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# SHINGLE WEAVERS ASKED TO EMBRACE LUMBER WORKERS

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council has been striving for years to organize the men engaged in the logging and timber industry. Some months ago the co-operation of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor was enlisted and George Heatherton, an old-time member of the Western Federation of Miners, was pressed into service with a view to bringing about the aims of the central labor body.

General Organizer C. O. Young has arrived in Vancouver and he, too, is anxious to see something done towards getting the $90,000 men employed in the lumber industry, all through the Pacific Northwest, into one organization.

The suggestion has been made that the Loggers' union here to take the initiative in a campaign to encourage the Shingle Weavers' to branch out tions, and have included within real international proportions, and have included within its jurisdiction all the men engaged in the industry. In fact, it is more than propable that President Brown of the International Shingle Weavers' union will be asked to visit Vancouver shortly, to discuss the possibilities of such a scheme of organization with local union officials, including Organizer Heatherton.

In view of this probable move a recent statement made by President Brown is worthy of the consideration of all concerned. Says Mr. Brown:

"It seems fitting and proper that in the contemplation of the gratifying progress made by the organized labor movement since last Labor day, we should also turn our eyes on some of the work yet to be done.

"In the West particularly, the great problem confronting the working class is the organization of the men employed in the sawmills and in the woods.

"Along the Pacific coast, north of San Francisco, and including British Columbia, fully 225,000 men are employed in the lumber industry. The men are anything but well organized. Most of the organized are shingle weavers, a branch of the lumber industry employing a very large percentage of skilled men, but whose numerical strength is insignificant.

**Shingle Weavers Have Felt Iron Heel**

"The International Shingle Weavers' union of America has been organized about ten years, and in that time the members of this organization have felt the iron heel of the lumber magnates.

"Shingle weavers on the whole are young men. The work requires speed and great intensity. The work is nerve racking and seldom do men stay in the calling for more than a few years.

"During the time the shingle weavers have been organized they have given a very good account of themselves and have manifested a clear deAgroeeOfwnBswes IIMTer mfwypop termination to stay in the game. This disposition has gradually impressed itself upon those who have grown immensely rich through the barter and sale of forest products.

"At this time the shingle weavers are working under favorable trade agreements with some of the largest lumbering concerns in the state of Washington.

**The Need of Organization.**

"Not only has the fighting spirit of the shingle weavers compelled respect and consideration from employers, but it has enthused the woodsmen and sawmill workers with a desire to try to better their own condition. The discontent of this class of men has this year taken shape in a wide number of spontaneous uprisings in logging camps and sawmills. While the strikes have generally succeeded in bettering their conditions by advancing wages and securing redress of many crying grievances, they have shown lack of cohesiveness, and the ability of employers to prevent this makes it easy for them to withdraw on the installment plan the grudgingly granted concessions forced by the workers in their associated capacity.'

"It now remains for these men to learn the lesson of their failure, to appreciate the need of a permanent organization to hold the advantages they have shown the strength to secure.

**United Lumber Workers Are Power**

"Sawmill working and logging does not require that a large percentage of the men be highly skilled. Those of the men who are highly skilled have been taught to believe that their interests and the interests of the common laborers are not the same. But even this sophistry is losing prestige. The old and time-honored scheme of pitting one nationality against another has been played out to its limit by the employers. The men are beginning to feel that cutting each other's throats because of linguistic differences or because of a difference in complexion has more attractions for the employers than for the men. The uprising this spring have proven to the workers that united they are a power. The problem is how to unite them—get them into an organization that shall endure.

"The majority lacking a high degree of skill, the secret of the strength of the woodsmen and sawmill workers will be in their numbers. To be the power they should, they will have to organize on a large scale, and the psychology of numbers can do wonders for the wage-workers in the lumber industry.

"It is because the employers fear the power of an organization that every means is resorted to in the attempt—so far successful—to break up organizations before a foothold can be gained.

**How to Organize.**

"To prevent this it ought to be possible for the woodsmen and sawmill workers to organize under the banner of an organization with experience, which will prevent falling into the pitfalls of designing employers. This matter has long been under consideration by the shingle weavers, but to take so heavy a load with so small an organization might not only do the others no good but might be the means of swamping the now fairly prosperous shingle weavers.

"The thing then to do is to outline a plan where he shingle weavers or some other bona fide trade union may receive the necessary support for the anticipated conflict with the owners of the large mills and sawmills and then begin actively the organization of the entire lumber industry. Being most closely associated it is probable the shingle weavers could take charge of an organization of this character better and with a greater likelihood of success than any other international union.

**Building Trades Council.**

An extra special meeting of the Building Trades Council will be held in Labor Temple on Monday evening, September 30, 1912, instead of the first Monday in October. As the business to be transacted at this meeting is of great importance to future welfare of the building trades in this city, it is hoped that every union will advise their delegates to be in attendance.

S. W. JAMIESON
Secretary New Westminster Bartenders' Local No. 784.

**Vancouver Island Strike.**

"Stay away from Cumberland and Ladysmith; mine owners discriminating against organized labor; miners idle," says an official sticker being freely circulated on the coast by the officials of District 28, United Mine Workers of America. Until labor conditions become more settled wage-workers will do well to shy clear of Vancouver Island.

**Engineers, No. 397.**

Local 397 of the International Union of Steam and Electrical Hoisting Engineers—and every other variety of engineer—meets in Labor Temple every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The membership of our union is increasing rapidly, with the result that we are making application for a larger meeting room. Organizer Young of the A. F. of L., was present at our last meeting, and four new members were initiated. We decided to take some shares in the Labor Temple. Selah!

"Blessed are the strong for they shall inherit the earth. Cursed are the weak for they shall inherit the yoke."

## TIMBER WORKERS TO BE ORGANIZED

Organizer C. O. Young of the American Federation of Labor, is responsible for the statement that there are some $90,000 wage-workers engaged in the logging and timber industry of the Pacific Northwest, a very small proportion of which are at present organized; a condition that will be remedied during the next two years, if present plans are developed.

## PREMIER McBRIDE REFUSES TO ASSIST IN A SETTLEMENT

### Drunk With Power He Rides Roughshod Over Vancouver Island Mines.

Premier McBride has refused a delegation of Vancouver Island miners, headed by Jack Place, socialist member for Nanaimo riding, any assurance of taking steps to bring about a settlement of the grievances between the miners and the mine owners.

The violation of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, failure to pay under the Workmen's Compensation Act, mine inspectors that do not inspect, excess storage of explosives endangering human life, and a hundred and one petty grievances, are of no concern to the provincial executive council.

They are firmly seated in the governmental saddle, and need pay no attention to royal commissions of investigation that are never appointed in good enough for a class that fails to remember its own class on election day.

And none appreciate this fact more than the oily Sir Dick.

When the workers give political expression to their industrial needs and requirements they may expect different treatment.

But not till then.

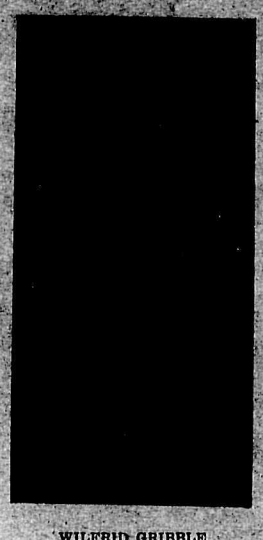
## PAINTERS TO HOLD OPEN MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCT. 10

### J. W. Wilkinson, President of B. C. F. of L. Will Be Speaker of Evening.

The Painters' union will begin a series of open educational meetings, to be continued during the winter months, commencing on Thursday evening, Oct. 10. The committee in charge have asked J. W. Wilkinson, president of the B.C. Federation, to address the meeting. A general invitation to all wage-workers in the painting industry is to be extended. Of course the meetings will take place in one of the big halls in the Labor Temple. If possible, too, a little music will be injected into the evening's program. Don't forget the Painters' open meeting on Oct. 10. Keep the date open.

