

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE BOARD

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE BOARD FOR THE BUILDING INDUSTRY

First Step Toward Permanent National Industrial Council Taken at Conference at Hamilton Last Week—Congress Takes a Hand.

Perhaps the most advanced step towards standardization of working conditions and wage standards in Canada has been made in the establishment of a National Joint Conference Board in the building industry. This is an entirely new venture in Canada and will have an important bearing on the building industry in the Dominion in the future. It is true that local Joint Industrial Councils have been established in many centres, Ottawa being one of the first to be established, but nothing of a national character has been attempted until now. In Great Britain national boards or councils have been in existence for some time. President Tom Moore and Secretary P. M. Draper, of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress have striven for years to bring about a similar condition here. In a statement issued this week President Tom Moore said that the formation of a National Joint Conference Board, composed of representatives of the employers and employees of the building trades, and before which disputes will be heard, will prove of great assistance in settling troubles. The most important conclusion reached at the Hamilton conference was the formation of the National Joint Conference Board, which will be able to strengthen existing industrial councils and create new ones. President Moore believes that these councils will create a strong tendency toward arbitration, and that in this way many strikes will be avoided. The central council will not endeavor to act where its services are not wanted. President Moore expressed the hope that the Government would accede to the request of the Hamilton conference and appoint a committee to study the board and perhaps assist with the financial end. It is hoped that this board will ultimately be replaced by a permanent national industrial council.

## A. F. OF L. CONVENTION OPENS ON MONDAY.

Contrary to expectations that there would be great difficulty in accommodating all the delegates to the forthcoming convention of the American Federation of Labor at Montreal, no trouble has so far been experienced in meeting the application already received by the reception committee appointed by the Montreal Trades and Labor Council. Where hotel accommodation has been difficult to obtain local unions have apportioned delegates of their international organizations among the members of the hotels, which provides shelter for the visitors in a large number of cases. The convention proper will not start until June 8, but the various subsidiary conventions of the various trades departments of the A. F. of L. opened on June 1, in the Windsor Hotel. The first day of the conference convenes on June 8, the meetings of which will also be held at the Windsor Hotel. These will continue simultaneously with the sitting of the A. F. of L. convention at the St. Denis Theatre.

## DISTRICT 18, U. M. W. NEGOTIATE NEW SCHEDULE.

The demand of District 18, United Mine Workers of America, for a 13 per cent increase in wages demanded, has been retroactive to December 1, last, subject to the sticking point in the conference of the operators and miners. No agreement has yet been arrived at by the conference, but it is understood that a counter-proposal is being made to the miners by the operators. An amicable agreement is expected in a few days.

## COMMENDABLE ACTION.

As a result of failure to reach a settlement with the American Fishermen's Association of Youngstown, 21 stockholders, members of Journeymen Plumbers and Steamfitters Union of North America have incorporated a stock company under the laws of the state of Ohio, and are now doing a prosperous business. The new company, which will be known as the Steel City Plumbing, Heating and Supply Co., has been incorporated for \$15,000, and the value of the stock is \$100,000. The stock has all been subscribed and the majority portion paid in.

## PROVINCIAL RAILWAYS' REVENUE HIGHER.

The total mileage in operation on the Temiskaming and North Ontario Railway at the end of the fiscal year of 1919, was 463.92 according to the annual report of the commissioners tabled in the Legislature last week. More than half of this mileage was made up by the main line from Toronto to Montreal. The operating revenue of the railway was \$2,138,752.76, as against \$2,812,316.62 in 1918. Net earnings of the line were only \$1,133.32, against \$129,419.64 in 1918, the decrease being accounted for by an increase of more than \$600,000 in operating expenses.

## WORKERS RETURNING TO CANADA.

Building trades mechanics who crossed to England following the signing of the armistice, are coming back in large numbers, says John Potbury, secretary of the Toronto Carpenters Union. A permanent remedy for the high cost of living is being sought.

## O. B. U. LOSSES CASE BEFORE MANITOBA'S COUNCIL OF INDUSTRY.

Preventive rather than remedial is the function of the Manitoba Joint Council of Industry, Dr. C. W. Gordon, chairman, announced last week in declaring the decision of the council at a public hearing of the grievances of the painters' unit of the Ope Big Union against the Master Painters Association, to be that the wage of \$7 1/2 cents per hour was a fair and equitable wage. This decision upsets the award of the Fair Wage Board, the painters asked \$5 cents an hour. The Impressionist Painters' Union in Winnipeg accepted the wage rate of \$7 1/2 cents per hour and has an agreement with the Master Painters until April 1, 1921. The Joint Council of Industry in a statement stated: "The Master Painters' Association, feeling that their relations with the International union had been satisfactory up to this time, did not desire to have a strike. They negotiated with any other body, and the council did not conceive it to be its duty to deny the master painters the liberty of choice in this matter."

