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## BENNETT INSULTS ORGANIZED LABOR

All Who Disagree With Na-  
tional Service Scheme  
Are Traitors

Corporation Lawyer a Men-  
ace to Political Life  
of Nation

HON R. B. BENNETT, K.C.,  
M. P., Lieut-Col., has distin-  
guished himself by asserting  
in public that the opposition to  
national service on the part of or-  
ganized labor in Canada is  
prompted from German sources.  
Nobody but Mr. Bennett himself  
has noticed any opposition to na-  
tional service. The opposition that  
has manifested itself is toward the  
get-rich-quick schemes that are  
being foisted upon the Canadian  
public which are national service  
in name only, and have for their  
object not the aiding of the em-  
pire in the war, but the making of  
profits by war contractors. Mr.  
Bennett's insult to organized la-  
bor is both uncalled for and un-  
merited. He himself, as a munition  
manufacturer, is a direct  
beneficiary of war industry, and should  
be the last man to speak in public on  
such a question. The Alberta Federa-  
tion of Labor, which is in session at  
Edmonton, has called upon the premier,  
Sir Robert Borden, to apologize for  
what Bennett has said. They apparently  
regard the latter gentleman as being  
so lost to all sense of shame that it is  
useless to speak with him.

### Political Crudity.

Canada in many lines is abreast of  
the world's foremost advances. Her  
educational systems are fairly good, in  
music, art and science she can compare  
favorably with many an older country,  
and in her agriculture and industry she  
can give pointers to the world's best,  
but when her statesmen and public  
representatives speak their minds, it  
is then one gets to understand how  
crude and backward are her political  
institutions. It is doubtful if in the  
most backward nation in the world outside  
of Canada herself, could a govern-  
ment propose a selfish scheme of profit-  
taking in the name of national service,  
and then have the gall to call the people  
who opposed it traitors who are in  
league with the nation's enemies. Crude  
and unsettled as are the public affairs of  
such a country as even Mexico, it is  
hard to conceive of a public man there  
going to the lengths of vindictive abuse  
that Mr. Bennett has stooped to, and  
yet there are some people left in Can-  
ada who regard Mr. Bennett as some  
kind of an oratorical ornament in Can-  
adian public life.

### Cries, "Wolf, Wolf."

If Canadians have a national failing  
at all, it is that trait which has come  
to be recognized under the term of  
narrow-mindedness. That this reproach  
against Canadians has some basis in  
fact can be demonstrated in no other  
way than the arguments resorted to by  
public men and the daily press in seek-  
ing the support and sympathy of the  
Canadian public for their political opini-  
ons. Mr. Bennett believes a majority  
of the people of Canada are bigoted  
and narrow, and he therefore raises  
the cry of treason as the best method of  
directing public condemnation against  
any person who has the temerity to ask  
for a cleaner and saner administration  
of public affairs than fits in with his  
own dirty little schemes.

### Typical Example

Mr. Bennett is a typical example of  
the corporation lawyer, who gets him-  
self elected as a public representative,  
and then tries to pose as a statesman by  
betraying the interests of the public to  
his real master the corporations. Such  
palpable humbug always appear in the  
public life of a country going through  
the development stages which have  
marked the progress of all countries in  
this new world. The American republic  
to the south has had the experience of  
the Bennett politician until they have  
come to recognize his species as a sort  
of dangerous political parasite that  
must be got rid of wherever recognized  
if the nation is to go forward along the  
lines of normal growth and develop-  
ment of its political institutions.

### Labor Undismayed.

The Federationist feels as cer-  
tain that the political doom of  
doom of the Bennett is as sure as that  
Canada's political life will some time  
advance to at least an equal extent as  
her other lines of achievement. Their  
place in history will be referred to only  
to show how coarse and crude men in  
public life once were, just as one some-  
time gleefully refers to the house rules  
for guests at hotels in the early pioneer  
days. In the meantime the Labor men  
of Canada who want to serve their coun-  
try and help it to advance will go for-  
ward undismayed by such cheap insults.  
In fact the louder the corporation law-  
yers and defenders squeal the more cer-  
tain it is that Labor's cause is tending  
to serve the interests of the public as  
against the interests of corporations.

### Labor Not Guilty.

If organized labor in Canada had the  
disreputable record of the Conservative  
government to answer for, it might get  
really frightened when anybody raised  
the cry of traitors. Labor did not arm  
the Canadian troops with defective wea-  
pons and try to brazen the matter out  
when that crime was brought home.  
Labor did not commit bungles and blun-  
derings which Mr. Bennett and his  
friends stand convicted of. If there  
have been any public acts committed in  
Canada's army while the Bennett stay-  
ed at home and tried to steal the credit  
due them for their party-made military  
heroes. Labor did make and is making  
the munitions that go from this country  
to the war; the Bennetts represent the  
pay-traitor gents who get a rake off on  
every shell exported. When Canada has  
a government as truly patriotic and  
self-sacrificing as its working people are  
it will be a very bad day for Mr. Ben-  
nett and the class he represents.



W. H. HOOP  
Winnipeg

President of the Federation of Letter Carriers, embracing all Canada, who was "canned" by the federal government last week for daring to have an opinion not shared in by the government, namely that the basic industries should be nationalized and profit-making eliminated, before asking for more man-power.

## HALIBUT FISHERMEN CONSIDER NEW AGREEMENT

Vancouver Objects to Terms  
on Account of the Low  
Price of Cod

Provides Slight Increase for  
Fishermen on Catch  
of Halibut

DURING THE WEEK a con-  
ference of representatives of  
Deep Sea Fishermen's union and  
owners of halibut fishing ves-  
sels was held at Seattle to consider  
a working agreement between the  
fishermen and the owners cov-  
ering the wages of the men for  
1917.