The Ettor-Giovannitti trial on a charge of conspiracy to murder has been set for September 30.

# METALLIFEROUS MINERS WILL ENFORCE NEW WAGE SCALE



WILFRID GRIBBLE
Socialist Lecturer, Writer, Poet, Who Will Visit Vancouver Island at Once, to Assist the Striking Coal Miners.

**Elevator Constructors No. 26.**

Our meetings for the past few weeks have been noticeable for the small turnout of members, but an effort is being ade to instil more enthusiasm amongst them with a view to having this rectified. Trade is fairly good, and the supply of mechanics more than equal to the demand.

**Shinglers.**

We regret having to report that our late secretary, "Mike" Kneiling, has left town and gone to reside in Tacoma. Mr. T. W. Wright is now secretary and al correspondence in connection with the business of the local should be addressed to him. Bro. Sabin, President of the Building Trades Council, contemplates leaving the city. He is quite a "Nimrod" in his way and says it is more profitable to go hunting and trapping during the winter than to work for wages hanging on to a ridge-board trying to drive nails into punk shingles.

**Tailors and Garment Workers.**

Negotiations are still in progress between the Journeymen Tailors' International union and the Garment Workers' International, with a view to federating their organizations into one big union, covering the whole industry.

How would it do to start in being a union man by demanding union-made goods?

With what is tantamount to a strike already on among the coal miners of Vancouver Island, and the result of the referendum vote just taken by the membership of District 6 of the Western Federation of Miners, covering the metalliferous mining industry of the entire province, there is likely to be "doings" in the organized labor world before the close of the year.

The grievances of the coal miners on Vancouver Island have been pretty thoroughly reviewed in The Federationist during the past three months, and therefore need no further elucidation for the moment.

With the declaration of the Western Federation of Miners, however, now available frim headquarters in concrete firm, it becimes the duty of The Federationist to place the details before the labor world.

Briefly, the demands of the metalliferous miners are as follows:

**District Wage Scale.**

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|---|---|
| Shaftmen | $4.50 |
| Machine Men | 4.00 |
| Hammersmen | 4.00 |
| Blasters | 4.50 |
| Powdermen | 4.00 |
| Timbermen | 4.00 |
| Timber Framers | 4.00 |
| Pumpmen | 4.00 |
| Pipemen | 4.00 |
| Trackmen | 4.00 |
| Nippers | 3.75 |
| Muckers and Carmen | 3.50 |
| Chutemen | 3.75 |
| Top Carmen | 3.50 |
| Common Laborers | 3.50 |
| Teamsters | 3.75 |
| Teamsters (Caring for their own team) | 4.00 |
| Watchmen | 3.25 |
| Skip Tenders | 4.00 |
| Hoistmen (Double Drum) | 4.50 |
| Hoistmen (Single Drum) | 4.00 |
| Compressor Men | 4.50 |
| Firemen (Eight-Hour Day) | 3.75 |
| Fireman's helper (8-hour day) | 3.50 |
| Motormen | 3.75 |
| Electrician in charge of generator | 4.50 |
| Electrician not in charge of generator | 4.00 |
| Machinists | 4.50 |
| Blacksmith and Tool Sharpeners | 4.50 |
| Blacksmith's Helpers, on Machine Steel | 3.75 |
| Bench Carpenters | 4.50 |
| Rough Carpenters | 4.00 |
| Millmen employed in Lead Concentrators (8-hour day) | 4.00 |
| Millmen's Helpers, Minimum Wage for an eight-hour day | 3.50 |
| Ore Sorters | 3.50 |
| Aerial and Gravity Tramway Men | 4.50 |

Secretary-treasurer A. Shilland, Sandon, announces that the referendum vote to endorse the above demands has been carried by a sweeping majority of more than 20 to 1.

The International having officially sanctioned the action of District 6 over the signatures of President Moyer and International Sec.-treas. Mills, nothing remains but to fix a date for the general adoption and enforcement of the new wage schedule and working conditions.

The Federationist is advised, unofficially, that the Trail smelter and a few other corporations have already met the raise in wages and signed agreements accepting the provisions of the new schedule.

Be that as it may, the members of District 6 have decided that inasmuch as they have had practically no raise in wages for the past thirteen years there must be a re-adjustment, to meet the constantly diminishing purchasing power of the dollars they receive in wages.

Having almost unanimously voted to make the change, there can be no doubt of what their ultimate decision will be. The miners will get theirs. It was true of them when they went after the first eight-hour work day in the province many years ago. It will be just as true of them today.

Just how much attention will be paid to the Industrial Investigation and Disputes Act will largely depend upon the activity and promptness of the Department of Labor at Ottawa. One thing is sure. The dies are cast, and the miners mean business.

## ANOTHER SCHEME JIGGED UP BY THE SALVATION ARMY

### For a Further Consideration Will Undertake to Supply Cheap Female Labor.

So well pleased with results is the Salvation Army over the financial success of importing "domestics" from the British Isles, that it now announces a scheme for the shipment to Canada of 117,000 widows, with 200,00 children.

That the various governments of Canada will be stung for a goodly sum there is no doubt, in addition to the regular immigration bonus. A collection to assist in the "work" will be liberally responded to in the Old Country, and besides these juicy plums the usual contract will be demanded of the victims, in which they will agree to pay back all monies advanced by the Army on the instalment plan.

The steamboat and railroad companies will have to come through with the usual commissions, and taken altogether it is one of the coarsest grafting schemes this side of Halifax.

However laudable the desirability of moving helpless women and children to Canada may be, it should be carried out by or under the direct control of the federal immigration department itself.

Never yet has any one, government or otherwise, been able to secure a financial statement from the Salvation Army immigration department.

Such barefaced vulgar traffic in human flesh and blood should be cut out, and that at once; not aided and abetted by governmental treasuries, in the interest of employers looking for cheap women and child labor.

## MINERS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF FEDERAL AWARD.

The members of Britannia Miners' union, employed at the Britannia mines, Now Sound, have voted to accept the majority award of the recent federal investigation board, and the Department of Labor has been so advised. Minister of Labor Crothers recently wrote Secretary Webb: "..... I trust the employees will find it possible to accept without delay the recommendations made. The dispute has been investigated according to the laws of the country, and it seems to me that it is the duty of both parties, and the only course consistent with good citizenship, to abide wholly by the outcome. Only in this way can we look to securing in the Dominion a reasonable degree of industrial peace. ....." Inasmuch as the company will have been advised by the minister along similar lines, it will be interesting to know whether the same "good citizenship" will be evidenced as has been by the decision of the miners.

## NEW BRUNSWICK FORMS FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The unionists of the province of New Brunswick have just organised a provincial federation of labor, and the following have been elected as the first officers of the new Federation: President, J. b. Donovan; vice-president, P. D. Ayer; secretary-treasurer, Neil Savage. It is proposed to call the first annual convention on Thanksgiving Day.

A fine of $250 was imposed upon the Hastings Shingle Mfg. Co., Vancouver, for a violation of the Factories Act, one day last week. The information was laid by Factory Inspector C. R. Gordon, and the case tried before Magistrate Shaw. Mr. Gordon says this is only the first of a number of prosecutions that are to follow unless mill owners take more recognizance of the law covering the protection of human life and limb.

# What the Workers Must Do

By Wilfrid Gribble.

One is often told, when endeavoring to stir up some member of the working class to thought and action: "Things have always been as they are and they always will be."

This is often said by members of labor unions—if true, why do they belong to labor unions, which are endeavoring to change things, to better conditions?

It is often said by church members, who go to church on Sunday and pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Why do such pray for something on Sunday and say on Monday that it can never be?

But it is not true that things remain the same.

The only thing that doesn't change is change itself.

Change is ceaselessly taking place throughout the universe.

Change is ceaselessly taking place in organic life—vegetable life, animal life.

Change is taking place in social life.

