

LABOR

LABOR WILL NOT TOLERATE DELAY IN CONTINUANCE HYDRO RADIAL PROPOSALS

President Tom Moore, of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in Statement Makes Labor's Position Quite Clear in the Matter of Public Ownership.

That Labor is concerned in matters other than the shortening of hours and increases in nominal wages has again been illustrated by the interest Labor is taking in the development plans of Hydro radials throughout Ontario.

President Tom Moore of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, speaking for the great producing masses of the Dominion of Canada, has voiced Labor's sentiments in the matter of the development of Hydro radials.

When Premier Drury of Ontario announced that a dual commission would be appointed to investigate the whole matter before the development work would be proceeded with and before the Hydro-Electric Commission, purchased certain electric lines from the Dominion Government, President Moore issued a statement to the press voicing Labor's objections thereto, and behind him stands the great mass of wage-earners in the banner industrial province.

"Public ownership of all franchises such as railroads, telegraphs, telephones, water, streets, lighting, etc." is one of the chief planks in the platform of principles of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress. This policy was not formulated before the whole matter was carefully considered and thought out.

The basis of trade unionism is to better the standard of living for all workers. Labor has found, by experience, that a raise in wages does not accomplish anything unless it is accompanied by a corresponding increase in the standard of living.

The fuller development of Hydro radials, publicly owned and operated at cost, the greater will be the standard of living. The burden of the high cost of living, the farmer and the fruit grower will be enabled to place his product on the market quickly and cheaply.

During the last four or five years the people of Ontario have been witness to the development of the Hydro radial proposals discussed and the various municipalities have voted on the matter.

The charge now made by some of the opponents of the Farmer-Labor Government at Toronto have been predicting the early downfall of that Democratic Government.

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International Seamen Fail to Get 48-Hr. Week

Although the proposition before the International Seamen's Conference at Genoa for an eight-hour day and a 48-hour week for seamen was favored by a substantial majority of the conference, it failed by a fraction of a vote to secure the necessary two-thirds for its adoption. The vote was 48 for the proposition to 35 against it.

The British owners and the Government delegates of that nation led the campaign against the proposition. France, which already has adopted these hours headed "a coalition" favoring the adoption generally.

Although Portugal has adopted the eight-hour day and 48-hour week, the Hydro radial project was not voted on by the Portuguese Government delegate.

O. B. U. PROPAGANDA RETARDING PROGRESS

Winnipeg Trades Council Opens its Organization Campaign.

The evil effects of the O.B.U. propaganda, and its direct action policy are certainly seen today in the poor condition in which labor finds itself here.

"It comes as a surprise, therefore, to now find him coming out with a declaration that the work of the commission, so far as the purchase of Hydro Radial is concerned, must be stopped until further notice."

"Organized Labor has repeatedly requested that the Hydro-Electric Commission should be asked to investigate the entire situation."

BRITISH MINERS WANT TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM IRELAND.

The Miners' Federation of Great Britain, in session at Leamington last week, adopted a resolution providing that if the Government does not withdraw the troops from Ireland, and cease furnishing war materials to enemies of the Bolsheviks, a general strike of all unions shall be called.

There was only one vote against the resolution. A conference of delegates representing 999,000 also adopted a resolution demanding that the Government concede an advance in wages of two shillings daily, and immediately reduce the recent addition of 14 shillings per ton to the price of coal.

For the present there is no threat of a strike, but the action taken has intended to strengthen the policy of forcing the Government to nationalize the coal mines.

The Provincial Executive of the Independent Labor Party will meet in the Labor Temple on July 18, when preparations will be made to work in conjunction with the U. F. O. in the next Dominion elections.

CHIPPAWA CANAL DEVELOPMENT IS AGAIN RESUMED

Workers Return Under Protest—Premier Drury Let Hydro Workers Down.

Development work on the Chippawa canal has resumed, but the dispute between the 2,600 odd workers and the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario is not settled.

The Ontario Government, or rather Premier Drury, is largely responsible for the unsatisfactory situation now prevailing on the Chippawa canal.

When the workers and the Hydro-Electric Commission were unable to agree to hours of work, rate of wages, and general working conditions, the Ontario Government was asked to appoint a commission to investigate the whole dispute.

Some of the Labor members of the Ontario Government addressed the workers, and in advising them to remain at work said they would use their best efforts to have a commission appointed.

When the matter was brought up in the Ontario Legislature, Premier Drury would not consent to the appointment of a "dual" commission, as he called it.

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Commission to Investigate N. S. Mining Industry

The appointment of F. T. Quirk, Sir William Stavert and Mr. Hutchinson, as a Royal Commission to inquire into the mining industry of Nova Scotia, is being warmly commended by Secretary MacLachlan and Vice-President Ryan.

