

# NO WAGES FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

## MAYOR ASKS BOARD OF ARBITRATION IN OTTAWA

Fifth Week of Strike Approaches  
City Council Takes  
Assisting Strikers.

As the fifth week approaches there is no material change in the strike of carpenters and laborers employed in the woodworking industry at Ottawa. The employers still refuse to deal with the men in a collective way, and despite the requests of such public institutions as the City Council they stand on their dignity and refuse to lay the Justice of their case before an independent court or Board of Arbitration. The men have taken the matter out of their hands and are willing to lay the whole matter before a Board of Arbitration, and asked the Department of Labor to appoint such a board under the Department of Labor unable to do under the existing Industrial Disputes Act, but the department used its good offices in an endeavor to effect a settlement weeks before the strike actually occurred. Every peaceful means of settlement was exhausted, and it was then, and not until then, that the men laid down their tools.

## LABORERS' DISPUTE

With Both Sides Standing Firm—  
Hand—Many Unions

Asked if there was a precedent for the city interfering in a fight between employers and employees, Deputy Minister of Labor, said other cities had taken similar action in the past, and that such was permitted under section 63 of the Industrial Disputes Act. Mr. Grant Davidson, who is head of perhaps the largest of the factories, says the Ottawa Journal was quite frank in its criticisms in the matter. "It looks as though they have taken the matter out of our hands altogether," he said. He further stated that he would not agree to a board under any condition, and that the mill owners would not appoint a member. It is understood that this is the attitude of the remaining owners.

## SPECIAL CONVENTION OF BRITISH TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

The agenda for the special convention of the British Trade Union Congress to be held in Central Hall, Westminster, on July 13, has been published and deals with the Irish question, stating that the recent condition is due to the refusal of the British Government to recognize the claim of the Irish people, expressed in a constitutional way for many years, and calls for a truce between all parties of the Irish people before the picture.

## MORE LIGHT RECEIVED ABOUT RUSSIA

BLACKER IS THE PICTURE.  
By J. A. P. H.

While the Soviet Administration of Russia has made it impossible for the mission from the International Labor Office to visit that country the recent visit of a delegation from the British Trade Union Congress and the British Labor Party has brought back more information about that dark country. The more light that is let into Russia the blacker becomes the picture. At the time of writing we have at our disposal only the interim report brought back to England by the two delegates, Ben Turner and Tom Shaw, who preceded the main body to England so that the annual convention of the British Labor Party could be held in Scarborough. The report is a most interesting one, and contains some accurate and reliable information at its disposal before that body. The report is a most interesting one, and contains some accurate and reliable information at its disposal before that body.

## NOVA SCOTIA LABOR TO BE A FACTOR IN PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.

Patrick K. J. Healey, president of the Halifax Trades and Labor Council and of the Bricklayers' Union; R. A. McDonald, of the Machinists' Union, president of the Halifax branch of the Independent Labor Party, and of the Halifax Co-operative Society, and J. S. Wallace, secretary of the Provincial Labor Party and formerly editor of a Halifax Labor weekly, have been approved by the Halifax Trades and Labor Council as candidates to contest the county in the coming provincial elections. It is anticipated that two independent representatives, one of the eastern section of the county and the other of the west, will be nominated and will complete the Farmer-Labor ticket.

## CHIPPAWA DISPUTE NATIONAL ONE AND STRIKES AT ROOT OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

President Tom Moore, of Dominion Trades Congress Defends Workers' Public Ownership Policy—Attacks Autocratic Attitude of Hydro-Electric Commission.

The Hydro-Electric Commission, said President Tom Moore of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in the course of an address at Niagara Falls on Friday last, "seems to be neither fish nor flesh. It is apparently not a private enterprise nor is it a public utility, it is one thing one day and another thing another day, and neither where the workers are concerned." Despite all reports to the contrary, the organized workers of the Chippawa Canal are still willing to negotiate for a settlement of their differences with the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario. A meeting held at Niagara Falls on Friday night, Labor leaders dealt a hard blow at the manner in which the Hydro-Electric Commission is conducting the affairs of public ownership.

## MINERS WANT INCREASED PRICES ON DOMESTIC COAL TAKEN OFF.

The British miners are making strenuous efforts to have the increased price of 14s. 2d. per ton taken off domestic coal. Previously they decided that when a rise in price was made, they would demand an increase of wages, but they are now challenging the Government on the question of a Franchise Act.

