

**CIHM
Microfiche
Series
(Monographs)**

**ICMH
Collection de
microfiches
(monographies)**



Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions / Institut canadien de microreproductions historiques

© 1998

The copy filmed here has been reproduced thanks to the generosity of:

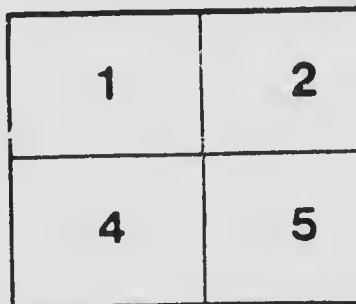
Special Collections Division
University of British Columbia Library

The images appearing here are the best quality possible considering the condition and legibility of the original copy and in keeping with the filming contract specifications.

Original copies in printed paper covers are filmed beginning with the front cover and ending on the last page with a printed or illustrated impression, or the back cover when appropriate. All other original copies are filmed beginning on the first page with a printed or illustrated impression, and ending on the last page with a printed or illustrated impression.

The last recorded frame on each microfiche shell contains the symbol \rightarrow (meaning "CONTINUED"), or the symbol ∇ (meaning "END"), whichever applies.

Maps, plates, charts, etc., may be filmed at different reduction ratios. Those too large to be entirely included in one exposure are filmed beginning in the upper left hand corner, left to right and top to bottom, as many frames as required. The following diagrams illustrate the method:



L'exemplaire filmé fut reproduit grâce à la générosité de:

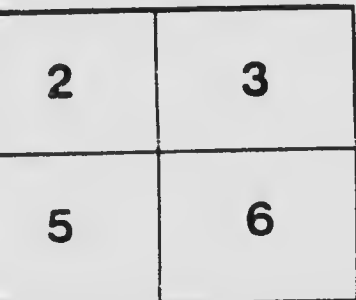
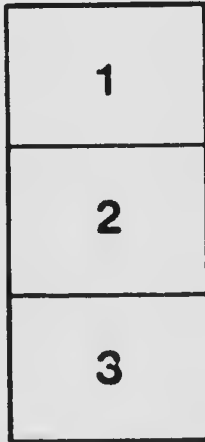
Special Collections Division
University of British Columbia Library

Les images suivantes ont été reproduites avec le plus grand soin, compte tenu de la condition et de la netteté de l'exemplaire filmé, et en conformité avec les conditions du contrat de filmage.

Les exemplaires originaux dont la couverture en papier est imprimée sont filmés en commençant par le premier plat et en terminant soit par la dernière page qui comporte une empreinte d'impression ou d'illustration, soit par le second plat, selon le cas. Tous les autres exemplaires originaux sont filmés en commençant par la première page qui comporte une empreinte d'impression ou d'illustration et en terminant par la dernière page qui comporte une telle empreinte.

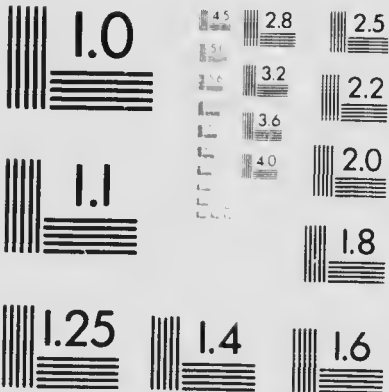
Un des symboles suivants apparaîtra sur la dernière image de chaque microfiche, selon le cas: le symbole \rightarrow signifie "A SUIVRE", le symbole ∇ signifie "FIN".

Les cartes, planches, tableaux, etc., peuvent être filmés à des taux de réduction différents. Lorsque le document est trop grand pour être reproduit en un seul cliché, il est filmé à partir de l'angle supérieur gauche, de gauche à droite, et de haut en bas, en prenant le nombre d'images nécessaire. Les diagrammes suivants illustrent la méthode.



MICROCOPY RESOLUTION TEST CHART

(ANSI and ISO TEST CHART No. 2)



