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BARBERS' ORGANIZER MAKES PLEA FOR LABOR PRESS

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Points Out Labor Movement Has Made Big Gains

Urges Workers to Support the Union Label

Organizer Rea Last, of the Journeymen Barbers International Union of America, made an eloquent appeal at the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council meeting on Tuesday night for the working class press.

In opening his address, he stated that he was glad to convey the fraternal greetings of his organization to the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, and that he had been able to settle some difficulties which had cropped up in a local shop, not by his own abilities, but because the men in the shop were willing to walk out together if the terms of the agreement were not lived up to. He also stated that while in town he had heard of many instances where the members of organized labor had aided the barbers local union, and thanked the organized workers for the assistance rendered.

Referring to the growth of the Labor movement on the American continent, he pointed out that in 1881 there were less than fifty thousand members affiliated with the A. F. of L., but that in the years between 1914 and 1921, the membership had increased from two millions to close on four millions and a half. This growth of the Labor movement, he stated, was the reason for the declaration of the New England employers' war on the organized workers, under the guise of the American plan and open shop cries, which were supposed to be patriotic, but he pointed out that it was a matter of dollars and cents with the employers, and not patriotism.

Referring to the Labor press, he urged the workers to seek to establish a daily Labor press bureau, so that the facts could be given to the workers. This appeal was met with hearty applause. He scored the daily press, which he stated ignored the achievements of Labor, but heralded all "Labor troubles."

Taking up the question of the union label, he cited a case where a member of his own organization, while boosting his own label, had ignored the labels of other trades, and who on investigation was proven to have only one label on his clothing. He urged all workers to demand the union label on whatever they purchase.

Referring to those whro do not think that the Labor movement moves fast enough, he stated that it was not the fault of the organizations, but of the members, and that the movement rests with its members, and if they would become interested it would move much faster.

At the conclusion of his address, Organizer Last was greeted with a round of applause, and while his remarks were couched in moderate language, the delegates realized that the speaker was well versed in the working class movement, and had a deal more under his hat than he gave out.

F. L. P. RALLY SATURDAY NIGHT

Aim to Put Pettipiece at Head of Poll on Wednesday

Seeking to place Ald. Pettipiece at the head of the poll on Wednesday, the 13th, the Federated Labor Party will hold a rally on Saturday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall, Seventh Avenue and Main Street. Short addresses will be delivered by J. S. Woodsworth, M. P. for Centre Winnipeg, and Alderman Pettipiece.

The programme outside of speeches, will include refreshments and dancing. The doors will be open at 7:30 p.m., and the proceedings started promptly at 8 o'clock. Dancing will be indulged in from 9 to 12. A collection in aid of the campaign fund will also be taken, and all active workers are requested to attend this gathering and aid in electing Labor's alderman.

On Sunday evening, School Trustee Angus McInnis and T. Richardson, will be the speakers at the F. L. P. hall, 148 Cordova Street West.

Last Sunday, the speaker was J. S. Woodsworth, M. P. The hall was filled to capacity when the speaker took the platform. In opening, Comrade Woodsworth said that it had occurred to him, that having covered Canada from Nova Scotia to the coast on the Pacific, and all the important centres of population that it would be a good idea to give his impressions of what he had seen, with a brief review. He held his audience for upwards of an hour, and at the close there was a very interesting discussion, and the address was no doubt a great stimulus to the work of the organization.

All members of the party and those having the interests of the workers at heart, are requested to give in their names to the party for service in the civic election campaign.

One dollar and fifty cents is the cost for a six months' subscription to The Federationist.

EDMONTON MINERS GO ON STRIKE

Injunction Is Given Employers Against the U. M. W. of A.

As stated in The Federationist last week, the miners of the Edmonton district have ceased work, owing to the fact that the mine operators have refused to negotiate with the officials of District 18 of the United Mine Workers of America.

Vice-President Ryan, who has been arrested along with five others, for strike activities, says that the men at Cardiff are organized 100 per cent., and are all out in spite of the newspaper stories to the effect that the mines are still working.

The officials of the men have made every endeavor to meet the mine operators, but all attempts have failed, and it for this reason that the miners quit work.

The arrest of Vice-President Ryan and five others, has caused widesperad uneasiness in the ranks of Alberta's organized workers, and wires have been sent to Ottawa protesting against the use of the police, while Minister of Labor Murdock vents his spleen on the miners by "referring to their lawless acts."

Injunctions against strikers have been looked upon as purely American, but late advices state that an injunction has been secured by the employers against the United Mine Workers taking any further activity in organizing the strike.

HEALTH INSURANCE DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

Premier Oliver Passes the Buck Back to Ottawa

R. H. Neelands Also Has a Fling at Present Government

On Nov. 30, Sam Guthrie, Socialist member for Newcastle, in the Provincial House, moved that the Legislature resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider the question of State Health Insurance, with the object of appointing a special committee to bring in legislation bfore the close of the session.

