

## PARENTAL SCHOOL IS OPPOSED BY COUNCIL

### Delegates Give Unqualified Opposition to Amendment to School Act

## Council and Board of Trade Representatives to Discuss Important Matters

The Trades and Labor Council went on record last night at the regular meeting as being strenuously opposed to the proposed establishment of a parental school as sought by the school trustees of Vancouver. This is one of the matters which is to be brought before the legislature at this session and, though Truant Officer English gave an explanation as to the position of the school board, the council by an overwhelming majority registered a strong protest against the proposal to take the care of the children out of the control of the parents.

Despite the opposition of Dal. Kavanagh, the council agreed to appoint delegates to meet representatives from the board of trade to discuss labor questions and production in B. C. at an early date. The reports received from the various delegates as to the standing of the locals were, on the whole, eminently satisfactory, with one exception.

Attention was drawn in these instances to the practice of some members of organized unions giving their patronage to non-union shops and cafes and the delegates were requested to bring this matter before the notice of their fellow members at the next meeting of their branches.

The following credentials were received and delegates obligated in the usual form:

Printing Pressmen—Ed. Vernon and David Cunningham.

Stationary Engineers—W. L. Vaughan, W. A. Alexander, J. S. O'Neill, G. H. Anderson, J. Macdonald, H. Longley, D. Hodges.

Journeyman Tailors—C. Nelson.

Sailors—Wm. Hardy.

City Firemen—Wm. Hall, Charles Watson, A. C. Shaw, W. D. Green, L. Livingston, M. Macdonald, J. E. Lang, A. Bettis, J. Balderston, Hugh Sheen.

Several communications were considered by the executive at their meeting just before the council assembled. One of these was a resolution from Ward Four Unionist Association, in favor of the establishment of an iron and steel industry in B. C., and the appointment of a commission to inquire into the deposits of iron ore in this province. This was filed.

The Calgary Trades and Labor Council wrote drawing attention to the conviction of Frank Wilson, a returned (Continued on page 8)

## COUNCIL OF WOMEN FAVOR CHINESE FARM LABOR

### Old Dames Fall for Cry of Shortage of Farm Labor and Pass Resolutions Thereon

The Victoria Local Council of Women has sent forward the following resolution: "That whereas owing to the great shortage of farm labor in B. C. and the burden laid on Canada to supply food to the Allies, lived that we, the Local Council of Women in Victoria and Vancouver Island, ask Dominion government for restricted Chinese farm labor to be brought into the country during the period of the war, indented with due protection to union labor."

Shortage of farm labor is a story as been conjured up by a few farmers and the capitalist women who pass such resolutions as the above are a lot of old ladies who have nothing else to do but scandal and capitalist lie-distributors. If some of these women were put to the task of treading behind plows they would be doing something more useful than they have ever done before in their lives. No B. C. does not want Chinese labor under any conditions because B. C. laborers cannot be protected from the effects of Chinese labor.

## FLIWDERS LIKELY TO BE TIED UP

## Mechanics to Strike Unless Employers Better Conditions and Raise Pay

It is not improbable that, tomorrow morning, every "Lizy" driver will have to officiate as his own mechanic. At least that is the way it looked last night. The members of Machinists, No. 720, embracing practically every automobile and garage employee in the city, decided a short time ago to ask for a living wage, and Business Agent McCallum has been the busiest man in town for the past few days endeavoring to avoid a strike. But strike it will be unless the employers get down to business and cease trying to ignore the men and their organization.

"Unless the owners of garages round the city are prepared to act reasonably and meet the demands of the men, there is going to be trouble," Mr. McCallum stated last night to The Federationist.

There has been presented to the garage men a statement making certain suggestions along which they wish the employers to act. These include an eight-hour day and bringing the wages to a point similar to those paid down the coast. The figures paid in Seattle and elsewhere down south are: 45 cents an hour for helpers, and as high, in a few cases, as 75 cents for skilled mechanics.

A number of the employers have signified their intention of acceding to the men's demands, but the majority of them are holding out and have refused to make any concessions. Tomorrow night's meeting will settle the point whether the flivvers will repose in their stables without their nurses or not.

## SPONSORS OF CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND ARE NOT KID-GLOVED IN PROPAGANDA

### Employees in Local Concerns Are Forced to Subscribe to Fund Whether They Like It or Not Under Pressure That Is Brought to Bear By the Higher-Ups—Mailed Fist Brought Into Play by Men Who Have Become Prominent by Compelling the Working Man and Others to Pay Through the Nose

Shortly after the war started a few so-called patriotic people of Canada commenced what they called the Canadian Patriotic Fund, a function which properly belongs to the state itself. It jumped from the hundreds into the hundreds of thousands. It went into the millions and the originators went crazy with the success of their scheme. The contribution of a few dollars monthly was reckoned as a mere flea bite to the man with a family.

In Vancouver, T. S. Baxter, who was instrumental in divorcing the city from a nice parcel of land it possessed on False Creek and placing that site in the hands of Mackenzie and Mann, was afterwards appointed chairman of the local branch of what was and still is a Dominion-wide organization. The less said about the activities in regard to this fund the better. The methods were about as crude as could possibly be conceived. Prussian methods were introduced with a vengeance and will not be forgotten.

Through the instrumentality of certain officials a plan was conceived for hoodwinking the fund locally and for exceeding beyond their wildest dreams. By devious ways and with the pressure of coercion that could not be called mild and yet could not be termed drastic, but that got there all the same, ex-Chairman T. S. Baxter and his associates sent the proceeds of their propaganda up to a figure that, as Paul Kruger would say, was staggering. No one thought there was so much money in Vancouver. But there was.

### Pay or Get Out

Now if the aforesaid ways and means had been to the taste of the man in the street, or the father of a family, in other words if he had not been told that he must subscribe or get out, there would have been the kick against the Patriotic Fund that there is today. But the fund officials held tenaciously to the creed that the end justified the means. In plainer language, they did not care how or where the shekels came from, so long as they came. That was the rock that the Patriotic Fund is going to be split on and time will tell whether this proposition is right or wrong.

Employers were interviewed and many of them promised that their respective staffs would contribute a certain amount monthly. And the staff

### Another "Big Drive!"

This week the city has been resounding to the cry of "half a million in three days." Just think of it—half a million in three days or at the rate of over \$100,000 per day. And this, too, just when the victory loan campaign has been wound up. By the way isn't it strange that so many men and women who hurraed and lost their heads in that campaign are today sadder but wiser. The banks could tell a peculiar tale if they wished, of defaulting subscribers to that loan, and of how hard a struggle it is for most people with the exception of the profiteers—to meet the instalments. Be that as it may, the C. P. F. launches its campaign and in effect tells the people "if you don't subscribe, you are an outcast." (Continued on Page Five)

## UNION ACTIVITIES ROUND LABOR TEMPLE

### Meetings Held During Week Indicating Progress Being Made

## Many Items of Interest to Vancouver Trades Unionists

### Machinists

The business agent of the Machinists, Local Union No. 720, reports a very enthusiastic meeting. Eighteen members were obligated and 36 applications received for membership. A special meeting will be held this (Friday) evening, at which final action will be taken in connection with the new agreement presented to employers. A number of employers have already signed up.

### Electrical Workers

Secretary E. H. Morrison of the Electrical Workers reports an interesting meeting at which four new members were admitted. Members of Local No. 213 who are working around Trail were granted \$5 per month for hall rent to enable them to get together twice a month.

### Engineers

Fifteen were admitted to membership at Monday's meeting, reports Business Agent Alexander, of the Steam and Operating Engineers. Membership is growing so rapidly that the hoisting engineers are talking of getting a separate charter. This matter will be decided upon at the next regular meeting. The union is making strenuous efforts to obtain an eight-hour day for all engineers in the province.

### Cooks and Waiters

Secretary Wm. McKenzie of the Cooks and Waiters reports a splendid meeting. Eight new members were obligated and ten made application for membership. A dance is to be held in the Dominion hall, Friday, March 29. A strong movement is on foot to get trade unionists to patronize union eating-houses. There are now over thirty displaying the card in the city, so there is no reason why union men should eat elsewhere.

### Tailors

W. W. Hoeken, recording secretary of the Tailors, reports a good meeting with five new members admitted and seven applications made for membership. Trade good.

### Painters

Eighty-six members admitted to membership since the first of the year, is the encouraging report made by the business agent of the Painters. A good meeting was held last Thursday, at which nine new members were admitted and twenty applied for membership. The \$5 wage scale has been granted by all employers in the city.

### Boot and Shoe Workers

The secretary of the Boot and Shoe Workers reports a good meeting. Two new members were admitted and one application received. An election of officers was held and all the old officers re-elected.

### Cigar Makers

The Cigar Makers voted in favor of the raise in the per capita tax, reports the secretary of that organization. A big, lively meeting was held and a move made to revise the bill of prices. Final action on this will take place at the next meeting. Assistance will be given the Cooks and Waiters to organize the Granville and White Lunch and Allen's restaurant. All members are reported working. See that your cigars bear the union label.

### Carpenters

A special meeting of the Carpenters was held Tuesday to discuss the subject matter of a telegram received from the international president regarding trade matters. About 800 attended and a lively discussion took place.

### Butcher Workmen

Chinese labor is one of the big problems the Butcher Workmen are up against, reports Business Agent Anderson of that union. The employment of this kind of labor in packing plants and stores caused a great deal of discussion at the business meeting and drastic action will be taken in the near future unless the "yellow peril" is removed. Thirteen new members were admitted and many applications received.

### South Vancouver Municipal Employees

A good meeting of the South Vancouver Municipal Employees was held on Monday evening for organization purposes. All present were unanimous in their desire for a strong organization that will enable them to get better conditions, says Organizer Midgley. Another meeting will be held this (Friday) evening in the South Vancouver municipal hall. Harry Neelds, chairman of the South Vancouver school trustees will address the meeting.