## MANITOBA'S JOINT COUNCIL OF INDUSTRY WORKING.

Rev. D. M. Solandt, deputy chairman and secretary of the Manitoba Council of Industry, made the following official statement with regard to recent sessions of the council: "The machinists, with H. Campbell as their representative, and the International Association of Machinists, and other representatives, appeared before the council in connection with the dispute between the Winnipeg Electric Railway, asking an increase of pay from 48 cents per week to \$1.00 per week. The council decided to refer the matter to a committee to represent them on the commission. The convention adopted a resolution declaring that the miners were forced to accept the commission, as 'industrial class legislation makes it almost humanly impossible to wage a strike against the commission.' In accepting the President's offer, the miners agreed to continue at work under the retroactive understanding reached by operators and miners and referred by the President, which will protect the mine workers in wage increases as from April 1."

## AMERICAN RAILWAYMEN LOSING PATIENCE.

Railway employees of the United States must be granted prompt wage increases regardless of cost to the carriers, or the entire railway industry will face complete disruption, W. N. Doak, vice-president of the American Railway Union, declared last week before the Railroad Labor Board which is conducting hearings into the demands of the employees. Mr. Doak declared that present wages were inadequate and cited several instances of trainmen who were receiving less than the wages they were receiving. Mr. Doak declared the railroad industry faced its "present hour" and that the workers had passed from one board to another since the men made their demands about a year ago. The cost of living had increased with the result that the men were rapidly losing patience and soon would reach the point where they would no longer be content with present conditions, he said.

## AMERICA'S CALL TO ARMS.

The American Federation of Labor has issued its expected call to arms to the workers for an "overture in Congress." Under the signature of President Samuel Gompers, the current issue of the American Federationist, the official organ, carries an indictment of Congress and the executive departments for "incompetence and inefficiency" in the handling of the war program of "deep cutting measures." "There must be an overturn in Congress," he declared, "and the friends of the workers must be elected." Presenting an itemized list of corporate profits, similar to that recently published in a speech by Senator Capper, of Kansas, President Gompers declares that while 21 enumerated corporations last year received a profit averaging 435 per cent, the normal average cost of living increased 98 per cent, and the average union wage 55 per cent.

## NEW UNIONS ADDED.

The Plumber, Gas and Steamfitters' Journal for May reports the following new unions: Shamokin, Pa.; Corpus Christi, Texas; Boston, Mass.; Ludlowville, Michigan; Chatham, Ontario; Connersville, Indiana; and Orlando, Florida.

## WELLAND CARPENTERS' NEW AGREEMENT.

The Welland Builders' Exchange has reached an agreement with the Welland Union of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, which will remove any cause for friction between the two organizations. The object of the agreement is to promote efficient workmanship, and to maintain an equitable wage, to discourage labor disputes, to provide means for their speedy adjustment, and in general to develop a better understanding between contractor and men, to the general good of the community. The principal provisions of the agreement are: 1. It is to remain in force until May 1st, 1921, and if neither party gives notice before February 1st, next year it is to remain in force for a second year. 2. The week is to consist of 44 hours, at 55 cents an hour and double for overtime. 3. Members of the union working in mills or shops may work 9 hours a day. 4. One apprentice to each group of five. 5. Wages to be paid weekly. 6. Union agrees to supply men when required, and non-union men may be employed only when union men are not available.

## BEST NONE TOO GOOD FOR SEAMEN.

Cooks and stewards occupied first class cabins in the steamer Augusta Victoria when that vessel sailed for New York last week. The luxury enjoyed by the galley and dining room staffs resulted from a controversy over accommodations between the cooks and stewards and the officials of the steamship line, which delayed the sailing of the vessel for several days. Finally the company agreed that the men should have the best accommodations available on the trip, that they would immediately build new and more commodious compartments for their employees on the steamer.

## TO CONSIDER POWER DISTRIBUTION AND PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

The special committee to consider H. P. Hill's proportional representation bill and other phases of the question of proportional representation will be composed of: From Ontario, Hon. W. E. Roney, Hon. Manning DeBerry, Hon. Peter Smith, Hon. Edgar Watson, North Victoria (Farmers); T. Toomey, Peterboro, and Karl Homuth, South Waterloo (Labor); Hon. Marshall of Lincoln, John O'Neill of Southeast Toronto, and Dennis Racine of Russell (Liberals).

## NEW YORK BARBERS SHAVE PRICES AS WELL AS CUSTOMERS.

Prices of shaves and haircuts in New York will soon be cut to 15 and 25 cents respectively, according to a full meeting of the Executive of the International Barbers' Union. The cut rates will be made in new barber shops which, he said, will be the price for a massage, shampoo, singe or manouevre.