On Dec. 14, Premier Oliver, by amendment to Guthrie's motion, passed the buck to Ottawa. His amendment being a pious expression of opinion, and asking Ottawa to act, and the House supported the premier's amendment, after the minister of mines, Hon. Mr. Sloan, member for Nanaimo, had come to the aid of the premier. He spoke at length, and summed up as follows:

The people were becoming educated to the value of insurance, legitimate insurance, in all practical forms. The minister thought that action should be taken, but that the move should come from the Dominion and that the House would be well advised to support the amendment in order that the resolution may go forward to the Ottawa government with the full weight of the Legislature behind it.

On Dec. 5, Sam Guthrie, speaking to his motion, stated that inasmuch as the Province had passed legislation dealing with Workmen's Compensation, mothers' pensions, etc., the question of that insurance was one which might properly receive the consideration of the Legislature. He also pointed out that, according to a statement of the chairman of the Compensation Board, over 40 per cent. of claims for compensation by workmen were found not to be compensable, and no provision by way of insurance covered such cases. In view of these facts, he urged support of his motion.

Harry Neelands, Labor member for South Vancouver, contended that he could not see why the government should not agree to go into committee to discuss the question. Many organizations, he claimed, realized the value of such legislation and in the absence of anything on the statute books, had been compelled to invoke measures of their own. There was considerable merit to the proposal of the member for Newcastle which warranted more serious consideration than had been given it.

On the vote, five Independents, Messrs. Burde, Uphill, Neelands, Hanes and Guthrie and Canon Hinchliffe, Conservative, voted for the original motion, while the remainder of the Conservatives and the whole of the Liberal members voted for the amendment, which carried by a vote of 40 to 5, Canon Hinchliffe switching his vote on the second division in support of the government's amendment.

Seattle—Martin Flyzik has been re-elected president of District No. 10, United Mine Workers, and H. J. Allsopp secretary. The elections come as the result of unopposed nominations. Sam Caddy, district executive board member, is being opposed for re-election. Flyzik and Allsopp were elected earlier in the year when former President Ben Farrimond and former Secretary Ernest Newsham were recalled.

Candidates for Civic Positions

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Reply to Trades Council Questions

Central Labor Body Held Interesting Meeting on Tuesday Evening—Backs Up Endorsation of Alderman Pettipiece with Cash Donation—Striking Railroad Shopmen Receive Support of Central Labor Body

FOLLOWING the endorsation of the candidature of Alderman R. P. Pettipiece at the previous meeting of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, it was decided at the last meeting held on Tuesday evening, to donate $25 towards his campaign fund. This action was recommended by the executive, and received the unanimous endorsation of the council.

Replies to the questionaire sent out by the council to all candidates for civic honors were received and read to the council, and while all candidates did not send in their replies in time for the meeting, the executive was instructed to see that all replies received were tabulated and published in The Federationist.

Alderman Pettipiece, who is the official candidate of the Federated Labor Party, and has received the endorsation of the Trades and Labor Council and many local unions, replied in the affirmative to all questions. The answers of the other candidates are as follows:

Question No. 1. Are you in favor of the abolition of property qualifications for all municipal and civic offices?

Mayor Tisdall—No.

J. J. McRae—Present property qualifications are not proving satisfactory, yet some safeguard against irresponsibles is desirable.

L. D. Taylor—Yes.

Ald. T. H. Tracy—No.

John Bennett—No.

James Conley—Yes.

Geo. W. Morrow—Consider mayor and aldermen should have property qualification or equivalent interest.

F. P. Rogers—No.

Question No. 2. Are you in favor of the insertion of a clause in all contracts let by the city, covering the eight-hour day and the forty-four-hour week, and the union rate of wages?

Mayor Tisdall—Yes.

J. J. McRae—I am in favor of the eight-hour day and forty-four-hour week.

L. D. Taylor—Yes.

Ald. T. H. Tracy—Yes, as to hours; as to wages for unskilled labor, think 50c per hour fair.

John Bennett—Yes.

James Conley—Yes.

Geo. W. Morrow—Yes, in so far as outside work is concerned, with current rate of wages.

F. P. Rogers—Yes.

Question No. 3. Are you in favor of all civic work being done by day labor, and the abolition of contract work wherever possible?

Mayor Tisdall—Yes.

J. J. McRae—As trustee for public funds, I must have regard for value received.

L. D. Taylor—Yes, where it is shown that a saving can be made, or that there is no increase of cost.

Ald. T. H. Tracy—Yes, under any ordinary circumstances.

John Bennett—I would judge each case on its merits.