### Railway Firemen

A levy of fifteen cents per month per member was voted favorably upon by the Locomotive Firemen and Engineers for the benefit of members serving in the army or navy, says the secretary of that organization. Members started working on the eight-hour basis this week. All members working.

### Boilermakers

Business Agent Carmichael of the Boilermakers reports a good, big meeting at which 32 new members were admitted and quite a number of applications received. Considerable discussion of unsafe working conditions took place and a committee was appointed to interview the employers with a view to having things remedied. There will be a conference of Pacific Coast shipbuilders in San Francisco, on March 18 for the purpose of getting action on uniform conditions and wages.

### Mill and Factory Workers

Mill and Factory Workers took a strike vote Wednesday for the purpose of obtaining the nine-hour day and a

## GIRL CHOOSES LESSER OF TWO CAPITALIST EVILS

### Said to Have Forged Cheque Rather Than Sell Her Body to Buy Food

NELSON.—Ruby M. Raymond, aged 18, is in jail facing a charge of having cashed three forged cheques for \$25 each. She searched for employment here for several weeks and when arrested on a train at Midway is reported to have said: "I chose the lesser of two evils."—Vancouver Province.

There is not the least doubt in our mind that the story of the girl is true. Millions of girls have had to choose between stealing or selling their virtue in the struggle for existence, under the present profiteering system of society. The jails are full of men whose only crime was against private property; the red-light districts are full of girls who have had to face the same problem as Ruby Raymond; and the slums are full of children who go ragged and hungry because of the damnable profit system.

## UNIONS READILY BUYING SHARES

## Labor Temple Co. Directorate Committee Meeting With Good Reception

The campaign now being prosecuted by Vancouver Labor Temple Co. is meeting with general favor among the local unions already visited by the directorate committee. The Pile Drivers and Wooden Bridgemen, the Teamsters and Chauffeurs and the Civic Employees are among the latest to decide to purchase three shares for each member.

Secretary McVety, on behalf of the committee, has written for dates with the Machinists, No. 777; Cooks, Waiters and Waitresses; Railway Carmen; Molders, Letter Carriers, Boilermakers, Steam Engineers, Tailors, Butchers and Meat Cutters, Cigar Makers, and these will be visited as readily as provided for.

"The prospects are very satisfactory," said Mr. McVety, to The Federationist yesterday, "and if the unions yet to be visited support the campaign as enthusiastically as those already approached, we will have no difficulty in making provision for the amount needed to place the Labor Temple on a sound footing once more."

## SOLDIERS GET BEHIND BRITISH LABOR PARTY

### Prestige and Influence of Labor Is Growing Tremendously in Great Britain

Recently the constitution of the British labor party has been radically changed, heretofore membership has been confined to the Labor and socialist organizations. Fabians and the co-operative movement, now the doors have been thrown open to all citizens who subscribe to its platform and pledge themselves to work for the triumph of the principles it is organized to uphold.

One significant fact in connection with the movement is the strong support the party is receiving from the enlisted soldiers and the wounded who have returned from the battle line. The soldiers are solidly in favor of Labor's political programme, thousands of them who have never before been a trade union and in many cases were prejudiced against the working class movement and its propaganda.

These are all facts that are beginning to be recognized by diplomats and statesmen in Europe and America alike, as well as in Britain itself. But great as has been the progress of organized labor in Britain in the past it can safely be predicted that after the war is over its prestige and influence will be immensely greater than it is at the present time.

minimum wage. A vote to lay the matter on the table for a month, says Business Agent Thom, was overwhelmingly defeated and a vote to strike carried four to one. The constitution calls for a vote of 60 per cent. of the entire membership and as enough members were not present to obtain this number a special meeting was called for next Monday in order to obtain the desired number.

### Press Feeders

Another member of the Press Feeders has gone to the front, making a total of 20 out of an average membership of 25, reports the secretary. Two new members were admitted and three applications received. The union intends to hold a wild drive at the latter end of the month.

### Teamsters and Chauffeurs

Twelve new members were admitted and fourteen applications received at a rattling good meeting, reports Business Agent Bhowler, of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs. A mass-meeting will be held next Wednesday to take up matters of importance to the members.

### Brewery Workers

Some of the Brewery Workers are jubilant over the fact that they are busy working on a shipload of real beer for the heathen Chinese, says the recording secretary of that union. The members of the union are of the opinion that the Chinese are better sports than the white man. Two new members were admitted and three applications accepted. All members are working.

### Labor Temple Corridor Notes

Garage employees in Vancouver and New Westminster are asking increases of wages. They are affiliated with the Machinists' union. The men ask 75 cents an hour for first-class mechanics, 60 cents for second-class and 45 cents for helpers. They want recognition of the union, an eight-hour day and time-and-a-half for overtime. About 200 men are affected.

The bootblacks of this city held a meeting and formed an association and have agreed to advance the prices of shine from 10 cents to 15 cents for gents and 15 cents and up for ladies.

The Boilermakers' union has decided to abide by the decision of the Metal Trades Councils, though repeating their strong belief that the decision was an error and that the unions should have been called out as originally intended.

## THURSDAY DOINGS IN THE LOCAL HOUSE

## Labor Member Offers Bill Calculated to Get Rid of Coolies

## And the Bucolic Premier at Once Proceeded to Throw a Fit

VICTORIA, March 7.—(Special to The Federationist).—That the Hawthornthwaite bill to require a knowledge of the English or other European language to secure work in dangerous occupations will meet with favor of some members of the legislature was indicated in the applause he received today when discussing it briefly. J. W. Weart, member for South Vancouver, said the bill would have his support if Hawthornthwaite would delete the words permitting an understanding of other European languages, and would make it apply underground in coal or metalliferous mines, something which he has contended for years, he said. Mr. Hawthornthwaite said his object was to get rid of coolie Oriental labor and he believed in this form, the measure could be applied without being knocked out as not within the jurisdiction of the provincial government or interfering with any treaty arrangements. He had brought the matter up previously in the legislature, but Sir Richard McBride had opposed it then as he was afraid it would have the effect of driving capital out of the country. He pointed out many reasons why the bill ought to be passed. There were some thirty to forty thousand Orientals in this province whose presence excluded the white race to a considerable extent. In the struggle for existence today, he said, it was for every race to protect itself. If the Orientals could be disposed of many positions could be found for whites. Chinese were employed by the hundreds underground in the coal mines and, though they were supposed to pass a sort of examination, he doubted if they did. G. G. McGeer wanted to know, seeing that canneries were mentioned in the list of occupations in which illiterates should not be employed, if the Labor member had investigated to find out if the pack could be taken care of without coolies, as canned salmon was a big war food. Hawthornthwaite said he had; they did not employ coolies in canneries in Washington and Oregon and whites could be employed here just as well for the canneries who were receiving very high prices on account of the war, could well afford to pay white labor. Attorney-general Farris will debate the subject next.

### "Honest John" Throws a Fit

VICTORIA, B. C., March 7.—The attitude of the government toward J. H. Hawthornthwaite, the only Labor representative in the legislature, was indicated today when Premier Oliver made an attempt to strangle debate by endeavoring to make it appear that there is something or other in the rules of the legislature preventing a private member from introducing anything which interferes with something the government has on its mind.

Speaker Keen, however, did not give an immediate decision as to whether to uphold the premier and will give his decision tomorrow, which Hawthornthwaite asked should be in writing. In replying to Oliver, the Labor member said that, if the intention of the premier were sound, then it would mean no bills regarding labor could be introduced by the Labor member. He compared the policy of the old government with the present as to giving opportunity for full discussion, declaring that it had been his experience when in the legislature before that no effort had been made to stifle debate. He drew attention to his being alone in the house, and said he would not have thought it necessary to have to appeal to the premier who surely had support enough in the house to defeat the general eight-hour bill which he desired to proceed with, instead of shutting off all debate on the subject.

## J. H. Hawthornthwaite at New Westminster

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M.L.A., will address a mass-meeting at New Westminster Saturday (tomorrow) evening.

## General Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union Local 655

## MASS MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1918

## LABOR TEMPLE 8 p.m.

## Business of great importance to the union is to come up.

## BIG SALARIES PAID TO JOE FOOD DEPARTMENT

### Consumers Continue to Be Pestered With Friends of a Robber Gang

Estimates for the new food controller department at Ottawa provide for an outlay of \$165,000 per year. Food Controller Thompson has been scheduled for \$7,000 per year while salaries of other members of the staff range from \$5,000 down to messenger boys at \$700. Forty of these officials will receive over \$2,000 each a year. It's bad enough to be pestered with this food control outfit, without the additional penalty of being compelled to provide these paper patriots with a salary that is far out of proportion to their work. This department is just as much of a joke as any other department of the government. It has not benefited the consumers one iota. If it has done anything at all it has helped the profiteers to soak us good and plenty but that is their function and so long as the great mass continue to choose a gang of robbers' henchmen to represent them so long will we have to put up with joke departments.

## BOARD TO START PROBE NEXT WEEK

## Metal Trade Workers Only Ask Square Deal From Their Employers

Employers and employees in the shipbuilding industry are marking time until the arrival of the papers with a copy of the order-in-council passed by the government appointing a commission to probe the demands of the Metal Trade Workers in B. C. for increased wages. It was stated in the early part of the week that the papers would arrive in Vancouver about Tuesday but it now transpires that they were not mailed at the federal capital until last Tuesday so that there is no possibility of them reaching this coast until next Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. Justice Murphy, however, has made it known that he does not intend to lose a day in getting down to work along with Mr. G. J. Kelly, president of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, and Mr. J. Tonkin who will be the representative of the employers. Judge Murphy was in hopes that he would hold the first session on Monday but the probability is that it will be Wednesday or Thursday before the first witness is placed on the stand.

The position of the men is just the same as it was a week ago. They take back nothing and they do not intend to modify their demands one iota. All that is asked for is a square deal, and in view of prevailing economic conditions their argument is that the only way in which that deal can be given is to accede to their demands. With the exception of the employers, no person has yet made the suggestion that when the cost of living has risen to a dizzy height, is in any respect something that is beyond the limits of reason.