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Immediately following the official announcement that the board was established, the men journeyed to the various factories to resume work.

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Annual Convention Call Issued by Dominion Trades and Labor Congress—Fall Review of Work of Executive Council During Past Year—Much Has Been Accomplished—Much Yet To Be Done—A Representative Gathering of Delegates Expected.

Declaring that "the aggressive action of those workers who would destroy the International trade union movement still continues; that the rapid growth of mergers and huge trusts controlling the industries of this country cannot be safely ignored; that profiteering is still rampant and the benefits of labor are generally discounted before they have been received; that inequalities in social life become daily more apparent; that inordinate wealth flagrantly displays itself ostentatiously before the eyes of the great mass of workers yet struggling for a reasonable standard of living; that unemployment still exists and production is curtailed by those who control the machinery of same; that freedom of speech and press is yet far from being an accomplished fact; that immigration and similar problems loom up with ever greater significance," the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress has issued the convention call for the 16th annual convention which will be held at Windsor, Ont., commencing on Monday, September 13, 1920.

The last convention of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress was held in September, 1919, at Hamilton. An aggressive and militant policy was there formulated, and the policy was carried out, so far as has been humanly possible, the wishes of the rank and file. The past year has been a very strenuous one, and much has been accomplished.

Immediately following the Hamilton convention the International Labor Conference, called in connection with the Peace Treaty, was held at Washington.

A meeting of the governing body of the International Labor Office was held in Geneva, Switzerland, in January, 1920. Secretary P. M. Draper was unable to attend, and President Tom Moore substituted for him.

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While in Great Britain, President Tom Moore was invited to attend a special convention of the British Trade Union Congress, when the question of "direct action" to force the Government to nationalize the mines was overwhelmingly decided.

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Shortly after the return of the Secretary-Treasurer P. M. Draper, who had taken a very prominent part in all debates at the International Labor Conference was elected to the governing body, which is composed of twenty-four members, twelve government representatives, and six workers' representatives.

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Has Lenin Won a Signal Victory in Dominion of Canada?

By J. A. F. H. It has often been said that money was the root of all evil. This seems to be the case with those who are now seeking to deal with Russia.

Bolehism and the Soviet administration has been condemned by all sane labor and we have heard many of our politicians state that the Labor Party should not be supported because some of its policies favored Bolshevism.

It is interesting to note that the Canadian Government did not send any delegates to the Moscow conference in 1919, making such a statement possible.

Soviet representatives for some months now have been endeavoring to spread up trade relations with Great Britain. The Prime Minister Mr. David Lloyd George, has stated on more than one occasion that the British and Allied Governments were dealing with the Russian co-operatives and not with Russia.

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Clerks in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway have accepted the board's award.

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DIXON TO LEAD LABOR PARTY IN MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

The appointment of Fred J. Dixon, M.L.A., as the leader of the Labor party in Manitoba, has been announced.

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Why Coal Shortage When Many Western Mines on Short Shifts?

Statements have appeared in the press from time to time that a coal shortage was facing a coal famine and, as per usual, to Labor was attached the blame.

The miners of Western Canada, District 18, United Mine Workers of America, are not at all idle, they are all busy, and they are all busy operating on a twenty-five per cent basis.

It is only natural to expect that there is considerable unemployment in District 18. Miners have repeatedly advocated a five-day week so as to provide employment for the year round.

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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

RIGHT IN THE MARROW.

TO the City of Bradford, Yorkshire, England, is conceded the birthplace of the Independent Labor Party of the British Isles, a party which is today one of the factors to be reckoned with in the old land legislative chamber. Around the thirty year mark of existence, its ramifications extend from representation in cabinet positions to the humblest spheres of public service. The established position of this workers' party is too well known with its lease of upbuilding of present history for its activities to require recital. It is directly with the city which initiated the party, taking root from trade unionism, in this instance we are concerned.

Brought into being through a strike in which some 15,000 workers were involved, the situation of numerical strength battling against financial might ineffectively, was the lesson driven home. The eyes of the workers and leaders were opened to seek effective organization and direct representation, with the result that it has reached the proportions of today. Bradford City led, other centres followed, other countries followed.

It would seem quite in the nature of events that a birthright such as this should mean more than being in the procession, the bell cow position being correct, and it so happens that in the friendly rivalry in the pressing forward advocating advanced working-class legislation, Bradford City has held and continues to hold a premier position, direct labor representation in all branches of public service being such that the workers' practical suggestions are made effective through enactment.

A Labor Lord Mayor, member of the House of Commons, representatives on all public bodies is part and parcel of Bradford City life, no longer in the nature of novelty, but firmly entrenched and recognized as a necessity to the city's welfare. What may be considered in other centres as movement of daring is just a matter-of-fact happening, begot of that confidence of three decades of growth of the movement for which it was responsible.