This conference adjourned on  
Saturday evening, having reached a  
tentative agreement which was  
recommended by the representatives  
of the union to its various  
branches for acceptance. As there  
was a division of opinion as to the  
merits of this agreement a slight  
modification was made early this  
week, and this revised agreement  
has now been sent to the locals  
with the advice that the agreements  
with the various operating companies  
be signed on the suggested basis. This  
question is now being discussed.

The price to be paid the fishermen,  
according to the agreement made last  
week was 2 1/2 cents per lb. for halibut  
during December, January and Febru-  
ary, and 2 cents for the balance of the  
year and 1 1/4 cent for black cod all the  
year round. The revision made early  
this week provides that where black  
cod makes up the greater part of ves-  
sel's catch, the price shall be 2 cents.

### New Rate Means an Advance.

The agreement made in January, 1916  
provided for a rate of 1 1/4 cents for  
both halibut and cod. During the year  
this was modified by arrangement and  
the price for halibut increased to 1 1/2 cents.

During last December the men made  
a demand for 2 1/2 cents for all fish  
during 1917. The owners replied with  
an offer of 2 cents, and, after discus-  
sion by the various locals, the men  
kept at work, pending a conference on  
the 1917 agreement, on the basis of 2  
cents for halibut and 1 1/4 cents for

cod.

At the Seattle conference the Vancouver  
employers were represented by Mr.  
A. L. Hager, the Vancouver local of the  
employees, leaving their case to the  
headquarters representatives of the  
union. The men renewed their demands  
for 2 1/2 cent for both halibut and cod,  
and this proposal was refused. A second  
proposal of the men that 2 1/2 cents  
prevail for six months of the year was  
also refused.

After considerable discussion, the  
owners said the best offer they could  
make was 2 1/2 cents for halibut during  
December, January and February and  
2 cents for the balance of the year,  
with 1 1/4 cents for cod all the year  
round.

The representatives of the men endeav-  
ored to obtain better terms, but the  
owners stated that they "gone the  
limit," without further consultation  
with their principals. As the offer re-  
presented what was considered to mean  
increased pay for the fishermen, it was  
finally decided to recommend an agree-  
ment on the terms proposed.

### Vancouver Local Objects.

The results of the conference were  
telegraphed to Vancouver, Prince Rupert  
and Ketchikan with the suggestion  
that they be accepted by the locals. The  
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## IS "NATIONAL SERVICE" REAL OR COUNTERFEIT?

What Measure of Sincerity Lies Back of the Pretensions of Those Who Are Furthering the Scheme?—Is It Real National Service or Merely a Means to An End, and That End a Profitable One for Certain Interests?—If it Is Not a Swindle Why Should Its Boosters Be vexed at Criticism?

HERE IS NO topic being more widely discussed at the present than that of "National Service," as propounded by the Ottawa government. The term "National Service" hath a not unpleasant sound to the average man of the street, but there are more than a few who are seriously questioning the bona fides of the scheme that is being at present touted throughout Canada by small-calibre politicians and pulpitiess of doubtful Christianity. And there is much to warrant the assumption that there are motives behind the scheme that are far more sinister and dangerous to everything that is good in modern civilization, than could possibly be wrapped up in any scheme of genuine national service. It is extremely doubtful if any person could be found in Canada who would for a moment offer any objection to a scheme of national service, if he was assured beyond all doubt that such a scheme was not a counterfeit, or was not a hypocritical mask intended to cover some more sinister and baneful purpose. A real national service must be of such a character as to conserve and further the interests of all who constitute the personnel of the nation. Either that or the nation must be considered to mean only that part of its population which has an axe of its own to grind, and which induces the other part of the population to turn the grindstone, under the specious pretense that in so doing it is performing a most praiseworthy "national service." If this latter conception is to be entertained, and it is being so considered by not a few persons, it then becomes still more interesting from the fact that the axe is to be applied to the necks of the grindstone turners themselves when it has been brought to a proper edge.

### One Politician Spouts.

The column of the daily press bring the pleasing information that various political notables are busily engaged in lambasting those who are so presumptuous as to question the merit of the "national service" scheme of the Borden government. These are denounced as "agitators against national service." A political small-bore who at present officiates as the premier of Manitoba, as a result of one of those political accidents that are the chief incidents in the political history of Canada, has been rancorously denouncing such "agitators" recently and declares that "they are unworthy of the name of men, and should not be at liberty." No better use can be made of a little space than by reproducing the following from a recent speech delivered by this political accident:

"These men who pass opinion against the better judgment of the leading men of the ten Allied armies would pass into oblivion as slackers of the first water," he stated. "In this matter I speak plainly and in speaking so have nothing to apologize for."

"Men at the head of such organizations as are leading the movement against the government have no right to liberty and in the near future will be surprised at their own smallness. They are not worthy of the name of men. They wrangle about matters of money. As I speak plainly on this matter I speak plainly on the matter of capital today, and say that when the right time comes money also will be divided."

"These men are doing the kaiser's will just as much as his armies," the premier went on. "Thank God, they are not allowed to do it. They are worthy of no other name but traitors. They stand behind the hand that assassinated Belgium, murdered Nurse Cavell, and performed other brutal atrocities."