The stage has been reached when it is no longer possible for men to support their families on the present inadequate rate of wages and this is one of the points that will likely be emphasized by the different witnesses who will be examined on the workers' behalf. No question of loyalty to Canada or to the Allies enters into this dispute. It has resolved itself into a question whether the men are to be paid a living wage or not.

Judge Murphy has given his promise that all phases of the situation will be taken into consideration when the inquiry opens, and, when a jurist of the eminence of Justice Murphy gives that assurance it may be taken for granted that that promise will be redeemed.

### Bumper Meeting at Hedley

Vice-president W. Smith, Hedley, reports holding a bumper meeting of the miners, at which lots of discussion took place, with the result that the old parties will be greatly surprised at the strength of the F. L. P. in the mines of that locality. Brother Smith is going to hold a meeting in the town of Hedley some time next week and he is in touch with some of the rebels of Queenstown for the purpose of holding a good news.

## THE TOLL OF LIFE IN PRODUCTION

### Eleven Hundred Killed in B. C. Mines in Forty Years of Toil

The total number of fatal accidents which have occurred in the coal mines of B. C. as recorded by the inspection department since 1877 to the end of 1917, is 1132. No records are available prior to the year 1877 as the Coal Mines Regulation Act did not come into force until that year.

### Causes of Accidents

The causes of these accidents have been as follows:

Explosions of gas and dust	614
Falls of rock and coal	251
Mine cars and haulage	110
By shots and powder	19
Shaft accidents	18
Miscellaneous underground	33
Miscellaneous surface	74
In 1877 there were accidents not classified	12

From the foregoing classification it will be apparent that explosions account for more accidents than all other causes put together.

### Will Hold a Whist Drive

Members of the Minimum Wage League have no intention of allowing the time to slip past without making an effort to see to it that special attention is paid to the sinews of war. With this object in view, they have made arrangements for the holding of a dance and whist drive to take place in the Labor Temple on Friday evening, March 15. All members of organized labor are asked to make note of this date and to leave themselves free for the evening. A specially attractive programme has been drawn up for the occasion which promises to be interesting and enjoyable. The tickets are 75 cents and indications point to a big demand for these.

## WORKERS RALLYING TO RANKS OF F. L. P.

## Old Party Workers Break Away from Various Organizations

## Meetings Being Held and Locals Formed All Over the Province

Enthusiastic is no word for the grand reception the Federated Labor Party is receiving throughout the province. Old-timers and well-known workers of the Liberal, Socialist, and even Conservative parties are flocking to the ranks of the party that intends to wrest the political power from the rubber stamp and reactionary outfit that now holds on to the seats in the provincial house. Applications for membership and organizers' credentials are being asked for by many prominent British Columbians who have been fighting Labor's battles these many years. This in itself bodes ill for the element who have blocked the path of real live, fighting and progressive legislation through their lack of understanding of the human animal.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, representative of the F. L. P. in the provincial parliament and R. P. Pettipiece, addressed a big audience in the Miners' Union hall, South Wellington Sunday afternoon. Fifty-six members were enrolled after the meeting and as many more signified their intention of enrolling as soon as finances permitted. The dues are only \$1 a year, but even that sum takes a great deal of rustling from the exploited slaves of the coal barons.

Another organization meeting will be held at the same place and time, Sunday, March 17. Walter Head is the chairman and Brother Brooks the secretary of the local organization.

In the evening, the same speakers addressed another splendid meeting in the Dominion hall, Nanaimo, which proved to be probably the largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held in the city for many years. The miners' orchestra gave the audience a few selections and then the speakers got down to the why and wherefore of the F. L. P. One of the noticeable features of the meeting was the number of women present and the cordial reception they gave to the advent of the new movement. One hundred and ten members were enrolled and another meeting was decided on for next Sunday, March 10, at which officers will be elected. The Nanaimo local hopes to be able to hold weekly propaganda meetings.

Brother Hodgkinson, Nanaimo, intends to organize the workers of Ladysmith and the surrounding country.

### Nelson Lines Up

Another 45 members were added to the membership of the F. L. P., when, according to J. A. Austin, the workers of Nelson held their first meeting in the new miners' headquarters, Annand block, last Friday. Meetings will be held in the same place every Friday and, if the enthusiasm is anything to go by, there will be a lot of new members brought in, not only by the men but by the women, who are assuming a more rebellious attitude than was expected. Vice-president Pizeril, organizer for the West Kootenay (south) district, is about to go out to line up the rest of the district.

### Good News From Silverton

The miners and mill workers of Silverton are well pleased over the formation of the F. L. P. They had a good live organization during the Dominion elections and have now made it a permanent one by adopting the name of the F. L. P. The officers are: Harry Dimock, president; George McInnis, vice-president, and J. A. Cavan, secretary-treasurer. Members are being signed up every day and the old-timers feel confident that the F. L. P. fills a long-felt want.

### Ward Organizations in City

Membership fees are pouring in from residents of Vancouver and as soon as the membership becomes big enough, ward organizations will be formed. The vice-presidents of Vancouver district are working on the plans for this kind of organization within the city limits. These ward organizations will each have a separate organization and their own officers. Residents of Vancouver are urged to get in their applications for membership without delay so that the ward organization plan can be started immediately. Applications can be obtained in the office of The B. C. Federationist or from business agents of the various unions.

The difficulty of finding a suitable man for organization work, without draining the finances, has been overcome by securing Mr. George H. Hardy, who will now devote all his time to this work for a few weeks. It is now up to all who want to see a strong movement in the city, to rally to the support of Mr. Hardy in achieving the object desired. Mr. Hardy can be found in Room 206 of the Labor Temple, Call and get some applications and get busy among your friends.

### Metal Trades Council

The Metal Trades Council passed favorably upon the application of the Shipwrights of New Westminster to affiliate with the council. The many delegates of this council, who were in attendance, were optimistic regarding the outcome of the finding of the special commission.

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# FEDERATED LABOR PARTY FIVE ON THE ISLAND

Big Meetings Held at South Wellington and Nanaimo

J. H. Hawthornthwaite and R. P. Pettipiece Were the Speakers

(By Walter Head)

SOUTH WELLINGTON, V. I., March 5.—On Sunday last South Wellington was favored with the presence of R. P. Pettipiece and James H. Hawthornthwaite, who delivered rousing speeches on behalf of the newly-formed Federated Labor Party. A very attentive hearing was given to both speakers and the meeting was well attended. Quite a number of the fair sex being present. To meet current expenses a collection was taken, which netted the speakers a sum of \$10. A bumper start was made in organizing a local branch of the party, Walter Head and J. Brooks being appointed chairman and secretary respectively. The names of other officers being left to a later meeting. It was decided to hold meetings every two weeks until the organization is built up. A large number of members were enrolled, of which the ladies show a fair proportion.

Judging by the enthusiasm shown, at this, the opening meeting of the organization campaign, the success of the party, in this burg at least is assured. As time goes on we hope to conduct an organization campaign throughout New West districts. That we shall, at all times, stand ready to frustrate the obnoxious schemes launched by the forces of reaction usually presiding at the hog-ties in Victoria, with the ultimate object of removing the aforementioned hired men from their present spheres of influence.

The interest shown in the new party throughout the province leads me to believe that the goal is in sight, and judging by the way the politicians are falling over one another in their desire to show their love for Labor, they are showing that the hour of their doom has struck.

R. P. Pettipiece Speaks

R. P. Pettipiece was the first speaker on the programme, and he said in part:

"At the time of my last visit, I made an appeal on behalf of Labor for your assistance in placing Hawthornthwaite in the legislature. I thank you for the candid response that you made. We sometimes have to talk about the other fellow's politics, and I'm glad that I can do so in your midst. Along these lines, now, as it is generally a very dirty subject to handle. I think I can safely say that in the past we have made all the mistakes possible. We have produced our past mistakes, consequently we can not go far wrong in launching our new old party. The name signifies nothing; the object is what counts. We have produced many shades of thought being represented at the convention at which the party was formed plainly shows that the party is touching the spot. All shades of opinion are represented from the social uplift element to the red-hot revolutionary. The policy of the party hinges upon the property and the question of ownership of the property which is collectively used, and is unalterably opposed to capitalist ownership thereof; the building up of a property which itself has no value, its value only exists by virtue of its being an instrument of exploitation. The Federated Labor Party differs from the trade union movement in that it questions the right of the masters to have any say in determining working conditions, while the trade union only asks that the worker be given the right to have voice in determining these conditions. The trade union movement only numbers amongst its members a small proportion of the population, about 20,000 in B. C., but on the other hand, their numbers are exceeded by those who have an idea of political action.

An Unfriendly Parent

"Prior to Hawthornthwaite's election, the government was never very friendly to Labor; they would make promises galore, but their actions are somewhat modified in view. Upon my visit to Victoria, before coming up here, the politicians made great professions of friendship, the formation of the new party having a tendency to make them give us something. They are talking eight-hour day, and in general throwing us some sop to keep us quiet.

"I must not be quite so optimistic as our friend Hawthornthwaite, when he predicts a membership of 25,000 by May 1st, but I believe the party will certainly go ahead. Large numbers of members have voluntarily enrolled in Vancouver, and there is a general awakening in this province. I had a letter from Pat Kelly, an old-time labor agitator, enclosing some letters and bills, asking for some Peds. He expressed his intention of hustling for members. Action is also being taken at Sandon, Silverton and Michell. Our old-time warriors have been scattered by persecution but they are still on deck, and organization will bring them together again. Our progress is measured by the interest taken by the old party politicians, and while I realize that this community is well educated along political lines, that there is not such a need of their getting together for educational purposes, I also realize that a strong organization here will help to give strength to the surrounding districts, and put courage into the hearts of the men of the other mining camps.