In matters of education this city is considered to lead the way. Feeding of the school children before the great war was carried out which made Bradford the envy of other centres, this being done through the medium of a central cookhouse, which was notified from the various schools directly after each morning's assembly how many meals were required. Before the noon recess motor trucks had delivered piping hot individual dinners, variety in menu, and at a minimum cost. Open air, out in the country, school children whose physique or condition called for such attention, were taken to the rustic school to become acquainted with the three R's, the transportation being by means of the municipally owned tram cars to the health and learning rendezvous. Every move was progress, with the interest of the child a first consideration.

With such a condition existing one may now be prepared for any new or seemingly novel venture, and it certainly seems that such is at hand with the latest proposal cited by the Monitor, as follows: "A new secondary school is required at a cost of \$500,000, and they contend that it would be cheaper to buy a ship and have a floating school. The boat is not to be stationary, but to take the scholars, say about 200 of them, a trip for six or twelve months, landing them at foreign countries where they could learn the language and improve international relations. There is a suggestion from the chairman of the committee that the ship should carry, besides scholars, goods from Bradford that could be exchanged for goods from the foreign ports."

By examples cited, thus is this busy manufacturing centre of the north of England utilizing the heritage given to it as the birthplace of the workers' party, and from its progressive movements of public welfare others may take advantage of the initiative displayed. Bred in the bone is apparently correctly applied to the city that cradled the organized workers' party of Greater Britain.

NEW PREMIER FOR QUEBEC.

Sir Lomer Gouin, who has been Prime Minister of the Province of Quebec since March 23, 1919, resigned office at Quebec City last week. He will be succeeded as Premier by the Hon. Louis-Alexandre Taschereau, who has been a member of the Legislature since 1900. From 1907 to 1919 he was Minister of Public Works and Labor and since August 25, 1919, he has been Attorney-General of Quebec. He is a native of Quebec City and has been a member of the Bar since 1888. Mr. Taschereau has been Sir Lomer's chief lieutenant and will continue his policies. Sir Lomer's 15 years of office is the longest in the political history of Quebec.

The union label is a weapon that binds the employer equally with the employe, but only so long as both aim

Here's To Woman.

Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal.—Can.

MT. HAMILTON W.L.P.

Last Wednesday's regular meeting of the Mt. Hamilton Women's Labor party, held in the Mission hall, was very largely attended. Mrs. J. Inman presided. The members were pleased over the Manitoba election results and a resolution was passed deploring Secretary Mrs. Joseph Corrigan to send a letter of congratulation to the Winnipeg Labor party.

The secretary was also asked to write to Ottawa enquiring as to whether her name was manufactured in Canada and if who were the firms. Speakers stated that there was no beet sugar sold at retail in Hamilton.

WASTE OF WOMAN POWER.

The waste of woman power is one of the greatest menaces to the rural life of the nation, according to deductions that specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture draw from a farm-house survey conducted in the 23 northern and western states. The records cover 19,913 farm homes.

Across the Atlantic.

What Our Brothers in the Motherland Are Doing.

J. R. CLYNE AGAIN HEAD OF GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.

J. R. Clyne was again elected president of the National Delegation of General Workers, at the congress of the organization held in Aberdeen, Scotland, recently. The proceedings were held in private and Clyne was elected with 43,745 votes, Mr. McCaffery, 5,039. Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., was re-appointed general secretary by a large majority, the figures being: Clyne, 43,745; Mr. Will Thorne (of London), 18,356; Mr. Holden (of London), 3,358.

OUR WEEKLY BRITISH LETTER.

LONDON, England (Saturday)—As soon as Mr. Lloyd George returns from Spa, the executive of the Miners Federation will undoubtedly place before him claims formulated by the conference of the federation at Leamington, where, under the leadership of Robert Smillie, the president, they passed a resolution demanding an increased rate of pay and a reduction in the price of coal by 14s. 2d. per ton, as well as a further reduction in working delegates to the meeting in London to propose to "down tools" if the military forces were not withdrawn from Ireland.

The miners are frank to admit that they intend to absorb the surplus profits of the coal industry. If the government takes a firm stand their intention is to claim a still larger advance in wages. Mr. Smillie made this clear at Leamington when he said: "If the government refused to reduce the price of coal, the miners will have to claim the full amount of the surplus." The estimated surplus is £5,000,000, and the proposed demand of 2s. per day would amount to about £30,000,000, while reduction in the price of coal would clean up the balance.