APPLIED IMAGE Inc

260 North Main Street
Rochester, New York 14609
Telephone: (716) 484-4000
Telex: 484 238

10721



PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Fifth Annual Convention

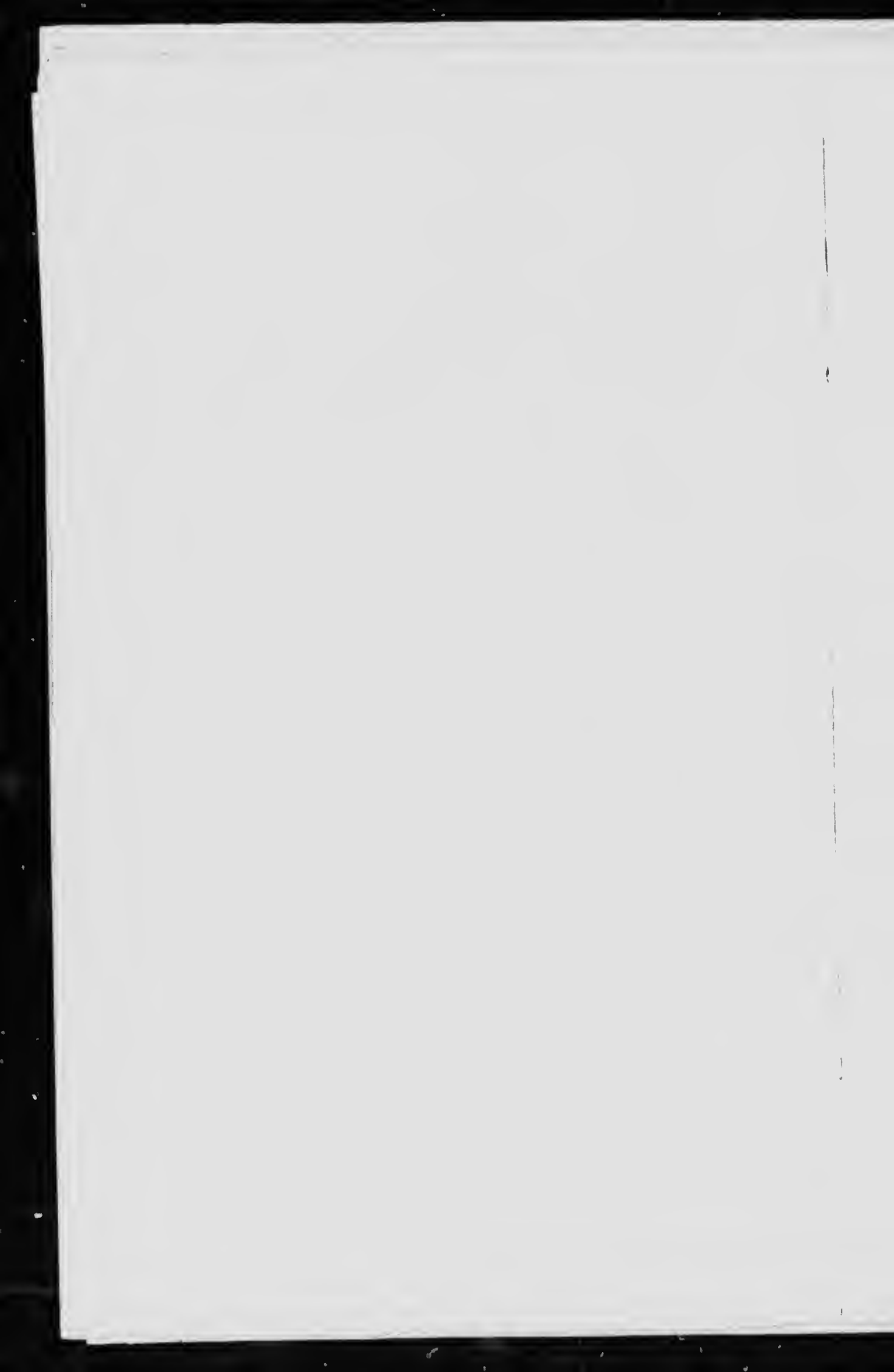
OF THE

Canadian District Association

No. 6.

Western Federation of Miners.

Held in the City of Nelson, B. C.,
April 7th to 11th, 1903.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
- OF THE
Canadian District Association No. 6
Western Federation of Miners.

Held in the City of Nelson, B. C., April 7th to 11th, 1933.

Meeting called to order 10 a. m. by President G. F. Dougherty. After a short discussion it was decided to adjourn until 1 p. m., until the Rossland delegates should arrive.

1:40 p. m., meeting opened in session. G. F. Dougherty in the chair.

The following brothers were appointed on a credentials committee: H. Thompson, P. D. Delancy, H. Towne, Wm. Wilson.

The convention took a recess to give the committee time to report.

Credential committee reports as follows:
To the Officers and Members of the Fifth Annual Convention of District No. 6:—

We, your committee on credentials hereby report as follows:

We have examined the credentials of the dele-

gates and find the following brothers entitled to seats in this convention:

Sandon, No. 84, H. D. Thompson, 2 votes.
 Sandon, No. 84, A. J. McDonald, 2 votes.
 Ymir, No. 85, P. Daley, 2 votes.
 Ymir, No. 85, W. Bennett, 2 votes.
 Rosslan, No. 38, P. R. McDonald, 2 votes.
 Rosslan 1, No. 38, M. P. Villeneuve, 2 votes.
 Greenwood, No. 22, W. Wilson, 2 votes.
 Greenwood, No. 22, G. F. Dougherty, 2 votes.
 Kamloops, No. 112, M. Delaney, 1 2 vote.
 Kamloops, No. 112, H. Murphy, 1 2 vote.
 Nelson, No. 96, Frank Phillips, 1 vote.
 Nelson, No. 96, C. Barton, 1 vote.
 Phoenix, Harry Towne, 2 votes.
 Kaslo, M. P. McAndrew, 1 vote.
 Silvertown, J. C. Tyree, 1 vote.
 Slooan, D. B. O'Neill, 2 votes.
 New Denver, Hugh Williams, 1 vote.

We find the following unions in arrears: Kaslo, Rosslan, Phoenix, but in view of the fact that their delegates guarantee the payment of the back taxes, we would recommend that they be given seats in the convention.