Knowledge is power and we must understand the reason for social changes, because as we are all members of society, units in society, those changes affect us for good or ill, and, if we understand how, we can be intelligent instruments in the hands of natural forces expressed in society and direct the change in the way most advantageous to us.

In short, we can do what we choose, no matter what, when there are enough of us who know enough and combine to do what we want.

Now what do we want? Incidentally some may want what others do not care anything about; for instance, the writer is very fond of a game of billiards and has just asked Parm Pettipiece if he likes the game and finds R. P. P. is nit a bit struck on it.

But we are both fond of good food, good clothes and a good place to live in and are not so fond of work that we are desirous of working harder than is necessary to get these things.

That about states the position of all of us.

Now it seems to the writer the thing to do is for those who have the same interests, who want the same thing done, is to get together and do what they want done whenever they have developed the strength to do it, whatever it is they want done, regardless of what stands in the way and of whoever should object to the action they take.

Now, what is the action which must be taken?

Of course, action is already being taken by the labor unions to endeavor to increase wages, to retard the fall of wages, to shorten hours, to better conditions. This is as it should be. This is indispensible under the wage system. But this kind of action, while mitigating, will never solve.

The socialist position, which is the position of the writer, is that the action which must eventually be taken by the mass of the workers is to deprive the capitalist of their class ownership of the means of life by bringing about social ownership with its consequent social control, with production for use in place of production for profit.

That this can be done, that it must be done, is plain to the writer.

How it is to be done is also quite simple—get enough to do it and then do it.

Simple as falling off a log! But we will never have enough to do it until enough know what is the matter.

We who know what is the matter must ceaselessly impart our knowledge to those who do not know.

We did not know once, but were capable of learning and did learn.

They do not know now, but are apable of learning and will learn.

It is a matter of time, but not only a matter of time, for as time flies our lives fly, and there is something spoiling our lives to a great extent right now and will continue to make our lives still less enjoyable the longer that "something" lasts.

That "something" is the capitalist system, which only exists by consent of the workers.

The workers only consent because they don't know any better.

There is only one thing wrong.

There is only one thing which stands in the way of a change.

Everything is ready for the change from class to social ownership but one.

The working class is not ready because they don't know enough to be ready.

The working class is an intelligent class.

The proof for these statements? Look around you and see the proof—every last bit of wealth you see was, from start to finish, produced by the workers.

Those buildings—built by the workers.

Those ships—constructed by the workers.

Those motor cars—the workers produced them.

That food, those railways, those fabrics, those musical instruments, those billiard tables, those books, those machines; all, everything, right back to the rawest of raw materials, produced by the working class and the working class alone.

Ah! It takes an intelligent class to do that.

But after doing it all, they, as a class, have nothing.

The working class, as a class, have never owned anything.

The working class will never own anything.

Human beings can only be classed on property lines and as long as we have classes, the owning class will own practically everything and the working class practically nothing.

Classes in society must be abolished, and only the workers can do this, they alone have the need; they alone can realize that need; they alone can develop the incentive, the intelligence and the power to bring about the future order of society.

As Shelly said many years ago, appealing to the workers of England to rise in revolt against their masters:

"Men of England, (Labor) heirs of glory,
Heroes of unwritten story,
Nurslings of one mighty mother,
Hopes of her and one another—
Rise like lions after slumber,
In unvanquishable number,
Shake your chains to earth like dew,
Which in sleep had fall'n on you,
Ye are many, they are few."

In that last line Shelley "touched the spot"—we workers can do what we like when we know enough.

We workers have the potential power in us which will become actual power when we clearly realize our class interests, and, when we DO, we will put an end to a system under which, in a world of plenty, we produce everything and have nothing, under which we work without living that others might live without working, under which we suffer that others might enjoy.

WE must do this; we must not leave to the other fellow; we must not think that leaders can do things for us. We who see "something should be done" must help to do that something. Some of us are already doing our best; it is "up to" you who are not to fall in line by helping yourself, by helping the working class out of wage-slavery and eventually sharing in the freedom that shall result from its abolition.

Don't leave it to others, fellow worker, do your share.

Strike a steady pace, and keep that pace; this is better than spasmodic effort.

Life is short and time is precious. Make the most of life.

The most of life can be made under a system of slavery only by fighting for freedom.

"Quit yourselves like men, and fight."

## MACHINISTS ORGANIZE A CANADIAN DISTRICT.

The members of the International Machinists' Union employed on the railroads in Canada recently held a convention at Winnipeg, with the object of "obtaining better conditions on all railroads in Canada." After a thorough discussion of ways and means, it was voted to organize a Canadian District board, in lieu of two or three organizations for like purposes, and the following officers were elected: President, D. McCallum, Winnipeg; first vice-president, A. H. Williams, Winnipeg; second vice-president, C. Dickie, Montreal; secretary treasurer, R. S. Ward, Winnipeg.

**Garment Workers' Convention.**

The convention of the Garment Workers which adjourned in Indianapolis on August 31st adopted many progressive measures which will be submitted to the referendum for approval.

The most important of these were the propositions to establish strike, sick and death benefit funds, the establishment of a universal wage scale in the shirt and overall industry and the reference to the general executive board of resolutions instructing them to prepare plans fo rthe inauguration of a universal eight-hour day.

"The workers must organize if they want industrial and political power."

**Another Labor Temple.**

The unionists of Grays Harbor, Wash., have decided to build a labor temple.

**Canada Should Be Next.**

The British Trade Union Congress has voted to celebrate May 1st, International Labor Day.

**Still Fiddling Away Time.**

A special meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, held last month, failed to secure an endorsation of the candidature of Woodrow Wilson for president. Nor was there any alternative position taken by the executive.

**Painters' Activity.**

Geo. E. MacLafferty of Aberdeen, and G. E. Pettit of Hoquiam, are back from Vancouver, B. C., where they represented the Painters' unions in the "Northwest Conference." One of the most important actions of the conference was to extend its jurisdiction to include all the territory west of the Rockies.—Hoquiam Free Press.

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## MISSION OF THE CONGRESS.

By arrangement with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada the executive committees of federations of labor become the Congress executive for their respective provinces. Last year the Congress made a legislative grant to the B. C. Federation of Labor. This year a grant was made to the Alberta Federation of Labor. But after the first year of existence of a provincial federation of labor the Congress has no expense to bear for the presentation of legislative demands.

In time this will mean a considerable saving financially to the Congress and should leave ample funds for legislative and organization work in new territory.

Last year the Congress decided to make the position of its president a permanent one. This year it has been suggested that the vice-president be added to the list, a proposal that should meet with the hearty approval of the affiliated membership. Later, too, the position of secretary-treasurer must be made the work of a man devoting his entire time to the work of the Congress.

If the workers ever expect to get anything they will have to expect to make it the business of some one to attend to it. Three paid officials on the staff of an organization the size of the Congress is not too large for the work there is to be done, in addition to the placing of organizers in the field previous to conventions.

The question of representation will also have to be readjusted in due course, so that provincial federations of labor and central labor bodies will contribute more of the delegation than has heretofore been the case.

Some effort should be made to secure more publicity for the Congress than at present. An official bulletin or news-letter should be issued at least once a month, to be mailed to the labor press of Canada, and the British Isles.

The Congress should also secure the services of a good speaker or two, to tour the Dominion, at least every three months. Most of the local expenses in connection with such a programme could be borne by central labor bodies in the industrial centres visited. James Simpson would be a good choice for a starter.

Organized labor, judging by the Guelph convention, seems to be pretty well agreed as to what must be done to solve the problem. It only remains to put the Congress machinery into operation along correct lines.

The membership is looking to the executive to make the next move.

The present executive committee know what to do. There should be no further delay in accepting the task and tackling the work before it with a will and a determination to do things.

## SLAVERY.

Slavery includes all other crimes. It is the joint product of the kidnapper, the pirate, thief, murderer and hypocrite. It degrades labor and corrupts leisure, says "The Voice of Labor."

With the idea that labor is the basis of progress goes the truth that labor must be free. The laborer must be a free man.