The announcement was made on Tuesday that the gasworkers' dispute had been settled. At a conference at Essex Hall, the men's representatives accepted the amended offer of the employers of 1s. per day advance in wages from May 1, as against their demand of 10s. per week, and the employers made important concessions as to holidays and other allowances. Considerable relief was felt in large cities, but surprise was experienced on Thursday morning when 1,500 gas works employes in Manchester, through a sudden and unauthorized strike, seriously inconvenienced factories and homes by shutting down supplies. This action has been followed by gasworkers in Derby, Radcliffe, Fenton, Wigan, Bristol, Slough, Haywood, Stoke-on-Trent, and Huddersfield, which towns are affected.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders addressed to the Chairman and Members of the Board of Control, will be received by the Secretary of the Board of Control, City Hall, Ottawa, up to 3 p.m., Thursday, July 22nd, 1920, for the supply and delivery of Cast Iron Pipe, Valves, Hydrants and Pig Lead, as the case may be.

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A. F. MACCALLUM, Commissioner of Works, City Hall, Ottawa, July 17th, 1920.

VISITED RUSSIA.



BEN TURNER, a member of the British Labor delegation, which recently visited Russia and made a study of industrial and political conditions under the Soviet administration.

of trade unions and recognition comes to end the Whitley councils, or any other representative body, will cease to exist. The strike of the plaster workers, which has lasted for over 12 weeks, has now been settled without any practical advantage to the workers, as the bonus system, which was the stumbling block, is still in force.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY NEW OFFICIALS.

The election of the National Executive of the British Labor Party resulted as follows: Representatives of National Societies: Clyne, 2,922,000 votes; Ben Turner, 2,758,000; Cramp, 2,424,000; T. Shaw, 2,429,000; W. H. Hutchinson, 2,432,000; F. Hodges, 2,365,000; Cameron, 2,329,000; Sidney Webb, 2,162,000; Wignall, 1,385,000; R. Williams, 1,542,000; Jowett, 1,655,000; J. Bromley, 1,588,000; C. Duncan, 1,217,000. Representatives of local constituency organizations: Lansbury, 1,112,000; Spoor, 1,754,000; Tyson Wilson, 1,253,000; N. Maclean, 1,125,000; H. Morrison, 767,000. Women: Mary Macarthur, 1,529,000; Mrs. Snowden, 1,695,000; Susan Lawrence, 1,621,000; Mrs. Harrison Bell, 1,541,000.

Discrimination is generally speaking retrogression. Voting for auditors resulted in the election of Robert Young and Walter Gee, and Ramsay MacDonald was re-elected treasurer. Subsequently A. G. Cameron was elected chairman of the executive, and F. W. Jowett vice-chairman.

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Notes of Particular Interest to Ex-Service Trade Unionists.

SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION IN HANDS OF DOMINION.

Replying to a question intended to prevent the repatriation of Dominion soldiers until the authorities were satisfied as to their responsibilities, and that their wives and families had been properly provided for, Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for War, said in the House of Commons, last week, that arrangements were in the hands of the Dominion. Dependents were not allowed to defer their passage except under special conditions, and he had no power to take further action.

O.B.E. MEDALS FOR BRAVE MUNITION WORKERS.

The list of awards of the medals of the British Empire Order, published recently, contains the names of the following Canadians: Charles Norman Barclay, Eva Grace Curdie, Fairy Marshall, E. Emery McQuoid, Reginald Moncrieff, Gilbert Murray, George Paterson, Clare Sauray, all for conspicuous bravery at an explosive factory in Canada.

WINNIPEG'S RECENT VOTE EXPLAINED BY "P. R." EXPERT.

The reason that Labor received a little less than its apparent share of representation in the recent Winnipeg elections in the light of the big vote cast for Dixon, was due to the fact that a very large proportion of second and third choices on Dixon's ballot were for Liberal or Conservative candidates, said Ronald Hooper, honorary secretary of the Proportional Representation Society of Canada, at a public meeting at Regina recently. Mr. Hooper explained this by expressing the opinion that a large number of Liberals and Conservatives gave their first vote to Dixon as a registration of protest against the Board of Commerce debacle and after that they followed their carry line through second, third and further choice.

Lenine didn't like the British Labor delegation and spoke freely about it. Let the delegation speak freely of Lenine and Russia.

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LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

TAILORS OPENING CAMPAIGN IN OTTAWA.

George Bangster, general organizer Journeymen Tailors' International Union, was in town during the past week in the interests of that organization. He reports conditions generally throughout Canada are good. Many new members are being added to the roll and greater progress is expected in the very near future. He is endeavoring to line up the men and women engaged in the various shops in Ottawa and for that purpose has called a mass meeting of all tailors and tailoresses, including those working in repairing, dyeing and dressing establishments and bushelmen, at the Monument National on Monday, July 19, at eight o'clock. It is expected that President Tom Moore, of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress and President F. Lafortune, of Ottawa's central labor body will attend and deliver addresses. All wage-earners in the tailoring industry should attend.