We find that Kamloops Union has sent two delegates, but are only entitled to one vote. We would recommend that they be given a seat and allowed one half vote each.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. THOMPSON,
 P. DALEY,
 M. DELANEY,
 H. TOWNE,
 WILLIAM WILSON

Committee.

Moved that the report of the committee be accepted and the committee be retained.

Roll call—All delegates answered.

The President then appointed the following committees:

President's Address.—Frank Phillips, Hugh Williams, William Bennett, P. R. McDonald and H. Murphy.

Resolutions and Standing Orders.—J. C. Tyree, M. P. Villeneuve, H. Williams, M. Delaney, M. P. McAndrew.

Constitution and By-Laws.—D. B. O'Neill, Howard Thompson, Hugh Murphy, P. R. McDonald and C. Barton.

Auditing—M. P. McAndrew, M. P. Villeneuve, J. C. Tyree.

Ways and Means.—Harry Towne, M. Delaney, and P. Daley.

Grievances.—W. Bennett, H. Thompson and D. E. O'Neill.

Pre-Committee.—P. Daley, H. Williams and F. Phillips.

A delegation of Clergymen was announced and a request sent in that they be allowed to address the convention in the interests of the Lord's Day Alliance League.

It was moved that the request be granted at any time they present themselves.

Moved that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, for the purpose of giving the several committees time to prepare their reports.

The President then read his report, and the same was referred to the committee on President's address.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Officers and Members of District Association
No. 6, W. F. of M.:

Brothers:—The time has arrived when I am in duty-bound to render to you an account of my stewardship. Deeply conscious of the honor you conferred upon me in selecting me as your President, and realizing the responsibility accompanying the honor, I promised you to discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability. This I have done, and while I may not have done so in a manner pleasing to all, I assure you that any errors made were not intentional. I was scarcely inducted into office when a calamity such as was never heard of before befell one of our best—110 of our co-workers lost their lives in the terrible explosion. Devotion and sorrow was brought to many homes because of the vanity and pride of a few millionaires, who, in their ambition to fill their coffers to overflowing, neglected the responsibility of the cost production of the expense of many lives. It resulted upon the feet of the explosion followed the resignation of Brother Bechtel. In being Brother Bechtel the district suffered a great loss. Every action of the Brotherhood responsibility is placed upon him, he labored for the good and welfare of the organization at large, and this district in particular. Since our last convention we have been suffering from a total depletion of our membership. Immediately after the explosion at Los Angeles, M. A. No. 6 was infiltrated by the Great Northern Coal Company, and with a new M. A. No. 6 organization. The first official act of Mr. J.

H. Tonkin was to violate the time honored custom of 8 hours from bank to bank. This caused a strike which lasted several weeks, and which practically paralyzed the industries of the Province, more particularly in the Boundary country. Hundreds of our brothers were thrown out of employment and compelled to seek employment elsewhere, thus causing the Unions to set back, from which they had scarcely recovered when another one took place. The former strike was conducted by our worthy President, Charles Moyer, assisted by our worthy brother J. A. Baker. All hail to those who so valiantly defended the rights of their fellow workers, and who yielded only when they became fully convinced of the futility of prolonging the battle.

During the year the depression of the lead and copper markets had a most disastrous effect on the industries of the southern part of the province, and I can see no relief until such time as the government will take the matter in hand and operate smelting and refining plants in the interests of the people. The Mine Owner's Association seem to be satisfied with their solution of the problem, and while it may afford temporary relief, I fail to see where it will become permanent. In the matter of compulsory arbitration it is becoming apparent every day that some form of arbitration will have to be enforced for the future welfare of this province, and no better illustration could be had than the late strike at Fernie, the effects of which are being felt all over the metalliferous districts. In this case had there been a law to cover the point, Mr. Tonkin would have been compelled to meet his men, and had he done so the strike could have been averted.

IN RE THE FERNIE STRIKE.

On the 9th day of February I received a telegram from Fernie stating that they were on strike.

and requesting my presence. I proceeded to Fernie and found that the Union, although in very poor shape financially and numerically, had succeeded in completely tying up the whole valley, in which condition it remained until the agreement was duly signed and delivered. In making the settlement I had no hesitancy in recommending its acceptance. Not as what we wanted, but as the best we could accomplish, and while 28 men at Coal Creek suffered a reduction, the gains obtained benefited several hundred men; in short, it was a benefit to the many at the expense of the few. It appears that some dissatisfaction exists at this time, but I cannot see that there is any person to blame but Fernie Union, they knowin' the majority that they had to overcome refusing to take a vote, left no other course open but that of declaring the strike off.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by my colleagues on the executive board. They have ever been ready and willing to render what assistance that they could for the benefit of our fellow workers, and for the guidance of your humble servant.

In the past my aim has been to do the greatest good to the greatest number, and I will assure you that whatever my position may be in the future my aim will be to take my fellow workers from the level of the slave to that to which by right they should occupy.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. DOUGHERTY.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Delegates Assembled at the Fifth
Annual Convention of District Association No.
6, Western Federation of Miners:—

Fellow Workers:—In compliance with our constitution I take pleasure in submitting to you my annual report for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1903.