## TRYING TO KEEP TYPHUS FROM ENTERING CANADA.

The Department of Health is taking special precautions at quarantine stations to prevent the introduction into Canada of the typhus epidemic now raging in Russia. To aid the battle in Europe against the typhus, Canada has contributed \$100,000.

## LABOR ELECTS ELEVEN MEMBERS IN MANITOBA

Final Returns Show No One Party in Majority.

It was 2 o'clock Saturday morning before the final counting and allocation of the ballots in Winnipeg constituencies was completed. This elected four Norris Government supporters, four Labor, and two Conservative-Crowds hung around the newspaper offices until that hour awaiting the final returns, and chatters went up from the various factions as the results were posted. The Government elected Hon. Thomas Johnson, Duncan Cameron, coal merchant; John Stovel, master printer, and Mrs. Arthur Rogers, whose husband is head of the Crescent Creamery. She is the first woman elected to sit in the Manitoba Legislature.

## NOVA SCOTIA ELECTIONS

JULY 27.

A special edition of the Royal Gazette was issued on Monday afternoon containing the proclamation of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor dissolving the House of Assembly. The writs for a general election were immediately issued. As previously announced, nominations will be made on Tuesday, July 20, and polling will be held on Tuesday, July 27. The last general election was held on Tuesday, June 30, 1916, when 32 Liberals and 11 Conservatives were elected. A general election of the council is to be held on July 13.

## UNION SHOE FACTORY DENIES REPORT OF CLOSING.

A denial of the rumor that its plant was closing down was on Friday issued by the Ames, Holden, Rieder, and Co. shoe factory.

## ONTARIO CARPENTERS' DELEGATES TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

Delegates to the general convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America from the Province of Ontario were elected recently under the leadership of the Provincial Treasurer of the Proportional Representation Society of Canada, and the vote was sorted and counted during the Ontario convention of the Provincial Council at Peterboro. After the result had been made known, Mr. Odum addressed the delegates and showed the system of counting the votes in the election of the six delegates to the general convention. The result of the vote showed that in District No. 1, Mr. Odum, of Ottawa, was elected; District No. 2, Mr. Odum, of Hamilton; District No. 3, Mr. Odum, of Toronto, and C. H. Mead, of Toronto, were elected.

## QUEBEC CARPENTERS' NEW OFFICIALS.

The convention of the Quebec Provincial Council of Carpenters, which was held at the City Hall, was brought to a close Saturday morning, and the delegates left for their homes in the afternoon. A group photograph had been taken, which will be presented to each delegate.

## WHAT WAS INCREASE IN LIVING COSTS DURING YEAR?

Until Senator Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, explains his method of calculation whereby he reached his estimate of ten per cent as being the increase in the cost of living during the year ending May 31, there will be no report from the Board of Conciliation which is dealing with the wage demands of electrical workers in the employ of the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission. The Minister's estimate is questioned by the parties to the board.

## WHAT PARLIAMENT DID THIS SESSION.

Parliament was prorogued by the Governor-General on Dominion Day afternoon, after a session lasting rather more than four months. The principal measures adopted during the session were:

## WOULD OUTLAW STRIKES.

The Merchants' Association of New York has unanimously adopted a resolution presented by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which would outlaw strikes and establish compulsory arbitration in industrial disputes between workers and "all public service corporations performing public service."

## FEWER DEATHS IN NOVA SCOTIA MINES DURING 1919.

There were twenty fatal accidents in Nova Scotia coal mines during 1919, according to the annual report of the Inspector of Mines and Public Works and Mines of Nova Scotia. This was a decrease of 102 when compared with 1918, during which year one explosion caused 83 deaths. The death rate per one thousand men employed in coal mines was 1.88 as compared with 1.75 for the preceding year. The number of men employed in the coal mines for the year ending September 30, 1919, was 12,925.

## ACCIDENTS SHOW A BIG INCREASE.

In the first half of this year, 35,945 accidents were reported to the Ontario compensation board, an increase of 6,139 compared with the first half of 1919. Compensation and medical aid to the amount of \$2,451,912.55 were awarded the first six months of 1920, an increase of \$405,463.71 over the amount awarded in the first six months of last year.

## REGISTERED LETTERS NOW COST 10c.

According to an amendment to the Post Office Act passed during the recent session of Parliament, the registration fee on letters and other matter mailed in Canada is fixed at ten (10c) cents per each letter or article.