## BRITISH RAILWAY WORKERS TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS WITH ALLIANCE.

The executive of the National Union of Railwaymen of Great Britain has issued a statement that it considers the whole question has been made most difficult in Ireland by the refusal of the members of the National Union of Railwaymen to assist in any military operations. The executive has confirmed its decision to refuse to submit the Triple Alliance (miners, railwaymen and transport workers), which is being immediately arranged, in the meantime the members have been instructed to do nothing to prejudice full consideration of the whole case by that body.

## AMERICAN COAL MINERS ACCEPT ARBITRATION PLAN.

The offer of President Wilson to appoint a commission to arbitrate the anthracite wage dispute was accepted by the miners, and they presented their claim and the statement by the company, which will be made at a late date. The Canadian National Transportation Company has been having some difficulty with its men regarding the time of unloading at the sheds. It is expected that the matter will be referred to the Joint Council of Industry and a hearing took place with representatives of the company, the miners and P. G. Deussen, of the Board of Trade. The dispute arises out of a difference of opinion in the interpretation of one of the clauses in a contract between the company and the teamsters which stipulates the time at which the men can quit unloading at the sheds.

## ONTARIO WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT ALLOWANCES.

Hon. Walter Rolfe announced in the Legislature last week that it had been decided to increase the amount allowed injured workmen in the proposed amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act from \$1.00 per week to \$1.25 per week. The present allowance is 55 per cent. The additional compensation would be paid to the injured workman. There were 15,000 employees who were paying into the fund and the total amount paid last year was \$1,000,000. The fund is now at less than \$1 a day for the manufacturers.

## SEAMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

The International Labor Conference, under the League of Nations, will meet in Geneva on June 15 next. The session will be opened exclusively with the consideration of the demands of the seamen for a 44-hour week and an increase in wages. The conference will also consider the application of the Washington Convention and recommendations regarding unemployment insurance, the application of the Convention forbidding the employment of children of less than 14 years, and finally, the examination of the possibility of establishing an international status which would enable sailors to land at any foreign port without formalities.

## CARPENTERS' CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT ONTARIO.

Several of the local union reports are as follows: The Monthly Trade Report of the Ontario Provincial Council of Carpenters, Beamsville and Grimsby report an increase of 15c per hour, from 90c to 1.05; Kitchener report shows a raise up to 50c in the mills and factories; Peterborough from 75c to 85c, and the gaining of Saturday half-holiday. Trenton shows an increase from 75 to 75c. Several of the mill locals are receiving increases; Owen Sound asked for a 15% and got a 10%. Southampton also received a 10%, and with the increase at Kitchener it has now reached 1.05. Carpenters are alive to the situation and are hoping to satisfy the men with a small increase so as to take away their minds from the strike. The agreement is very peculiar, but the employers always find it convenient to give an increase when the men get away with it because the men get satisfied and quit complaining, but if it is such an old trick that very few will fall for it as that now.

## BOARD OF CONCILIATION FOR TORONTO ST. RY. DISPUTE.

After a conference lasting about half an hour at the offices of the Toronto Street Railway Thursday afternoon, General Manager R. J. Fleming decided to apply for a board of conciliation under Industrial Disputes Act. Those present at the conference were: General Manager R. J. Fleming and Assistant Manager Fred Hubbard, representing the company; Business Agents Jos. Gibbons and W. J. Robbins; Secretary-Treasurer A. Conn, Bert Merson, Jas. Davis and Jos. Thompson, representing the union. An informal conversation took place between the representatives of the company and the union. Mr. Fleming, after hearing the views of the men made the following statement: "Anything I have to offer would not be acceptable to the men, and under those conditions I am going to apply for a conciliation board."

## SAMUEL GOMPERS DEFENDS LABOR'S RIGHT TO STRIKE

Joint Debate With Governor Henry J. Allan, of "Can't Strike" Kansas, at Carnegie Hall, New York, Last Friday.

Capital, represented by Governor Henry J. Allan, of Kansas, and the worker exemplified by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, debated in Carnegie Hall, New York, last Friday night one of the foremost questions before the American people today—the right of labor in essential industries to strike if the common welfare is threatened. It was a no-decision affair. Politics was to play no part in it. Judge Allan E. Parker, one-time president of the American Federation of Labor, opened the debate by his neutrality. "Two great leaders of men," he said, "are here tonight to discuss more than 100,000,000 people. What are they to say will command the widest consideration by the people of the world? It is the famous Lincoln-Douglas debate. Each of them is a man of high character—of demonstrated patriotism and of proven ability to face all opposition in a struggle for what he believes to be right and just." Gompers was the orator of the old school, voluminous in sound and gesture. Allan was the orator of the new school, quiet and conversational. The debate was a contest of emotions, the other to the more deliberate thought. Gompers brought forth sharp outbursts of cheering and applause, and the audience of workers eloquently upheld the view of the strike.