James Conley—Yes.

Geo. W. Morrow—Where possible and practicable.

F. P. Rogers—No.

Question No. 4. Are you in favor of the eight-hour day and the forty-four-hour week, with the union rate of wages paid to all civic employees?

Mayor Tisdall—Yes.

J. J. McRae—As to hours, yes. As to wages, good pay based on prevailing rate of wages for similar work.

L. D. Taylor—Yes.

Ald. T. H. Tracy—Yes, except for unskilled labor, which I think too high.

John Bennett—Yes.

James Conley—Yes.

Geo. W. Morrow—Yes.

F. P. Rogers—Yes.

Question No. 5. Are you in favor of giving preference in the awarding of contracts to firms that recognize the right of "collective bargaining" to their employees?

Mayor Tisdall—Yes.

J. J. McRae—I am in favor of collective bargaining.

L. D. Taylor—Yes.

Ald. T. H. Tracy—Certainly.

John Bennett—Yes.

James Conley—Yes.

Geo. W. Morrow—Yes, everything else being equal.

F. P. Rogers—Yes.

Question No. 6. Will you, if elected, do your utmost towards the installation of more comfort stations in this city?

Mayor Tisdall—Yes.

J. J. McRae—Yes.

L. D. Taylor—Yes.

Ald. T. H. Tracy—Yes.

John Bennett—Yes.

James Conley—Yes.

Geo. W. Morrow—Yes, positively.

F. P. Rogers—Yes.

Question No. 7. Are you in favor of the abolition of the garbage tax?

Mayor Tisdall—Yes, if after trial, it is proved to be unsatisfactory.

J. J. McRae—Yes.

L. D. Taylor—Yes.

Ald. T. H. Tracy—Yes, never favored it.

John Bennett—Yes.

James Conley—Yes.

Geo. W. Morrow—Yes, positively.

F. P. Rogers—Yes.

Question No. 8. Are you in favor of a municipal-owned hydro-electric plant?

Mayor Tisdall—Yes.

J. J. McRae—Yes.

L. D. Taylor—Yes.

Ald. T. H. Tracy—Certainly; have done all I could to properly investigate the matter. I thoroughly realize the advantages of cheap power, instead of low wages in promoting manufactures and making work.

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R. P. PETTIPIECE
Only Official Labor Candidate for Alderman in the Civic elections, endorsed by Vancouver Trades and Labor Council and many unions.

LABOR CANDIDATE IS DISQUALIFIED

Has Property but Technicality Puts His Nomination Out

FOR years organized Labor has advocated the abolition of the property qualification for the holding of public office. That this restriction works against the workers has been well emphasized this week. W. J. Downie was nominated by the Federated Labor Party to run for school trustee. He has property under an agreement of sale. The value of this property is $4000. He only owes $250 on it, but when his papers were submitted on Wednesday, he was disqualified, while others who had not the same equity in property were qualified.

Alderman Pettipiece, who is the nominee of the Federated Labor Party for re-election, has on his platform the following:

During the year the representatives of the Federated Labor Party will strive to secure the abolition of property qualification for municipal office, thus extending the principle already adopted in provincial and federal elections.

The moral should be obvious, but emphasis on this will not hurt: It is, VOTE LABOR, and vote "No. 1" for Pettipiece.

Prizes for the Youngsters

The educational committee of the Workers Party of Canada announces that three prizes are being offered for the best essays, to be written by children of 14 years of age or under, on the subject of: "Why the Workers Should Own and Operate Industry." The rules are as follows: No essay must be more than 200 words in length, and not under 100. Each competitor must compose and write his or her essay; all entries must be sent to 303 Pender Street West, on or before Dec. 16. Prizes will be awarded at the masquerade dance, to be held on Saturday, Dec. 23, at the party headquarters, 303 Pender Street West.

Mrs. Borland a Candidate

Mrs. Andrew Borland, who during and following the war period, worked very hard in the interests of the soldiers' wives and dependents, is running for a place on the aldermanic board in the civic elections. She is receiving much support from soldiers and Labor men. Post office workmen will remember the part she played in their strike.

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Dr. Curry's Lectures

The next ecture by Dr. Curry will be given on Thursday, Dec. 14, in the W. P. hall, Pender Street West, at 8 p.m. His subject will be: "Where, When and How Life Began."

A. J. CRAWFORD AGAIN ON COAST

Sheet Metal Worker's Conditions Fair, States Organizer

A. J. Crawford, general organizer for the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers International Alliance of America, who was, until accepting the position he now holds, president of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, and an active worker in local Labor circles, has spent a few days in Vancouver recently.

Speaking of conditions as they affect the members of his craft from Montreal to the coast, he states that they are fair and that the Sheet Metal Workers are receiving from 80 cents to a dollar per hour.