We would like to see this world, at least, so that a man could die, and not fret that he had left his wife and children a prey to the greed, the avarice, or the cruelties of mankind.

There is something wrong in a government where they who do the most have the least. There is something wrong when honesty wears a rag and rascality a robe; when the loving, the tender, eat a crust, while the infamous sit at banquets.

The laboring people should unite and should protect themselves against all idlers. Mankind is divided into classes: The laborers and the idlers, the supporters and the supported. Every man is dishonest who lives upon the unpaid labor of others, no matter if he occupies a throne.

We need free bodies and free minds—free labor and free thought, chainless hands and fetterless brains. Free labor will give us wealth. Free thought will give us truth.

There will never be a generation of great men until there has been a generation of free women—of free mothers.

When women reason, and babies sit in the laps of philosophy, the victory of reason over the shadowy host of darkness will be complete.

The rights of men and women should be equal and sacred—marriage should be a perfect partnership—children should be governed by kindness—every family should be a republic—every fireside a democracy.

## RANDOM PARS.

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Organized labor must go into politics or go on the rocks.

The workers can safely believe what the old party politicians say about each other.

The way to secure mining inspectors that will inspect is to seize the power of appointing them.

An easy way to help is to mention to advertisers that you read their ad. in The Federationist. Try it.

Was your union represented at last meeting of the Trades and Labor Council? Better elect a few live ones.

Trades and Labor Council meets next Thursday evening, Oct. 3. Every delegate should be present at 8 p.m.

A little more industrial unionism and a little less talk about it would help some. Begin today.

Labor Temple halls are very much in use these days. Secretary McVety is kept busy counting the money and locating the water leak.

If your union is alive let The Federationist know about it. If dead let's have an obituary notice. Secretaries please note.

Now that Vancouver unionists have builded the finest Labor Temple in Canada let them transfer some of their energies to the central labor body.

Wear union-made clothes, smoke union-made cigars and tobaccos, talk unionism and vote for socialism. That will hold you for awhile.

"If the workingmen thought more and worked less, they would have a great deal more property to show for it."—Clarence Darrow.

Typos hold forth tomorrow (Sunday) at 2 p.m. President Armstrong has returned from the I. T. U. Convention and will be on the job. "See him smiling."

Under "Questions by Members," at next union meeting, ask this one: "How many members of this union have their names placed on the civic and provincial voters' list?" Then see that they are all put there without delay.

Some of the promissory notes issued by Minister of Labor Crothers, while the west, to organized labor, are falling due and no provision has been made for their redemption. Looks as though they might go to protest, with no machinery available for collection.

It's about time the Railway Brotherhoods dropped into line by affiliating with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, nationally, and with provincial federations of labor where they exist, namely in Alberta and British Columbia.

The unionists of B. C. have been marking time long enough. It's time to move. The third annual convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor at Victoria next January will do for a starting point. Every union in the province should be represented.

The B. C. Liberal party is too awfully dead to kick. The Conservative party has resolved itself into an executive committee of the big corporations. The organized labor movement must accept the socialist position and go into politics.

Between chain gangs and autos fines the municipalities along the Canadian Pacic coast have little difficulty in pursuing a policy of "good roads." Besides it shifts the taxes from those who are benefitted. Great system! The workers must like it, for they elect every municipal council in British Columbia.

With the approach of winter try the Labor Temple reading room, on second floor. It's light, warm, neat, clean and attractive, with lots of reading material on hand. As a medium for securing ideas it has few equals. All wage-workers are as welcome as the flowers of May. It's "home" for the homeless.

The risks of capital very seldom carries with it any risk to capitalists. They seem content to do the owning. The dignity of labor and risk of working is left to the workers. So much so that the other day a Vancouver judge ordered a witness to leave the court room with a box of dynamite caps, which figured as evidence in a case. Even that was nearer the mining industry than any lawyer cared about assuming.

Railway contractors are busy importing hundreds of "hands" to their respective construction camps. On the other hand, the men on the job are as busy quitting and returning to Vancouver, with results that will be made more apparent as winter comes on. It will take more than Mayor Findlay's gold chain to feed the bunch of unemployed men that will make Vancouver their headquarters during the next six months. Nor will an "efficient" police force solve the problem.

With the opening of the federal house at Ottawa on Nov. 14, President J. C. Watters and Vice-President Fred Bancroft of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, in conjunction with Secretary-Treasurer P. M. Draper, will have their work cut out for them. The presentation of the demands formulated at the recent Guelph convention will require an unusual amount of activity and attention. The Conservative government is on trial. They will be given an opportunity to indulge in something more than promises and platitudes, so profusely scattered throughout Canada by the ministers of late.

Keir Hardie stated at Guelph last week that is was more than probable he might be able to arrange for a tour of Canada next spring, if requested to do so by the Congress. The executive council should lose no time in availing themselves of the opportunity thus presented, and complete the details before Mr. Hardie returns from his present speaking trip in the interests of the Socialist Party of the United States. It is probable that the anouncement of a general election in Great Britain at an early date will hasten the old labor veteran's return, so that there is no time to spare.

When a desperate man sandbags and kills a victim it is called cold-blooded murder. When an $8,000-a-year judge sentences the sand-bagger to death it is called justice. The difference between individual murder and wholesale butchery on the battlefield is only a question of legal vernacular. When the workers decide there shall be no wholesale murdering done between themselves there will be less incentive for individual murders. The international organized labor movement stands for peace; only power, place and market seekers want war. Those who want war should be compelled to do the fighting. Then war would cease.

Instead of individual unions holding open or educational meetings during the coming winter months, in Vancouver, all should join with the central labor body and make it serve the purpose for all of them. With a big comfortable hall and plenty of local speakers there should be no trouble in holding a series of successful open educational meetings. What's the matter with the Musician's co-operating? And let's get the women interested in our work. If the unionists of Vancouver will take off their coats and buck up a bit we can have this town in good shape for spring. There's nothing the matter with unionists but unionists. Let's start something. Come to the next meeting of the Trades Council and hear the executive committee's recommendation to the Council for a winter program. She's a bear.

The decision of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to exchange fraternal delegates with the British Trades Union Congress will meet with the approval of all unionists who have a grasp of the "imperializing" process now being developed in Canada by the labor exploiters of the Old Land. P. M. Draper as the first delegate, to be sent over next year, will be able to break ground for the Congress and tell the British trade unionists of the scope and usefulness of national legislative body that he has long been identified with. Will Thorne, a Red, will be the British Trades Union's first contribution to the Congress in 1913, to meet at Montreal. In addition to cementing the workers of Canada with the workers of Great Britain, the exchange of delegates will give the Congress an international status which it deserves.

## LOGGERS' ORGANIZATION WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION

C. O. Young, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, has arrived in Vancouver for the purpose of giving local unionists a lift with organization work. He will give special attention to the new Loggers' union, and in conjunction with George Heatherton will endeavor to secure the co-operation of the Shinglers' International union, well organized in the State of Washington, with a view to having its jurisdiction extended to include all workers in the logging and timber industry. Org. Young is a staunch advocate of unions federating so that all the virtue of industrial unionism may be secured without the necessity of the formation of dual organizations. He, too, recognizes the necessity of the workers going into politics along line that seem to meet local conditions the most effectively.

## B. C. FEDERATION OF LABOR EXECUTIVE TO MEET SOON

President J. W. Wilkinson of the B. C. Federation of Labor will return from the east during the coming week. Upon arrival he will summon a meeting of the executive committee of the Federation for the purpose of getting ready for the January convention. A number of questions associated with the work of the Federation will be up for discussion and action.

### Local "Agitator" Returns.

Wilfrid Gribble, socialist lecturer and writer, with headquarters at Vancouver has returned from Washington and other western states, where he has been speaking under the auspices of the U. S. Socialist Party. He will probably leave for the strike zone on Vancouver Island next week.