The Beetle and the Axe  
"There are very few people nowadays who do not realize that something is wrong, but the difficulty lies in getting them together; the building up of a party, and the holding of a convention in the near future will tend to foster this get-together spirit. The trouble with movements that have arisen in the past has been in their getting too far ahead of the procession. In these times no one knows what is going to happen next, and it is up to the workers to build up an organization to cope with any contingency that may arise. We are liable to have a general provincial election in the near future, and there may be a shake-up in the Dominion Labor movement; they are beginning to fight over the division of the spoils. There has been content to let the haves have the have, and the have-nots the axe, so there is a possibility of there being some fights in the Dominion political field. We only need to get a few men in parliament in order to raise the veil, and we will not need to wait for a full house. McBride told Hawthornthwaite once that he and his two colleagues took up half the time of the house, and Hawthornthwaite replied by saying that three more would take up all the time."

Pettipiece then drew his speech to a conclusion by expressing his willingness to give Hawthornthwaite plenty of time.

The Irrespressible "Jim"

Hawthornthwaite then held the floor for a considerable time and delivered one of his rousing speeches, a synopsis of which follows:  
"A large number of people are very curious to find out what the Federated Labor Party is after. They want a copy of our platform, and are surprised when they find we haven't got one. I was accosted by a lawyer recently who was one of the curious kind. He wanted to know what we wanted to put into two words, and of course, as was awfully anxious to know what those two words were. When I told him they were 'the earth,' he wanted to know what we were going to do with the capitalist. I simply told him that as he and his fellows had been able to conserve the capitalist's interests, we intended, when we got in, to conserve the interests of the workers.

"When the Socialist Party of Canada was organized, I fell in line with it, but at the time ventured the prediction that it would not fill the bill. It has performed a useful educational function, but politically has been a failure. The history of the labor movement shows us that revolt just took place locally, then nationally, and finally became international in character, and a movement to be useful must be an international movement. The need for action is everywhere apparent, and the workers generally realize that they are exploited. It is absurd to think that all our resources are owned by a class that produces nothing, when we realize that all the wealth of the world is created by Labor. The capitalist class, with their own food, clothing and shelter, the tools and machinery that they work with, and a fat living for the non-producers, are permitted to produce their own sustenance, they are forced to ask permission from a fellow-man who owns the means of production. This state of affairs will be changed, until the workers revolt and make a change.

The Champton Liars  
"We must realize that education is not the whole thing when we cast our eyes on

the Russian peasantry, who are mostly illiterate. They have overthrown a system that so far, we have been unable to overthrow. The capitalist press in this country is outlying each other in vilifying the Bolsheviks, but we cannot believe one word we read. A close observer is forced to the conclusion that the Allies are standing by to allow the Germans to overwhelm Russia, and steal from them the fruits of the revolution. The Allies have a majority of three to two in men and two to one in guns and ammunition and yet they do not start the spring offensive, which has been so well advertised and which started much earlier last year. The Russians have large stores of supplies in Vladivostok and Petrovskoy, which all appearances the Japanese are about to cut off. So we are forced to the conclusion that the Allies are liberating the Germans on the western front, and allowing them to devastate the Russian workers' republic.

Industrial Conscription in Sight

"The government of this country is preparing to inaugurate industrial conscription. It is not content with conscripting our young men for the army; it is now attempting to conscript the remainder of us, men and women, for their mines, mills, factories, and farms. We must organize and prepare to resist with all our might. Our movement does not only aim to free the actual workers but it will bring freedom to all the world and will make the world a better place to live in. I realize that in taking my place in the legislature that I am amongst enemies. I expect my quarter, neither will I give any. As the house is composed of present reformers my aim is against me. They will block all my attempts at procuring legislation, or at least forestall me in an attempt to gain credit. Bill Sloan late of Shanghai, is going to bring down a bill granting an eight-hour day to surface employees at coal mines, and judging from the personnel of the surface employees around here, five Chinese to one white man, he is certainly conserving the interests of his late compatriots.

A "Devil's Advocate"

"During the course of the debate on the speech from the throne, A. I. Fisher from Fernie was delivering an oration. He said that however cast the eyes around for a devil's advocate. All the while he kept his eye on me. He finally concluded his remarks by suggesting that I was a devil's advocate. He informed me that he was sitting in a house that was differently constituted to those I had been accustomed to. They cannot be too radical for me, I'll go them one better every time. But reform as we will, we can never make the capitalist system a good one. Some reforms are beneficial insofar as they conserve human life and improve conditions. Prohibition is good inasmuch as it has cleared men's brains and started them thinking, and the Lord's Day Act provides them with a day to do their thinking, and let me tell you, we certainly have got a pious bunch in Victoria. We have prayed for galore and I follow them very diligently. To show that it is possible to get along without capital, as it is known at present, I will give an instance of what is happening in Mexico: A section of the revolutionists have taken over a portion of the country—about 90,000 square miles in extent. They chased the capitalist out and are running it on the communal plan. Men on light work are working a three-hour day; on heavy work they are working two hours, and women in industry are working one hour a day. They are producing in common, and consuming in common. They use no money but simply pay for their necessities by their own labor. This state of affairs has been going on for over two years. Now I do not expect to bring about a similar state of affairs here, because the machinery of production is more complex, but we can take over the mills, mines and factories by paying for them, if necessary, and then operate them for the common good and give to each the product of his or her toil. With this end in view I appear to have a lot to get in the party and best for all you are worth, and I will do my bit, upon the adjournment of the legislature, by stamping this province in the interests of the party."

Have you signed the Bible Students' petition yet? If not, why not? See page 5.

## "A chiel's amang ye takin' notes"

[By The Chiel]

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It is interesting to note the strenuous efforts that are being made by the ladies (bless them) of this city to hold another tag day. There have been heart-burnings ad lib, and the women are up in the air at the restraint that has been placed on their activities in selling tags, so that the unwary may be caught. Nobody gives a decimal of a jot in parting with the nimble nickel or the less agile dime, but when it becomes a weekly stunt, it is then a nuisance, not to use a stronger term. Tag days are about as popular as the Patriotic Fund, and that is saying something. But do the fair ones really ask like to stand on the street corners rather than recline at their own firesides, merely through a sense of duty? Isn't the prospect of airing their finery and strutting about the street more the lure than anything else? The energies of woman might be directed in another direction with equally good results.

While there is comparatively little unemployment in Vancouver, and the surrounding municipalities, it is a fact nevertheless that there are some heads of families who would give an eye tooth and a right toe nail to get a job of some kind. It isn't every post that a man can fill with satisfaction. He must know the duties or he need not go there. The result is that many men are aimlessly walking the streets on the lookout for work that they can do, while their families are, if not actually starving, at least they are not indulging in any luxuries. And the pity is that no one seems to take the slightest notice of them. They may live, move and have their being, just as they please, so long as they don't trouble their neighbor. But the bald fact remains, that there is more poverty in Vancouver than is dreamt of in the philosophy of many of the so-called philanthropists.

The case that was exposed within the past two weeks on Robson street is one in point. The husband of Mrs. Mills may have sent all that he stated and more, but there's no getting away from this, that the woman and her daughter were living in a state of wretchedness that was a crime to allow, and this, too, in an age when there is so much prating about the charity of some persons. Poverty has existed in every age, but in this enlightened century, is there any reason why it should exist? No need to dilate on crime when men are forced to take up a position that is absolutely impossible to maintain outside of committing burglary.

The latest move on the part of the government to hold up to ridicule and obloquy, citizens of Canada who are of

military age and who have not seen fit to go to the firing line, is to publish a list of names in each district, of those who have been exempted from service on other than medical grounds. The item in the daily press may have escaped general attention, but it is none the less being considered if a definite decision has not already been arrived at. In other words, the man who faces bankruptcy and ruin by having to relinquish his business to shoulder a rifle on some battlefield, is going to be ostracized; not that he has no stomach for the fight, but simply because he knows black ruin stares right at him if he is compelled to go. It is all very well to say that the Germans are doing that sort of thing. Well, Germany may do it, but Canada is not Germany by any means, though there are many individuals in the Dominion who are doing their darndest to emulate the Prussian methods, and with some success at that. The law of libel lays it down specifically that if a man is held up to obloquy by any newspaper or in any published document, that man has a good cause of action to recover damages for libel. It will be interesting to watch if the local daily press will have the courage of their alleged convictions in this matter.

Sometimes an outsider sees most of the game, and for this reason the juggling that Butchart and company carried on last week in their negotiations with the shipowners was a sight for the gods. Butchart et al played as subtle a game as has been played in this hemisphere for many moons. They, in effect told the men they were bluffing, and when that did not serve its purpose, they told them in terms that could not be misunderstood that they were unpatriotic, that treason was a mild name to call their conduct and that, also in effect, if they got what they deserved, there would be skin and hair flying. The object of all this vituperative demonstration was as clear as noonday, and to the credit of the men it is said they held the fort and still hold it despite the assault that have been made on their patriotism and other isms. If the sauce is good enough for the goose, the gander ought not to turn up its nose at it—if it has a nasal appendage, and Butchart Inc. should take the beam out of their own eye first before they attempt to extract the mote out of their brother's.

Just observe the squirming and hear the squealing that is daily taking place among the ranks of the business men at the proposed tax on their businesses. They forget in their agony of body that they have made the public squeal, and that they have heard their squalls with something akin to joy every time the price of sugar took a jump or when one degree of frost added another dime to the cost of eggs to the consumer.

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## PRESENT POLITICAL OUTLOOK IN AUSTRALIA

**Rogues Repudiate Pledges and Hang on to Office**

**Supreme Achievement in Political Vulgarly and Mendacity**

[By W. Francis Ahern]  
SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 2.—(Special to The Federationist).—I was under the impression that the Borden government in Canada was the last word in political infamy and low-down trickery. But it seems that we had Borden out-Bordened in our country all the time, and I didn't know it.