Referring to local conditions, Bro. Crawford said that they were fair, with but a few men out of work. Organizer Crawford will be on the coast for some little time in the interests of his organization, and will visit many points.

The local sheet metal workers will take an active part in the Metal Trades dance, to be held at the Alexandra Dancing Pavilion, on Dec. 15, which will be staged by the Labor Council Label committee of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council.

Boston—The following wire to the United States Political Prisoners Defence committee, Mexico City, was ordered sent by a local meeting for politicals: "Salute memory of Martyr Ricardo Flores Magon, died in Leavenworth prison. Remember our political prisoners."

St. Louis—The St. Louis Post-Dispatch has been serving as a megaphone for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in a cry for the blood of the union miners indicted in connection with the Herrin mine war. On Nov. 24 the Post declared editorially:

"As if not enough crimes have been committed in the name of the law, the defense in the Herrin massacre case, on trial at Marion, Ill., seems trying to legalize that slaughter. Veniremen, questioned to ascertain if they are qualified to serve as jurors, are asked whether they have opinions as to the 'lawfulness' or 'unlawfulness' of the murder."

ANOTHER MINERS' STRIKE POSSIBLE

Miners' Official Says Men Will Not Submit to Wage Cut

Philadelphia—"Whether there will be another strike in the coal mining industry next year is a question that no man can answer today," Ellis Searles, editor United Mine Workers Journal, told the Business Science Club of Philadelphia Nov. 24. "But I can say that the miners will not submit to any reduction in their wages," he continued, "nor will they permit the coal operators to take away from them any of the conditions of employment which have have won after so many years of struggle, hardship and sacrifice.

If there are in this country who anticipate lower wages for coal miners next year they may as well abandon that anticipation. The miners are not asking for any universal increase in wages in the bituminous fields, but the anthracite workers have asked, are asking and will continue to demand increased wages until their wages are brought to the level where they belong and where justice requires that they be placed."

A Disclaimer

George H. Hardy, business agent of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and joiners, wishes it to be known in the ranks of organized Labor, that he is not the George Hardy who signed the nomination papers of Alderman Woodside.

"CANON" ROARS AT THE STUDENT SOCIALISTS

Parson Member for Victoria Does Not Like Woodsworth

Guthrie and Neelands Support the Socialist Teachings

All "canons" are not big guns," although they may, like an old blunderbuss, make a big noise. One Canon, however, received front page headlines last Saturday. He, like many other people, who have not yet recognized the difference between a canon and a big gun, felt it to be his duty to raise the "red terror."

It appears that some time ago, a red, to wit, the Labor member for Centre Winnipeg, addressed the students, or at least that part of the students attending the University of B. C. who are seeking the truth on Socialism. This was resented by some of our "best people," who send their sons and daughters to be educated, providing they are not educated and taught the truth as to the position of the working class, the result was, that in the Provincial House, the canon referred to, made an explosion.

Referring to the "red teachings" in the university, Canon Hinchcliffe, Conservative member for Victoria, pointed out that Socialism had already permeated the university, and that J. S. Woodsworth, M. P., had addressed the Students Socialist Society.

Sam Guthrie, Socialist member for Newcastle, suggested that the curriculum of the university should contain a course in Socialism. In spite of the canon's aversion to Socialism, he even suggested that the students at universities would not display as much ignorance in later life, and that even members of the Provincial House would be better prepared to deal with Socialism if they knew something about it. He also stated that he was glad to know that the students were intelligent enough to study Socialism.

To add to the misery of the already "tortured house," R. H. Neelands, M. L. A. for South Vancouver, informed the House that J. S. Woodsworth was a graduate of Oxford University, with a post graduate course in Germany, and even suggested that he could compare with any member of the House in intelligence.

What the feelings of the members who have graduated on a farm and become self-made men, and who do not know whether Socialism is something to eat or not, thought of this, record does not show, but it is recorded that in spite of the roar of the "canon," the two Labor members from South Vancouver and Newcastle, were preaching the gospel of the workers on Sunday last in Nanaimo.

Building Permits

Nov. 30—172 Alexander St., H. L. McBeath, foundry, $2000.

Dec. 1—1645-47 14th Ave. W., Jas. Kelly, dwelling, $6000; 3111 Victoria Drive, W. Lamontine, dwelling, $1250; 3680—11th Ave. W., A. W. Pemberton, dwelling, $2500; 2762—10th Ave. W., Glover Lloyd, $2500; 2603 Dundas, R. Brock, dwelling, $3000.

Open Forum

A subject which should be of special interest to women will be dealt with at the open forum on Sunday afternoon, at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Miss Johns, of the department of nursing of the University of B. C. Her subject will be: "Women's Influence in Community Life."