## 8-HOUR DAY MORE EFFICIENT THAN 10.

The United States public health service has just published the results of one of its studies made to find out whether the 8-hour day is more efficient than the 10-hour day. Two plants, each of high standard, were investigated, one working on an 8-hour and the other on a 10-hour day. In the 8-hour plant the output continued at a steady rate and work began and ended on time, while in the 10-hour plant much lost time was experienced and production at a rule declined in the latter hours of the day. The work in the 8-hour plant depended upon individual capacity while in the 10-hour plant there was some limitation of the output. Recent periods were found to be of value particularly in the afternoon and holidays added to production on the following day. The 12-hour night shift, which is common in factories that have the 8-hour day, was learned to be more productive during the night and falling abruptly in the last two hours of work. It was also found that the shorter day had an influence upon the number of accidents.

## POLITICIANS NOT FAIR, EMPLOYERS TO BLAME.

The resentment against the failure of Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to conduct the Department of Labor's national survey of employment and industry complaints that funds should be appropriated for the United States employment service particularly. This is shown by the following letter received by President Gompers from H. Van R. Chase, manager of operations of the New Orleans Association of Politicians and Employers: "I am instructed to advise you that we strongly recommend and urge Congress to appropriate sufficient money to conduct the Department of Labor's national survey of employment and industry complaints, and that we desire to join with the American Federation of Labor in urging Congress to appropriate the necessary funds for the Department of Labor, and have so advised our congressmen. This demonstrates that the opposition to the Department of Labor comes from the politicians and not from the fair employers of the country."

## WILL POPULARIZE CAUSE OF LABOR.

J. Ross Clynes, British Labor Leader, some times spoken of as the premier of the future Labor government, who was attacked at the General Workers' conference—because he had accepted the honorary chair of Oxford and Durham universities, declared that he should not miss future opportunities for popularizing Labor so that it can function as "even among men who are in the seats of the mighty at the centre of learning."

## BROCKVILLE MAY HAVE I.L.P. BRANCH.

The formation at Brockville of a branch of the Independent Labor Party was discussed by the Trades and Labor Council on Friday night, but action was postponed. By means of an alliance with the U.F.O. delegates thought that Leeds was represented by the Rev. Thomas White, might be carried, as well as municipal contests.

## BRITISH FRATERNAL DELEGATES TO A. F. OF L. ARRIVE.

The two fraternal delegates from the British Trades Union Congress to the American Federation of Labor arrived in Montreal on Monday, having reached the city aboard the C.P.S. liner Metagama from Liverpool. They are J. Jones, M.P., of the National Union of General Workers, and the Transport Workers' Union, and John W. O'Brien, president of the Weavers' Amalgamation in the Lancashire textile district.

## BABIES IN LAST WAR YEAR.

The salient feature of the vital statistics for 1919—issued by the British Registrar-General—was that the birth rate for that year, 17.7 per 1,000, was the lowest on record. This rate was 6.1 per 1,000 below that recorded for 1917, and 6.1 below that for 1914, which so far as the birth-rate was concerned, would be regarded as the last year not affected by war conditions. The provisional figures for 1919 indicate a recovery, showing an increase of 6.8 per 1,000, above the 1918 rate. The civilian death-rate in 1919 was 17.6 per 1,000, being 3.2 above the rate in the preceding year. The epidemic mortality was due to an epidemic of influenza. Apart from this the year was one of extraordinary healthiness. Infant mortality was 3.7 per 1,000 births, being 1 per 1,000 above the rate in the preceding year, but 16 per 1,000 below the average of the 19 years 1901-19. It is one of the four lowest rates hitherto recorded.

## SPANISH MISSION TO SOVIET RUSSIA.

A commission of three members representing the Government, the employers and Labor has left Spain in order to study the social and political situation in the Russian Soviet Republic. The visit, according to the "El Imparcial" is in pursuance of the decision of the Committee of the League of Nations, ratified by the International Labor Bureau. De los Rios, a Socialist deputy, will be the Labor representative.

## MANITOWA STREET RAILWAYMEN ACCEPT AWARD.

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## INCREASES EXPECTED BY MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYEES.

Secretary W. F. Kerr stated last week at the close of a meeting of maintenance of way men at Winnipeg that there was every reason for believing that the negotiations with the Railway Wage Board which are proceeding, will result in a substantial increase in the wage schedule. "The present rate," he said, "is 46 cents an hour, with 57 cents as the maximum. I defy anyone to say that the conditions are not, and it would be too bad if a Government Railway like the Canadian National insisted on keeping the pay schedule at the same level as it is now. It is a question of way men down to that figure."