Such argument is so convincing. It has such a ring of truth and is so indisputable and unanswerable in every particular, that every wicked "agitator against national service" ought to go and hang himself for his presumptuous disloyalty to those precious national interests that are so earnestly longing for his "service" in this hour of peril. That these national interests are principally those of munition makers and other similar profiteers, who are the chief recipients of the Borden solicitude, by no means detracts from the genuineness of the offence of these "agitators against national service."

Will it be different in Canada?  
What are these discharged men to do?

Will Borden's sweet little scheme of "national service" be rendered that of

"national service?" And he should be, according to Premier Norris of Manitoba. And what greater "national service" could be rendered than that of enabling munition workers and other real patriots to harvest the dues while the harvest is ripe?

### Affirming Its Genuineness.

The premier of Manitoba is not alone, however, in affirming the present scheme of "national service" to be the real thing. There are others, and the least of these is by no means the government at Ottawa itself, as the following will show:

W. H. Hoop of Winnipeg is president of the Dominion Federation of Letter Carriers, and Durward is the delegate from the local Letter Carriers' union of that city to the Trades and Labor council. Both are well known Winnipegers. Hoop has been, and is now, an opponent of the "national service" scheme being pushed forward by the Borden government. Presumably Durward is also opposed to that scheme. Both have been suspended from the postal service by an order from Ottawa. It would appear at first

that the men are doing the kaiser's will just as much as his armies.

It is only when the "dogs of war let loose are howling" that these nuisances become transformed into "slackers and traitors."

In times of peace munition-makers

and other patriotic labor-skimmers can

easily obtain all of the labor they re-

quire, without their friends resorting

to any faked-up schemes of "national ser-

vice" in their aid.

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"Unity of Labor: the Hope of the World"

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THE PEOPLE of this Dominion have been plentifully regaled during recent months with endless gabble about "National Service." But it appears to have been nothing but gabble, PATIENCE IS of politicians and NO LONGER other platform gabblers, and the penny-a-line piffle of editorial pundits, nothing is done. National service, either real or bogus, remains the same as it was before the war, a sort of an iridescent pipe dream. That the war has brought forth the need of a national service of the widest imaginable scope, none will deny. To successfully cope with the situation and bring the war to a satisfactory conclusion with the least possible cost in human life and treasure, demands a national unity, a national sacrifice and a national service that is purged of the base and sordid motive of commercial activity, and untainted by even the suspicion of loot, plunder, personal gain and personal aggrandizement. That the government at Ottawa is entirely incapable of rising to the occasion, is one of the surest things upon the map of fate. That it is without a vision beyond the narrow confines of the profit-hungry interests that are waxing fat upon the juicy stream of blood that flows from the altar upon which is being sacrificed the bone and sinew of the nation's best, is plain to he who cares to make note of it. That this precious government has neither the will, the spirit nor the courage to draw even one fang from the slavering jaws of the beast of profit, that has gone mad with the lust of plunder afforded by this human holocaust, is one of the most outstanding facts of present Canadian history.

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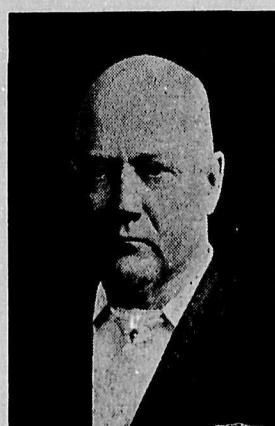
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## AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY WEEDS OUT TRAITORS

### Leaders Will Have Nothing to Do With Supporters of Conscription

### Reorganized Party Will Ad- vance Labor By Hon- est Methods

[By W. Francis Ahern]

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 6.—(Special correspondence to The Federationist)—Australia has never before witnessed such lightning political developments as those which have occurred in the last few weeks. I have already dealt with the dismissal of the prime minister of the federal parliament from the Labor party, with a few of his following. In the state of New South Wales, much the same has been done. The state "Labor" premier, Holman, has been refused nomination of his electorate in the forthcoming elections, and has been put outside the pale of the Labor movement, with those of his followers who supported conscription, as the same as has been done in other Australian states.

#### Some Slaughter.

In short, we have made a wholesale slaughter of the political traitors, and have emerged out of it all with a new, clean, and politically honest Labor party. This will, of course, go to making the Labor parties of Australia stronger, as time goes on, for nothing has brought so many thousands of the Conservative voters over to our standards as the honest methods we have taken to keep our party clean and up to our platforms.

#### A Hold-ing Dodge.

In the state house of New South Wales, Premier Holman, as soon as he was publicly discredited, turned round and formed an amalgamation with the Conservative group, under the guise of a National party, with the professed intention of sinking "party conflict during the war." But this is about the most bare-faced lie that has ever been put over the electors of the state he is premier of. He has taken this step simply to defeat the people's opportunity to put him out of political life. He dare not face the electors over the crushing defeat he received at the referendum campaign.

#### The Reason for It.

In New South Wales over 120,000 votes were cast for no-conscription above those cast for conscription. Not a single Labor electorate carried it, while but five Conservative electorates voted in favor of it.

It is thus easy to see why the premier, whose electorate by the way, defected from conscription by a two-to-one majority, does not want an election. He hopes to put back the elections, and has already introduced a bill for that purpose, in the hope that the people will forget. But this can not be, as Labor will keep the fight going, and the feeling against him and the renegades, when they face the electors eventually, will be more hostile than it is now.

#### His Baggage With Him.

Premier Holman has taken about twenty members out of the Labor party with him into the National party, leaving about thirty to form the now official Labor party of New South Wales.

All the renegades have been banished from the Labor movement, and Mr. I. Durack, a promising young politician, has been elected leader of the official Labor party.