In submitting my report I present to you a detailed account of all moneys received and disbursed by me, during my term of office, which are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

1902.			\$	
April	1	To Balance	15.35	
	2	Ymir P. C. T.	13.00	
	5	Slocan City "	21.50	
	"	Greenwood "	13.20	
	8	Nelson "	21.00	
	8	New Denver "	4.10	
	12	Sandon "	33.80	
	12	Silverton "	7.10	
	23	Kaslo "	4.80	
	23	Lardeau "	7.00	
	23	Whitewater "	7.00	
	23	Kamloop "	2.50	
	25	Cp. McKinney "	18.80	
May	17	Phoenix "	18.80	
	26	Van Ande "	6.00	
			\$221.55	

1902

July	7	To Balance	\$ 7.60
	8	Phoenix P. C. T.	13.85
	8	Nelson "	8.75
	16	Texada "	6.10
	19	Silverton "	4.00
	19	New Denver "	4.90
	19	Whitewater "	3.10
	23	Ymir "	7.30
	23	Slocan City "	15.07
	23	Kamloops "	2.00
	23	Lardner "	5.07
	23	Greenwood "	9.00
Sept.	22	Sandon "	22.15
	26	Sandon "	35.20
	26	New Denver "	4.20
	26	Silverton "	5.00
Oct.	1	Phoenix "	19.90
	1	Greenwood "	15.00
	1	Rosland "	31.70
	1	Fairview "	4.00
	1	Lardner "	4.80
	1	Ymir "	17.00
	1	Slocan City "	22.10
Nov.	20	Nelson "	11.00
	23	Lardner "	3.00
Dec.	5	W. F., amount advanced to Ros-	
		land by Dist. Assn. No. 6 ..	110.00
	5	Amount advanced by Dougherty	70.00
1903			
J.	6	Silverton P. C. T.	5.00
	10	Lardner "	10.20
	19	Ymir "	20.00
	23	Nelson "	15.00
	24	Greenwood "	22.50
April	7	Sandon "	32.20
	7	Nelson "	15.00
	7	Kamloops "	4.00

7	Silverton	4.60
		\$658.70
	Sloan City	21.60
		\$680.30

EXPENSES

April	2	Nelson Daily News, calls for convention	\$ 8.00
	5	Postage stamps	1.50
	7	Buckworth, typewriting report	3.00
	11	Stationery for convention	2.05
	17	Telegram to Foley, Roseland	.30
	17	Inland Sentinel, hall rent	18.75
	18	C. Foley, expenses	10.00
	19	Parr, salary \$6.50, express .25	6.75
	24	Dom. Express \$2.15; express charges 25c.	2.40
	24	Postage \$1.60, Smith & McRae	2.15
	30	C. M. Brydges \$4.00; express charges .05	4.05
	30	Buckton, salary as Secy., April	3.50
May	5	R. P. Williams, typewriting	20.00
	7	Palace Livery, carriage	.25
	6	C. F. R., Telegram re Workmen's Compensation Act	4.95
	6	Telephone to Dougherty	.15
	6	McRae Bros & Smith, supplies for typewriter	2.50
	8	C. Foley, balance on convention	26.50
	10	Postage \$1.50; express chgs .10	1.60
	15	Exchange at Bank	.25
	20	Expenses of trip to Fernie, Dougherty	97.00
June	5	Dom. Express, convention reports	1.00
July	1	T. L. Buelton, salary and personal advances	29.60

		Cash advanced by Dougherty	
May	26	To car fare, Fernie and return . . .	25.90
	26	11 days tin at \$5 per day	55.00
	26	10 trips to Phoenix, horse hire, etc.	50.00
	30	Cash advanced to McDonald . .	20.00
	25	Telegram to Wilkes re Denver .	1.00
	25	Telegram to Haywood, re Denver	1.00
	25	Telegram to McDonald	1.00
June	1	Car fare to Michel and return . .	1.75
	11	Cash and telegram to McDonald	51.00
	4	Telegram to Taylor 50c, Taylor 50c	1.00
	1	Telegram McKenzie	1.00
July	10	Typewriting inspector's report for June 1	20.00
	1	Pioneer Pub. Co., printing (Debs)	19.00
	31	Pioneer Pub. Co., printing stationery	11.00
	31	Telegrams as per voucher No. 1	1.30
Aug.	31	Telegrams as per voucher No. 2	.75
Sept.	10	Sandon Poy-stread, printing . . .	10.50
Oct.	29	Res land Evening World	20.00
Nov.	1	Postage stamp on per voucher B	2.00
	1	W. B. Fleming, dayage	1.50
			\$394.30
1907.			
Jan.	2	Telegrams as per voucher No. 4	1.30
Feb.	1	Telegrams as per voucher No. 5	1.05
Jan.	1	Smith & McRae, \$1.30, \$5.75 . .	7.05
	1	T. L. Buckton, back salary and telegram	6.80
	1	Secretary's salary, September, October, November and De- cember	10.00
	1	J. L. Cole, typewriter supplies .	2.25