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## A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

### SUCCESSFUL VENTURE.

With the closing of the Ontario Parliamentary Sessions, the first in history of a Labor-Farmer Coalition Government holding the reins, a resume of accomplishments is first evidence that predictions of failure was wishes productive of the thought. From the inception of the practical work, the Cabinet lacking experience in the making of legislation have in the introduction of same shown aptitude in divining what was considered desirable by the majority and in each instance the stamp of approval was given the final touch to make such legislation effective in the province. It was from no desire to give assistance that this general approval was gained, but the knowledge that the law sought was to the general good and could not be dealt with adversely, if the confidence from their constituents would not be unperilled.

Experiments in the introduction of legislation gaining endorsement from the four-section divided House has proven conclusively that a Government body of ins and outs is more a matter of custom and practice than the gainer of practical results. At one of the few divisions that in the matter of superannuation, it is worthy of record that the deflection came from within the ranks of the superior numerical party, the farmers, but the support from the old

parties as well as solid voting from labor was sought to place the issue beyond question. Introduction of important issue by private member was utilized, this calling for criticism more perhaps in the sense that it was contrary to custom than advantageous. It had a hitherto unknown aid in the knowledge that each individual could carry his conscience with him in the vote he gave and that the crack of a party whip was not to be heard. In this instance in mind, irrespective of what was called at the time dangerous precedent, the correctness of the venture was proven by the division showing no semblance of party voting, but the individual responsibility was accepted.

The organized labor party has at all times contended that cooperation was its motto with no object of making for class or class legislation. The opportunity for proving same has presented in the coalition formed with the United Farmers and the representatives of labor lived up to their teachings throughout the whole sessions. This in itself acts as advance notice to the sister provinces that the workers' party have no connection with volcanic eruption movements, but is advocate of surety progress by the evolutionary path. The workers throughout the Dominion are indebted to the Ontario representatives in the line of action

they have adopted in showing the falsity of the enemy propaganda, which constantly tagged destruction as the labor party's aim.

If any of the parties have been gainers in legislation to the smallest section of the House, can this position be given, as the laws passed show a majority earmarked from their advocated desires, among these being the Minimum Wage Act, Mothers' Pensions' amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act and a number of others. This is not so much for congratulation on labor's desires being accomplished, but the underlying knowledge that these measures were necessary and the endorsement secured to same was owing seeking for desirable advancement.

With the closing of the first session the organized workers' party stands strongly entrenched in public favor with its provincial constituents, the doubts have proven groundless of those who seek to destroy such direct representation. Much has been gained and a general satisfaction is apparent throughout the province that the coalition experiment was one which has shown such results at the first venture that future sessions will be productive of legislation in the interest of all.

### TORONTO NEWS BRIEFS.

The report of the Teamsters Conciliation Board is expected to be ready early this week.

Members of the Butcher Workers Union and their friends spent a very enjoyable time at the Labor Temple last week when they enjoyed a place after which refreshments were served.

Business Agent John T. Vick of the Bricklayers Union reports that during the present week there has been a constantly increasing demand for men and the prospects are now for one of the slowest periods in the industry.

Secretary John Cottam of the District Carpenters Council reports a less demand for carpenters from all parts of the city. He expressed the opinion this week that there were very few idle carpenters to be found in the city.

The Glass Bevelers' Union, at a meeting in the Labor Temple last week, decided to meet the employers half-way in the demands for increased wages. This action was taken in view of the budget presented by Sir Henry Drayton, which it was pointed out, seriously affected the trade. The men were demanding a minimum of 90 cents an hour.

Waiters and cooks employed in one of the large downtown hotels threaten a strike. They demand a wage scale of \$10 to \$14 per month for cooks and \$18 per week for waiters. Cooks now receive from \$15 to \$18 per month.

The International Steam and Hoisting Engineers are reported to have demanded the immediate discharge of a workman on one of the local construction jobs because he is a member of the Canadian National Union.

At the regular meeting of the Building Trades Council on Monday night in the Labor Temple, the City Council came in for considerable criticism on the slow progress which was being made with the housing programme. Business Agent John Doggett, of the United Carpenters, condemned the way in which the city authorities had dilly-dallied with the question, which was a vital one to all laboring men and women. "It is my opinion," declared Mr. Doggett, "that the City Hall is full of gay promoters and poor performers."

The International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers on Monday night entertained the international officers who were in the city on their way to the American Federation of Labor convention which opens at Montreal on Monday next. Among those present at the luncheon in the Labor Temple were General International President J. W. Kline; Editor "The Blacksmiths' Journal," M. W. Martin; General Organizer, C. N. Glover, and International Vice-President W. C. Powlesland.