As with the federal party, we are sure to gain much support over our stand when finally we have forced the disgraced politicians to face the people.

The good sound sense and rare judgment of the Australian workers seems at times to be happily combined with a sense of humor that is both piquant and grim. For instance, at an anti-conscription meeting during the recent conscription campaign, which was held at Byrnestown, Queensland, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That the citizens of Byrnestown do now and hereafter supply the prime minister's pressing lack of a short length of noosed-rope, and recommend October 27 at the date on which he, William Morris Hughes (after leaving his thumbprint as his one valuable legacy to posterity), might fittingly go out and complete the example of his scriptural prototype." A short coil of rope was then produced, a noose was adjusted and the rope and the resolution were immediately forwarded to Mr. Hughes.

#### Support Two-platoon Plan

The legislative committee of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor will favor a two-platoon system for firemen at the coming session of the state legislature. By a vote of two to one the Russell Fire club, composed of members of the Boston fire department, has voted to affiliate with the A. F. of L.

#### "The New Social Structure."

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"Where her indiscretions are concerned, a woman should always be her own undertaker."

## From Pam's Potato Patch

OLD CY. PER-

KINS missed one

of his yearling

colts a few days

ago, which fact he

related to the

bunch down to the

Dew Drop tavern

last night. There-

upon Chief Joe

Duck and Jimmy

Beaver, two In-

dians who know every horse in the dis-

trict, both said they saw Hank Allen

leading Cy's colt, with a halter on,

down the road at about said time. Just

then Judge Jones arrived, and all these

facts were told him. Cy declared he

would take the law on Hank, as some

years ago he (Cy) lost a fine team of

colts, and one day about two years af-

terwards Hank drove up to his place,

and said to Cy, "What do you think of

them horses?" Cy replied that they

looked tolerably like the two colts he

had stolen from him two years previous.

"Yes, by Jing, Judge, I'll take the law

this time on Hank," said Cy. The

Judge rubbed his hands, and urged Cy

to do so.

Next day Lawyer Snivels appeared in

court as prosecuting attorney, while

Lawyer Scatterbraine appeared on be-

half of Hank Allen. The first witness

called was Chief Duck,

who swore he

knew every horse in the district,

and saw Hank Allen leading down the road

Cy Perkins' bay colt.

His evidence could not be shaken by Scatterbraine.

The next witness called was Jimmy

Beaver, who corroborated every word

of his chief.

Judge Jones said he thought

the evidence most conclusive.

However, he would grant an adjournment till the

afternoon. Hank Allen looked pale.

Scatterbraine got busy and summoned

twelve well-known citizens as witnesses

for the defence. When court resumed,

the room was packed. Bill Neil, con-

siderable, called out "Order in the court,"

and profound silence was observed.

Jack Ketchum, duly sworn, declared

he did not see Hank Allen leading down

the road Cy Perkins' colt.

Snivels

could not show this evidence, although

he tried hard to make Ketchum admit

he saw Allen with Perkins' colt.

The testimony of the other eleven witnesses

was similar to Ketchum's.

In delivering his verdict, Judge Jones

very gravely said horse cases were diffi-

cult to handle.

The evidence was six to

one in favor of the defendant.

And with such an overwhelming percentage

of evidence in favor of the prisoner, he

dismissed the case, the plaintiff to pay

the costs.

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## THE BRITISH COLUMBIA FEDERATIONIST

### STREET RAILWAYMEN PLAN SOCIAL EVENINGS

First of Season's Events Will Be a Whist Drive and Dance, About Jan. 29.

The entertainment committee of Pioneer Division of the Street Railwaymen has undertaken to make the balance of the winter season enjoyable by outlining a series of social evenings in which every member of the union and his family may participate. Such a programme cannot do otherwise than assist in an indirect way in promoting the strength and good fellowship of the organization.

The first social evening will be held about Jan. 29, and take the form of a whist drive and dance, the I. O. O. F. hall in Mount Pleasant probably being the place for the gathering. Whist will be the order of the evening from 8 o'clock, with dancing starting an hour later, and continuing until 2 a.m. Mr. J. Poole has been chosen as master of ceremonies for the evening.

The entertainment committee has decided that the event will be free of charge for members of the division, their wives and lady friends, thus making it possible for all to join in making the opening gathering a success. In order to make this possible, the wives and lady friends will arrange to provide the refreshments and the funds for whist prizes and incidentals will be met by individual contributions. It was also decided to invite a number of the head office officials as guests of the committee.

The entertainment committee of the division, which will have charge of the season's programme, consists of J. Hubble (chairman), R. Rigby, P. Duquid, J. Eccleton, W. Murray and J. Griffin.

Definite announcement as to the date and place of the first evening will be given in next week's issue of The Federationist.

#### A Message From the Trenches.

Arthur Andrew, an old-time member of Division No. 101, who has been in the trenches for some months, has written Business Agent Hoover a message to the membership, which has been very much enjoyed in "bull-pen" circles. It reads, in part:

"Dec. 14, 1916.

"Dear Friends and Brothers: I want to thank you very much indeed for the kindness in sending me the Christmas present. Believe me when I say it was quite unexpected, and came just at a time when I was just in need of the contents of the box. It is very nice to think I am not forgotten while out here and brings back very pleasant recollections of happy days spent while a member of the old division. I saw only this morning one of your old members in the shape of Motorman Coutts. I passed him in a trench, and he had gone several yards by before I called out his name. We had only just time to exchange greetings, as neither of us could stop and talk. A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of meeting four of the old school—Gale, Hockley, McClymont and Higgle, all at the same place. Of course we had to talk shop—even events of the war had to take second place. I had a great laugh over the news of our worthy friend William Beattie, going towards town (Vancouver) in khaki, and wearing his motor-man's headgear. Lapse of memory, of course. I hope he is not so forgetful out here as to attempt to remain so true to his calling and attack the Huns with a switch-iron!