## Winnipeg Labor Opens Campaign Against O. B. U.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council on Tuesday night it was decided to immediately launch a campaign with the object of crushing the One Big Union, W. H. Hoop was appointed temporary organizer.

## DO NOT WANT TO INJURE LABOR PARTY.

In an address, immediately following his nomination as U.F.O. candidate for the federal riding of North Bruce, Richard E. Steady said: "The tariff, which affects every man, woman and child in this country, will play an important part in the next election. In this connection we have to take many things into consideration. Chief among these will be how much the tariff can be lowered without injuring the Labor Party."

## Affirm Demand For Nationalization of British Railways

The annual congress of the National Union of Railwaymen of Great Britain in session at Belfast on Wednesday, passed unanimously a resolution affirming its previous pronouncement in favor of the nationalization of the railways. The resolution adds: "Any attempt by the Government to allow the pre-war system again to become operative will receive our most strenuous opposition."

## WILL DEFER ACTION IN APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY FOR STRIKE LEADERS.

The Government has decided, it is understood, to defer action on the appeals for clemency in the cases of the Winnipeg strike leaders. The view is taken that action could not properly be taken until the appeals have been heard by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

## COMMISSION ON EIGHT-HOUR DAY IN ONTARIO.

The Ontario cabinet is standing by the principle of the eight-hour day, and, in accordance with the promise which it made to the Labor group when its representatives were taken into the Drury Government, a commission will be appointed this month.

## FARMERS GETTING READY.

Organization of the farmers of Canada for the next Federal election is to be discussed at a meeting in Winnipeg on July 12 by a special political committee of the Canadian Council of Agriculture. This committee consists of two members from each province, and the farmer members of Parliament.

## JUDGE GUNN CHAIRMAN OF TELEGRAPHERS' BOARD.

Judge R. D. Gunn has been appointed chairman of the board in the dispute between the Canadian Telegraphers' Association and the C. P. R. There are 300 operators directly affected in the dispute and the men's demand is a 25 per cent increase.

## BARBERS OF ONTARIO FEDERATION ELECT OFFICIALS.

The Journeymen Barbers' Federation of Ontario in convention at St. Catharines, decided to petition the Provincial Government for the licensing of all barber shops in Ontario and for regulations compelling barbers to observe the sanitary laws.

## OFFICIAL RESULT OF I. T. U. ELECTION.

Following is the official result of the election of officers of the International Typographical Union: President, John McParland; first vice-president, Walter W. Barrett; second vice-president, James J. Hays; delegate to Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Jax Drury; agent Union Printers Home, Joe M. Johnson; 2nd of auditor, John M. Dugan; delegates to the A. F. of L. Frank Morrison, Max S. Hayes, T. W. McCullough, Wm. Young, C. F. Howard; trustees, Union Printers Home, Theo. McCaffrey, Walter E. Ames, Geo. P. Nichols.

## KRASSIN RETURNING TO RUSSIA TO CONSULT WITH BOLSHEVIST PREMIER

Negotiations Only Temporarily Interrupted and Russian Representatives Will Return to Great Britain.

Leonid B. Krassin and Victor P. Nogin, who have recently been carrying on negotiations with the British Government and other allied representatives regarding a possible reopening of trade relations between the Allies and the Bolsheviks, are returning to Russia, after failing to satisfy the British Government either on the question of the release of prisoners or on that of the Bolshevik penetration into Persia. In order to consult with Nicholas Lenin, the Bolshevik Premier, negotiations, however, are said to be only temporarily interrupted.

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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS. FOLLOWING the lead given by the Ontario workers, Labor has made its mark in the Manitoba Provincial elections, having even gone a shade better in the number of representatives elected.

The contest for the ten seats in Winnipeg under the proportional representation system, was quite naturally the centre of general interest, and from the results the system on its trial trip, in Manitoba elections, has found a general consensus of opinion that it was a gratifying success, giving a correct reflex of the opinions of the electors, something which would have been unattainable under the old method of selection.

Trade union ethics and constitutional method belong to the majority of the Labor candidates elect, and history may repeat itself with those whose advocacy is of the dreamy or unsatisfactory nature, that their entry in the school of legislation the difference between the attainable and impossible may become apparent.

The workers in provinces other than Manitoba extend full-hearted felicitations and congratulations to the workers of the prairie province. The Ontario section welcome the newcomer to direct representation.