As I have explained in former dispatches, the Hughes government in Australia went to the country with the conscription issue and a definite pledge to the people. It said in putting the question to referendum, that it could not assist to win the war without conscription in Australia—in order to line up Australia with the rest of the world—and that if conscription was not passed by the people at the popular vote, the Hughes government could not govern the country, nor would it make any attempt to do so. Consequently when the conscription issue was defeated by a large majority—about 170,000 being the majority against it in a poll of just over two million votes—everybody thought that was the end of the Hughes anti-Labor government. But lo and behold, no sooner said than done, the Hughes government is back at the old address and carrying on as if nothing had happened at all.

**Out Again, In Again**

It is true that the Hughes government did technically resign—but it resigned and went out through one door only to ree in at the other. It was at most a five minutes' resignation. Hughes and all the ministers are back in the same positions, governing the country without conscription, although they said they could not do so before the vote was taken. Before resigning, Hughes called a meeting of his party of Union haters and they passed a resolution that on no account must the Labor party be allowed to assume office. That done they resigned, and were immediately sent for again by the governor-general to be sworn in as "another" administration—each man in his own identical position.

**Avoiding the Death Battle**

The reason for the resolution that they would not allow Labor to hold office on any consideration was because, in their own words, it would be dangerous to have Labor in office during the war period. You see, it is this way. Labor recently had a conference, and made it pretty plain that if they got into power they were determined that, as the masses of the people had to do the paying of the war, the masses should also see what they were fighting for. In short, Labor intended to put the death rattle into the secret diplomacy business. And it appears that there is too much which the government is desirous of keeping from the people at the present time. You know, Australians are long headed and they have something of more than average intelligence about them. In Australia every man is a political thinker. Politics is like meals to him. Capitalism and conservatism can hardly feel at home in a country where the people are so disposed. Then again there were several shady tricks that would have been unearthed once Labor got in. There was, for instance, the circumstances under which a senator took ill "all of a sudden" when a minority of one had to be converted into a majority of one, some time ago. Then there was the case of a senator who was approached by the prime minister (Hughes) and asked this mysterious question: "Does money stand in your way?"—an invitation to do a little political skating. There were other things as well, such as this expenditure of secret service funds, and where they went, and such like, that would have made exceedingly illuminative reading for the masses with the censor out of a job. Then there was the "Unlawful Association's Act," which was passed by the Hughes government to deport any person from Australia who was not of Australian birth. That act, under a Labor government, might very easily have been made to apply to giving a free sea voyage to some of our Labor-hating politicians who were not born under the Southern Cross. And here it comes as a coincidence that Hughes himself is a Welshman. In short, the Hughes government was afraid of the Labor party because, to use the words of one of Hughes' own ministers, "in the hands of the Labor party, some of our laws, and the War Precautions Act could be used against even ministers and win-the-war politicians themselves."

**Will Not Forget**

So it comes that they are back at the old address, and determined to stick there till the war is over at all hazards. Happily the people of Australia have exceedingly long memories, and are not given to forgetting such political trickery. They have seen their precious conscription scheme repudiated openly by the Australian people, and to use their own words, "Australia is out of the war." They said before the conscription vote was taken—that if we turned down conscription, it would be a message to the world that Australia had had enough of it. If we still hold them to that, they surely can't complain—the conscription only the conscription vote is their own—not ours.

**Must Nurse Their Own Baby**

And, somehow, after all, it is perhaps a good thing that they are still in power. They are exceedingly unaccountable just at present, but still, as they are there they have to carry the war baby. Last week they invited the Labor party (whom they accused of being pro-Germans, Bolsheviks, Sinn Feiners and such like) to join them in



**FELIX PEZERIL**  
Vice-president of the Federated Labor Party for West Kootenay (south), secretary of Nelson Trades and Labor Council, and a delegate from the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, of which he is also secretary.

a coalition government—to help them in their difficulty and take some of the blame for the unholy mess they have gotten the country into. But the Labor leader (Mr. Tudor) said: "Well, you said we were enemies of the Empire and pro-Germans—surely you would not have us join you in a government? You said we were not fit to govern Australia, and we will not help you to do it, either." And so they stand, and they have to stand up to all the sins and omissions that are falling thick and plenty around them. The capitalist papers are smoke-clouding the scene and "gassing" the people, trying to stampede them into a coalition government, but Labor has officially said "no," and "no" it has got to be. Having got the country into a mess, it is up to Hughes and his gang to get it out of the mess. Labor will be waiting of course to put "the boot" in at the first opportunity.

It pleases us muchly that the political skates are there where they are. Labor will sweep the country from end to end when the right time comes. There is no doubt of that.

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An appeal is now being made for funds to care for blind soldiers. The appeal comes from London, England, where about 500 out of 1000 men who have totally lost their sight are in training for industrial pursuits. It is a positive disgrace that the British government has not seen fit to care for these men. Blindness is probably the worst thing that could have happened to these men and the least the government could have done would have been to have seen that these men were given the necessary training that would enable them to earn their own living. Throwing disabled soldiers on the scrap heap will have the effect of making agitators out of them, but apparently the government does not seem to care how much dissension it causes so long as it can hang onto the profiteering pie counter.

The real meaning and interpretation of this war is that capitalism is giving itself the "happy dispatch," otherwise known as "hari kari," the "dutch act," or in plain English, suicide.—Forward, Toronto.

See the Bible Students' petition on page 5. Why not sign it today? \*\*\*

## NEWS SLIVERS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL WOODPILE

**Star Shells of Humor Along With Shrapnel and Stink Bombs**

**Flotsam and Jetsam From Ruling Class Sea of Blood and Pelf**

Eleven hundred and ten were killed in general industrial establishments in Pennsylvania last year, 1112 in mines and 448 in public service.

Seattle, Wash.—Federal meat inspectors have condemned several truck loads of hams, and nearly 100 beef carcasses because of improper dressing by strikeworkers employed in the Frye and other packing plants.

Pipestone, Minn.—G. D. Brewer, lecturer of the National Nonpartisan League, was convicted in a justice court here of unlawful assembly. He was released on bonds pending appeal. Brewer is a Spanish war veteran.

Twelve hundred police who met recently in Philadelphia, Pa., to protest against politicians juggling their benefit funds, and against bad working conditions, were dispersed by a squad of mounted police. Case of swallowing some of their own medicine.

Chicago—In Federal Judge Landis' court, representatives of the federal trade commission charged that the big Chicago packers entered into a combination to defraud the government by means of collusive bidding for army and navy contracts.

New York—Poor food is one of the causes for labor dissatisfaction at Hog Island, according to Rear Admiral Bowles, who charges that workers suffer from food poisoning, and are charged 30 cents for a meal that costs 11 cents. The shipbuilding corporation is making a profit at the rate of \$1,800,000 on this item alone.

Great Falls—Since the open shop policy, inaugurated Monday by the Great Falls branch of the Employers' association of Montana, the strike, which at first only involved the Metal trades, has spread to other crafts, and the fight is now on to determine whether this city shall be union or non-union.

London, Eng.—The only body to take into consideration the question of sailors' and soldiers' pay and to seriously and tactfully press for advances has been the General Federation of Trade Unions. As a result of its efforts, five hundred millions per year has been added to the pay and allowances of the service men.

London, Eng.—When the war is over, England is going to build half a million homes for workmen, according to a report filed here with the State department by General McBride at London. This after-the-war construction programme will require the organizing ability of at least one-half of the employers in the building trades and the labor of 400,000 men.

Seattle, Wash.—The first union to take action on the posting of a \$10,000 bond, required by the United Press for the rendition of news service to the coming Daily Union Record, Electrical Workers' local 46, voted to put up \$2000 of Liberty bonds as part of the required security. The Central Labor council stands behind the daily and guarantees all local unions which assist in posting the bond the safe return of their securities.

A Philadelphia divine was entertaining a couple of clergymen from New York at dinner. The guests spoke in praise of a sermon their host had delivered the Sunday before. The host's son was at the table, and one of the New York clergymen said to him: "My lad, what did you think of your father's sermon?" "I guess it was pretty good," said the boy; "but there were three mighty fine places where he could have stopped."

## THE B. C. F. OF L. CAMPAIGN FUND STILL SHORT \$773.25

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At the special convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor, held in September, 1917, it was decided to enter the political field and to place candidates in all industrial centres for the Dominion house. This course was carried out, and the local campaign committees find that they are unable to clear off all the indebtedness contracted in the campaign.

The outstanding debts of the committees amount in all to about \$800. It is impossible for this indebtedness to be cleared, except through voluntary contributions, by local unions, or individual members of organized Labor.

The funds of the B. C. Federation of Labor cannot be used in any other manner than as laid down in the constitution, and it therefore becomes necessary for the Executive of the Federation to issue an appeal to the organizations represented at the special convention, or any other organization, to come to the aid of the local committees.

The B. C. Federationist has been authorized to institute a fund for the payment of these campaign debts, and it will continue to receive funds that may be contributed to clear off the deficits of the local committees. Donations may be mailed direct to the secretary-treasurer of the Federation, which will be duly acknowledged.

A. S. WELLS, Secretary-Treasurer.  
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[By A. S. Wells, Sec.-Treas.] During the month since the convention, the executive has not been idle. Many matters pertaining to the work of the Federation have been attended to...

With this object in view the executive has already taken steps to have the workers organized, making certain proposals to the A. F. of L. and to the international unions affected...

The programme of the Federation will be placed in the hands of every member of the provincial house, in order that they may be conversant with the needs and requirements of the constituents.

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you are taboo, nobody wants you from this date henceforth and forever."

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Will the sponsors of the Patriotic Fund come out into the open and say who is paying for this advertising?

**Time for Government to Act**

The fact of the matter is that the ordinary citizen is sick unto death of all this alleged patriotism at the expense of other people. It is the easiest thing in the world to flap the flag and hurl defiance at the foe when one does it behind someone else's back. It is as easy as falling off a log to shout "Fight or Pay," or "Half a million in three days," whenever one knows that their share of the transaction is negligible. Yet that is just what the majority of the employers of Vancouver have been doing, and both have done it unblushingly and without twisting their elbow, except backwards.