A DIFFERENT STORY NOW

Sam Guthrie Points Out That Asiatics Hurting Employers

The old political football, the Oriental question, has been discussed in the House during the past week. On Nov. 21, I. A. Mackenzie introduced a lengthy resolution on this question, and on Dec. 5 the debate was resumed. Sam Guthrie, speaking to the resolution, stated: This question is one which, to my mind, has taken up far too much of the time of this House this session. It seems to me that this is being played up by the Liberal and Conservative parties, solely for political purposes.

Some years ago, when the workers of this Province, wisely or unwisely, attempted to get rid of the Oriental, they received but scant consideration from the business class. Now it is a different story. The Orientals were not content to be hewers of wood and drawers of water, having gone into business on Government Street, Victoria, and on Granville Street, Vancouver. Hence the business people are bringing pressure to bear on the two old parties.

The Liberal Party in 1916, promised to the people of the Province, total exclusion of Orientals. Now we are told this question is solely within the jurisdiction of the Ottawa government. It seems to me this promise was made solely for the purpose of obtaining the votes of the people.

In the mines at Cumberland, we find there is a greater number of Orientals working there than in 1916, so you will not be surprised, Mr. Speaker, if I again say that I doubt the sincerity of my Liberal friends. What do we, as workers' representatives, say regarding this question? We say this, that the Oriental is not responsible for our misery. In Great Britain, where we seldom see Orientals, we find conditions just as bad for the workers as in British Columbia. We say, further, that it is the capitalist system, that is the private ownership of the things without which we cannot live, that is responsible for the poverty, misery and degradation of many of the people of this Province.

Be sure to notify the post office as soon as you change your address.

BOMBAST EVOKES NO FEAR IN KU KLUX KLAN

New York Mayor Orders Them to Be Treated as Reds

Civil Liberties Union Calls for Prosecution of Law Evaders

[By Harry Godfrey]
(Federated Press Correspondent)

New York—Although in all the years of hysteria and radical-baiting since 1917 it has not been proved that any so-called "red" ever threw a bomb in New York, Mayor Hylan has taken it upon himself, in a telegram from French Lick Springs, Ind., to instruct Police Commissioner Enright to treat Ku Kluxers in New York "as you would the reds and bomb-throwers."

Aside from this characteristic bit of bombast the mayor's telegram seems to have evoked no fear among the Ku Klux organizers here. About the worst they probably expect from the city administration is being classed with the "reds" against Jews and Catholics and Negroes. They—the Ku Kluxers, are going right on organizing here. They have opened headquarters in the Hotel Hermitage, under the direction of the Rev. Oscar Haywood of Cavalry Baptist church.

Haywood has made an adroit answer to the Hylan telegram. First denying that the Klan was anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish, anti-Negro or anti-alien, he anounced:

"There is a sweeping Bolshevist and Socialist propaganda moving in large areas of the Jewish population. We oppose movements of this kind."

Then he declared that the work of organizing the Klan here would go right on.

Meantime the American Civil Liberties Union, a national free speech organization, has called upon the mayor to prosecute the Klan under the criminal laws and not deport its organizers lawlessly as the mayor has ordered the police commissioner to do.

It may be said that should the police department actually carry out the mayor's instructions to treat Klanners as the police of this city have treated reds and those whom the police wished the public to think the reds, there would be not one organizer or official of the Klan left in New York in 24 hours.

All that has been done, however, is the printing of the mayor's telegram, and handing out a copy of it to the members of the police force.

And the police department, according to the officials in charge of the work, isn't going to make any arrests until it gets "definite evidence of misdeeds or lawbreaking."

Labor Mayor to Officiate

S. J. Farmer, first Labor mayor of Winnipeg, will open a bazaar in Winnipeg, which is being organized by the Friends of Soviet Russia, in aid of the starving children of that country. The opening will take place on the 9th. Of course it is no use voting Labor, but the example of Winnipeg might well be followed by other cities. It is at least a step forward.

UNEMPLOYED WIRE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Demand Work for All Unemployed at Union Wages

At the unemployed conference committee meeting, held in the City Hall, Thursday, Nov. 30, it was decided to forward the following wire to the Provincial Attorney General:

"Hon. Attorney General Manson,
"Parliament Buildings, Victoria.

"Unemployed conference committee of Greater Vancouver, at a meeting held last night, resolved that a demand be made on the government for work for all unemployed at trade union rate of wages or full maintenance, irrespective of residential qualifications.

"The committee also condemned the action of the government for refusing to allow the unemployed situation to be discussed in the House.

MRS. E. BOOTH,
Secretary Greater Vancouver Unemployed Committee.

It was also decided that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m.

Seeking to secure regular quarters for the unemployed of Vancouver, it was decided to ask the School Board for a room in one of the central city schools, for this purpose.