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"Wars must go on so long as all existing States are not transformed into Bolshevik Republics." — A Bolshevik Communist. And they talk of peace.

PROROGATION—1920.

(Apologies to R. K.) Gold of our Masters, known to all, Lords of our far-flung railway line—Beneath whose awful hand we call Dominion over Liberty and kind—Indemnity stay with us yet, Let us forget—let us forget!

For Canadian heart that puts her trust In broken Unionist made, To the last man and the last crust—Knowing not where to seek for aid, In frantic in her misplaced trust, In worshippers of the golden dust.

CARPENTERS' ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The eighth annual convention of the Ontario Provincial Council of Carpenters (U. E. C. & J. of A.) was held the last week of June at Peterboro. Brief mention was made of this convention in our last issue.

Across the Atlantic.

LABOR SITUATION CALM. With the exception of the strike of 3,000 builders and electricians employed at the London docks, the labor situation is exceptionally quiet.

GENERAL STAFF FOR LABOR.

The report of the parliamentary committee of the British Trades Union Congress, now meeting at Leamington, for trade union co-ordination, advises the making of necessary alterations in the standing orders of the congress and proposes a general council of 20 members representing 17 trade groups.

BRITISH N. U. R. CALLS FOR HELP.

The number of appeals which the executive of the British National Union of Railwaymen has received for only the last few months in districts in which other sections of workers are engaged, has resulted in the executive having instructed the general secretary to bring the whole question of sympathetic action before the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress.

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Here's To Woman.

Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal.—Cain.

WOMEN'S WAGES LAW PROVES INEFFECTIVE.

Trade unionists in Washington State who have urged working women to organize and depend upon themselves to raise wages rather than on some office holder, are pointing to the State Industrial Welfare Commission's refusal to sustain the recommendation of an \$18 minimum wage for women workers.

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The cards are at last face up on the table. The women of our state now know the political juggery that has been practiced to pervert the action of the State Industrial Welfare Commission and make it subservient to the interests of the employers against the interests of the women wage workers of our state.

VOTED DOWN BILL TO GRANT WOMEN SUFFRAGE.

A bill granting suffrage to the women of Belgium was defeated by a vote of 89 to 74 in the Chamber of Deputies at Brussels, last week.

LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS WILL PULL ALL MEMBERS' TEETH.

In order to care for the health of their members the New York local of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union have purchased a house at 131 East 17th street, which will be equipped with the most modern medical and dental apparatus.

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# LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

## OTTAWA.

### OTTAWA TRADES COUNCIL.

The strike of the inside carpenters and laborers employed in the local woodworking industry occupied much of the time at the last meeting of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association. The executive council in its report on the matter stated that the employers practically defied public sentiment by refusing to a Board of Conciliation which had been asked by the men. The central body pledged its full support and the case of the local workers will be published broadcast and financial assistance sought.

Delegate J. A. P. Hajdon of the special committee appointed at the last meeting presented the report of the committee and stated that since the council made the laborers employed in the woodworking industry had also been forced to strike owing to the same circumstances as the inside carpenters. Funds were necessary to carry on a strike, and each and every trade union will be asked to assist the strike. Since the strike some three weeks ago the men have stood solidly together and there have been no desertions.

Business Agent Pat Green of the District Council of Carpenters reviewed the strike from its inception and told of the autocratic attitude of some of the employers in refusing to deal collectively in any way with their employees. He also stated that one man, prior to the strike, was receiving the sum of \$13 per week. This man was married and had a family of eight to support. He also told of the assistance being given the men from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and of the action taken by the Ontario Provincial Council of Carpenters on behalf of the strikers.

Twenty dollars was voted to the assistance of the families of the Winnipeg strike leaders now serving sentences in Manitoba jails.

### MEDALS FOR FIREMEN AND ENGINEERS.

Seventeen members of the F. G. L. Firemen Lodge, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers received medals from the grand lodge of the order in recognition of their services during the strike.

The formal presentation of the grand lodge service medals took place on Tuesday evening, 454 Parkdale avenue.

The war veterans receiving the medals were: Walter Ackland, Hubert Baugh, Eugene Burt, Frank A. Cumming, Thos. Davis, Edward Fernie, Jas. Alex. Hamill, Richard Handyside, Walter Lewis, Charles Murphy, Hewitt McElroy, Alex. McIntosh, Duncan Smith, A. K. Smyth, Alex. Spittal, N. P. Tremblay, Clarke Woods.