	1	Stamps	2.00
	1	Smith & McRae, stationery	1.30
Feb.	6	G. F. Dougherty's trip to Nelson and return, 5 days at \$5 . . .	31.70
April	6	W. B. Fleming, expressage, as per voucher No. 675
	7	G. F. Dougherty, stationery, as per voucher No. 7	2.30
Feb.	6	Cash advanced for trip to Fernie	75.00
			<hr/>
			\$174.51
April	9	January, February and March salary, 1903	30.00
			<hr/>
			\$264.51

BALANCE SHEET

By per capita tax, \$224.55, \$270.99, and \$680.30	\$1175.84
To expenses, \$216.95, \$394.30, \$174.51, . . .	785.76
	<hr/>
	\$ 390.08
Less 3 months salary for Secretary	30.00
	<hr/>
Balance on hand	\$ 360.08

It is unnecessary for me to remind you that our expenses during the last few months have been somewhat heavy on account of two trips to Fernie and one to Nelson, when your executive officers met to consult in connection with the disastrous explosion, and also in connection with the late strike.

There are present 19 locals of the Western Federation in British Columbia, all of which are on the books of the District Association No. 6. Nine of these are in good standing, and three of them have been vouched for by members.

present. The total membership of those in good standing is 1,921. Five are in arrears, with a membership of 100.

Owing to the complicated condition of affairs at Fernie the executive board thought fit to establish a separate Association in the Crow's Nest Valley, known as the District Association No. 7, and included Fernie, Morrissey and Michel; this is regarded as subsidiary to District Association No. 6.

I would recommend that this Association endeavor to formulate some plan whereby we could furnish our proportion of the taxes to support the Trade and Labor Congress of Canada, believing it to be to the interest of organized labor to have its representative stationed at Ottawa during Parliamentary sittings. I cannot see why we should expect to enjoy the advantages accruing from the efforts of the labors of the representative of that body unless we are willing to bear our share of the burden. I would record and strongly urge that the per capita tax be raised from the present rate of 10 cents per member per quarter to 12 1/2 cents per member.

In conclusion, Brothers, I would, while heartily thanking you for the confidence you have reposed in me, I wish to thank you the position of honor and responsibility to which you saw fit to elect me.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. WILSON,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Moved that the report of the Secretary-Treasurer be referred to the auditing committee.
Report of Committee on Resolutions and Standing Orders.

We, your committee on standing orders beg to submit the following:

1st. That the first order of business be the consideration of the President's address.

2nd.- That the report of the Secretary-Treasurer be considered.

3rd.--Reading of resolutions.

4th.-- Constitution and By-Laws.

5th. Reports of committees.

On motion, the same was adopted as presented.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADD. '35.

To the Officers and Members of District Convention
No. 6, W. F. of M.:

We, your committee, respectfully recommend the adoption of the President's address as submitted, particularly to clause "a," relating to the government ownership and operation of smelting and refining plants. Also to clause "b," relating to arbitration. We feel that it is of the utmost importance that this convention take steps on compulsory arbitration. We also recommend that this be given to the press for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK PHILLIPS,
H. WILLIAMS,
WM. BENNETT,
P. R. McDONALD,
D. B. O'NEILL,

Committee.

Moved that the same be approved as read.

Moved that we do now take up the President's address and consider the same seriatim.

Moved that clause "a" be adopted. Moved in

amendment that the same be referred to the committee on resolutions. Amendment carried.

Moved that this convention adopt a form of compulsory arbitration. Bro. J. C. Tyree and P. R. McDonald addressed the convention at great length on said motion. Bro. Villeneuve made some very interesting remarks on the subject. The President then called Bro. McDonald to the chair and took the floor in opposition to compulsory arbitration, advocating conciliation rather than compulsion.

Bro. A. J. McDonald addressed the convention, advocating more intelligence to be used at the ballot box, which would obviate arbitration.

Motion lost.

Moved that the Chair appoint a legislation committee, and that portion of the President's address relating to arbitration be referred to them, and they be instructed to bring in a resolution on the same and it to be considered by the delegates as a whole.

The Chair appointed the following brothers on said committee: P. R. McDonald, M. P. McDonalds, Howard Thompson, M. Delaney, and C. H. Towne.

Moved that the Chair appoint a price committee and that their recommendations be given to the price.

Committee on resolutions report as follows:

We, your committee on resolutions, recommend the following resolution for your consideration:

Whereas, the workers of the Eight Hour Law have approved both satisfactory and economical in its application to metalliferous mining; and

Whereas, underground work is both dangerous and unhealthy, and in view of the fact that a large proportion of the workers of the Province are underground workers; and

Whereas, eight hours should be the maximum work day in all underground working ;

Therefore, be it Resolved, by District Association No. 6, in convention assembled, That the Provincial Government be urged to amend the Eight-Hour Law as applied to metalliferous mines to apply to all underground working ;

And be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Premier of British Columbia, and also to our representatives, John Houston, Smith Curtis and R. F. Green.

The same was adopted as read.

Moved, that in view of the ambiguous construction of the word underground, in the metalliferous laws, the Secretary-Treasurer of the District Association write the Attorney General for a proper translation of the said law. Carried.