### Plumbers Want 7-Hour Day.

Vancouver local of the Plumbers' International has drafted a resolution favoring the adoption of a 7-hour work day by their craft, which will be submitted to the next convention of the international and an endeavor made to have the membership begin a campaign along those lines.

### Taste of His Own Medicine.

A Vancouver cop got a little taste of the treatment accorded to workingmen last January, one night last week. A couple of roughnecks resented being pushed off the curbstone and what they did to Findlaykoffski's hired help required nearly a column of daily newspaper space to relate. Like begets like. A few more cracked heads might teach even policemen ordinary civility and decency.

### The Universal Working Card.

Quite a number of local unions throughout British Columbia are discussing the adoption of the universal working card system, and some of them have already signified their intention of accepting a union card in lieu of an initiation fee, where other conditions make it possible. The Western Federation of Miners have for years been accepting the cards of any union men working under their jurisdiction.

### Industrial Banner's Program.

The Industrial Banner, published monthly at London, Ont., by the veteran Joseph Marks, will soon be merged into the new company recently organized by James Simpson of Toronto and appear as a weekly publication. Only a glimpse at the directorate and list of associate and contributing editors is necessary to acept The Banner as one of the foremost labor papers in the Dominion. Ontario wageworkers need such a paper and organized labor generally will be benefitted by its publication. May its circulation reach a million.

### Royal City After Convention.

New Westminster unionists are out after the 1914 convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor. The 1913 convention will be held at Victoria for the third time in January next, just prior to the opening of the B. C. legislature. It promises to be the biggest and best yet, and the subject of the Federation going into politics on its own account will likely be more than discussed. Every union in B. C. should prepare for representation. Write V. R. Midgley, secretary, Labor Temple, Vancouver, for particulars, if not already affiliated. The B. C. Federationist announces a special convention number, to be issued about New Year.

### The Civic Election.

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council has named a committee of three to confer with the Socialist Party of Canada with a view to having it take a hand in the coming civic elections, in order that the workers of Vancouver may be given an opportunity of expressing their disapproval of the present administration, and, as far as possible within the limitations of municipal activities, securing some say relative to working conditions for civic employees, the administration of the police department, the conduct of the General Hospital and any other matters that may arise from time to time in the council. Candidates for the position of school trustees will also be urged.

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## Wage-Workers' Forum

### FEDERATION IN POLITICS.

Editor B. C. Federationist: I consider the article by Mr. Saxby, which appeared in your last issue, to be the best which he has contributed to the question under discussion, but still I am not satisfied. Mr. Saxby points out that the capitalist government hound men like Hardie, MacDonald, Mann, etc., in order to prevent the agitation for reform which these men attempt to instill in the working class.

Does he not think that the ruling class make martyrs of these men in order to delude the working class into thinking that their salvation lies in reform?

If the persons above mentioned had been propogating the real principles of socialism and attempting to educate the working class of Great Britain as to their real position in saciety there would not be the confusion among the working class of that country as to the correct line of action on the political field.

He also says that the ruling class would sacrifice all their mythical heavens, etc., in order to oppose what I call palliatives.

To follow that reasoning further it appears to me that if the ruling class will sacrifice all these things in order to prevent giving palliatives that they will give even those palliatives in order to stave off revolution.

The socialist movement is not a reform movement, but a revolutionary movement to overthrow the system.

Any reforms effected in an existing system are but an attempt to strengthen that system by making it accord more with conditions, even though the mover in that reform measure had thought he was working for the emancipation of the workers.

The Labor parties of Great Britain and elsewhere are upholders of the capitalist system, inasmuch as they deal with the effects of that system, strive for paliatives or reforms in order to make the system more endurable, but never once attempt to attack the root of the system, wage slavery.

It must be understood that the evolution of modern industry under a capitalist system must of necessity mean greater privation for the majority of the working class.

When we take note of the vast increase in labor-saving machinery; of the fact that all the world, or the main portion at least, is capitalized; that every country is producing a surplus, and that the markets for this surplus are gradually decreasing, a result of which is a continual series of trade depressions, which even the capitalist class itself can not avert, it must be apparent that no reform can be effected which will prove beneficial to the majority of the working class.

The stronger the class conscious vote of the workers in any particular country, the more numerous and drastic will be the reforms put into effect in order to prevent an increase in that vote.

Take note of the program outlined by Roosevelt's party in the United States: Could any reform party wish for more?

We may as well understand the only education for the working class is along the lines of the class struggle.

If the workers of Great Britain had been given the real socialist propaganda they would not be in the deplorable confusion as to their line of action which at present exists and that which is true of Great Britain applies to the continent.

J. KAVANAGH.

### Electrical Workers.

The McNulty faction of the Electrical Workers' union has an organizer in Ontario busy endeavoring to change the affiliation of Reid locals. A couple of locals have switched over, but the movement is far from general. All the Electrical Workers' locals in Canada with these exceptions are affiliated with the Reid or majority wing of the international. It would be more in keeping with the eternal fitness of things if Org. McIntyre were engaged in new work, leaving locals already organised alone. When the time comes the membership can be depended upon to insist that the two elements unite. Fussy organizers and per capita tax seekers only tend to complicate matters. The electrical workers of Canada are quite capable of working out their own destiny without the injection of more trouble by men who use questionable means of bringing about secession in the ranks, as is evidenced by the nature of certain expense accounts recently viewed by the writer.

### Misfortune Pursues E. J. Ryan.

Some people seem to be unfortunate in everything. Last summer a building in course of construction by Mr. E. J. Ryan was injured by an explosion which was promptly laid at the door of unionists, all of Ryan's employees being non-union. The perpetrators were never discovered, the city detectives not falling for the "dynamite" story.

This week a number of steel beams fell, also a derrick and Mr. Ryan claims they were "dropped" by design of his enemies. Nothing is said about a large section of a concrete foundation wall falling of its own weight, assisted by the pressure of earth on the outside a week or two ago.

It may fool some people for Mr. Ryan to continually allege that his work is being maliciously destroyed, but those who viewed the scene of the "explosion," the fallen wall and the "dropped" beams have other theories.

The B. C. Mining Recorder says: "H. G. Stobart, a British steel manufacturer, stated in New York that he intended withdrawing from England owing to the Lloyd George legislation and investing his capital and making his home in Victoria, B. C." Yes, private capital will leave any country that tries to make them pay proportionately and go anywhere (to hades if necessary) when it can exploit labor and natural resources for private profit. The capitalist system necessarily produces extrtme riches and extreme poverty. England or Canada, it makes no difference, for false economic laws work out the same results everywhere.

Joseph Pointer, a labor member of the British House of commons, is at present visiting Jamaica on behalf of his party for the purpose of inquiring into labor conditions in the island. From Jamaica Mr. Pointer will proceed to Panama where he will interview British West Indians in the canal zone with regard to their work and the wages they receive.

**Keep a Pullin'.**

Fish don't bite just for the wishin,
Keep on pullin'!
Change your bait and keep on fishin';
Luck ain't nailed to any spot;
Men you envy, like as not
Envy you your job and lot!
—The Stroller, in Nanaimo Labor Advocate.

## NO INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL THIS YEAR.

### Working Conditions of Female Labor of No Concern to Employees' Representatives.

Under date of Aug. 7 the secretary of Vancouver Trades and Labor Council addressed the following letter to the City Council relative to its previous request for a commission to inquire into the working conditions of female labor in Vancouver City.

"I am directed by Vancouver Trades and Labor Council to advise you of the receipt of yours of Aug. 1, relative to our request for a civic investigation, and recommending that this council name a committee to assume the work in question.

"In connection with above the following resolution was unanimously agreed to:

"'That this council is prepared to furnish the investigating committee, provided the expense is borne by the city.'"

"From the number of endorsations this council has received by public and semi-public bodies it is clearly the wish of Vancouver citizens that such an investigation be held.

"To hold such an investigation involves an expense that this council cannot and should not be called upon to assume. A place of meeting, a stenographer, the summoning of witnesses, status of at least some authorative basis must be assured; these and other considerations make it necessary to ask the council to at least contribute the financial portion of the undertaking.