With Herbert Ames, of rotten boot fame, at one end and some western magnates at the other, on the Pacific slope, can any surprise be expressed that the working man, who holds that his family first needs his attention, should tell the fund and its managers to go to—?

The wonder is that in face of the vile reek that has emanated from the various offices of this fund, its officials should dare to go to the public with their shibboleths and quips that have been colored to catch the unwary?

Organized labor has consistently and insistently demanded that this fund be collected and administered by the federal government, and that the soldiers' dependents be paid what is justly due them within the necessity of inquiry committees to probe into the private affairs of those who must humiliate themselves by accepting the present form of charity, in order to keep body and soul together. In fact, the action of Vancouver Trades and Labor council, in which it notified the federal government that unless the fund was taken over by it on Dec. 1 last, it would no longer advise its membership to contribute, has been endorsed almost universally throughout the province. Inasmuch as absolutely no move has been made by the government in that direction, trade unionists will know what to do. Further, no employer has any legal right to deduct tribute to this fund without the permission of the employee. If there must be a show-down, let it be now.

**Attitude of the Coal Miners**

The United Mine Workers of District No. 18, in convention at Fernie, have gone on record as opposed to the maintenance of the Canadian Patriotic Fund by public subscription. They voiced their opinion that the dependents should be provided for by the Dominion government "instead of being subject to the voluntary contribution system which savors of charity."

**Charles Lester to Speak**

Charles Lester, who has just returned from Alaska, will deliver a lecture in the Colonial theatre, Granville and Dunsmuir, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The subject of the lecture is "The International Situation" Admission free.

**History is little else than a picture of human crimes and misfortunes.**—Voltaire.

VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND

Federationist Representative: A. McVinish, Labor Temple, Victoria, B. C.

**MINIMUM WAGE IS LOCAL LABOR MEN URGED FOR B.C. WOMEN**

**Expect Inquiry Commission to Impartially Probe Shipyards Affairs**

**RETAIL CLERKS ASK FOR CHANGES IN ACT**

**Deputation Meets Attorney-General and Puts Case Before Him**

**Government May Try to Swipe Glory from Mrs. Ralph Smith**

VICTORIA, March 7.—The Minimum Wage league of Vancouver on Wednesday morning, with representatives of other organizations, met Attorney-General Farris and pressed for the enactment of a minimum wage law for women, which Mrs. Ralph Smith, M. L. A., of Vancouver, desires to introduce, and which the women of the province generally speaking, desire she, as the first and only woman elected to the legislature in this province, shall introduce.

The attorney-general expressed his being in favor of such a measure as is proposed, but there is a feeling among several women in the Labor movement that the government, recognizing the importance of the measure, and the popularity of it, desires to introduce it through one of the ministers and thus reap whatever glory may be accumulated from the fact.

As minister of labor, Attorney-General Farris, in the event of the government not permitting Mrs. Smith to introduce the bill, would introduce it no doubt, but under the circumstances it is doubtful if any credit for it could be claimed by the government, for it is a measure which originated with the working class, members of which, male and female, have been contending for such a law for years.

Among those who addressed the attorney-general was Miss Helena Gutteridge of Vancouver, who made an eloquent plea for womanhood, and for the underpaid slaves of department stores who, by reason of their wages not being sufficient to feed and clothe them, and find that the laws of modern civilization compel them to prostitute themselves to keep body and soul together.

As outlined to the attorney-general, the women seeking the minimum wage law, desire it to be administered by a commission without pay, this commission to be composed of the deputy minister of labor, and four women who shall periodically investigate the cost of living with a view of adjusting the minimum wage for women to meet the changed living conditions. It is not thought the government is very keen for an administration by a commission, for under such arrangement, especially in light of the fact that no salaries go with the commissionships, the job would not be enticing to the average politician, male or female.

VICTORIA, March 6.—Considerable satisfaction is evidenced among local labor officials over reports at hand as to the full powers that will be given the commission of investigation into the shipyard's troubles. The broader the scope of this commission the more satisfied will be all the unions involved in the recent dispute. That no board of inquiry can go too deeply into local shipyard matters is the conviction of Victoria labor men; and if the board that will convene this week under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Murphy, will examine impartially into that sanctum sanctorum of the shipyard's manufacture—profits—profits made in material handled by the various companies, as well as the profits of the building companies themselves, Victoria workers are content to rest by the verdict.

The worker in these times who dares ask for a wage in excess of \$5 per diem, does so at the imminent risk of being charged with "profiteering" and as displaying a lack of the proper "patriotic" spirit, notwithstanding the difficulty entailed of maintaining a proper standard of living even at the best of present day wages. So if the newly-appointed commission of investigation will enter into their field of inquiry with the declared purpose of conducting a full and complete investigation of all issues in which not only the workers, but the public as well are very much concerned, it is felt that disclosures will follow which clearly indicate who are profiteers and who may be properly charged with lack of patriotism.

By all means let there be a thorough investigation.

**Delegation Calls on Minister of Labor and Discusses the Subject**

**Given Patient and Friendly Hearing By Attorney-General Farris**

VICTORIA, March 7.—Several alterations in the present Half-Holiday Act were suggested at a meeting of retail clerks with Attorney-General Farris, minister of labor, on Wednesday morning. The deputation, although endorsing the principle of the act, asked for a new clause to provide that all employees of exempted stores shall have one day holiday from 1 p.m. each week and that a list giving the name of each employee and the afternoon he would receive be posted in all exempted stores. The clerks urged that the half-holiday provision apply not merely to employment within a shop but also outside of it such as in the case of drivers who ordinarily have to work for a period after others workers are done. It was proposed to stiffen the penalties clauses to provide an alternative to the \$10 minimum fine for infractions, said alternative to be \$2.50 for each employee in the store, whichever amount was the greater. The alternative for the second offence was \$50 or \$5 for each employee, with \$100 for the third offence or \$10 for each employee in the store breaking the law, whichever sum was the greater. The clerks offered to agree to the suspension of the half-holiday on any week in which a public holiday occurred, such public holidays to be Christmas, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Dominion Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving; also for the week previous to Christmas. There was a division of opinion among the clerks about suspending the half holiday during New Year's week. A. P. Glen, Vancouver, was spokesman for the delegation, and the other members were W. E. Christopher, A. Porter, J. Renfrew, J. B. McCallum, J. M. Thomas, J. Talbot, T. T. Elder, Victoria, and P. Steele, Victoria Trades and Labor Council.

**REGULAR MEETING OF VICTORIA BODY**

**Miss Gutteridge Addresses Council on Labor Matters**

VICTORIA, March 6.—At the regular meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, held this evening, a large percentage of the membership absent.

Under reports of committees, Del. Taylor, of the Longmen, and Del. Peels, of the Musicians, rendered a report of their interview with the attorney-general in connection with the Minimum Wage League. The hope was expressed by this committee that their efforts in this direction would shortly bear fruit, and that the earnest work of the league would not go unavailing. It was suggested by Del. Peels that as the council has frequently gone on record as interested in the organization of Chinese and other Orientals, the least it could do at all times, was to display an interest in the organization of all groups of women workers, to the end that delegations would not need to wait upon the government in order to secure a decent living wage, but that through organization the same result could be obtained.

A communication from the Plumbers' local No. 324, in reference to the meeting of Del. Day of that organization, by the council at its last regular meeting, was read and aroused considerable discussion. It was charged in the communication read this evening that the unsentimental of Del. Day was brought about or account of the personal animus of a few members of this council, and that if the same policy was pursued toward other members of this body, Del. Taylor and Moulton likewise would be ousted.

During the discussion that followed, Del. Wells moved that the council go on record as expressing its disapproval of the action of the council held in influence by personal feeling towards Del. Day, and explained the recent action of this body fully in relation to the matter.

Miss Helena Gutteridge, Vancouver, who is a visitor in the city in connection with her work with the Minimum Wage League, and who was present at this meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was invited to address the meeting. Her appearance on the floor before this body was greeted with considerable applause and in a few well-chosen remarks she reviewed the recent work of the league of which she is a member. She dwelt on the many handicaps to be overcome in organization of the women workers throughout the industrial world and on the difficulties to be surmounted in order to secure proper legislation for the benefit of women workers generally, citing, as not the least of these, the prevalent apathy of government officials towards all legislative action that would tend to advance the status of woman in the industrial field, such as shorter hour of work or increase in pay. She gave a concise account of the measures placed before the attorney-general today, and on the close of her remarks was given a hearty applause.

Del. Taylor at the conclusion of her address moved that the council go on record as unqualifiedly in support of the programme of which Miss Gutteridge was so able and earnest a champion, namely the securing of a minimum wage act for women workers.

In this he was seconded by Del. Silvert, who dwelt at length on the proper functions and duties of a trades and labor council with respect to securing adequate legislation for the benefit of all women workers. This motion was carried with but one dissenting voice—Del. Moulton, being of opinion that minimum wage legislation would not be the solution of our present industrial ills.

(The council was still in session at the hour that this report was made.)

The council further went on record as being opposed to the recent federal order-in-council as expressed by the Canadian censor as an attempt to regulate the religious thought and reading of the Canadian people. This action was induced by governmental suppression of the posthumous work of the late Pastor Russell, "The Finished Mystery," which has received much publicity in the press of Canada during the past few weeks.

**Anti-Vaccination League**

VICTORIA, March 6.—In view of the stand taken some weeks ago by Victoria Trades and Labor Council as regards compulsory vaccination, it may interest readers to know that Del. Heacock reports that the anti-vaccination movement is steadily gaining ground among the workers of this city.

Local 446 of Steam and Operating Engineers has gone on record in support of the Anti-Vaccination League, and besides keeping a list open for donations to this body from its members, has contributed from the funds of the union to its support.

The league maintains a bureau of educational and propaganda work and is doing much good work.

A union card in the pocket of a scab-made garment would make an awful roar if it could only speak.

What is required to ensure that justice shall prevail is that the word "community" be substituted for the word "landlord" wherever the latter word appears.—Joseph Fels.

