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Deputation Waited Upon the Government With Reply to the Attacks of Manufacturers Association.

The deputation appointed by the Brookville session of the Congress waited upon the Government on Monday last, and presented their case in a very able manner. The deputation was composed of Messrs. P. M. Draper, A. M. Patten, Edgar Empey and Harvey Hall, and their memorial was presented by Sir William Mulock.

no less a sum than \$600,000, it is boldly out in violent condemnation of the Government—a Government to which at least 85 per cent. of the membership of the Manufacturers' Association is opposed under any circumstances—because that Government did not use the Department of Labor and the Labor Gazette in the way of securing for that association mechanics and others from Great Britain and the continent to take the places of Canadian workmen who dared to belong to labor organizations, or who sought to secure wages sufficient to meet the increased cost of living in rent, fuel and many of the necessities of life.

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That this Congress endorses the action of the labor men connected with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to telegraph the Honorable the Premier of the Dominion, asking him to kindly fix an hour on Monday next to receive a deputation which is hereby empowered to make a statement on behalf of labor to himself and the members of the Government.

What we desire to direct your kind attention to on this occasion will be best indicated by the following resolutions passed at the nineteenth annual meeting of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, held in Brockville, Ontario, during last week, at which there were present delegates representing organized labor from nearly every province in Canada, that is to say it was:
1. Resolved, That this Congress emphatically disavows the views expressed by the Manufacturers' Association that men prominent in the labor movement should not be appointed to responsible positions in the Labor Department.

And, further, that this Congress insists that the Department of Labor be
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We may say that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is representative of only a comparatively small number of the manufacturers of the Dominion, but we recognize that it is noisy, self-important and arrogant while it has ample financial facilities to bolster up and foster its propaganda. It may be remarked, however, that were its members as candid as they are unscrupulous in assertion there would be little trouble between them and their employees. For example, that organization, while declaring that it disapproves of strikes and lockouts, and favors an equitable adjustment of differences between employers and employees by any amicable method which will preserve the rights of both parties actively opposed and claimed that it was successful in having withdrawn the Arbitration and Conciliation bill introduced in the Ontario Provincial Legislature at its last session by the Hon. J. R. Latchford, Commissioner of Public Works, although the provisions of that measure contemplated an amicable adjustment of differences between employers and employees, while preserving the rights of both parties.

This, Right Honorable Sir, is the reply of the executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to the attack of the Manufacturers' Association upon the Honorable the Minister of Labor and the employees of the Labor Department.
SIR WILLIAM ROBERTS DISCORD.
Sir William Mulock, in the course of his remarks in reply, said: I regret deeply with you that there should be any discord between Canadian employers and employees. The well-being of Canada requires that these two great classes engaged in the industrial development of this country should be in harmonious co-operation, and that there should be no discord in their efforts both for individual and national advancement.

It is a hardy necessary to point out to the Government that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is no wise lacking in 1906 and arrogant assumption at all events. It will be observed that, while enjoying much already, it is ever striving for more "protection" for its manufactured goods, to the great disadvantage of the consumer. At the same time it is more noisy and demonstrative in crying for absolute free trade in the matter of labor importation from all parts of the world. This patriotic association does not shun the word "Canada" for its own enjoyment, but it is ever striving for more "protection" for its manufactured goods, to the great disadvantage of the consumer. At the same time it is more noisy and demonstrative in crying for absolute free trade in the matter of labor importation from all parts of the world. This patriotic association does not shun the word "Canada" for its own enjoyment, but it is ever striving for more "protection" for its manufactured goods, to the great disadvantage of the consumer.

MANUFACTURERS' ATTACK ON THE LABOR GAZETTE.
A year ago a resolution was passed by the Manufacturers' Association attacking the Labor Gazette. I remember rightly the purpose of that attack, it was that the views and opinions expressed by the Gazette were not satisfactory, and that the Gazette should be reconstructed more after the manner of the Labor Gazette issued by the United States Government at Washington. There is a marked difference between the principle determining the policy of the Washington Gazette and the Canada Labor Gazette.