"Trusting this proposal will be given the consideration the members of this Council believe it is entitled to, I am; . . . . . . ."

Replying on Aug. 28, City Clerk McQueen addressed the Trades and Labor Council, in re "Investigation Employment of Women in Shops," as follows:

"The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted by Council on the 26th inst.:

"Recommended that the Trades and Labor Council be informed that as the City have no power to go into an investigation of this kind, that the City do not take any action in the matter, and that their communication be filed."

Acting Secretary McVety was instructed to reply, as follows:

"Replying to yours of the 28th ultimo in which you advise that the City has not the power to carry out an investigation into the industrial conditions surrounding women.

"It is a matter of regret that the Council now finds itself with less power than when the request for an investigation was originally granted, considering that such an investigation would, in a measure, solve some of the underlying reasons for the social evil, a subject that appears to be receiving but superficial attention at the hands of civic bodies."

This elicited the following acknowledgment, under date of Sept. 11:

"Your letter of the 6th inst., re investigation employment of women in shops, was before the Council at last meeting, and ordered filed for reference."

And there you are!

### ONE KIND OF UNION (?) MAN.

A. MacDonald, Local 676, B.I.L.

He never belonged to a Union,
At least that is just what he said,
And he never had use for a label,
From his shoes to the hat on his head.
When winter came in with its bluster,
The coat on his back was quite thin,
Then he looked all about him, despairing,
And said he would like to come in.

He never paid dues till he had to;
Never served on committees at all,
And he never came round to the meetings
Nor helped the boys at a ball.
Not a thought for his poor fellow-worker,
Their hardships gave him quite a shock,
And he never would boost for his Union—
But always stood ready to knock.

When misfortune hugged him to its bosom—
Which it does with us all, don't you see,
He sent this word round to his Local:
"You've got to do something for me."

* * * *

Now this is no exaggeration,
The story in fact is quite true;
Now honestly, aren't you thankful
That the party referred ain't you?

### WORKINGMEN ARE BEST TEACHERS OF INDUSTRY

That the best teachers for industrial schools, where children are taught trades which will prepare them to cope successfully with life, are not college graduates but men who have had years of practical experience in a certain trade, regardless of the fact whether or not they have had much academic training, is the view expressed by Dean L. E. Reber of the University of Wisconsin Extension Division in a new bulletin just published by the Wisconsin industrial board at Madison.

### Coalition Government.

James Kier Hardie, M.P., in an interview last week at Guelph, Ont., ex--ur-,Gusof..- cv-yEinN-igsh,ubt"'oanw-pressed the opinion that a coalition government, composed of liberals and unionists, was one of the possibilities of the near future in the United Kingdom. At present, he said, the imperialists dominate the government, Lloyd George being the only democrat left in the cabinet, and must soon either wreck the cabinet or wreck himself. The unionists are certain of a majority over the liberals alone in the next election, but not a working majority over the liberals, laborites and nationalists.

Owing to the demand for skilled labor in the building trades at Calgary it has been suggested by the board of trade of that city that all persons having odd inside jobs defer them until the weather compels a cessation of operations outside. By this method it is hoped to not only secure much building during the remaining weeks of good weather, but to provide sufficient employment during the winter months to hold carpenters and others in the city.

A Toronto dispatch states that a Grand Trunk special train from Montreal passed through Toronto Saturday, carrying several hundred construction laborers to western camps of the G. T. P. This consignment will be followed by others to fill the depleted ranks of help in British Columbia and Alberta camps. The canvassing for laborers, following closely on the return of President Chamberlin points to further energetic efforts to recruit labor in the East.

An Ottawa dispatch says that an order-in-council has been passed calling for the enforcement of the Pure Food Act. The provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia have been divided into three districts. British Columbia is divided into the districts of Vancouver and Victoria, the latter comprising Vancouver Island.

## Between Ourselves

Ten yearly sub. cards, ready for mailing, for $7.50; pay when sold at $1 each. Order ten today.

If The Federationist is to be of service to wage-workers on strike it must have circulation while the flag of truce flies. Mine Gott, but it seems to take a lot of reminding. Come out of it and send along a new sub or two today.

If you don't like The Federationist write us and we'll have it fixed. If you do, let's have it expressed in terms that will pay the printer.

How many union secretaries in B.C. mention The Federationist at each meeting?

When anything of note happens in the labor world it should be forwarded by lettergram to The Federationist. For the love Mike, wake up! Copy should be in by Thursday evening at latest. The Federationist goes to press Friday morning.

Some 300 subs. mostly in Vancouver City, expire with this issue of The Federationist. Notices have been mailed and the delinquents dropped from the mailing list.

Either a renewal, or notice to continue sending The Federationist will be necessary to secure its delivery after expiration.

### LAW AND ORDER LUMBER THUGS BEAT UP STRIKERS

The Brotherhood of Timber Workers, Alexandria, La., are still putting up a noble fight against the brutality of the Southern Operators' Association. Says the latest circular from the scene of conflict: ". . . All semblance of law, every shadow of order, free speech, free assembly, free organization, all civil rights, all constitutional guarantees have been overthrown by these thugs. The Association has proclaimed martial law on its own account and men were called up before drum-head court martials composed of trust managers and gunmen, tried for rebellion against the lumber kings, and either run out of town, slugged, or strapped to logs and beaten nearly to death or assasinated. . . . Every day we who are still outside of prison are being threatened with arrest and violence unless we cease our agitation in behalf of our endangered brothers; Association detectives are everywhere, cajoling, threatening, striving to disrupt our union, working night and day to 'make sure' of the jury that is to try our imprisoned fellow workers."

### CALGARY UNIONISTS AFTER A LIVE LABOR PRESS

Calgary Trades and Labor Council is initiating steps to commence the publication of a paper under its immediate control, the Typo union being the prime movers. It is more than possible that the new Alberta Federation of Labor will be asked to join with the Council in the enterprise, and the executive of District 18, U. M. W. of A. may be approached with a view to merging their official organ, the District Ledger, now published at Fernie, B. C., into the enterprise. Such a combination, if realized, would ensure success and give organized labor throughout Western Canada another potent fighting force from a publicity viewpoint.

### Guelph Printers Talk "Shop."

The local printers' union held a meeting yesterday afternoon, says the Guelph Mercury, and members of the craft were present from many outside points. To the accompaniment of a box of cigars the exponents of the art preservative discussed shop talk, and the part the printers are taking in the labor world. President Hall was in the chair, and the visiting delegates made the old hall wabble with their flow of six-syllable words. Among the speakers were Messrs. Jas. Simpson, Toronto; R. P. Pettipiece, Vancouver; W. R. Trotter, Vancouver; Wm. Templeman, Toronto; Duncan McDougall, of Toronto; W. S. Steep, Toronto; Gus Francq, Montreal; Chas. G. Aitchison, Hamilton; Drake, of Winnipeg, and Lodge of Ottawa. Matters of interest to the craft were talked over, several members referring to the movement that has been started to organize a provincial body, a meeting for that purpose to be held in Hamilton at Thanksgiving.

### What's the Difference?

The Nanaimo Labor Advocate wails over the fact that "oil for fuel is being imported free of duty, with the result that the demand for coal is reduced 3,000 tons per day. The government of British Columbia loses thereby a tax of $300 per day or $90,000 per year. The miners of the province lose $5,000 per day in wages, or one and a half million dollars per year. On the other hand British Columbia coal has to pay a tax of 45 cents per ton to get into the United States. Either the coal tax should be wiped out or a corresponding tax should be imposed on fuel oil. If this is not done we may as well recall the former (liberal) administration."

### Strenuous Opposition.

"I am opposed to socialism," said Weary Willie, as he climbed into his mansion at 23023 Railroad avenue. "It would break up the home."

"I am opposed to socialism," said French Annie, as she went upstairs. "It is against the marriage relation."