PRINTERS WILL ARBITRATE.

The request of the commercial job printers of Ottawa for a special cost of living bonus equivalent to 10 per cent. of their salaries which was submitted to the Master Printers of Ottawa some time ago, has been rejected on the ground that the employees should abide by the terms of the agreement of July, 1919, which does not expire until January 1, 1921, and is being held out by a board of conciliation. The men of twenty-two printing plants are affected.

The 199 employees, members of I.T.U. Local 102, have elected Mr. James Drury, of Montreal, International Organizer, as their national representative on the board, and the printers belonging to the organization known as the Graphic Art Association of Ottawa, have nominated Mr. James Kilpatrick, secretary of the Ottawa Printing Company, to represent them on the Conciliation Board.

OTTAWA NEWS BRIEFS.

The Labor Day Committee met on Friday evening. About twenty affiliated labor organizations were represented. The program which will be carried out on the holiday. A parade will be held in the morning through the streets of Ottawa, and possibly will include Hull. An invitation will be issued to a number of Trades Councils outside of Ottawa, chief among which is the one of New York. The celebration this year will be much more ambitious than anything previously attempted.

Controller Joseph Gibbons, of Toronto, will represent the employees of the Hull Electric Railway on the conciliation board asked for by them, to settle their demand for an increase in wages.

The thirty members of the Marble Workers' Union, employed with the J. P. Laurin and Co. Brown firm, who were on strike for three or four days, returned to work on Wednesday, following a conference held between representatives of the men and their employers. The men have agreed to work for three months, according to their agreement, for \$1c. an hour, on the condition they be given a five cent increase after that date.

Delegate Tom Jones of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs' International Union and Delegate Rollie Desjardins of the Electrical Workers' International Union are the "Mutual Jett" of the Allied Trades and Labor Association. The Teamsters' delegate is perhaps the biggest man in the various local labor organizations and the Electrical worker is perhaps the smallest in stature of all the delegates to attend the central labor body.

Business Agent J. T. Gunn, of the Electrical Workers' Union, Toronto, was in Ottawa on Tuesday with other members of the Board of Conciliation, dealing with the dispute between the telegraphers and the

C. P. R. preparing their report to be made to the Labor Department. Business Agent Gunn was the workers' representative on the board. Jack Jones, M.P., and John W. Odgen, British labor leaders, were guests of President Tom Moore, of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress on Wednesday. Messrs. Jones and Odgen were fraternal delegates from the British Trade Union Congress to the recent convention of the A. F. of L. While in Montreal Mr. Jones was taken ill and was unable to address the A. F. of L. delegates. He is some better now but has not fully recovered.

At a meeting of officers of the Laborers' Union, Local 423, on Tuesday, Mr. John Cunningham was elected as president, succeeding Mr. Sammie Hall. The local is the strongest in the city, there being 1,900 members in good standing. The semi-annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. Cunningham; vice-president, W. Salter; financial secretary, John Henderson (re-elected); corresponding secretary, Joseph Gunn; recording secretary, James McGregor (re-elected); treasurer, John Robinson; inside guard, James Wilson; inside sentinel, J. O'Guire. A number of speeches were made during the night. Mr. Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, being the principal speaker. His remarks to the audience to remain true to their international trade union principles.

HAMILTON.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

On Saturday, 17th, in the Labor Temple, Toronto, an important conference of the Provincial Electrical Workers' Federation will be held. Local No. 105 will send the following delegates: H. S. Mitchell, first president; Business Agent Charles O'Neil, M. Smith, F. Knowles, James Smith and S. Boone. All told twenty delegates will be seated. At the annual picnic of Hydro employees at Bronte, the members of Local No. 105 will take in the event. Some days ago Business Agent and Recording-Secretary Mitchell signed an agreement relative to D. P. and V. electrical employees, who were governed by the Conciliation Board's award.

LABORERS IN HAMILTON AFFILIATE WITH T. & L. C.

Financial Secretary H. J. Halford, Trades and Labor Council, stated on Monday that the Hod Carriers' and Building Laborers' Union would affiliate with the Central Labor Union, the organization having come to the conclusion that every benefit would be derived by taking this course. Referring to the strike, Mr. Halford said he couldn't understand why the contractors' association refused to recognize the laborers' union. He considered this a shortsighted policy, and said the Hod Carriers' and Building Laborers' Union should be recognized like any other union operating under the jurisdiction of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

SHEET METAL WORKERS.

At a recent meeting of the members of local No. 61, sheet metal workers' union, it was unanimously decided to increase the initiation fee from \$25 to \$45. Business Agent Frank Farrell, who has left for Cleveland, Ohio, in behalf of the Hamilton building trades council, reported that everything was in good shape and at the next meeting there would be several candidates to initiate. Mr. Farrell also reported that the provincial council was making marked progress and already Ottawa, Brantford, London, Sarnia, Hamilton, Windsor, Kingston, Toronto and several other sheet metal workers' unions were affiliated. A meeting of representative delegates would be held in the next few weeks.