The delegation of Clergymen being announced, it was decided to take a recess to give the gentlemen an opportunity to address the convention. Rev. Mr. Reid quoted the proposed law. Rev. Mr. Robinson, Rev. Mr. Graham and Mr. Black dwelt at length on the advisability of observing the Lord's Day, and urged the convention to take steps in the matter. Mr. Black extended an invitation to the members of the convention to attend the mock parliament that was to be held that night under the auspices of the Success Club. After the gentlemen retired it was decided to leave the matter with the local.

Moved that we adjourn till 1.30 p. m.

The convention resumed at 1.40 p. m.

Resolution from the Sandon Union

To the Members of the Western Federation of Miners :

Dear Sirs and Brothers: At the regular meet-

in of this Union held on December 20th, 1902, the following motion received the unanimous consent of the organization:

"Moved, seconded and carried, that a committee of three be appointed to prepare and present to the local of District No. 6, resolutions with a view towards securing their assistance in making representations to the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners that it is the earnest wish of the Unions in this district that the printing of all Union supplies for the district be done in the Province of British Columbia.

In view of the fact that we can procure from local sources for \$20.00 per 1000 precisely the same card that under existing arrangements is costing us \$67.00 per 1000, we think it not only right and expedient, but in the interest of our membership imperative, that action along the lines indicated should be taken to insure the matter being laid before the next annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners.

Another material argument in favor of this course is that, since we ourselves object to the importation of alien labor, it is not only inconsistent in us, but wrong, if we fail to support the local printer, who, the latter object to the importation of printed matter, the furnishing of which provides them with a source of livelihood.

And at the same meeting the following motion also adopted:

"Moved, seconded and carried, That the matter be referred to an expression of opinion from the Local of District No. 6 on the advisability of presenting to the right of decision in the matter of the election to represent each district on the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners be left in the hands of the foregoing committee.

Heretofore it has been customary for the convention as a body to nominate and elect the member who shall represent each district, on the executive committee.

This method we believe to be in many cases haphazard, and a method that often fails in providing the district with the man most calculated to maintain their undivided support. A large majority of the convention, however conscious they may be, can have but a superficial knowledge of the man they select to represent the district outside of their own, and the prominence of any delegate during a convention is no warranty that the same man is the best qualified to represent his district.

Now if you see this matter in the same light as we do, we would ask you to advise us on the subject. Any suggestion or amendments you may be pleased to offer we will gladly receive.

Should this movement receive the support of a sufficient majority of the unions of District No. 6 we will take steps to have the matter presented to the locals, through the District Executive, with the view of having the same placed in the hands of the delegates from this district for united presentation to the next annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Signed by the members of the committee,

MARTIN S. GAINE,
CARL WESTEN.

To the Officers and Members of District Association
No. 6, W. F. of M.:

We, your committee on resolutions,
to report as follows:

In the matter of the Sandon resolution, we would recommend that the word supplies be stricken out and the word cards inserted in lieu thereof.

In the matter of the ownership of smelters and refineries, we would also recommend that this convention declare itself in favor of public ownership of smelters and refineries, and we further recommend that the Dominion Government extend the Intercolonial Railroad to the Pacific.

In the matter of the selection of the member of the executive board, we would recommend that the matter be left in the hands of the committee.

JOHN C. TYREE,
M. P. VILLENEUVE,
M. P. McANDREW,
M. DELANEY.

Resolution Committee.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted *unanimously*.

On motion the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws was then taken up and acted upon *unanimously*.

Nelson, B. C., April 14th, 1903.

Wherefore we have on our minutes and by-laws. The resolutions follow:

Article 2nd of the constitution follows:

Sec. 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. Adopted.

Sec. 2. The officers of this Association shall be elected by ballot at the annual convention by a majority vote of the members. Adopted.

Sec. 3. The annual meeting of this Association shall be held on the first Friday of the second

month prior to the annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners. — Adopted.

Article 3. That section 3 be amended as follows: Inert after the word "him" in the sixth line on page 6: "Notify the Secretaries of all local Unions that their per capita tax is due at the end of each quarter." — Adopted.

Add section 5: The executive board shall prepare a list of all subjects that in their judgment should come before the annual convention, and submit same to all locals in their jurisdiction at least thirty days prior to date of convention. — Adopted.

Article 4. Section 2 to be amended as follows: Strike out June 1st and insert July 1st. — Adopted.

Article 7. Section 4 to be amended by changing date April 7th, 1901 to April 7th, 1903. — Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. O'NEALL
HOWARD THOMPSON
P. R. McDONALD,
HUGH MURPHY,
C. A. BARTON

Resolution as to what authority should govern the settlement of a strike:

B. D. by move the following: That after any certain local show that they have satisfactory grievance to go out on strike, and guaranteed the support of the Federation to do so, that said local should not return to work without a vote of all locals being taken, unless where their grievance is granted in its entirety to the satisfaction of the district executive.

Seconded by C. H. Towne.

Bros. McDonald and Villeneuve presented the grievance of the Roseland Union.