"News is pretty scarce. The end of the war will come, but when? I only wish I could tell you all. If I am spared to come through, I hope to see you all again. Even an 'owl' run would look pretty good at the present time. There's no nine-hour day here, I assure you. If one happens to get on a 39-hour stretch it's all 'straight time.' Well, I think this is all this trip. Am glad to say I am keeping well, having recovered thoroughly from my wounds. I wish you all very sincerely the compliments of the season, and again thank you for your generosity. Best of luck to Division 101."

#### HALIBUT FISHERMEN CONSIDER AGREEMENT

(Continued from page 1)

result of these meetings showed that the men were not by any means in complete harmony with the agreement as submitted.

The Vancouver local considered the terms at a meeting at which 27 were present, all of whom objected strongly to the agreement and decided to submit to headquarters a suggestion for an all-year-round price of 2½ cents for halibut and 1½ cents for cod. At Prince Rupert a meeting of ten fishermen opposed the agreement, and outlined a rate of 2 cents for all fish covering the whole year. The Ketchikan local, with sixteen fishermen present, also opposed the agreement.

On the other hand, the Seattle fishermen held a meeting at which 75 men were present, which unanimously decided to accept the terms offered.

The results of the meetings of the locals was to show the Vancouver, Prince Rupert and Ketchikan locals a total of 53 men, opposed to the new terms with the 75 Seattle men favoring the proposed rate.

Another conference was held at Seattle at which the owners agreed that where the greater part of a vessel's catch was cod, the price of 2 cents should prevail for the entire catch.

This amended proposal is now being taken up by the various locals.

Included in the new agreement is an advance of \$5 per month for deckhands, these men being scheduled to receive \$5 per month. This is a gain for a class of men who are said to be present unorganized. Another clause, which covers conditions prevailing at Prince Rupert, provides that mates on "long liners" shall not share with the men on the catch.

#### Price for Cod Too Low.

The results of the meetings of the various locals shows that there is a divergence of opinion between the Seattle fishermen and those operating from the more northern points as to proper terms. This is said to chiefly rest on the price for cod. On the Seattle fishing boats this catch is said to be of very little account, but on the craft operating from more northern parts the quantity of cod brought in is now a fair amount of a vessel's catch.

"On cod we would receive just the same as last year," said a Vancouver fisherman. "That is not fair, for if there is a real reason for advancing the rate for halibut, there is just as much reason for an advance on cod. As far as the Vancouver boats are concerned, I can tell you that this question of the price for cod is something the men feel like 'raising the holler' about. I know that the agreement which was sent up provides for 2 cents all round where the greater part of a vessel's catch is cod, but that arrangement means nothing, as it is certain that the boats won't bring in more cod than halibut if this means more money for the owners to pay out. You can take it from me that the Van-

cover fishermen have a legitimate kick coming on the proposed rate for cod, and I think the Prince Rupert and Ketchikan men will support our views."

In conversation with other Vancouver fishermen, it was stated that the situation at Seattle was different than at other points covered by the agreement. In Vancouver the fishing is entirely in the hands of the large companies, who control the entire fleet. In Seattle, however, the fishing is done to a certain extent by fishermen who work on a cooperative basis, operating what are termed "share boats." This makes it possible for a Seattle fisherman to operate as an independent if he is dissatisfied with the price given by the fishing companies, but in Vancouver there is no opportunity for a fisherman working unless he operates on a company vessel.

#### Business Agent Says Nothing

Russell Kearley, business agent for the Vancouver local of the Deep Sea Fishermen's union states that he has nothing to say with reference to the new agreement. He knew that there was some complaint among the members of his union as to the price to be paid for cod and also admitted that there was some difference in employment conditions between Vancouver and Seattle on account of the "share boats" operating from the Sound port.

The higher rate of 2½ cents for halibut during the winter months really meant but little as it was during this season that the companies took off their boats for overhauling, and what boats were operated returned with light catches despite the fact that the work done by the men at this season of the year was particularly hard and very hazardous.

Acting on instructions from the Seattle headquarters of his union, he had placed before his local the recommendation of the conference as to the acceptance of the new terms and the question was now before the men for a decision.

#### WINNipeg MACHINISTS WIN SIGNAL VICTORY

For First Time, G. T. P. Officials Will Sign Up with Organized Labor.

News which will be extremely gratifying to trades unionists throughout Canada is contained in a letter of R. S. Ward, secretary treasurer of District Lodge No. 2, International Association of Machinists, with headquarters at Winnipeg, which states that for the first time in its history the Grand Trunk Pacific will enter into an agreement with organized labor. This report is of more than ordinary importance, as in the past the officials of the G. T. P. have paid no attention whatever to the request of organized labor, despite the fact that the subject had come before them time and again.

The Winnipeg representatives of the Machinists' union have now approached an agreement, after a conference with G. T. P. officials, the schedule of which covers all the work of the craft in the G. T. P. shops of the district. The general conditions are similar to those covered in the agreement with the Canadian Northern. The craft rules, with the exception of bellarmakers, are also about the same. On the question of apprentices, the union did not secure all that was requested, but the arrangement made provides for "one for the shop and one for every four mechanics."