MANY SUBSCRIBING FOR H. L. T. STOCK.

Secretary John Pryke, Hamilton Labor Temple association, is well

pleased these days the way shares are selling. To a reporter on Friday Mr. Pryke said blocks of stock—individual and otherwise—were being bought faster than ever. During the week the plumbers' union augmented its holdings by \$125, the district carpenters' council by \$150, the typesetters' union by \$100, and the lathers, a numerically small organization, by \$50. Many hundred \$1 shares have been sold to individual trades unions this week, and before the green return here both President Halford and Secretary Pryke expect at least \$3,000 worth of stock to be subscribed for.

LABORERS ON STRIKE.

Hamilton's building trade is pretty badly tied up as a result of the refusal of the majority of the contractors to meet the demands of the hod-carriers and building laborers. Five hundred carriers and laborers walked out because they were refused an increase to 65 cents an hour.

\$205 FOR REPORT OF B. OF C. PROCEEDINGS.

In the opinion of a number of the leading Labor men of Hamilton there are several other ways of closing up operations besides throwing the proverbial monkey wrench into the machinery. Another one has been discovered much quieter, but now that they've found they're rather indignant about the whole matter.

At the last meeting of the Hamilton Labor party, Controller C. I. Althoff made a motion that an effort be made to get a copy of the stenographic report of the investigation of the members of Local No. 105 of the Board of Conciliation, held here some months ago in connection with the alleged grocers' combine.

A request was accordingly made, and after some delay a reply has been received from the powers that be. A copy of the stenographic report could be forwarded, but the expense of typewriting it would total \$205. The Labor party will have to pay this amount before it can get as much as a peep at the official report of the proceedings, and the decision to examine the report was made in the interest of the public the Labor party is of the opinion that the charge of \$205 for typewriting the report is rather high.

HAMILTON FREIGHT HAND- LERS NAME FETER FOR BOARD.

H. G. Feter, corresponding secretary of the Hamilton Trades Council, has been named by the T. & L. C. Railway freight handlers and checkers to act for them on the conciliation board appointed by Senator Robertson, relative to wages. The freight handlers have asked a wage increase from 43 cents per hour, eight hours per day, to \$4.50 per day.

HAMILTON LABOR LEADERS PROTEST DELAY IN RADIALS.

Controller O'Neil and other Hamilton Labor men are very much opposed to the action of the Drury Government in delaying the Hydro radial project. Controller O'Neil stated that the labor would insist upon an explanation at once. George Halford, M.P.P., says that the Government is making a big mistake. Gordon Nelson, Hydro Commissioner, said it was a hard job, but he thought that there was some hope in the announcement that an inquiry by a commission would be held at once. He thinks the people who favor the project will take their revenge on the Government when the next elections are held.

ELECTRICIANS OPPOSE AWARD.

Union electrical workers in the employ of the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission are not prepared to accept the award of the Board of Conciliation which granted them a wage increase of fifteen per cent. and

TORONTO.

GLACE BAY COUNCIL REFUSES TO SWEAR IN COMPANY POLICE.

The Glace Bay town council by a unanimous vote refused to swear in the Dominion Coal Company police lately disbanded. The council expressed its strong opinions and all strongly protested against swearing in the new officers. Councillor Reid McDonald stated that when the Dominion Coal Company force was strengthened in 1919, at the time of the strike, the town swore in the coal company police as special officers.

Several of these men "came from the slums of Montreal and were a common nuisance to the town," Councillor McDonald stated.

ST. JOHN STREET RY. MEN WANT SAFETY.

Motor men and conductors of the N. E. Power Company, operating the St. John Street Railway, decided at a meeting, last week, to strike on Monday unless the management signs an agreement drawn up by the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Employees, Local 652, and which was agreed to by the president and directors of

the company, and that the manager, F. H. McCauley, has refused to sign unless the men agree to the insertion of a clause binding the conductors and motormen to agree to operate any type of car recommended by him. This the men refused to do on the grounds that the two-man car being constructed for one man operation is not satisfactory or a safe conveyance they say.

MONTREAL BARBERS WIN.

The barbers' strike in Montreal ended on Wednesday in a victory for the men who demanded \$25 a week and fifty per cent. of all money earned over \$35 a week.

"Frankly I am disappointed with this award after the statements of the chairman of the board," said James T. Gunn, secretary of the union. "When we pressed our case before the arbitrator, we clearly stated our arguments for the wages paid by the Bell Telephone Company were unworkable. The award means that the barbers will be paid \$25 a week, and he also told us that the budget which we present was not extravagant and the award is nearly \$100 a year less. I want to know what changed his mind."