### OTTAWA NEWSY BRIEFS.

Frank Lafortune was again unanimously elected president of the local union of Steam and Operating Engineers at a largely attended meeting last Tuesday. Other officials for the ensuing year are: Vice-president, A. W. Watson; financial secretary, A. Villeneuve; recording secretary, F. Davis; business agent, C. W. Lewis.

At the last meeting of the central labor body C. W. Lewis of the organization committee informed the delegates that he had been successful in organizing the broom and whisk makers of Ottawa where there had been applied for and the officers would be installed in the very near future.

Business Agent M. Ryan of the Laborers' International Union, was in Renfrew last week and a mass meeting of the workers of the Creamery Town will be held on July 16 when addresses will be delivered by F. Lafortune, president of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association and J. A. P. Hajdon, vice-president of the International Labor Press of America. It is expected that a central labor body will be organized in Renfrew where strong locals of textile workers, car-

penters, bricklayers, stone masons and laborers are in existence. Controller John Cameron's efforts to bring about a settlement of the dispute between Ottawa woodworkers and their employers, by action to secure the appointment of a board of conciliation, should appeal to public opinion, and to the moral forces behind public opinion in this city.—Clifton.

Thomas Masell, president of Local No. 353 of the Retail Clerks International Protective Association, who was married on Tuesday, was agreeably surprised Saturday evening by a delegation representing the members of that association called upon him, while he was supervising the fittings arrangements of the interior of his future home, 294 McKay street, N.E., and presented him with a case containing 78 pieces of silverware and cutlery, and a fine carving set to match.

## HAMILTON.

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On September 5 the Sunday preceding Labor Day, at the Church of the Ascension, a special Labor Sunday service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Renison. A communication from the rector invited the central labor body to send delegates and file of organized labor to attend. The invitation was accepted and the city's trade unionists will be urged to honor the event with their presence.

Business Agent H. Longfellow, local No. 709, Steam and Operating Engineers' Union, said another organization which encroached on the jurisdiction of local No. 709 regarding engineers, desired affiliation with the T. and L.

Delegate O'Dell said unless the organization was recognized by the A. F. of L. it would be ineligible. Secretary Peate was asked to communicate with Secretary P. M. Draper of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada for a ruling in the matter. Delegate Snively, Journeymen Barbers' Union was named as sergeant-at-arms, the office being vacant.

A report from the Labor Day Committee showed that marked headway was being made respecting the demonstration on Monday, September 6.

Credentials were received from the sheet metal workers, steam and operating engineers and lathers, the delegates being obligated.

### ACCEPT ARBITRATION AWARD.

The members of Local No. 1, Bricklayers and Masons' Union, at a special meeting last week, unanimously accepted the Arbitration Board award, which provides for an hourly wage of \$1.02 1-2, dating from May 26.

## TORONTO.

### TORONTO FIRE FIGHTERS' ANNUAL FIELD DAY AUG. 7.

Toronto's fire fighters will hold their first annual "Field Day" and games at the Island Stadium on Saturday, August 7.

A meeting which has the sanction of the Ontario Amateur Athletic Union is open to the firemen of Ontario fire departments only. There are 15 events carded on the programme, as follows: 100, 220, 440, 880 yards run; 1 mile relay race; four men; 15 yards sack race; donkey race, 100 yards; standing broad jump; running broad jump; hop, step and jump; throwing the baseball; putting 16-pound shot; throwing 16-pound hammer; also a ladder climbing contest for time; 25-foot ladder; one man at base; bringing it and one man lying at the bottom in front to prevent falling forward.

Entries will close with secretary of the fire fighters' sports committee, D. H. Lamb, No. 8 Fire Station, College street and Bellevue avenue, on August 4. Entry blanks or information can be secured from Secretary Lamb.

### CIVIC EMPLOYEES SEEK INCREASES.

President William Locke, of the Toronto Civic Employees' Union, following a well attended meeting of the organization held Friday night in the Labor Temple, denied that a demand would be made upon the city for an increase in wages, but stated that the union would take up the cudgels on behalf of employees of the Board of Education and Public Library Board.

"The only trouble we have on our hands are the complaints of employees of the Board of Education and the Public Library Board. We want them raised to the civic rates of wages. Some of the Public Library employees are very poorly paid."