All Labor organizations are urged to send delegates to the next meeting.

Sacramento — Reactionary forces are expected, under the aegis of the new governor, Friend W. Richardson, to open an attack on the State compensation fund and the State free employment agencies. The Insurance Brokers Exchange of San Francisco has issued a pamphlet attacking the fund, which eats into the profits of the private insurance companies. Private employment agencies that charge 25 to 50 per cent. fees are after the free employment agencies on which the large itinerant labor of California depends.

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Unity of Labor: The Hope of the World

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The Civic Elections and the Workers

BEFORE the next issue of the Federationist appears, the citizens of Vancouver will have elected a Mayor and the required number of aldermen. Whether their choice will be good or bad, time alone can tell, but if the answers given to the questionaire issued by the Trades Council are anything to go by, there does not appear to be any chance of any decisive body being elected. Straight questions were asked. In some instances evasive answers have ben given, and particularly is this the case on the question of the abolition of the contract system on municipal work.

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Excuses may be offered to the unsophisticated voter, but excuses will not go with the worker who recognizes, that under the present system, the abolition of the contract system on public work would be beneficial to the workers. The Federationist is not at this time going to espouse the cause of any candidates except that one endorsed by organized labor, Alderman R. P. Pettipiece, but we do ask the readers of this paper to scan the answers of the candidates who have replied to the questions asked by the Trades and Labor Council, and also to study the records of the men who are now seeking their votes, in their attitude to the workers in the past, and on these replies and records they should vote.

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The abolition of the contract system on public works has been in the platform of organized labor for years. In some instances this concession has been given, but never without protest. It might also be pointed out that when the employing class interests are threatened, the members of that class act together, and this election is not one wit different to any other; the employers are organized, as the following clipping from the press will show:

Contractors are planning to take united steps to protest against the action of the Vancouver and District Joint Sewerage Board in calling for tenders which had to be supported by an accepted cheque, and then awarding the work to their own engineer because his estimate of the cost was about 4 per cent. below that of two firms of contractors.

Circulars were sent out last night to 400 contractors of the Lower Mainland outlining the facts of the case, and summoning them to a public meeting to be held in the Manufacturers' Building, 929 Granville Street, at 8 p.m. Thursday. The meeting was called by Col. E. J. Ryan, president of the General Contractors and Master Builders Association, who states that he took this action following the receipt of a large number of requests.

Col. Ryan estimates that the contractors of the city can command at least 1500 votes in the civic election, and he says that, regardless of politics, they will support candidates who pledge themselves to uphold the contract system. Similar action will be taken in all cities and municipalities on the Lower Mainland, he said.

The action of the Sewerage Board is characterized as "grossly unfair."

"In the interests of all concerned, a return to the old custom of calling for tenders publicly should be made," states the circular.

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We are prone to admit that we do not know anything about Colonel Ryan, at least to his credit, but dame rumor says that this individual took a contract from the Provincial government to construct a road from Fort George to Ilixen's Creek, and that he never took even a pick into the country, but sublet the contract in small parcels to the farmers of the district. It may be that he is now seeking to secure some other work of a like nature, but his 1500 votes will avail him nothing if the workers follow their masters' example, and vote for their class interests on polling day, be it in a civic election, or the coming by-election in the city of Vancouver to fill a vacancy in the Provincial house, or in the general Provincial or Federal elections. Labor united can cut out the skulduggery of the grafters and will eventually wipe out the system which places a premium on knavery. If unity amongst contractors is good for them, then unity of Labor must of necessity spell success to the working class. The electors of Vancouver who are workers, can either choose the contractors or the interests of their fellows on election day.

Immigration and the Transportation Companies

WHILE transportation companies, aided by the Salvation Army, and other "most loyal organizations," are seeking to have a "broad" immigration policy adopted by the government, and the new head of the Canadian National Railways is voicing the opinion that immigration must be encouraged in order to remove the deficit from the operation of that road, there are thousands of people starving in Canada. Hundreds are leaving Vancouver for the south in order to seek a living, while the Hon. Charles Stewart is seeking settlers in the United States for Canada.

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This, dear readers, is capitalism. When slaves are starving, they seek more immigrants so that prosperity may be brought back to the country by the scruff of the neck. As stated in these columns on a previous occasion, Great Britain does not know what to do with the unemployed, so they who are in control of the British Empire, are seeking to solve the problem by sending surplus labor from one country to another. A pretty merry-go-round which will not solve unemployment nor abate its evils, but then shipping companies and colonization organizations must have grist, even though they are garbed in a religious or political cloak.