The Winnipeg union believes that a good agreement has been obtained and that the closing of the arrangement will mean the beginning of an era of better conditions between the G. T. P. and its employees.

#### JOIN OPPOSITION TO NATIONAL SERVICE CARDS

Royal City Trades Council Advise Trades Unionists Not to Answer Enquiries.

The New Westminster Trades and Labor Council has gone on record as opposed to the filling out of the registration cards of the National Service Commission. The resolution was presented by Delegates Yates and Morris, who acted under instructions from the Street Railwaymen's union. The delegates from the Typos, put up a fight against the action, but were alone in their contention, the delegates from the Barbers' and Bartenders' unions supporting the measure.

The provincial authorities wrote stating that the council's request for concessions in connection with the transportation of workmen to Port Mann could not be granted, as the exemption of a workingmen's train from the provincial bridge tolls would constitute a violation of the agreement whereby other railways used the bridge.

Hearty support was given a delegation from the Vancouver Iron Molders' union, which is pressing a campaign for an eight-hour day.

The meeting decided to be represented at the Revelstoke convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor, either by sending a delegate or co-operating with other unions in sending a joint representative.

#### OPERATORS ARE REPRESENTED

Union Member on Board of Examiners For Movie Operators

The organized moving machine picture operators of Vancouver are reported to be well satisfied with the manner in which the moving picture theatres are being worked out. One of these rules provides for an examination by a provincial board of examiners before an operator's certificate is granted and the local has been recognized in this connection by the appointment of its president, Mr. J. B. Foster, as one of the members of this examining board.

At the last meeting of the local the following were elected as its officers for the ensuing term: Pres., J. B. Foster; vice-pres., J. O. Thomas; secretary-treasurer, A. O. Hansen; recording secretary, E. B. Marshall; business agent, S. Haig; delegates to Trades and Labor Council, A. O. Hansen and Wm. Tenney.

The international convention of the organization will be held in Cleveland, O., from February 26 to March 3, and Secretary A. O. Hansen was chosen as the delegate for this meeting.

#### FATALITIES IN B. C. MINES

48 Employees Last Year Met Death While Engaged at Work

A report of the provincial department of mines gives the fatalities occurring in the operation of British Columbia mines during 1916. This shows that 48 employees met death while engaged at work as compared with 68 for the previous year.

The operation of the coal mines was responsible for the death of 28 men, all of whom were killed underground. The mines where the accidents occurred were as follows: Crow's Nest Pass, 17; Canadian Collieries, 6; Western Fuel Co., 3; Pacific Coast Coal Co., 2. Nearly half of the accidents were due to explosions. In the metalliferous mines 20 men were killed, the Britannia and Granby mines being accountable for half of the number.

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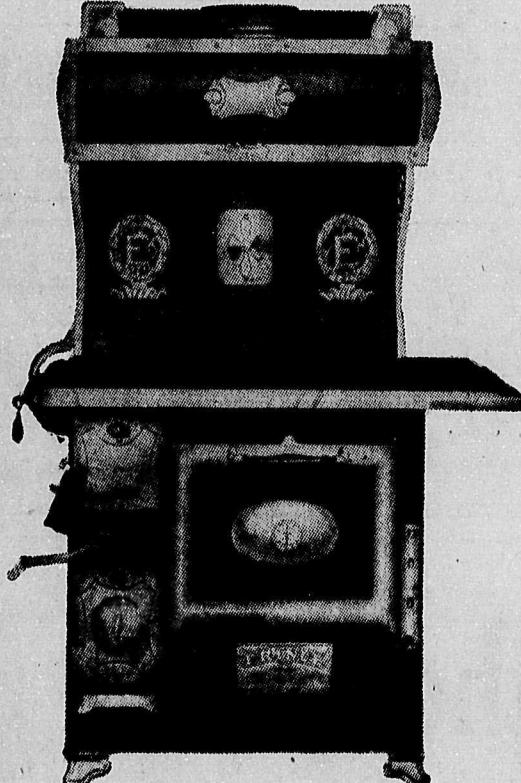
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**A. E. TODD.****ACTION OF CONGRESS  
OFFICIALS CRITICISED**

Representatives of Machinists Are Handicapped by Their Statements On Registration Cards.

A private letter to Mr. D. McCallum, organizer for the Machinists' union, states that eastern officials of the union are in communication with Mr. Mark Irish, Director General of Munitions Labor, with reference to supplying machinists for work on munitions where this is shown to be necessary by reports coming to his office. A conference of representatives of the union with Mr. Irish was arranged to be held in Ottawa recently, but as the Director General was unavoidably absent, the union officials held a general pow-wow.

The question of the signing of the registration cards of the National Service Commission was slated for discussion, but the letter states that "as the Executive of the Congress have abrogated to themselves the power to decide against the wishes of the Trades Congress convention, there was little we could do in the matter."

The officials of the Machinists' union are said to be planning to issue a circular letter to its membership setting forth their views on a number of questions which have recently arisen in connection with the registration cards, but final action has been delayed pending a proposed conference of the Trades Congress officials with the premier, when it is hoped to secure such authoritative statements as will make the terms of the circular of a more comprehensive character than is now possible.

**WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD FILLS DEMAND**

Over Fifty Claims are Filed During Opening Weeks of January

Work for the new Workmen's Compensation board is already piling up, press reports stating that during the opening weeks of January over 50 claims were presented by employees who were injured while in the discharge of their duty.