As to the department itself, when introducing the measure creating it, I made an appeal, and I have ever since lived up to the spirit of that appeal, that the Labor question should never become in any sense a party question. I mean not only that it should not be a party question in the sense of a political party but that it should not be a party question in the sense of a party question in the range of the industrial world itself, that it is the duty of the Labor Gazette and the department to serve all classes engaged in industrial life. It constitutes its educational work, to inform the employer or the employee. Useful information cannot be helpful and beneficial to all concerned. The day the attitude of the Manufacturers' Association has gone by when in Canada objection was taken to the dissemination of useful information or when there should be an attempt made to keep workingmen in ignorance. A thorough and honest attitude towards the Department of Labor from the time of its establishment to the present will show that it is rich in useful information, useful to all classes of this community.

information is either true or it is untrue. If it is true in the fullest sense of the word, as I believe it is, then I fail to see where the Gazette can be censured or the department censured because of disseminating truthful information. If it is untrue, the untrue part should be discredited, and we take the responsibility and properly assume blame for anything that is untrue. But the Labor Gazette has been attacked in a general way, thus making it impossible for proper defense to be given. I do not attach much importance to a general attack unaccompanied by particulars.

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As to our employing union men in the department, union men and non-union men have their rights. I am aware of no union or non-union men in the service failing to do their duty to the public, and it is not proposed by the appointment of men to the department to exclude them whether they belong or do not belong to any union, or belong or do not belong to political, religious or other organizations. Arbitration outside the service, except possibly under very exceptional conditions, would not be a subject of consideration when engaging them for service in the Department of Labor. I am not aware of any member of the staff in the Labor Department having failed in his duty towards his country. On the contrary, I have had the utmost satisfaction in observing the work of the whole staff, and whilst no staff in any service in any country will ever accomplish all that is wished of them, I can claim for the Labor Department that it is doing a useful work.

I regret with Mr. Hill and with all of you gentlemen that there should be any cleavage between employers and employees. Canada is at present entering upon an era of great industrial activity, and self-interest will always make those engaged on either side, whether on the side of the employers or the employees, anxious to advance their position. Accordingly, the efforts of the employer to gain more out of the labor of his employees, and the efforts of the employees to gain more for their labor which they sell, are inseparable from industrial activity. They will always be present, and therefore, instead of our bewailing the existence of that very natural feeling on the part of each person to better himself, the wise course is to direct our efforts towards a proper solution of the labor question.

The Department of Labor has as much right to an existence as the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Trade and Commerce, and the Department of Labor in Canada is here to stay. (Hear, hear.)
As to Mr. Hill's suggestion, in which I

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entirely occur, that efforts should be made for the establishment of some tribunal for the adjustment of industrial disputes throughout Canada, that idea now finds a place upon the statutes in regard to one very large class, namely railway employees, and railway employees. And I think that public opinion is getting ripe for the extension of the principle beyond railway differences, and that as time goes on it will more and more become apparent that neither class, employer or employee, can have its own way absolutely, and that falling agreement between representatives of both sides remains in a reasonable country for the settlement of trade disputes except through the intervention of third parties.

I observe there is to be a meeting on the 15th of October in Indianapolis, a very large and representative gathering of men, employers and employees, to discuss this very proposition.

DIFFERENCES SHOULD BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION.
There is a feeling growing up throughout the United States that some tribunals must be established for the settlement of industrial disputes. We have our courts of the land for dealing with legal disputes. I do not see that the courts of the land would be the proper method for adjusting industrial disputes, but I do believe that the education of the public to a point that will compel both classes in cases of difference to refer differences to third parties, offers a solution to this question. Moderation of views, however desirable, does not always prevail. There is in the great majority of cases moderation on the part of both classes. We do not hear of the case number of trade differences that are quietly and happily adjusted but we do hear of the cases which culminate in industrial war, and if both classes were to devote their efforts to devising a remedy, that remedy, I think, will be forthcoming.
You remember how public opinion settled the strike in the anthracite coal region. There was no law involved except the law of public opinion. Whether Canada is ripe for the enactment of a general measure of that kind is open to question. No such legislation will be of any force unless it rests upon the approval of the public.
And my wish, my hope, my desire—albeit, would be that instead of estrangement between employers and employees that there should be mutual good will and a determination that, differ as they might, falling to agree, they would hand out their differences to a third party.
I think, if I dared offer advice to you gentlemen, to the industrial classes, to

