a special meeting in No. 4 Fire Hall composed of one member from each station to get the feelings of the men regarding the proposed changes of the Two Platoon System.

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BOLSHEVIKI INTERPRETATION

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Large advertisement for the Canadian Reconstruction Association. Title: 'Unity-Stability-Prosperity are the aims of the Canadian Reconstruction Association'. Subtitle: 'Start Public Works at Once'. Text: 'BEFORE the end of the year half a million war veterans and war workers must be absorbed into civil pursuits. Between 1,200,000 and 1,500,000 persons will be affected vitally by readjustment to peace conditions. Unless Canada faces reconstruction in the same spirit that it met the war, there will be national depression and individual distress. These can be largely avoided if Governments and municipalities will determine what public works are necessary and proceed with them as the supply of labor requires. Already there is unemployment. Hundreds of machinists are idle. Other trades are affected. The Federal Government proposes an expenditure of millions on shipbuilding and railway equipment and supplies. It should start on its programme now. Unemployment promotes unemployment. Unless corrective measures are taken at once conditions may become aggravated. For months cheap money has been available for municipal housing. The Minister of Finance has removed restrictions upon municipal borrowings, and steps may now be taken freely for financing local public works. It is an open winter. Much public work could be carried on. There is a direct responsibility upon each municipality to proceed at once with necessary construction programmes. The Canadian Reconstruction Association appeals to the Federal and Provincial Governments to determine what public works are necessary and to proceed with them as the supply of labor requires. It urges municipalities which require public improvements, to provide LOCAL WORK FOR LOCAL LABOR'.

Put Your Shoulder to Canada's Industrial Problems and let's all Heave Together



CO-OPERATION IS
BETTER THAN
CONFLICT;

EDUCATION
RATHER THAN
AGITATION

WE have arrived at the hour when it is necessary for Employers to provide places for thousands of returned soldiers. These veterans have gloriously upheld the principles of Democracy on the Battlefields of Europe. After the Fighting comes the Righting. It is essential that both Employer and Employee bend every effort to reinstate these men in Industrial Life with the least possible friction. We must see to it that these men find suitable work, and also that they receive adequate pay without reference to their pensions. We must bear in mind that many of these men will return with shattered nerves; some with minds temporarily unbalanced by the horrors and privations of War. All of these must be dealt with fairly and promptly, with sincere regard for their physical and mental infirmities.

Our brave men have laid Autocracy low; now, as they return, the menace of Bolshevism raises its head and threatens the World. Sound reasoning and calm, judicious action must protect not only our returned men, but all citizens, from the savage and destructive doctrines of Bolsheviki. These unsound principles must not be allowed to take root here, lest our whole industrial and national life be endangered. The sane and far-seeing worker will not be duped by impracticable and radical theories. He knows that they work only to his disadvantage. He is educated. He has the power of thought that has made him the peer of any man in the land. Education, Co-operation and Legislation—not bombs, bayonets and violence—are the weapons of the modern worker. He will use them to the best advantage to help Canada through these critical days that usher in a new era of

PEACE and PROSPERITY FOR ALL