The schedule of rates to be paid by the various classes of employers in connection with the operation of the Act is now being sent out, the initial payment to be made February 1, with additional payments quarterly thereafter, the amounts being such as are deemed necessary in view of the accidents in each particular class. The rates range from 30 cents to \$6 per \$100, the latter being the highest rate and covering operations in plants manufacturing explosives. For policemen and fireman the rate is \$5 while on general building operations, a rate of \$2.50 is demanded with correspondingly higher rates for structural steel workers and other building lines where the hazard is unusual.

## NEW LOCAL MAKES GOOD

Union Members Replace Non-Certified Men as Result of Complaint.

The recently-organized local of the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers is already showing activity in guarding the interests of its members and with good results.

Recently the officers of the local took up with the provincial boiler inspector the question of the Pacific Mills, Ltd., employing men in connection with the boilers at its Ocean Falls plant who did not have proper certificates. The matter was taken up by the inspector with the result that seven properly certified men have been engaged to replace the men concerning whom complaint had been made. It is also understood that in the future the Ocean Falls concern will deal through the new union in connection with the engagement of new men.

The membership of the local is now about fifty, with prospects of additional members in the near future. Great credit for the activity of the membership campaign is due to Mr. E. Winterbottom who has been doing excellent work among the craft in pressing the claims of the new local.

The local has decided to affiliate with the B. C. Federation of Labor.

## CONTROL OF MUNITION PLANTS

Local Member Believes in Complete Control of Output by Government.

Before leaving for Ottawa on Tuesday evening to attend the coming session of the federal parliament, Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P., said that it was probable the question of the provision of munitions by Canadian plants would provoke considerable discussion during the session.

On this subject the local member stated that he intended to take a strong stand on the question of the restriction of profits arising from the manufacture of munitions. If the government was to place orders there was no reason why it should not build and operate plants of its own or, for the period of the war, take over and operate plants engaged in such work. The idea might well go further and the government take over and operate all the basic industries of the Dominion which were connected in any way with the production of material used in these munition plants.

## ROYAL CITY STREET CAR MEN ELECT OFFICERS

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 16.—At the last regular meeting of Division No. 134, A. A. S. and E. R. E. of A.; the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Fred Ray; vice-president, Wm. Banks; recording secretary, W. T. Morris; financial secretary and business agent, W. Yates; conductor, Walter Adams; warden, R. P. Jameson; sentinel, Geo. Newcomb; executive committee, Messrs. Jameson, Clapp, Sweeny, Grimmer, Banks, Rowell, Mayes, Cram, Bates, Jones, Bolton and McRae; Audit Committee, L. Grimmer, A. Wallace and G. H. Clapp; trustees for Widows' Relief Fund, Fred. Ray, W. T. Morris, W. Yates, G. H. Clapp and Walter Thompson; delegates to Trades and Labor Council, W. Yates, G. H. Clapp, W. T. Morris, Geo. Newcomb, R. P. Jameson, T. N. Read, C. T. Cameron, L. Jones and G. Bolton.

## School Board Shows Good Judgment

Harry Neelands, the popular secretary of the Typos, has been re-elected chairman of the South Vancouver school board for another year. This is Harry's sixth term on the municipal school board and his unanimous election as chairman shows the confidence of his colleagues in his experience and judgment.

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New Locals Seeking Affiliation With Vancouver-Central Organization

That there is "something doing" in Vancouver in the field of organized labor is proved by the fact that during the past week three new locals have made application for affiliation with the central labor organization. These locals are the recently organized branches of the international unions representing engineers, boot and shoe workers and iron molders.

During the week representatives of the British Columbia division of the Railway Mail Clerks discussed with Pres. McVety and Secretary Midgley, matters connected with their organization. They stated that they intended to affiliate with Vancouver Trades and Labor council in the immediate future. They also stated that at the Dominion convention of their organization, to be held at Winnipeg next week, their delegate had been instructed to propose that the Dominion organization apply for affiliation with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

## U. M. W. OF A. REPRESENTATIVE

David Irvine a Visitor En Route to Washington State Federation Convention

David Irvine, international representative of the United Mine Workers of America on Vancouver Island, Nanaimo, was a visitor in the city Wednesday. Before returning home Mr. Irvine will attend the Washington State Federation of Labor convention, which convenes at Everett, Wash. next week. The following week Mr. Irvine, and four other delegates from Island points, will attend the Revelstoke convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor. As in the Crows Nest Pass coal fields, there is considerable discontent with working conditions in Vancouver Island mines, with one or two exceptions. Unless something is done by the provincial department of mines and the mine owners in the near future more will be heard of it.

The spirit of trade unionism has by now been stamped out over there yet, despite the trying days of a few years ago.

## Another Pettipiece Enlists.

George Pettipiece, brother of R. P. and a member of the Steam Shovelmen's International union, who has been a resident of Vancouver since the completion of the big tunnel at Rogers Pass, last fall, has enlisted with the Inland Waterways Transportation Service, and leaves tonight for Montreal en route to Mesopotamia.

## Vancouver Forum.

"National Service" will be the subject of an address to be delivered at the Forum meeting in O'Brien hall, Homer street, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, by L. T. English. The attendance at these weekly meetings has been steadily increasing since the inauguration of these popular lectures, and the subject this week promises to draw a large crowd of interested listeners. The debate which follows the lecture brings out many new angles of view and never fails to hold the crowd to the last. Collection to defray expenses.

Messrs. A. J. Macdonald and Aleck Macaulay, the latter being well-known of union men as an old platform man on the B. C. Electric have recently taken over the business at 195 Hastings street west, known as the Cow Butter Store. Under its new management the dairy, produce and provision business will be continued.