On motion this matter took the same course.

Bro. Thompson presented the grievances of the Sandon Union.

On motion they were also referred to the proper committee.

Bro. McAndrew presented the grievance of the Ka-lo Union.

It was disposed of in like manner as previous grievances.

REPORT OF GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Officers and Members of District Association No. 6 Convention:

Brothers: We, your committee on grievances, beg to report as follows:

Re Complaint of the Roseland Union. Your committee would recommend that the Roseland Miners' Union should submit to the locals of this district through the medium of the District Association, a full statement of their case, together with an itemized account of the expenditures of money received from the W. F. of M. after the strike was declared off. We would further recommend that the Association urge the locals of the district to give the matter their best attention and consideration so that delegates representing such Unions at the W. F. of M. convention may, when the matter is brought up at said convention be able to see justice given Roseland Miners' Union.

Re Ka-lo Complaint. We, your committee, believing the statement made by Bro. M. P. McAndrew of Ka-lo Miners' Union, No. 69, on the floor of this convention yesterday, we consider that at the last convention of District Association No. 6, held at

Kamloop, that the Kaslo Miners' Union, No. 69, was amply criticized by that convention. We would recommend to this convention that the executive of District Association No. 6 notify each local to that effect.

In re the Matter of the Sandon Union, No. 81.--Wherein they complain of the companies compelling the married men to board at the mine boarding house. We would recommend that this convention disapprove of this method, in view of the fact that it interferes with the rights of all men; it also interferes with the business interest of the municipality.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. NETT,
D. B. O'NEILL,
HOWARD THOMPSON,
Committee.

Moved that the recommendations of the committee be adopted. Carried.

The legislative committee present the following report:

We would favor and recommend the following form of a conciliation act:

That the Premier of British Columbia be given power to appoint a conciliation committee consisting of seven members, four of them to be appointed by and with the approval of both parties to the dispute, and the fifth to be appointed by the four, he to act as Chairman; and that the said board shall have power to examine under oath the matter in dispute between both parties.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. McDONALD,
M. DELANEY,
M. P. McANDREW,
Committee.

The ways and means committee presented the following report:

We recommend the following: That it being wholly the fault of the local Secretary that such mistake was made, and finding that in all cases they have been credited with the full amount of membership to cover the same, it was no fault of the officers of the District Association, it having covered such a long period of time, and the Executive being in hard circumstances for money to carry on the several strenuous demands made on them during the troubles of the past year, we, the committee of ways and means, recommend the convention here assembled that if you are obliged to accept the figures given in their statement, we advise that they be refunded \$50, and will credit them with their per capita tax for the balance of the calendar year, if it does not exceed the balance of \$10.

Respectfully submitted,

M. DELANEY,

P. DALEY,

C. H. TOWNE,

Committee.

On motion the same was adopted.

To the Officers and Members of District No. 6, in Convention Assembled:

We beg leave to submit the following for your approval:

That in the matter of licensing engineers, that the present law be made to apply to all men running hoists by any power, whether used by steam, compressed air or electricity.

And further, we would recommend that they be examined by a reputable physician in regard to their health, as we believe that anyone suffering from

board director, not a proper person to have our lives in his care.

And that a copy of the same be sent to our members of the Legislature, and to the Minister of Mines.

C. H. TOWNE,
G. F. DOUGHERTY.

Moved that the same be accepted and referred to the committee on legislation. Carried.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Fifth Annual Convention of District Association No. 6 of the W. F. of M.:

We, your committee on Legislation submit the following:

In Re Engineers. That the present act be so amended to apply to all men running hoists by any power, and that all engineers be examined by a reputable physician.

We would also recommend the following resolution:

Whereas there are only two men in positions of responsibility, and believing that the duties assigned to them are too much for them to attend to:

Therefore, It is Resolved, That we do hereby pass a resolution that the names of the following be added to the list of Trustees of the Association for the purpose of providing a complete list of their names to the Executive Provisions of the constitution and endeavor to secure the immediate necessity of appointing two additional trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. McDOUGALD,
M. DELANEY,
M. P. McANDREW,
C. H. TOWNE,
HOWARD THOMPSON,
Committee.

Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and the recommendations complied with. Carried.

Bro. P. Daley offered the following resolution, the same to be referred to the locals for their action:

In order to get the sentiment of the locals on the matter of settling strikes for a given time, thereby preventing them from acting in sympathy with other Unions.

On motion the same was accepted and ordered to take the proper course.

The committee on the Secretary-Treasurer's report presented their report.

Recommendations on Secretary-Treasurer's report:

Clause 1. We do not recommend at this time affiliating with the Trades and Labor Congress. First, because, owing to the depression in the country and so many of our members unemployed, that an assessment at this time would be very unpopular, and we believe that any assessment would have to be levied to meet any additional expense. Secondly, a great many of the locals are already represented in the different Trade and Labor Councils, which in turn, are affiliated with the Trade Congress.

Clause 2. To be made known to this committee why the recommendation of the Secretary should be approved, in raising the per capita tax from 10 cents to 12 1/2 cents, as there is a balance on hand of about \$300, which, we believe, with the additional payment of the delinquent locals, would leave a good balance to our credit.