"I am opposed to socialism," said Johnny Yeggman, as he deftly threw his leg over the window sill. "It stands for dividing up."

"I am opposed to socialism," said Harry Hehr, as he fondly kissed his pet monkey. "It denies a man the right to work."

"I also oppose socialism," said the lean and hungry workman as he looked longingly into his dinner bucket. "It might get me a square meal and I'm sure my system couldn' stand the shock."—Industrial Worker.

### The "Scarcity" of Labor.

President Chamberlain is credited by the daily press with saying at Toronto that the dearth of labor was the only hindrance to the rapid construction of work along the G. T. P. line. Upon this authority a train load of men passed through Toronto last week, whose destination is Tete Jaune Cache. There are thousands of men in northern B. C. stranded. The living conditions in the railway camps are unbearable and the men keep coming and going by thousands. The mayor of this city was refused, by the railroads, cheap rates for men to go east.

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## ROYAL CITY TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION

### Refuses to Meddle in Trade Affairs and Decides to Stick to Its Knitting.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 25.—Regular meeting held on above date. President Stoney in the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Credentials of Painters were read for P. McKercher, in place of Del. Argyll resigned.

Del. McKercher was obligated and seated.

Communications were read as follows:—

From Tailors' Union of Toronto, appealing for aid in their strike. Secretary instructed to notify unions that subscription list is on file at Labor Hall for contributions from locals.

From Samuel Gompers, stating that Buck's Stove and Range Co. is now fair to Union labor, and is in no way connected with present contempt proceedings. Filed.

From Progressive Association, inviting three representatives to luncheon to Railway Agents of America. Filed.

From D. D. Bourke, asking secretary to call. Secretary instructed to comply.

From G. Brown, asking for information re relationship between employers and workers. Filed.

**Reports of Committees.**

Organization Committee reports that arrangements are being made to call mass meeting of workers for Oct. 25th, being the first date on which the hall is available. Report adopted. The report of Del. Cameron, who represented this body at the Dominion Trades Congress at Guelph, was read and secretary was ordered to leave it on file at the hall, so it can be read to the various locals.

**Reports of Unions.**

Typos—All working.

Bartenders—All working.

Plumbers—Trade improving slowly.

Cigarmakers—Business good, several new men being put to work, which is unusual at this season.

Street Railway Employees—All working.

A. S. Carpenters—Aall working, and are not assisting in breaking up the 8-hour day by working 12 hours.

Barbers—All working. Walker and McGee's shops still unfair.

U. B Carpenters—All working.

Painters—All working; four new members

Letter Carriers—Two more men being added; giving four daily deliveries in business district, and taking in new district on Lulu Island.

Under Unfinished Business, the notice of motion was taken up to add Sec. 6 to Art. 4 of Constitution as follows: Delegates elected to represent this Council at any convention shall be allowed $5 per day to and from the convention, and prevailing transportation rates. Also $5 per day, including Sundays, for the first 12 days, and $4 per day for each additional day the convention remains in session. No other appropriation from the funds of the Council shall be made in favor of the delegate.

An mendment was made that when $5 occurs it shall read $7, and where $4 it shall read $6. The amendment was carried.

**New Business.**

Del. Hogg moved that the Trades and Labor Council pass a vote of censure on the U.B. Carpenters for working 12 hours on the Horse Show Building at straight time. Del. Grant raised point of order that the Trades and Labor Council had nothing to do with this matter. The chair decided the point well taken. Del. Chockley appealed against ruling of the chair. On vote being taken the chair was sustained.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to interview the City Council re the contractor on Horse Show Building violating their agreement to complete work under union conditions. Del. Dodd stated City Council had given permission for overtime, and if the carpenters had made an agreement with the contractors the City Council had nothing further to say. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that secretary be instructed to write City Council, drawing to the attention of the City Council the fact that the Horse Show job is not being completed under union conditions. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter. Carried.

The committees comprises: Delegates J. B. Chockley, W. Dodd, W. E. Maiden.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to arrange for a Labor Day Celebration next year. Carried. Committee: Delegates H. Gibb, B. D. Grant, A. Hogg.

The question of licenses for teamsters brought up by Del. Corder, was referred to the executive.

The Secretary explained that the only escape from the $2.00 poll tax is for the workers to get their names on the voters' list, which can be done up to November 1st, and any man who pays the equivalent of $100 per year room rent is eligible.

Bills were passed as follows:—Treasurer, P.O. key and stamps, $1.00; smoker account, $44.50.

Meeting adjourned at 10.30.

B. D. GRANT,
Secretary.

**Securing Information.**

Sir George R. Askwith and Mr I. H. Mitchell, who are touring Canada with a view to finding something in the Lemieux Act that will assist them in drafting a measure to meet what they feel to be the requirements of the Old Country, were in Vancouver during the week. They, in company with Secretary Blair, of the Vancouver Board of Trade, called at Labor Temple for a couple of hours, and went over the ground with local union officials. The result of the investigation will be made the subject of a report to the British government upon the return of Messrs. Askwith and Mitchell.

**Machinists Organize Here**

J. A. Taylor, business agent, District 26, International Association of Machinists, with headquarters at Seattle, is a visitor in Vancouver this week, on business in connection with his organization. The campaign for the general adoption of an eight-hour work day is still being actively pushed throughout the district. Business in Northwest shops at present is somewhat slack. Nearly all the eight-hour job shops are busy, and the outlook for the coming winter is fair, especially in the railroad department.

Port Arthur Trades and Labor Council has sent an urgent invitation to J. Kier Hardie to visit the Twin Cities and address mass meetings.

## A BRIEF REVIEW OF CONGRESS CONVENTION.

By W. R. TROTTER.

This is the seventh consecutive convention of the Trades Congress which I have attended, but I never returned from any previous gathering with such a feeling of satisfaction as on this occasion. There is at last some hope that the workers of Canada will assert themselves and exert themselves along those lines which alone can offer any certainty of success in the fight for the emancipation of the worker, viz.: independent political action. The 1906 Convention in Victoria certainly declared for this; but the effort was a feeble flicker against a sombre background of partisanship when compared to the complexion of the 1912 gathering and the attention given to this phase of the question. The persistent work of years is beginnig to bear fruit—work that has been sneered at by scientific somnolents—work that has been impeded still more by the ever present old party politician—work that has been carried on in the midst of perhaps the most apathetic section of the working classes that could be discovered in contemporary history anywhere.

The Guelph convention has justified the policy of those responsible for the direction of the destiny of the Trades Congress. Not alone in finance nor in the magnificent membership roll of over 66,000; but also in the "atmosphere" surrounding the presence in Guelph of 240 delegates has that justification to be looked for.

Terrible things had been prophesied to take place "when the Congress met in Guelph." Some sections of the press had prognosticated troublesome times, reversals, and storms; but the meeting has been held, and they proved to be only "brain-storms."

The time is apparently past when the reactionaries within our ranks are able to stick horns and tail on "the West," and hope to accomplish something by the division. The time is also apparently past when "the East" could be referred to as being peopled exclusively, or at least dominated, by those of old political adherences. Guelph has demonstrated that there is neither East nor West in these matters, and that Canada is slowly but surely coming into her own as a nation with a nation-wide sentiment among the workers which a fractious opposition only succeeds in throwing into greater relief.

Much remains to be done, but the handwriting on the wall indicates a feeling which those who presume to direct the destinies of the workers will do well to take into account; for the workers, as workers, are imbued with the necessity of writing the laws for themselves, and shibboleths, nice distinctions, and nomenclature will not always prevent them.

The permanent establishment of an exchange of delegates between Britain and Canada is one of the outstanding features of the 1912 Convention. The presence of J. Keir Hardie, M.P., this year, and the election of Will Thorne, M.P. (President of the British Congress), to attend the Montreal Convention next year is significant of progress, while the sending next year of the Canadian Congress Secretary to the British Congress will do much towards still further cementing the bonds between Canadian and British workers, and will assist in more clearly defining our position in regard to common problems, and some others that are peculiar to Canada. The voice and presence of Secretary Draper was much missed this year, but if good wishes and constant remembrance can assist in his recovery, then it ought to be speedy and thorough. As the first regular Canadian delegate to Britain, he was the unanimous choice of the convention.