### JIMMY SIMPSON LOSES LIBEL ACTION.

W. J. Heavey, a former secretary of the Toronto District and Labor Council, obtained a verdict at the Assizes at Toronto, on Tuesday, against James Simpson, editor of a Labor paper, and a well known advocate of prohibition, for \$4,000 damages for libel and slander.

The suit was the outcome of a statement made by Simpson at a Trades Council meeting, Toronto, some time ago, that Heavey and Arthur E. O'Leary, a former president of the Toronto District Trades and Labor Council, had conspired with representatives of local manufacturers during the numerous strikes last summer to accept \$5,000 with which to start a Labor party that would not be antagonistic to the employers as the paper edited by Simpson.

O'Leary also brought an action against Simpson for \$10,000 damages, and the O'Leary case was tried a short time ago. The jury in that case awarded the plaintiff \$1,500 damages.

O'Leary's counsel had his bill taxed today at Osgoode Hall at \$302.50, and Simpson will have to pay this, in addition to the \$1,500 damages and Simpson's own counsel.

Winnipeg Typo Vote.

By a majority of one, the Winnipeg Typographical Union favored the election of Carl Jensen, Winnipeg, to the position of second vice-president of the International Typographical Union in the recent voting. He received 152 votes as against 151 polled for James Nolan, the retiring officer. Officers of the Winnipeg local were elected as follows: President, Charles Ryan; vice-president, Robert Weir; secretary-treasurer, H. W. Powers. Members of the executive committee elected include: Job printers, F. W. Hastings, M. McKerracher, and M. E. Lilly; news printers, G. W. Howard and E. G. Smith; Messrs. Powers, Howard, McKerracher, Weir, and W. McCormick were appointed delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, and Mr. Powers delegate to the Dominion Trades Congress.

Guelph Trades Council Want Worker on Housing Commission.

At the last meeting of the Guelph Trades and Labor Council, that body went on record protesting against the appointment of C. Yates on the Housing Commission,

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A meeting on Monday of the "Triple Alliance," made up of the railway men, miners and transport workers, passed a resolution which was referred to the Laborite Parliamentary Committee, urgently requesting the convening of a special Trades Union Congress to decide on what the attitude of Labor shall be toward the production and handling of munitions for Ireland and Poland.

### 1,800 SHIP BUILDERS ON STRIKE AT HALIFAX.

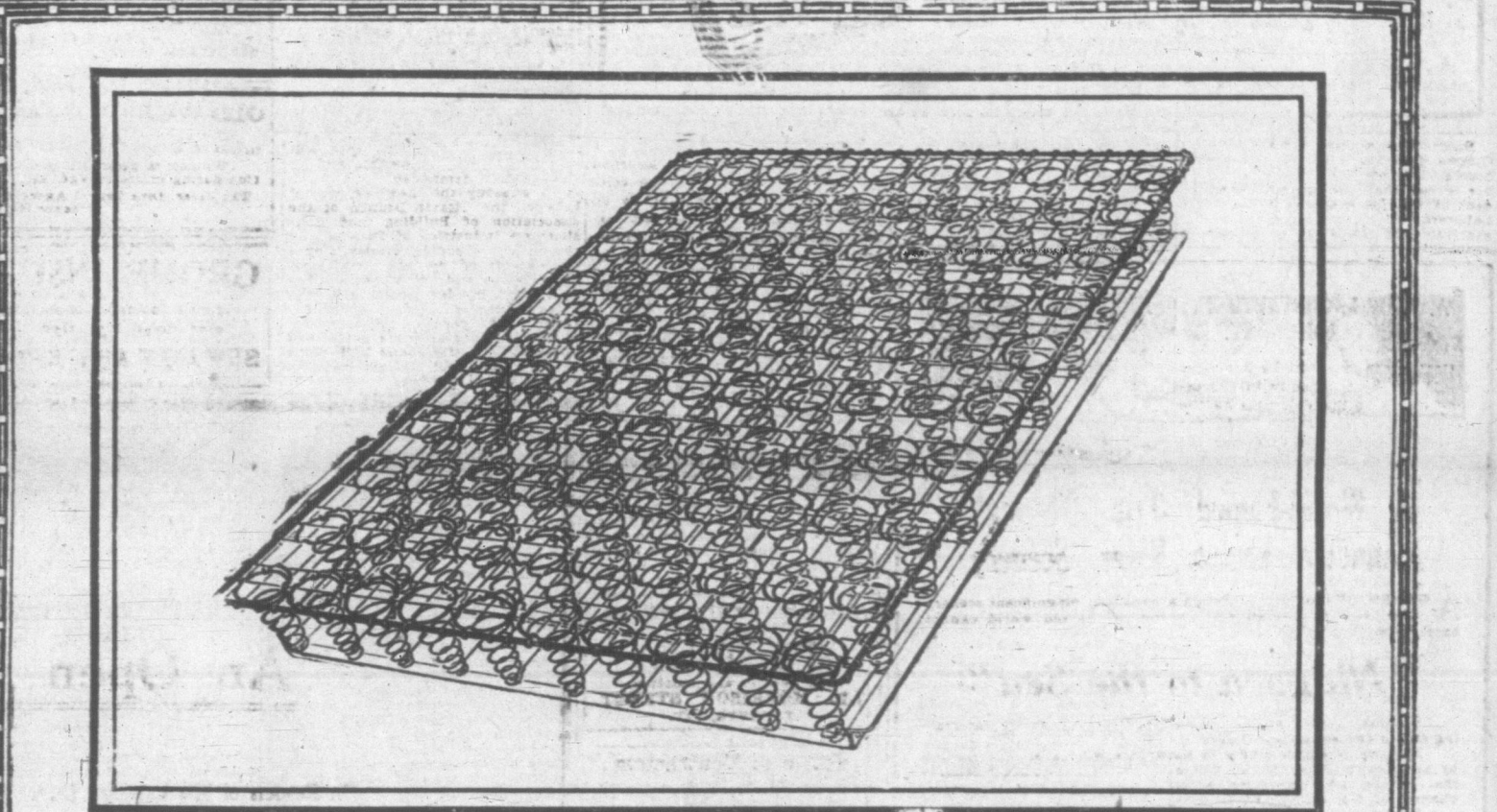
The employees of the Halifax Ship Yards went out on strike Tuesday morning. The men held an all night session which did not conclude until 2 a.m. Eighteen hundred men are affected. They demanded an increase in wages.