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The C. N. R., owing to the state of the world's market, is not paying. Canadian farmers' products cannot find a market, hence the falling off in traffic and profits, or at least a failure to realize the expectations of traffic which the C. N. R. operators had when it was first constructed. But then if the Empire can be kept together by shipping hungry and worn-out warriors and slaves from one end of the world to another, by the aid of governemnt subsidies, the grist will come to the mill and the railroads and colonization schemes flourish, and those who operate or benefit from their operation, will have well-filled larders.

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Of course the immigrants are to be carefully selected. They are not to be admitted indiscriminately. "No Reds need apply" will no doubt be the policy, but we wonder what the war heroes of the British Isles thought when Earl Haig, on December 1st, warned the returned men to carefully look into the immigration schemes before leaving the land of their birth, as he once had a wire asking him to send one thousand pounds to aid people who had emigrated and who were starving.

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Our immigration scheme propounders will no doubt reply, "Oh, well, they were not the right kind of settlers." They were unfitted to earn their own living because they could not adapt themselves to new conditions. But all their sophistries will not do away with the fact that industrial workers in all parts of the Empire are starving, that farmers cannot sell their crops, and the lands which are seeking immigrants at this time have unemployed problems on their hands, and farmers are seeking relief from their intolerable burdens, yet our "statesmen" wish to foist a greater population on the land which is now already producing, with the aid of human labor, and the modern machinery of production, more than the world's market can assimilate. And then we hear workers say that working men are not fit to govern, and join in chorus with the Winston Churchills and the Lloyd Georges and the Mackenzie Kings in upholding the present system. But after all, the blame rests with a stupid and idoltrous wage slave class which worships the masters who strip them to the bone and then fling their carcasses in to the potters' fields of the great industrial centres.

Is an Onslaught to Be Made on Wages in the Spring?

ABRAHAM LINCOLN once stated that the price of freedom was eternal vigilance. The price of freedom for the worker, is however, a little higher than that; it can only be secured by fighting and struggle. Even a living wage can only be maintained by organization and eternal strife and striving, and the laws of capitalism militate against the efforts of the workers to retain their standard of living, and slowly but surely the real wages of the workers are being reduced.

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In every country of the world onslaughts are being made by the capitalist class against the labor organizations, and the courts and all the machinery of state are being used to break the workers' organizations. Last year efforts were made in the Province of Quebec to have all labor unions incorporated, so that their funds could be seized in the event of the employers taking action in the courts, against the members of the unions on strike. This is no fancy dream or vain imagination, but it was reported at the last convention of the Trades Congress of Canada, as the report of proceedings of that body will show.

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Quebec may, however, appear to be far away to local workers. It is therefore necessary to come a little nearer home, and we do not think that we can get much closer to the local workers than by quoting a local newspaper which is published in the interests of the master class, and that paper is the Vancouver Daily Sun. This sheet, editorially proclaims 'That the time has arrived when both Canada and the United States must decide on some definite policy which will define the limitations that must be set to organized labor's power to disrupt the business of the country."

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We had imagined that the State had already curtailed the powers of the trade unions within the lays of the land; we may of course be mistaken, but when the unions have stepped over the bounds which the master class has prescribed, they have always had to face the full power of thestate, which includes the courts and the armed forces by which capital maintains its rule. But the Sun is at least candid. It says:

"But, as always, Labor will eventually feel the pressure of higher living costs and will demand still further wage increases."

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This statement follows one to the effect that while wages have increased, prices have also soared, hence the employers have not protested. But wages have not increased. They have dropped, while prices, according to the Sun, have mounted. Then what of the workers. Is their lot to be lowered still further. Have they no rights at all. Cannot they be entitled to live at least on a scale which they had a year ago. No! The Sun says the employers must prepare for strikes in the spring. Does this mean that there is to be a wage slashing contest early next year. We think so; the Sun is the mouthpiece of those who benefit by its publication. It is a capitalistic sheet, and like all other such rags, it is mouthing its master's words. The workers at this time in this Province, nay, in Canada, must realize that in the spring, when their new agreements are to be made, that the employers are going to insist on a wage cut. It therefore behooves the workers to tighten up their ranks and to organize to resist the onslaught which the Sun in its brilliancy has announced and proclaimed will be made in the spring. Might is right, as our masters well know, and if the workers have not the might, in other words organization, then their masters will crush them still further into the morass of misery which capitalism has already plunged them. There should be no need to say more, but we would ask that the members of organized labor see the danger which faces them and like their employers prepare for the fray.

Major Burde's eight-hour bill is like a neglected child. It has to depend on a very few for its existence, and may be eventually killed by neglect. Strange to say, a farmer, or at least a representative of a district where farmers reside and work the clock round, is opposed to the shortening of hours. His views are evidently not in keeping with the hired hand, for he says that if the bill were passed, farmers would be placed under a handicap. Of course, we fail to see where the handicap to the slave would come in, but we can see how "necessary" it is for the farmer who does not work himself but works others, to have his slaves work all the hours he can stand on his feet. Incidentally, we wonder how it is that Mr. A. D. Patterson, Liberal member for Delta, should be so concerned over the fate of our industries, when there is so many men out of work. Would not shortening the hours help some? But then farmers like Mr. Patterson and John Oliver are living in an age that has long gone by. So what is the use?