One result of the last convention will be an impetus to the further organisation of Provincial Federations. The Montreal delegation will get busy on the Quebec Federation, and such an organisation in that province will undoubtedly assist much in dealing with matters peculiar to Quebec. The formation of Provincial Federations, it was once feared, would militate against attendance at Dominion gatherings, but it is now seen that this will be saved by the consequent exclusion of purely provincial matters from the Dominion assembly, while the Provincial Federation can more fully enter into and bring weight to bear upon local questions, which receive more attention, and are subject to more extended debate and consequent publicity than a Dominion assembly could possibly auord.

Not the least noteworthy feature of the 1912 Convention has been the disclosure of the fact that many formerly "irreconcilables" have through experience and practical work become even "conciliatory," and this fact, together with the gradual enlightenment of the "rank and file" as to their true industrial relationships, augurs well for the future of the Canadian movement and its rescue from scientific somnolence and comparative inaction and the beginning of a real movement of the workers as a class.

It is again true that neither the number nor the nature of resolutions dealt with can be held to sum up the value of a Congress Convention, while if the doctrine of the survival of the fittest has any application, the Congress today stands forward as the accepted and recognised mouthpiece of the Canadian Labor movement, and its future progress will be consonant with and can only be measured by the progress of its component units, of which it naturally must be the reflection.

**"So Say We All."**

Some comment was heard in Guelph at the action of some delegates in preaching Socialism on the streets and in meetings during the week. This criticism was foolish. So long as trade unions elect delegates of well-known socialist leanings to represent them at these annual gatherings, they may expect them to carry on propaganda work in behalf of their pet economic theories. Since the Socialists have been denied recognition as a body in the congress, the policy of using the trades unions' funds to carry on the propaganda work has become general. If the unions don't like it, they have an effective remedy.—Phil Obermeyer in Hamilton Herald.

**Amalgamated Carpenters.**

The 'Mals pulled off a successful smoker in Labor Temple, Thursday evening.

Probably the reason Samuel Gompers does not condescend to appear before the Socialist party, in quest of labor legislation, is the fact that it is unnecessary.

John M. Bender, a Vancouver Typo, has blossomed forth as a newspaper publisher in the province of Saskatchewan. The "Post" is the name of the production, issued at Langenburg, and if one is to believe The Post, the new town is destined to become a second Milwaukee.

## CIGARMAKERS IN CONVENTION GIVES EVIDENCE OF LIFE

### President Perkins Submits Exhaustive Report for Consideration of Delegates.

The twenty-second convention of the International Cigarmakers' union, in session at Baltimore, gives promise of doing things. Vancouver local is represented by Secretary-treasurer J. C. Peuser. President Perkins concludes his report to the convention:

"To be engaged in the uplift movement, the struggle for better and more humane and just working and living conditions for the toiling masses, is a work worthy of the best efforts man possesses.

"To be a part of our great industrial organization which seeks to protect the best interests of all men and women engaged in our industry and ever strives to bring about a state socially, economically and politically wherein there shall be no abject poverty, want and privation on the one hand and predatory wealth on the other, and in which exact social and industrial justice shall prevail, is commendable and a great privilege and stamps those engaged therein unselfishly devoted to the common uplift of humanity.

This, however, carries with a stern duty, which in its broadest oncept implies a submergence of purely personal hopes and ambitions to the honestly expressed wisdom and judgment of the majority.

"Each of us here today has voluntarily accepted a responsibility that carries with it the safeguarding of the hopes, ambitions and social and economic well-being of those we have the honor to represent. We should not, and we cannot if we would, shirk this responsibility.

"Each is entitled to and will be accorded the right to battle for what he considers the right thing to do. These opinions, however, when thrown into the common melting pot for debate, thought, judgment and action, should be cheerfully surrendered to the honestly expressed will of the majority.

"The membership at large, I judge, expect great things from this convention, perhaps too much: If we give them the very best that lies within us in the effort to discharge our obligations in compliance with our honest convictions, we shall have performed our full duty, regardless of what the results may be.

"I sincerely hope that your combined wisdom and good judgment may find a reasonable and satisfactory way by which the many important matters that will come before you may be reasonably and satisfactorily solved, not perhaps to the satisfaction of any one particular locality, but in a manner such as will in your combined judgment serve the best purposes and interests of the membership as a whole regardless of where located.

"It is my purpose to be helpful in the settlement of all questions that may come before you and I shall do so insofar as my ability and privilege shall permit, always discharging my duties and obligations in the light that is given me as a guide, with no purpose in view except to find a common pathway by which we can serve the best interests of the members of our trade, and I shall be absolutely impartial and mindful of the rights of all delegates."

**"None So Blind," Etc.**

Editor B. C. Federationist: In the Victoria Colonist for 18th Sept. there appeared a statement reputed to have been made by Mr W. L. Coulson, to the effect that he knew nothing of the situation on Vancouver Island, and that he was at a loss to know the reason why the men employed in the mines of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) were idle. Allow me to state, Mr. Editor, that this is entirely false. For the last six months committees appointed by the men to interview the management relative to grievances have been persistently turned down by the orders of Mr. Coulson. On one occasion we were informed by the late manager, Mr. Thos. Russell, that he had strict orders from Mr. Coulson to see no committee, and have no dealings with the men whatever. Again, by the orders of Mr. Coulson two men were discharged in Cumberland, and they were refused an explanation why they were discharged. What we do know, Mr. Editor, is that these two men were particularly active in the union movement. Such staements by a man in the position of Mr. Coulson only make him look ridiculous in the eyes of men who are acquainted with the situation, and it is to be hoped that he will refrain from making such in future. Thanking you for the space in your paper, Mr Editor, I remain, yours, etc, D. McKENZIE.

Ladysmith, B.C.

**Socialist Mass-Meetings.**

Vancouver wage-workers are reminded that mass-meetings, for educational purposes are held in the Empress theatre every Sunday evening, under the auspices of Vancouver Local No. 1, S. P. of C.

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## TREND OF MODERN TRADE UNIONISM IS EMPHASIZED

### "One Organization in One Industry" Says Brewery Workers In Convention.

"One organization in one industry" is the theme of the officers' report submitted to the convention just closed at Denver, Clio. The lessin to be gained by the workers of this continent from the experience of the Brewery Workers is one that should have considerable weight in the future deliberatiins if organized labor.

"Among the American labor organizations, the brewery workmen's organization today holds a most respected position," says the report, "and as far as the material gains and improvements of conditions of the members are concerned, it undoubtedly is the most successful if all Americas labor organizations. Although it has only been a few years since our organization was unreasonably and maliciously attacked upon every side our opponents are nit being convinced that our form of organization—'only ine organization in one industry; only one contract for all men emplyed in one industry'—is the only kind of organization that can protect the rights of the workmen, and that can secure better working conditions for them. The organizations built upon the trades autonomy principle are slowly, but surely, being forced by the modern, well organized capital to change their tactics and their form of organization in order to protect their membership. We will, even though with much difficulty, yet convince the American Federation of Labor that iur form of organization is th only form which should be encouraged and recognized. If the officers of the American Federation would make a just comparison of the achievements of, and the conditions existing in, the industrial organizations with those of the trades autonomy organizations, they would soon come to the conclusion that the first are active, progressive organizations, and that the latter are reactionary, lifeless organizations in the American labor movement."

**Granite Cutters' Dictum.**

The International Granite Cutters' union has issued the following official pronouncement: "This statement conveys and bears testimony that after the springtime of 1916 the minimum wage rate for members of this Association will not be less than $4 per day of eight hours, and not later than the springtime of 1913, members of this Association will all enjoy the Saturday half holiday."

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