Adopted.

JOHN C. TYREE,
M. P. McANDREW,
M. DELANEY,
M. P. VILLENEUVE,

Committee.

On motion the same was accepted and ordered filed.

The President then took the floor to explain his position in the matter of the settlement of the Fernie strike.

Moved that the matter be referred to the committee on resolutions.

Moved that the committee bring in resolution touching on the Ladysmith strike also. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

To the Officers and Members of District Association No. 6:—

We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to report as follows:

In the matter of the Ladysmith strike:—

Whereas, the miners of Ladysmith and Comox coal mines have shown the true spirit of Unionism by refusing to be deprived of their liberties as British subjects; and

Whereas, Mr. Dunsmuir has refused to honor the principles of organization; and

Whereas, by his arbitrary action in closing the mines at Ladysmith and Comox, thereby depriving the miners of their right to earn a livelihood;

Therefore, It is Resolved, by District Association No. 6, in convention assembled, that we hereby condemn the arbitrary action of Ladysmith and Comox Miners' Union, in upholding the right to organize.

And It is further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the 8 Unions at Ladysmith and Comox, and a copy given to the press and also spread upon our minutes.

In the matter of the Fernie strike:

Be it Resolved, That this convention endorse

the action of the executive in the adjustment of the strike in the Crow's Nest Valley.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. TYREE,
M. DELANEY,
M. P. McANDREW,
M. P. VILLENIEVE,

Committee.

On motion, the resolutions just read were adopted.

Moved and seconded that the Record and Evening World be the official organ for the coming year. Carried.

Bro. Thompson of Sandon wanted an expression of opinion from the convention in regard to bringing legal action against members in arrears.

After considerable discussion it was decided to leave the matter entirely with the locals.

On motion, the matter of printing the proceedings of the fifth annual convention was left in the hands of the executive.

Bro. M. P. McAndrew introduced the following resolution:

That the incoming Secretary be instructed to communicate with Pro. Baker the wishes of the miners at Chauborne, Cinnmore and Wilmer, and in the event of his not being able to attend to the matter that the incoming executive be instructed to proceed to organize said camps. Carried.

The report of the auditing committee was then received.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer, beg to submit the following:

We have examined the book, together with the vouchers for all expenditures since last audited by committee:

Receipts.	
For per capita tax	\$ 620.19
Returned by W. F. of M.	510.00
Balance on hand for convention	45.35
Disbursement.	
For the explosion	\$ 97.00
Secretary-Treasurer salary	120.00
Incidental	598.75
<hr/>	
Total disbursements	\$815.75
<hr/>	
Total receipts	\$1,175.84
Disbursements	815.75
<hr/>	

Balance on hand April 10th, 1903...\$ 360.09

M. P. McANDREW,
J. C. TYRRE,
M. P. VILLENETVL,

Committee.

On motion the committee reported and the committee declared valid the choice of the convention.

FINANCIAL OFFICERS.

Moved that a vote be given to the nomination and election of officers.

Nominations for President were declared in order.

Bro. P. R. McDonald, of Rockland, was nominated. Bro. G. F. Dougherty, of Greenwood was also placed in nomination. Nominations closed.

On the ballot being taken, Bro. McDonald received 13 votes, Bro. Dougherty 9.

Bro. McDonald receiving the majority of votes cast was declared elected President for the ensuing year.

On motion, the election was made unanimous.

For Vice President the following were nominated: Bro. C. H. Towne, of Phoenix; Bro. Howard Thompson, of Safford, and Bro. Wm. Bennett, of Yuma. Bro. Bennett withdrew.

The result of the ballot was as follows: Bro. Thompson, 11; Bro. Towne, 8; Bro. Bennett, 2. Bro. Thompson having received the majority of votes cast was declared duly elected for the ensuing year.

On motion the election was made unanimous.

For Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. G. F. Dougherty was placed in nomination.

Moved that the nomination close on the name of Bro. Dougherty. Carried.

Moved that the Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to cast the vote of the convention for Bro. Dougherty. Carried.

Installation of Officers:—

The President and Vice President were then duly installed, after which the Secretary-Treasurer was duly installed by the President elect.

Moved that the retiring officers be tendered a vote of thanks. Carried.

Moved that the Nelson Miners' Union be tendered a vote of thanks, also some consideration for the use of their hall. Carried.

Moved that the convention donate the sum of \$20.00 for the use of their hall. After considerable opposition, from the Nelson delegates the motion was withdrawn.

PLACE OF MEETING

The following places were then named as the choice of the delegates for holding the sixth annual

convention: Nelson, Rosland, Greenwood, Kimbloop and Sandon.

On a rising vote Nelson received 11 votes, Greenwood 5, Kimbloop 1, Rosland 6, and Sandon 1.

Moved that Nelson be the unanimous choice of the convention. Motion prevailed.

Expense bills of the retiring officers were read, and on motion, the same were allowed.

There being no further business to come before the house, the President declared the fifth annual convention of District Association No. 6 adjourned, sine die.

Attest:

W.M. WILSON,
Secretary Treasurer.