### HAMILTON TYPO VOTE.

The result of the vote of the Hamilton local of the International Typographical Union, in connection with the election of international officers was made known on Friday. It gave a majority for the present administration's slate with the exception of the presidency. John McFarland, of New York, who addressed the convention, recently was given a majority of two votes over M. G. Scott, the present head of the organization.

The following delegates have been elected to the convention of the Ontario-Quebec Typographical conference to be held in Hamilton this summer: W. J. Mountjoy, president of the union; Albert Taylor, and Hugh Bentley, who is secretary of the conference.

The Sydney branch of the Independent Labor party held a large representative meeting in Florence Tuesday evening when several speakers addressed the gathering and urged the necessity of forming a Farmer Labor party which it was claimed was the only solution for the worry and trouble that under existing conditions the working class is forced to endure. Another meeting will be held shortly to complete the organization.



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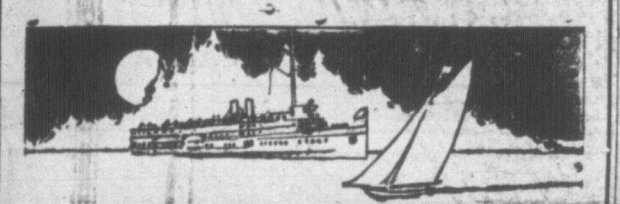
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Business Agent M. Ryan, of the Ottawa District Council of Laborers, informs the Canadian Labor Press that the general president of the International Union of Laborers will be in Ottawa at the conclusion of the A. E. of L. convention and will address a public meeting in St. Anne's Hall. Full particulars later.



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## OTTAWA.

### STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES GET INCREASES.

Coming out of the strike last year with their forces sadly demoralized the Ottawa division of the Amalgamated Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, immediately undertook a re-organization under new leadership. Frank McRae was made the commander-in-chief of the local forces and some weeks ago the division was so well organized that a new agreement was submitted to the Ottawa Street Railway Company. Negotiations proceeded for some little time but in the end the men were forced to apply for a Board of Conciliation to the Labor Department. This was established and A. E. Friss, K.C., M.P., was the men's representative, while Geo. Kelley, K.C., was named to the company. Judge McLellan, of Montreal, was appointed chairman. Meetings of the board were held last week and on Friday a unanimous award was made. The salient features of the agreement provide for the following: 1. Men are to get a general increase of 10 per cent. This year men will get 49 cents; second year 51, third year 53, and fourth year, 55 cents. 2. Company agrees to recognize the union and agree that the standing of any employe shall not be affected by membership in the association. 3. The agreement provides that nine hours shall constitute a day's work, with time and a half for all work in excess. All runs shall be completed within four and a half consecutive hours. 4. Spare men who were getting \$75 a month will be paid at the rate of \$42.50 every two weeks. This is a guaranteed minimum provided they report.