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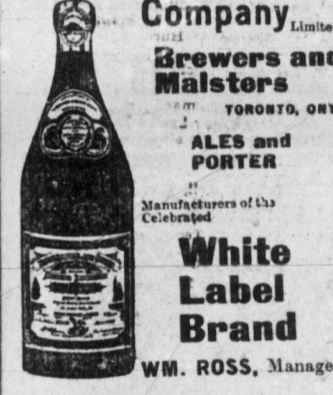
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LABOR WORLD

News and Views of the Ever Advancing Army of Workers

BY EDWIN

For some time past the air has been quite free from disturbances in the labor world locally, other than the moulders' difficulty with the Canada Foundry Co. and the Gurney Co. This quietude has been broken during the past week by a difficulty in the Copehland Chatterbox Co.'s shop, which has caused the bookbinders to go on strike to force this company to pay journeymen's wages on a certain line of work.

The town of Berlin, a few months ago, took over the gas and electric light and power plant, paying \$100,000. It is in poor condition, and not adequate to the requirements of the town.

In connection with the strike of the moulders at the Gurney Foundry works, the Gurney Company has issued writs against the officers of the Moulders' Local Union, and James Simpson, Wilson and D. W. Kennedy, local organizers.

Organized labor at Berlin held a mass meeting in their hall Saturday night last to talk over the labor question politically respecting bringing out candidates for the House of Commons and the Legislature.

The International Typographical Union convention delegates Gilmour of Montreal and Powell of Ottawa, gave notice that these cities would be candidates for the convention in 1905.

The Federation Window Glass Company directors have approved the wage scale recently arranged, which provides a 10 per cent. increase.

A powerful new labor organization was born through the action of the delegates to the Team Drivers' International Union adopting a resolution under the terms of which the two great organizations will be consolidated.

Mr. Hugh St. James, of Toronto, who is a candidate for the position of international organizer, was endorsed by the Halifax Typographical Union at its meeting of Saturday evening last.

The next convention of the Shirtwaist and Laundry Workers' Union will be held at San Francisco. Walter Sherre of Philadelphia was elected president and Charles Greve, Elgin, Ill., first vice-president.

The convention of teamsters which met at Niagara Falls adjourned after deciding to establish the headquarters of the amalgamated organization at Indianapolis.

The Homestead mills produce, with about 4,000 men, three times as much steel as the Krupp works produce with 15,000.

The 3,000 trainmen and switchmen on the middle division of the Wabash Railroad have been granted an increase in wages. Those employed in the freight and yard service will get 15 1/2 per cent. more than their present pay, and those in the passenger division will receive 12 per cent. additional.

A partial settlement of the differences between the coal operators and miners of Missouri was reached at the conference held at Chicago. The officers of the National Board agreed to instruct the miners of Missouri to continue work under the present scale, pending a complete settlement.

Out of the thirteen trade movements in Montreal this year for better conditions, eleven were successful. This is why the Manufacturers' Association there advocates purely national unions. All of the above named trades were affiliated with international bodies.

The Boston & Albany Railroad machinists' strike has been settled and the men returned to work. It is understood that a compromise proposition was accepted. The strike began seventy days ago, and affected 240 skilled mechanics in Worcester, Boston and Rensselaer, N.Y.

Twelve damage suits for a total of \$131,000 have been brought against Chicago organizations as a result of recent strikes. All are to be pushed to the final court, for they are instituted by the Anti-Boycott Association as test cases.

Book Island Railroad conductors and trainmen's strike was averted by granting 12 per cent. wage increase to passengers. This is the last of a movement benefiting 40,000 employees.

There are 370 boot and shoe factories using the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union stamp, in addition to 25 shoe supply houses.

Carpenters in Austria work ten or eleven hours a day for an average weekly wage amounting to \$4 and \$5.

It is said that over 200 compositors have left Scotland for America during the last few months.

There are 5,200 union carpenters in Montreal affiliated with the U. B. of C. and J. of America.

The Royal Overall Company of Montreal has applied for the United Garment Workers' label.

Five thousand team drivers in Boston marched in the parade on Labor Day this week.

The Connecticut Legislature has rejected a bill requiring incorporation of unions.