**REPEAL OF LEMIEUX ACT IS REQUESTED**

Trades and Labor Congress Representatives State Opposition of Labor

On Tuesday a delegation from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada waited on Premier Borden and his associates and presented the requests of organized labor for legislation at the coming session.

Special stress was laid on the repeal of the Lemieux Act, it being strongly put forward that the compulsory features of the measure was in favor of the employers and that labor did not consider that the act had given them protection to any appreciable degree.

A strong plea was also put forward for the establishment of an eight-hour day.

The national registration plan came up in the discussion, the metal trades having been asked to provide mechanics for munition work. Representatives of this craft urged that the government definitely state that there was no intention of industrial conscription. The control of the Curtis aeroplane factory by the government was urged, it being claimed that conditions at the plant were not fair under present arrangements.

On behalf of the letter carriers it was urged that an advance of 50 cents per day be granted on account of the increased cost of living.

Premier Borden promised that all the requests would be considered by the government when legislation to be presented at the coming session was outlined.

## MACHINISTS ARE ACTIVE

Social Evenings and Open Meetings To Promote Organization Work

The union machinists of New Westminster and Vancouver held an intercity smoker in the Labor Temple during the week which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present, this being the opening session of a number of social evenings which are being arranged. Leading officials of the Machinists' union, as well as of organized labor, locally, were present and gave helpful addresses, while the excellent musical programme provided entertainment, and the constant provision of smokes and refreshments tended to make the gathering a complete success.

The programme included instrumental numbers by Messrs. D. Anderson and E. Bush, violin and piano; Mr. A. E. Reilly, banjo; Mr. W. A. Griffin, guitar and mandolin; Mr. J. Kent, guitar; Messrs. H. Campbell and J. Waters, Hawaiian and bass guitars; and vocal numbers by Messrs. Wm. Davis, Geo. K. Morton, H. Cattell, J. S. Pearce, D. Boyce and J. Huber.

The Vancouver lodge of the Machinists' union also held an open meeting in the Labor hall on Saturday night, when good work was done for the cause of organized labor. After listening to addresses by Mr. W. R. Trotter and others, twelve men came forward and stated their intention of joining the local. So successful was the gathering that arrangements have been made for a similar gathering next Tuesday evening.

## MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

Ald. Gale Will Ask His Civic Committee to Seriously Consider Project

As the result of taking a strong stand at the opening meeting of the 1917 city council, Ald. Gale was confirmed as chairman of the bridges and railways committee. In a public statement Ald. Gale outlines the important work he intends that the committee shall take up this year. Among these is the project of providing for a municipal light and power system, in connection with which the 1916 council tentatively considered the establishment of a power plant on Bridge river. Ald. Gale believes that there are no legal rights possessed by the B. C. Electric which give it a monopoly of light and power privileges in the city and that, with the present cost of lighting in Vancouver, the matter can be taken up with assurance of popular support.

Other matters on which Ald. Gale intends to take a firm stand during the year are the strict carrying out of the terms of the agreements made by the Great Northern and Canadian Northern railways, in connection with the development of the head of False Creek.

B. C. Educators Organize

The school teachers of the province are learning from organized labor the secret that in co-operation there is strength and have now organized a provincial federation. The stated objects of the organization are the improvement of the standing of the profession and the betterment of educational methods throughout the province, these aims being exactly the same as those on which trades unions are based.

## AN INDUSTRY THAT TREATS THE WAGE-WORKERS WELL

Vancouver Employer Who Deserves Support of All Union Men.

In spite of the fact that some of our big politicians and financiers say that we have to send east for our clothing and boots and shoes, a good many of the men who do the real work know that their workmanship is just as good as any on the continent, and that Union Labor is used right here in Vancouver by the Western Carhartt Factory in making what they claim to be the best overall made, and it is made under very pleasant conditions.

The workmen of British Columbia give their local factory five times the support, in proportion to population, that is given by the workmen of other provinces to eastern factories, and Mr. W. A. Ryrie, manager of the local plant, wants specially to thank the workmen for this support and to tell you all at the same time that if there is anything the local factory can do in 1917 to deserve this support more than ever he wants to do it.

With a warm and comfortable workshop, a very light and pleasant dining room, free gas, and last but not least, a strict 48-hour week, it is no wonder that everybody on the job is proud and happy. Because of this the workers are all of a very high grade—the kind of women we are proud of and proud to have make the overall our better workmen wear.

"The Best in the West" is their 1917 slogan, and they are going to back it up and make it popular by coming through with the goods.

We feel that it is only right to ourselves and the community in which we live, to recommend all the products of the Carhartt factory very strongly to all genuine union men.

**MINE WORKERS ELECT OFFICERS**

Official Results of Poll of Locals of Dist. 18, United Mine Workers.

The official report of the election of officers of District 18, United Mine Workers, shows that W. Graham of Coleman was elected president, A. J. Carter of Fernie secretary-treasurer, and David Rees of Fernie international representative. Board members were chosen for the sub-districts as follows: No. 1, W. Sherman of Fernie; No. 2, J. Johnston of Coleman; No. 3, C. J. Phillips of Coalhurst; No. 4, Frank Wheatley of Bankhead.

This report is contrary to the unofficial reports concerning the results of the poll, this being due to the fact that the tellers threw out the Lethbridge and Drumheller ballots on account of irregularities in the poll at these places.

**HAMILTON LABOR ALDERMEN.**

Trades Unionists Hold Balance of Power on City Council.

The trades unionists of Hamilton took an active part in the civic election contest in the Ontario burg, with