### OTTAWA NEWSY BRIEFS.

Sixteen new members were added to the membership of the local Steam and Operating Engineers' Union at their regular meeting. Twelve more applications have been received since the last meeting, according to Business Agent Charles Lewis, of the local union. According to Business Agent M. Beaudet, of the local Union of Hotel and Restaurant Employees, an increase of \$5 per month has been offered to all cooks and waiters in the local establishments. The union demanded an increase of \$10 per month and at a meeting of the local union this week decided to stand by their original demands. J. A. P. Hayden, editor of the Canadian Labor Press, has been sent to Montreal by the United Leather Workers of America, to endeavor to adjust a dispute between the leather workers of Montreal and their employers.

During the past week more retirements from the Government Printing Bureau, at Ottawa, have been made. Included in the forty-three are three returned soldiers. It is probable that their case will be taken to the commission, and an investigation demanded.

On Tuesday the new agreement between the Ottawa Branch of the Association of Building and Construction Industries of Canada and the Ottawa Building Trades' Council was signed by the employers' organization and the workers. The agreement, besides providing for the wage schedules agreed upon between the parties, provides for double time for all work performed on Saturday afternoons and work between the hours of six and ten o'clock in the evening.

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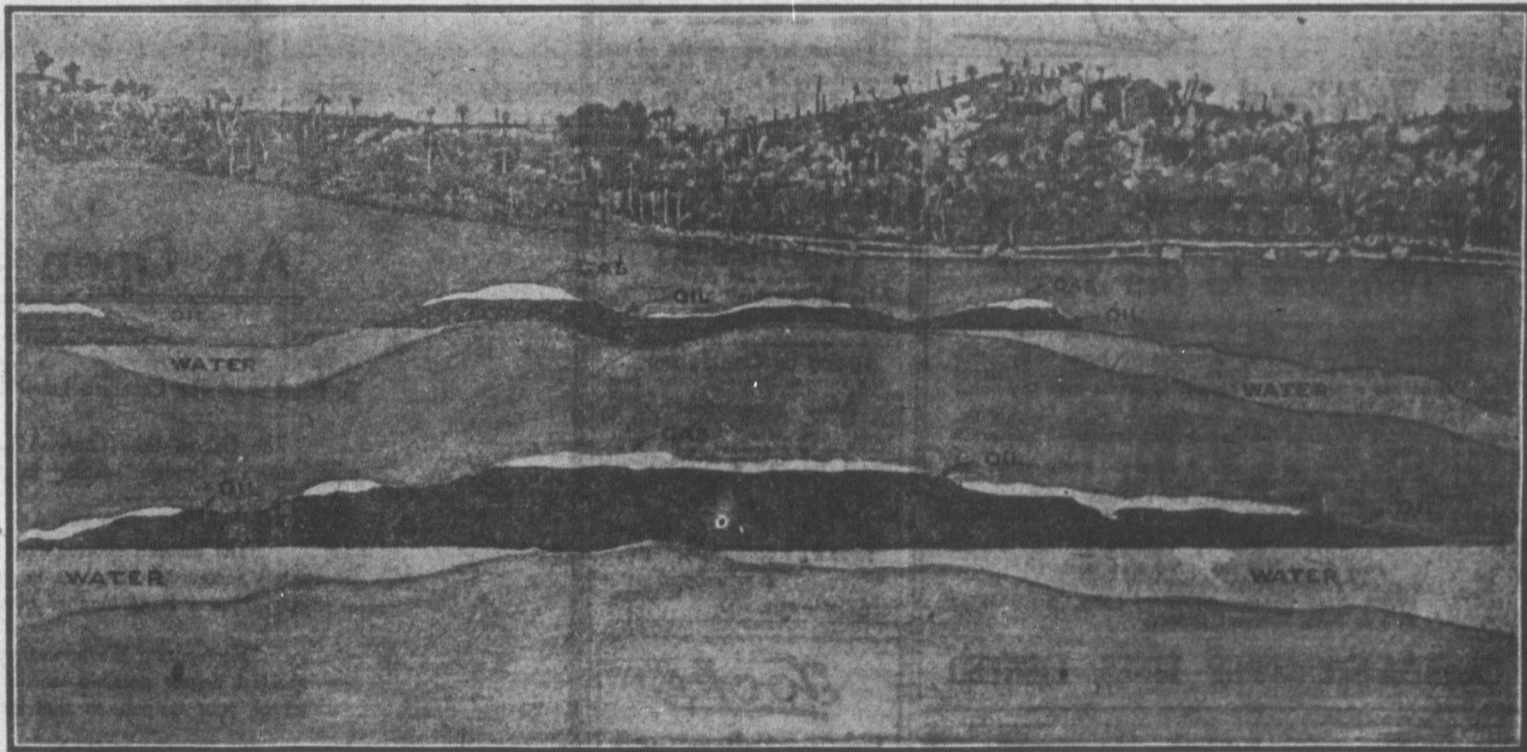
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