SYDNEY CLERKS' DEMANDS.

The wage question between Clerical Union No. 16,349 and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company employees and clerks, at Sydney Mines is to be taken up by the Royal Commission which investigates labor conditions in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The exact time has not yet been decided for the hearing.

BROCKVILLE FORMS I.L.P.

An Independent Labor Party was formed at Brockville last week with the object of placing a candidate in the field at the next Federal election. Gananogue delegates were also present. It was stated that it was hoped to effect a union with the U.F.O. of Macrin.

LONDON MACHINISTS WIN.

At a meeting held Wednesday between representatives of the striking machinists of George White & Sons, Limited, in London, and the company, arrangements were completed for immediate termination of the strike. The men went back to work at 3 o'clock.

The company agreed to a flat increase in wages of four cents for all the men and to recognition of the union.

SHERBROOKE CARPENTERS' STRIKE ENDS.

The carpenters' strike which has been going on for over three weeks at Sherbrooke, Que., was ended on Wednesday night, the men going back to work following the acceptance of terms agreeable to both the contractors and the union.

The schedule finally agreed upon and accepted by the strikers was: carpenters 70 cents an hour, and from 48 cents to 60 cents an hour during three years' apprenticeship.

WOODWORKERS' STRIKE AT OWEN SOUND ENDS.

The strike of woodworkers and finishers of the North American Furniture Company and the Owen Sound Chair Company, both of Owen Sound, ended on Friday by a vote of the men deciding to accept the offer made some days ago by the companies affected.

The North American Furniture Company offered their men an increase of 8 per cent. to an average of 60 per cent. of the men, while the Owen Sound Chair Company gave an increase of 7 per cent. to an average of \$4 per cent. of the men. Both companies stated that the pay of the remainder of the men would be dealt with later.

The increase asked by the men was a 10 per cent. advance for men receiving over \$4 per day, and a 15 per cent. increase for men receiving under \$4 per day.

HALIFAX MARINE STRIKE SETTLED.

In two of the marine engineering plants at Halifax the strike in force since June 1 has been amicably settled and the men returned to work Tuesday morning.

MONTREAL TEAMSTERS STILL OUT.

At a meeting of the teamsters of the Dominion Transport Company, Montreal, held in the offices of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters this week, the men reaffirmed their determination not to return to work until their demands are granted, namely, \$27 per week, with double pay for Sunday work. In the

meantime the situation is at a deadlock, neither side showing any inclination to give in.

HYDRO-ELECTRICAL WORKERS DEMAND INCREASE.

The electrical workers on the Hydro Canal and in the Ontario power house have, following a meeting, served an ultimatum on the commission giving them until August 28 to meet the terms of the employees for an increase in wages. These rates are: Last year, 45 cents an hour; Hydro offers 75, men want 85. The men are becoming restless, and say that August 28 is the limit, and that after that, if a settlement has not been reached, the onus is on the commission for the consequences.

MONTREAL CARPENTERS ELECT DELEGATES.

Vice-President Arthur Martell, of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, and Arthur St. Marc, both of Montreal, were elected as delegates to the thirty-sixth annual convention of the Trades Congress, by the members of Local No. 117, Inside Carpenters and Joiners, at a meeting of that union at Montreal on Tuesday last. Arthur Martell was also elected as a delegate to the annual convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America which meets at Indianapolis, Ind., on September 29. Vice-President Martell is an executive board member of the U. B. C. and J. of A.

NEW LOCAL OF CARRIAGE WORKERS AT MONTREAL.

A Federal Union charter has been issued by the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress to the carriage makers at Montreal. The new union will be known as Federal Union No. 23, Carriage, Wagon and Automobile Workers.

WESTERN CANADA

REGINA CIVIC EMPLOYEES BOARD'S AWARD.

The award of the board of conciliation which has been investigating into the dispute between the Regina city council and the civic employees, finished its work last week with the signing of the report.

The result is that while in a few cases the board considered that an increase of wages was required, as a rule it fixed the rate at that which was offered by the city council to the employees. With the exception of the total pay roll to the city will not be increased by more than about \$400.

All the findings were unanimous with the exception of that dealing with group insurance, to which Commissioner Mackie deburred on the ground that the question did not come within the jurisdiction of the board.

WINNIPEG MAY HAVE CIVIC EMPLOYEES FEDERATION.

Tentative steps towards effecting an amalgamation of employees' unions in Winnipeg were taken at a meeting of the Federation of Civic Employees, held in the Travellers' building last week.

F. W. McGill, secretary of the Federation, was instructed to communicate with the secretaries of the other unions with the object of devising ways and means of effecting the desired amalgamation.