**OTTAWA AUTOCRACY IN GRACIOUS MOOD**

**Holds Wine Cup of Democracy to Parched Lips of Key Pounders**

VICTORIA, March 6.—Press dispatches at hand indicate that employees in the federal government telegraph service have been conceded the right to organize and ally themselves with their craftsmen in the commercial services already organized. This will be a big step forward for the government operators, one gained only after several months of intensive campaigning on the part of the employees' representatives, a campaign in which British Columbia key-pounders took a prominent part all over the province. And now that they have achieved this, their initial victory, it is to be hoped that they will continue the fight along lines of further progress. In this connection much good work may be done as regards wage adjustment, particularly where adjustment is necessary in the case of salaries paid men operators and women operators. It has long been a scandal of the government service that women operators are paid considerably less than male employees though both classes of operators are doing identically the same kind of work. Thoroughly competent women operators with long years of faithful and creditable service to their records, in some instances in complete charge of stations, are being paid less than a male beginner. Such a condition of affairs is manifestly unjust and is an abuse that has been extant in the government service over a long period of years, and one that the newly-organized union should give its immediate attention to. To begin such a work it need not go far afield—the Vancouver Island service will afford the union several cases of where women operators are considerably underpaid.

YOUTH AND TWILIGHT

"Let there be light," says restless Youth. "Let me not walk in darkness, for the road that I travel is all unknown, and I would see God's glories as I pass. For me the day is all too short; I need must have the light to see my way, and find the hidden answer to the secrets which life holds." But life for Age has no more mysteries, the only secret now is safely held; for he who would unfold it must cross the dread mysterious threshold of Death, and Age craves no more for light. "The world," it cries, "is full of shadows, and light brings only illusion, so for a little hour let me sit in twilight, for in the twilight come the happy memories of the past, softened and beautified."

The child starts out in life with a mind free from all impressions, like the virgin pages of an unwritten book, to be filled by time with a wonderful story. For it, every minute of every hour of every day brings new discovery, fresh experience. The first book, the first toy, the first realization of the beauties of the field and forest, the first sound of the singing of birds and the lowing of cattle, all these are adventures in wonder of which can never be equalled by anything that happens in later years. And so the child loves the light, and dreads the darkness and the twilight, for the darkness is full of the terrors of the unknown and of imagination, while in the twilight familiar things take on strange shapes, and terror lurks on every hand. "Let there be light," cries the child. "Let me not dwell in darkness."

But some there be, their name is legion, who are doomed from birth to dwell in perpetual twilight. For them the marvels of God's earth are never disclosed; denied them is the greatest happiness and comfort of childhood, the sight of a mother's loved features. The thrill of adventure they can never know, its place must be taken by the longing-which comes from listening to the stories of marvellous things seen by another.

I know of such a one. Born twenty-two years ago in Australia, She had never seen her fellow-creatures, except "as trees walking." She had always had to depend upon the eyes of others to guide her steps, and the book of nature's wonders was sealed to her. Her mother had taken her to many opticians, specialists and experts, but in every case their verdict was the same, "abandon hope." Never, they said, would she realize the light of day; but gradually the twilight wherein she dwelt would become more dim, until presently would come night, and the rest of her days would be spent in utter darkness.

Coming to this city, in the course of her search for succor, the mother chanced to attend a lecture given by Dr. A. McKay Jordan, at the Labor Temple. Struck by the testimony offered, both by living people upon the platform, and by photographs thrown upon the screen; yet scarcely daring to hope, she took her daughter to Dr. Jordan's office. He held out little hope in the face of what so many others had said; but for two years he worked upon her case, studying her eyes, endeavoring to trace the errors which nature had made when they were formed, and to find the exact quality and curve of lens, which would serve to correct or counteract those errors. Six months ago Dr. Jordan had his reward, when, unled, this young lady who had been repeatedly told that she was doomed to live in perpetual gloom, walked into his office and announced that she could see.

The name is withheld from publication by request, but the lady in question, and her mother, will both be only too pleased to verify the truth of these statements.

**EMPTY TITLES**

The yearly cost to Great Britain to maintain royalty runs into many billions of pounds. And yet, Great Britain is as democratic in practical world affairs as the most democratic country on earth. "The king is only a figurehead," we are told. "He has nothing to do with the practical end of the nation." Even so. But it is an awful price the Empire has to pay for a mere foible handed down from the old feudal days. Today, when the world is crying aloud in agony against autocracy, and the British Empire leads in the great fight for democracy, our autocratic rulers persist in the policy of feudal days of showering titles upon Canadians as a means, no doubt, of subtly reminding us of the autocratic power behind our democracy.

But there is a growing distaste in Canada against this practice, and there will be something done in this Canada of ours when the war ends. In the Toronto Saturday Night, in concluding a criticism of the title business, the editor says: "It would be well if a public enquiry was held re titles. Who recommends them? How come they to be granted? The people of Canada are entitled to be informed. There are some mandating that the whole business be investigated. If our government has a hand in such matters he should be cautioned to slow or better yet, to stop. There is a taint of commercialism and partisan politics about a great many of these Imperial honors. If they are sometimes procured through a party boss, as is pretty well established already, or if they are given for generous contribution to campaign funds, the public should be told. In the meantime our government might tell King George and his advisers that a decree should be issued governing Imperial titles in Canada, to the effect that they terminate with the death of their present owners. King George should be informed that Canadians believe 'every hereditary should hang by its own tail, and every tub stand on its own bottom.'—Enderby Press.

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The petition of the undersigned loyal residents of the Dominion of Canada sheweth:—

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Let every rebel in the world give the capitalist governments of the world plenty of room to evolve. Thank heaven! we have lived to see the day when every capitalist government in the world is in dire distress.

Yet a little while and the workers of the world will get something. Nemesis is just. G. F. STIRLING. Salmon Arm, B. C., March 5, 1918.

Unrest Editor B. C. Federationist: A tribe of voracious mandarins own and rule the earth. The producing class still maintain and obey their masters.

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DR. W. J. CURRY. DENTIST. 301 DOMINION BUILDING. CORNER GAMBIE AND HASTINGS STREETS. During the next few weeks I will review briefly the history of anaesthetics used in dental surgery. The attempts to produce painless dentistry have been many and varied. I can remember when the practice, down East, was by some, in cases where "the teeth were too soft to fill," to employ a physician to put the victim under ether and to extract everything in sight. In this way to painlessly remove all danger of future toothache. The teeth by many are, or used to be, looked upon as a nuisance sent to make misery and the correct remedy, therefore, being to remove this source of pain as early as possible. Since those days, however, our idea of the subject has somewhat changed.

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THE ART OF CRITICIZING. [By Rev. Charles Stetle]. Criticism is fair and legitimate. Most of us need to be told, and it is hard some times, principally because we often get the notion

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NO TROUBLE WITH MR. BUSBY. Editor B. C. Federationist: In a recent issue of your paper, in referring to Mr. Busby, manager of the B. C. Marine, Limited, you stated that he was having frequent trouble with his employees re wages and working conditions. We, who have been employed by the B. C. Marine, Limited, for some time, and are well acquainted with the fact, as it is not a matter of fact, and knowing your journal to be an advocate of fair play, we must ask you to publish our statement as follows: Mr. Busby, by being a very fair and reasonable-minded man who has always given his employees a square deal, has never had any trouble.

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Halifax to Vancouver, have been in session in Winnipeg since Monday, Feb. 25, and the various delegates are now returning to their homes from Winnipeg.

The question as to schedules for the various crafts has been left in the hands of the general executive, and changes of hours of labor and matters affecting rates of pay will be dealt with by that body.

There is one thing that is stronger than armies and that is an idea whose time has come.—Victor Hugo.

The Bible Students' petition is for freedom of thought and speech on religious issues. If you are in sympathy with this aim then sign it. See page 5.

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## LABOR MAN MEETS WITH STRENUOUS OPPOSITION

### Hawthornthwaite Measures for Aid of Working Class Are Not Favored

### So-Called Friends of Labor Will Be Shown in True Colors

VICTORIA, March 6.—Remember all the protestations of regard the Liberal candidates made during the general election! Remembering this, then try to remember what these same chaps have done since getting into office. They haven't done a thing and, more than that, they will do their best to checkmate anything which J. H. Hawthornthwaite, the Labor man who is the solitary representative of the working class in the legislature may offer. Hawthornthwaite has a number of bills which he proposes to bring before his colleagues this session, all in the interests of the laboring man, but it is figured, sizing up the bunch, that they will be opposed strenuously on general principles. But in opposing them, they are going to meet in the Labor representative, a good fighter who will bring out before he is through some information as to where some of the honorable gentlemen of the government, and of the opposition also, stand as regards the working class.

An instance of the opposition to the Labor member was in the efforts he made on Wednesday in the matter of the moratorium for soldiers who had mining claims. He endeavored to make it fair for the co-owners with the soldiers whom the government proposes to dispossess if they do not do their share of the assessment work. The bill, which was passed without the improvements proposed by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, gives tremendous powers to the minister of mines, Hon. Bill Sloan of Nanaimo, who sets himself up as the know-it-all of the legislature when it comes to things in connection with mining. Sloan, by the way, ran round the Yukon in the early days with holes in his trousers, struck it rich one day without effort, returned to civilization and now has a great reputation as a "mining" man and loves to refer to his "prospecting" and "mining" experience. As a matter of fact, what Bill does not know would fill a tremendous book—about mining and several other things.

But in the administration of the mining department he, like T. Dufferin Patullo, another good-looking man of the legislature, is evidently trying to put through such legislation as will make him personally the sole arbiter of disputes of whatsoever nature, and give him power to establish values on property which may revert to the crown or may be taken such as Patullo proposes in the case of spruce timber. As to the latter, the dapper little minister proposed, by his bill to enact a law giving power to take spruce wherever the government pleases, to make himself the sole umpire and decision-maker as to the value of such spruce as may be taken and also to give him the authority to deputize this power to anybody he thinks fit. Which is, as was pointed out by W. J. Bowser, rather dangerous to the welfare of the general public.