The bakers of Boston, 200 strong, who struck for an increase of pay, came out winners.

formation was that their only trade was that of politics. Labor has decided that it will make its own politics, and not have them served by politicians whose interests lie in serving another class. No matter to what extent the National Congress is bolstered up, it will not succeed, and those workers who have attached themselves to it will soon get tired of paying their money to an organization that is working in harmony with another organization doing all in its power to divert the earnings of the workers into the pockets of its members in unjust proportions.

It would not be using the local men justice did we not say something in their behalf as entertainers. Delegate Murphy of the painters and the bartenders' delegates were indeed generous in making the delegates enjoy their sail up the St. Lawrence on Wednesday, while the other amusements provided for the delegates were thoroughly enjoyed by all. That the local committee did their well will be readily acknowledged by all the visitors, and some of them were so pleased that Brockville may have another visit from them in the coming year.

The contest for officers for the ensuing year was followed with interest by the delegates, especially that for president, which was between John A. Flett and A. W. Puttee. The result was that Flett was elected by the closest possible margin.

The following are the officers: President, John A. Flett, Hamilton; Vice-President, James B. Mack, Montreal; Secretary, James B. Mack, Montreal; Executive Committee: British Columbia—Vice-President, G. D. McEwen, H. Twigg, Victoria; George Bartley, Vancouver; J. L. Brown, Vancouver; Manitoba—A. W. Puttee, Winnipeg; Vice-President, A. G. Cowley, T. Thoms, H. Albert.

Quebec—Vice-President, A. Verreuil, Montreal; Ontario—Vice-President, Joseph T. Marks, London; E. Emery, Ottawa; E. W. Odell, Hamilton; James Wilson, Toronto.

The secretary's report was a most comprehensive document and showed clearly to the delegates that they have the right man in the right place in Mr. P. M. Draper. His summary of the industrial and sanitary conditions of wage workers, and the permanent prosperity of the industries which depend on the co-operation of labor organizations and others interested in the general prosperity of the Province is laudatory.

It should be the duty of every man in this section of the country to see that his union becomes affiliated, if it is not already. To obtain our rights we must have a strong Congress, and to obtain that it is necessary that each individual do his share toward getting the outsiders in the fold.

The use of the Hare-Spence system for the first time in the elections of the Trades and Labor Congress last week calls for some remarks.

Under a plan of this kind it would be impossible for any improper use to be made of the ballots. We do not for a moment suggest that anything of the kind took place at the Congress—delegates ought to be able to feel that there is no possibility of it, no matter how keen the contest. The election of the Congress became more important year by year, and every precaution should be taken to conduct them in the most satisfactory manner.

Another advantage of the prior nominations would be that it would be known who was running, and there would be no opportunity for one candidate to get the advantage of another by his opponent when it was not known by his opponent that he intended to run. A rule would, of course, be adopted that when any candidate was elected for the vice-presidency of a province, he should have his name

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passed over, and the next choice taken, in the election for provincial executive, if he were a candidate for that also.

The uncomfortable incidents that attended the election of the president would have been prevented by the application of the improvements suggested. Trouble started by the fact that 105 delegates had been counted and only 102 ballots cast. It is exceedingly difficult to count a roomful of men so as to be sure of your count by two or three. Then the confusion was added by one of the election committees being so thoughtless as to jump up in an excited manner and call out to the delegates that ballots with two names on them were being counted and ought not to be. The gentleman in question was put on the committee immediately before the election. He had no right to make a public protest of this kind before consulting his colleagues; and of course he was mistaken, because the names were written in the order of the voter's choice and the ballots were perfectly good. If the committee had been appointed the day before, and had met together and arranged details, probably no member of it would have committed such a breach of good manners and good sense. It is easy to be "wise after the event," and we are not blaming the Executive for not appointing the committee on Wednesday, but are merely suggesting what ought to be done in future.

The election of the Ontario Executive was an excellent example of the value of the Hare-Spence system. Eight candidates contested the three seats, and no one had the necessary quota of thirty-odd votes. The first-choice votes given for unsuccessful candidates were not wasted, but were transferred to second and third choices. The help of the Congress became more important year by year, and every precaution should be taken to conduct them in the most satisfactory manner.

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