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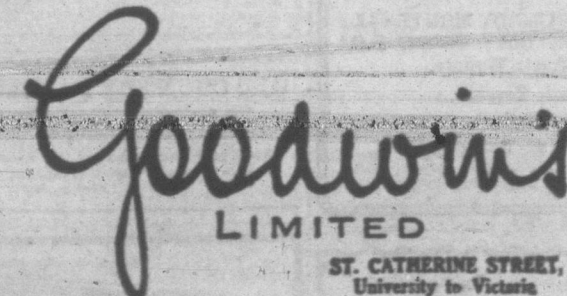
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differeces exist from time to time as to the way the commission treats its employees, but that has nothing to do with the principle of public ownership, and will not be made an issue in the determination to see all obstacles are removed so that the Hydro-Electric radial scheme may be proceeded with immediately. "Organized Labor has confidence in publicly expressed opinion, and after the fight it has taken part in against entrenched interests at Hamilton, Guelph and many other points, to secure approval of the ratepayers of those cities to the Hydro-Electric radial project, it does not intend to sit quietly by and allow the whole scheme to be either blocked or destroyed. The public at large in a great number of the municipalities directly affected have expressed their voice in no uncertain manner as to their endorsement of the Hydro radial project. If Premier Drury thinks the present commission is not capable of honestly carrying this into operation, then let him say so, and boldly appoint another commission. If it is capable, and we have never heard him express an opinion otherwise, interference will not be quietly tolerated.

Is Not a Debt.

"Premier Drury has a distorted idea of public debt. In his published article of Thursday, July 8, he points out that 50 per cent. of the debt of the Province—of Ontario—is in Hydro-Electric Bonds. Our conception of public ownership is that this is no debt, that it is money invested more a debt than is money invested in any other commercial enterprise. Road construction and similar works can be considered as debts, but revenue-producing investments cannot be considered as such by any stretch of the imagination. Before this could become a debt, the whole investment would have to be destroyed 100 per cent. It is true that if the scheme were a failure the deficiencies would have to be made good, against which contingency the municipalities have deposited debentures. The probability of the province being called on to put up real cash for their guarantee of the bonds is too remote and improbable to be made a reason for stopping the project at this time.

"Premier Drury seems afraid of money when it is mentioned in millions. Sugar has advanced on an

average about 14 cents a pound in Ontario since 1914. This means \$70,000,000 a year more to the workers of Canada to buy sugar, and, on Premier Drury's statement that Ontario represents one-third of the Dominion, means that the people of Ontario are paying a total of approximately \$23,000,000 a year in that respect alone. Bread and other commodities can show tolls of millions that are being demanded unnecessarily from workers, yet the Ontario Government has not moved to save the workers all these millions. Why the hurry and urgency to now take steps to protect the people of Ontario from their imaginary loss, which may accrue if the Hydro Radial project is gone ahead with? The whole amount is not expected to be expended in one year. With the purchase of the lines now projected from the Dominion Government, experience will be gained, and if the assumption of loss is correct, the project by then may be stopped without having committed the province or the municipalities to any real loss.

No Water in Hydro.

"Premier Drury states that comparison may be made with radial lines in United States, where losses are now occurring. This cannot be accepted as a comparison for public ownership. Street car and radial financing, both in United States and many Canadian cities, is today endeavoring to meet dividends on water and, in addition, provide profits. The Hydro-Electric project will not have either of these things to do, only having a bonded indebtedness on actual investment, and providing service at cost.

"It is hoped that Premier Drury will reconsider this situation, and give immediate sanction to the Hydro-Electric Commission to complete its bargain with the Federal Government for the three radial lines at present arranged for, and will further get sincerely behind the scheme in order that much-needed rapid transit may be provided between the fast-growing municipalities of Ontario which have endorsed the Hydro Radial scheme."

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Editor Canadian Labor Press: Dear Sir:—I enclose a clipping from the Toronto Globe of July 2, in which you will see the police purpose putting in force the War-Time Anti-Loafing Law.

A case occurred this week in Peterboro Police Court when one of the striking employees of the Canadian General Electric was up on a charge of vagrancy because he was not working. When he explained that he was out on strike, the magistrate remarked that he would give the accused something to strike for and remanded him to jail for a week.

Now, sir, if the police are to arrest strikers as vagrants under the anti-loafing law, it can only be at the instigation of those who wish to destroy organized labor, and I submit it is high time Labor men took the matter up, for it strikes at the very root of organized labor and its rights. Yours, etc. SUBSCRIBER. Peterboro, July 7, 1920.

at a banquet. Among the resolutions of public importance adopted was one requesting the executive to take up with the Department of Justice the desirability of putting into force the anti-loafing law in vogue during the war. The convention was unanimously in favor of continuing the law.

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