## CIVIC EMPLOYEES WANT MORE PAY

### High Cost of Living Affects Patience of Long Suffering Worker

The Civic Employees, at their regular meeting last Friday, lived up to their reputation of being one of the most progressive and active unions in the city. The meeting was well attended, over one hundred members being present, and a larger percentage than usual participated in the discussion of the various items of business.

Twelve applications for membership were received, and the new members obligated. The referendum from the B. C. Federation of Labor was dealt with by the meeting, and the proposed increase in per capita tax was adopted unanimously, as well as the other amendment to the constitution dealing with the recall of officers.

J. H. McVety, manager of the Labor Temple, addressed the meeting on the proposal of the Labor Temple directors that each member of organized labor should purchase three shares in the Labor Temple Co., in order to relieve the company of its financial difficulties. The speaker gave a brief but interesting outline of the history of the Labor Temple, and what it meant to the Labor movement of the city and answered a number of questions.

The meeting later, after some discussion, decided unanimously to assess each member one dollar per month for three months for the purpose of purchasing shares in the Labor Temple Co., Ltd.

The question of wages was also discussed, and considerable dissatisfaction was expressed over the "sliding scale" of wages still being paid by the city council. Some of the men employed by the city are only receiving \$3 per day, and it is generally agreed that no one can live on that sum in these days of high patriotism and cost of living.

The organization has asked the city council to pay the men for all legal holidays and the engineer has been instructed to report on the estimated cost to the city if they comply with this request.

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## PARENTAL SCHOOL IS OPPOSED BY COUNCIL

(Continued from Page One.)

soldier, and the imposing of a sentence of three years for the theft of a letter containing \$9.75, and stating the fact that Wilson, who has a wife and three children, was receiving only \$16.50 a week in the government service, had contributed to his downfall. The cooperation of the council in trying to secure mitigation of the sentence was asked, and this was agreed to.

A resolution was received from the board of trade asking that a conference be arranged between the members of that board and six representing the Trades and Labor Council with a view to drawing up recommendations to the government, with regard to questions of labor, production and the developing of the resources of B. C. The recommendation of the executive was that the delegates be appointed.

Del. Kavanaugh said the object of the board of trade was clear and that was to eliminate certain measures that were leading to the strike that was certain to come. The business of the Labor men was to get as much as they could for their services. If the board of trade wished to deal with the returned soldiers they could do so and the returned soldier would deal with them.

The following were named by the president to represent the council in the conference with the board of trade: Delegates Showler, McVety, Midgley, Trotter, Hardy and Guttridge.

Business Agent Midgley told the council the reason the executive had adopted the resolution, and said the board of trade thought this would lead to harmony between them, a statement which was received with general laughter. Mr. Midgley added that nothing would be lost by selecting six delegates.

On a vote being taken 51 supported the executive's recommendation and 40 against, and it was declared carried.

A letter was received from the Civic Employees' union stating that the scale of pay for civic gardeners had now been fixed at \$4 for eight hours a day, with Saturday half holiday, all overtimes to rate as time and a half, and legal holidays double time.

Messrs. Hood and Bealey of the International Bible Students' Association appeared before the council and asked the delegates to sign the petition protesting against the muzzling of the press of Canada in regard to the "Finished Mystery." The petition was laid on the table for signatures.

The council's business agent, in the course of his report, stated that the Warehousemen had held an organization meeting and were successful in getting many new members; the Hod Carriers and Builders had also managed to round up more members; the loco strike had been satisfactorily settled, and that there had been an organization meeting of the South Vancouver civic employees.

Reports From Unions  
Machinists—An agreement had been presented to the garage owners for higher wages and replies had been received from some favoring the demands and others were opposed. Ford agents were the worst offenders.  
Butchers—Fairly satisfactory.  
I. L. A.—Carnet and dance on March 21, in Lester Court.  
Retail Clerks—Membership increased, but branch wants more sympathy from organized Labor.  
Cooks and Waiters—Membership is growing but organized Labor is not giving proper support to union cafes. Del. McIntosh reported he had seen sixteen men wearing union buttons going into Chinese cafes.  
Garment Workers—Del. Miss Gutteridge made a similar report, and said the worst offenders were the shipyard employees, who preferred cheap Chinese products to those made by white girls.  
Cigar Makers—The demand for union-made cigars might be greater.  
Steam Fitters—The agitation for an eight-hour day for the Engineers is bearing fruit. This membership is increasing. A petition signed by 2,300 had been sent to Victoria asking for an eight-hour day and in case the government did not agree to the En-

gineers' demands, there was going to be trouble.

Shoemakers—Local making good progress. Sellar Carriers—The union is taking up the wages question for a \$20 a month increase, and had received \$100 a year bonus.

Plumbers—Demand for extra dollar a day is being made on the employers.

Barbers—Too many organized Labor men supporting non-union shops.

Combers and Truck Drivers—The membership is now up to 900 and the government mail drivers have joined to a man.

Shipwrights—"Everything is O. K." was the delegate's report. The local had unanimously agreed to the extra levy for the Federationist.

Shipyard Laborers—Over 700 members interested in this new union.

Civic Employees—The vote to take stock in the Labor Temple and to pay the extra levy for the Federationist was unanimously adopted.

Pattern Makers—Membership is now 158.

Mill and Factory Workers—Demand has been made for \$4 a day for help and \$4.50 for skilled labor. Many firms were willing to meet this demand, but others, including Hanbury and Robertson & Hackett were opposed. The local is trying to call out the workers in the last-mentioned yard.

Musicians—The membership has increased in a year from 85 to 200.

President Midgley said it was his intention to bring up some of these reports at the next meeting of the Longshoremen's union, which those in regard to organized Labor supporting non-union shops and cafes.

The "P.R." System

On motion of Del. J. H. McVety, the motion approving of the system of proportional representation in the election of officers of the council was finally adopted.

School Trustees Act

The council was engaged for some time in considering the proposed amendments to the school act. Only one clause was taken exception to, that was with reference to the establishment of a parental school.

Truant Officer Inglis appeared to explain the clause and Mr. Inglis replied if the boy refused to go to school he would be considered disorderly. He did not think that the council should submit to such a proposition, delegating the power of parents to a teacher for the child of seven years could be considered disorderly. A child might be dull, or worse still, bright, which the teacher might not appreciate, and if so it was a disorderly child. In the case of a widow with children the law provided for that.

Del. Youngs thought that the blame for street urchins should be thrown on the child and to bring the matter to a head Del. McVety moved that the council disapprove of the clause in question.

One phase of the question not touched by other delegates was referred to by Del. Kavanaugh. This was the teaching of the children in the streets in regard to street wars. If a child told its teacher what its father taught him—that there was no glory in France, against the teaching given in the school, that child would be sent to the parental school.

Del. Midgley asked if the trading by children on the streets also applied to public begging by children on the streets for patriotic purposes.

Mr. Inglis said that was covered by the Dominion law.

Eventually the recommendation of the executive asking for the deletion of this clause, was adopted.

It was decided that the secretary write the attorney-general, Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite and Mrs. Smith, of the decision of the council.

Condemn Poll Tax

On motion of Del. Winch, a resolution was passed informing the provincial government that the council opposed the poll tax, and asking for its abolition.

STREET CAR MEN TO AMEND THE BYLAWS

Motormen and Conductors' Bowling Team Hurl Challenge to All-Comers

Any trouble that promised to develop amongst the street railwaymen of Seattle has been settled to the satisfaction of all parties. Business Agent Hoover reported on his return from the Rose City this week. In Seattle everything was working smoothly as he passed through the Sound city, he says, and there was nothing special to engage his attention there.

Members of Division 101 have been called to meet on Wednesday evening next for the purpose of considering

## BIG AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFIT FORM

### Statistics of A. A. S. & R. Show Executive Administration of Funds

The Union Leader, the Chicago organ of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, just to hand, contains some statistics that should prove of more than usual interest to local street railwaymen. In 1917, no less than \$625,772.94 was paid in the form of benefit to the members, giving an average of \$1,714.44 or at the rate of \$1.19 every minute of the year. This will give the members of the local division some idea how the funds are being disbursed from year to year.

For funeral, disability and old-age benefits, the international paid out in the twelve months \$330,539.40 or well on to a thousand dollars per diem. Thirty-seven local divisions paid in 1917, funeral benefits of the extent of \$130,828.75, while sick benefits totalled \$98,014.79.

On sick and funeral benefits, 172 divisions made reports to the general office. Those reports showed that 87 divisions have established regular sick benefits and that 29 divisions donate during illness. The weekly benefits range from \$2 to \$10, but the majority of the divisions pay \$5.

Twelve local divisions pay benefits to their members on the death of a member's wife and eight local divisions pay benefits on the death of a member's child.

The members of the Chicago division have just completed the construction of one of the finest structures in the Windy City and the dedication of this building has been fixed for April 1, which will be the sixteenth anniversary of the institution of Division 241. Business Agent Hoover of Vancouver division who has seen this building says that it is a credit not only to the city of Chicago but to the street railwaymen and to the cause of Labor as a whole.

amendments to the bylaws, and, as the business is of an important character it is requested that there be a record attendance that night.

By the way, the motormen and conductors are out with a challenge to all-comers for a bowling competition at the Cunningham alleys, Main street. All communications on this matter can be addressed to "Capt." H. S. Cameron.

Two members of the division are still on the sick list. They are Bro. George Bray, who has undergone a serious operation within the past few days and who is still in the General Hospital. Members will be glad to know that he is doing well. Bro. C. Hague is making as rapid progress toward recovery as can be expected after his encounter with the jitney on Main street. It will be another month before he is able to drive his car again.

Two members have changed their addresses as follows: P. Young, to 5023 St. Catherine street, South Vancouver, and C. D. Holden, from 406 Sixth avenue east, to 649 Thirteenth street east.

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