The union took in 150 new members at its last meeting. It made preparations for the Labor Day parade, in which it hopes to take a conspicuous part. The financial condition of the organization was reported to be strong. The action of the City Council in paying the wages for six months to next skin of employees who had been killed while in the employ of the city, was received with applause by the meeting.

### NEW PRESIDENT FOR TORONTO TRADES COUNCIL.

The following were nominated for officers under the Toronto and District Trades and Labor Council for the next six months. The elections will take place at the next regular meeting:

President, James Scott; vice-president, Wm. Stephenson; secretary, Alf. W. Mance, Tom Mellieu; financial secretary, F. Cribben; treasurer, Wm. Storey; sergeant-at-arms, "Sandy" Wilson; outside tyler, Delegates King and Russell; executive, O'Connell, Ford, Simpson, Truman, O'Donnell, Stewart, Singer, Newall, Palmer; trustee, Garland, Corcoran, Simpson, Williams, Bryant, Morgan, McCann, Braithwaite; delegates committee, J. Stevenson, Palmer, Singer, Mellieu, McGarry, Truman, Ralph, Morgan, Munro; educational committee, Lewis Locke, Simpson, Robinson, Mellieu, Lamb, Singer, Young; organization committee, S. Brown, Moss, Williams, Jones, Russell; label committee, Wilson, Brown, Cribben; delegates to Trades and Labor Congress, Simpson, Munro, O'Donnell, Scott, Truman, Wm. Stephenson, W. Fordham, J. Stevenson, Mize, Derry, Stewart, Hobbs, Cox, Singer.

### TORONTO NEWSY BRIEFS.

The Painters and Decorators are so pleased at the results accruing from having five business agents in the field that the system will be continued for the summer months without any change.

Provincial Secretary Joe T. Marks, of the Independent Labor Party is very pleased at the result of the Manitoba elections. The results in Manitoba are only an indication of

what may be expected all over the Dominion when the next Federal election takes place," was his comment.

Secretary W. J. Storey, of the Plumbers and Steamfitters, reports that the members, having shown a constant increase during the past few weeks. "Conditions in the plumbing trade are much improved," he said one morning this week.

At Tuesday's meeting of the District Carpenters' Council, John Doggett, who has been business agent for a number of years, tendered his resignation, which was accepted. While his new duties as permanent secretary of the Building Trades Council.

There is a strong feeling in the circles of organized labor that the City Council has blundered in taking up the necessity for providing housing accommodation for the citizens of the city during the coming fall and winter.

At the Labor Temple one of the main topics of conversation among the leaders of the various unions is the housing problem, and the consensus of opinion is that something is not done and done soon next winter the city will see much suffering and discomfort as a result of present dilatoriness.

Secretary John Cottam, of the District Carpenters and Business Agent John T. Vick predict a terrible situation when many people living in tents have to seek other quarters.

Business Agent Leonard Bowring, of the Structural Ironworkers' Union, announced on Tuesday that 29 members of the Ironworkers' Union were out on strike at five plants throughout the city. The strike is impeding the work on several large buildings, including the new Loew's and Pantages theatres, which the management of both theatres had planned to open in August. The main issue at stake was the recognition of the union.

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### CALGARY TYPOS BOAST HIGHEST JOB SCALE IN CANADA.

Calgary Typographical Union now boasts of the highest job scale in Canada and one of the best on the continent. After negotiations extending over several weeks the scale committee finally secured an offer of \$45 per week for day work and \$48 for night work for a period of six months, from May 1, 1920. The hours remain the same as at present, i.e., forty-five days and forty-four nights. At a special meeting of the union, after considerable discussion, this offer was accepted. While this is a \$10 increase over the old scale it does not really represent the increase in the cost of living, but in view of local conditions, over which the union has no control, it was felt this was the best offer that could be secured at the present time.

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### NO WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW UNDER BOLSHEVIST RULE, SAYS MRS. SNOWDEN

British Labor Delegation to Russia Has Returned—Mrs. Philip Snowden, One of the Women Delegates, Gives Her View of Conditions Under Soviet Rule.

Members of the British Labor delegation to Russia arrived in England on Wednesday last week. Mrs. Philip Snowden, a member of the delegation, states that in Russia there is no woman's point of view; men and women work together in everything, and under the same conditions. Russians consider they have solved what is called the woman's question by establishing equality in every profession, business and occupation at the same pay.

As to Bolshevism, Mrs. Snowden says: "Like others, I went into Russia with an open mind, but I have returned with the following decided objections to Nicholas Lenin's government. In the first place, it is not Socialism. There is no Socialism in Russia. Nor is it Communism, as I understand the word. All the Socialism and Communism of Soviet Russia appears to be in their manifesto. Land is supposed to be owned by the state, but the peasants pay no rent and eldest sons inherit the property. Apparently it is all a matter of labels.

In the second place, the Soviets are not democratic, and make no pretence of being so. Speaking politically they think Democracy is an outworn theory. They believe, of course, in what they call the dictatorship of the proletariat, but they have only got a dictatorship of the Communist Party. As the Communist Party in Russia numbers at most 400,000, it is obvious that the dictatorship is a dictatorship of a small section. It does not stop there. The Communist Party is divided by a handful of people inside the party. When you get down to the bottom, dictatorship of the proletariat means dictatorship of about six men aided by an extraordinary commission.

Soviet Russia's Good Points. Mrs. Snowden confesses that there were good things in Soviet Russia, at least. She considers that the revolution, such as arts, music, and drama, and the Bolsheviks have at least the sense not to destroy them. She also states that helpful things are being done for children, who receive first consideration in the distribution of food, amongst the civilians at least. She considers that the best of which existed before the revolution, such as food and other necessities, which she thinks not so much due to the Bolsheviks as to the blockade and the war. The whole delegation is therefore perfectly unanimous in advocating that war should cease and that the blockade should be raised, in fact, as well as in theory. Resumption of normal conditions and trade relations, she believes, would result in the worst features of Bolshevism disappearing. Mrs. Snowden considers the Soviet Government quite stable and supported by the whole population which is patriotic enough to unite

against all countries with which they are at war.

Russia's Need of Peace. Peace would result in the Government being criticized. The Russian people, she declared, have come to look upon the Bourgeoisie with marked dislike, no matter what nationality they belong to, and were hoping for a world revolution at an early date, which they expect in a very short time.

She considers Mr. Lenin has been successful, not so much on account of his intellectual power as of the fact that he is undoubtedly honest, but his ignorance of Bolshevism and politics is colossal, believing, as he does, that the British working class movement is palpitating to leap over barricades at the least provocation.

Mrs. Snowden is quite emphatic in her statement that Russia will be able to pay her debts and fresh obligations should be resumed, and she speaks of the enormous quantities of flax and stores of wheat in Russia and of the large output of gold and platinum in Siberia. She concluded by stating "that it was a tragedy that men had to be taken away from the work of reconstruction to fight in a new war with Poland."

### RAIL MEN START BANK.

The treasury department of the United States has approved a charter to "The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Co-operative Bank of Cleveland Ohio," with a capital of \$1,000,000. The bank will be chartered under the federal law for national banks and under the Ohio law.

The engineers have several million dollars at their disposal and are financially able to take over all the stock, but it is understood that some of the stock will be offered to the public. The railmen have discussed this question in several recent conventions, but final action was delayed because of the war.

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### Manitoba Elections Justify "P. R."

Ronald Hooper, honorary secretary of the Proportional Representation Society of Canada, who had charge of the counting of the proportional representation election at Winnipeg, in a statement on the working of the new system says: "The Winnipeg proportional representation election just concluded, in which 41 candidates contended for 19 seats, has clearly shown that a 19-member constituency may be as practical as a small one, provided that the staff engaged to sort the ballots is competent and well trained. The personnel of the Winnipeg counting staff was all that could be desired in these respects, and it was this that made possible the announcement in less than four days of the results obtained from sorting and re-sorting, nearly 48,000 ballots.

"The average number of all men engaged in the work was 34, and the time during which they were actually employed amounted to 45 hours. "Seventy-five per cent. of the electorate cast their votes, and the percentage of rejected ballots amounted to only 1.72. This very low for so cosmopolitan a city. "The Labor party (which included the Socialistic group) polled 42.5 per cent. of the first choice votes and elected four members, the Liberal party polled 30.4 per cent. and elected four members; the Conservative party polled 13.7 per cent. and elected two members. The eleven Independent candidates together polled 13.4 per cent. but these candidates were each independent of the other, and therefore none succeeded in securing the quota of votes necessary for election.

"A further analysis of the result sheet shows that all parties received their fair share of representation. A considerable proportion of the 11,586 first-choice votes for F. J. Dixon, a Labor candidate with a surplus of preference for Liberal and Conservative candidates, as were also many of the eliminated six candidates.

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