CIVILIZATION

[Nemesis]

THE more the present economic stress is pinching the pockets of the earth-owners the more does our boasted civilization cast off its tawdry decorations and reveal itself in its nakedness. I attended a recent ratepayers' meeting and listened with gladsome awe to our worthy mayor expatiating on the exceptional efficiency of himself and colleagues in the service of the city, and to the glories which would crown a future Vancouver as the result of their virtuous but underpaid labors. I was yet struck quite cold by one of his boastings.

With the deepest satisfaction, and with a heart running over with virtuous joy he stated that with the aid of our very efficient police force, they had been able to report several hundred of undesirables from our fair and favored city. By undesirables, I presume he meant the jetsam of our economic system, which is ever been cast ruthlessly to the wolves of hunger and disease, while our pulpits are as persistently telling us that these same outcasts are, like our worthy mayor and his contented aldermen, equally the children of God, and the beloved of Christ.

These outcasts are thrust from our midst and kicked on to the highways I presume they fare the same ,when footsore, weary and hopeless, they reach the next Christian city and ultimately what becomes of them is a mystery, which, however, might be solved by enquiring at our prisons, hospitals, asylums and coroner's courts.

Yet all is well; they have been deported; the angels in heaven are smiling. Christmas is approaching, and goodwill and pelnty will reign over the tables of all our civic authorities. It is a beautiful thought. It is also pleasing to ponder on the altruistic order of our City Council, that all aid to single men be refused this winter. Does my memory fail me or is it true that only a few short years ago, these same single men, now to be classed with the undesirables, were flattered and cajoled and smothered with abundant promises and marched away to fight their masters' battles in the trenches of Europe . Surely my memory must be sadly at fault.

These single men have stomachs like a city alderman, it is true; many of them have ambitions also, like a city alderman—hardly perhaps so etheral—yet legitimate ambitions. But unlike the city aldermen, they have no jobs, and that is the worst we can say about them—and that is no crime. The crime—the king of crimes—lies in the fact that they have no jobs, and so not enough to eat and wear in a world in which more than enough exists for all, and which is produced not so much by the labors of man, as by the working of the laws of a beneficial and productive nature, which, however, work in vain as far as they are concerned ,and by reason of our civilization.

Some words of that charming and big-hearted authoress, Pauline Johnson, occur to me and I wonder if they ever occur vividly to those well-to-do admirers of hers, when they place their wreaths upon her lonely grave. Here they are, from her legend of the sea-serpent:

"In a very wide and varied experience with many tribes, I have yet to find even one instance of avarice, and I have encountered but one single case of a "stingy Indian," and this man was so marked among his fellows that at mention of his name, his tribes people jeered, and would remark contemptuously that he was like a white man—hated to share his money and his possessions. All red races are born Socialists, and most tribes carry out their Communistic ideas to the letter. Amongst the Iroquois it is considered disgraceful to have food if your neighbor has none. To be a creditable member of the nation, you must divide your possessions with your less-fortunate fellows."

Contrast the actions of our well-fed and self-satisfied city fathers with those of the untutored savages, and ask yourself seriously, whose civilization is the higher, and in nearer accord with the eternal mind which rules and regulates the beneficent and productive cosmic laws. In other words, the civilization of our City Fathers or that of the untutored savage.

Our civilization is a Christian civilization, too; supposedly founded on the tenets of Christianity. Now think over the following: Quite recently the Anglican bishops in solemn conclave assembled, passed a resolution, momentous and far-reaching in its absolute truth, but meaningless and weak, as far as they were concerned. They agreed that Christianity was an impossibility under the present conditions existing in the world, and meekly suggested that things might improve if the earth owners were a little more generous to their slaves, the producers. Think of this and ponder on their proposed remedy.

The thoughtful man of average intellect has known for long that Christianity was an impossibility on earth by reason of its profit system, and it is pleasing to learn that this fact has penetrated to the stodgy intellects of the Anglican bishops. I waited after I read of their resolution for something I felt must come.

But I have been disappointed; only a terrible silence has followed their pronouncement.

I expected they would assemble again in council ,and for the sake of the faith they profess to hold so dear, collect a huge army of God's vicars and disperse them to all parts of the earth, demanding in the name of Christ that conditions which made his religion an impossibility, should be changed and made to conform with true Christianity. But instead, a mild appeal to the earth-owners to be a little more generous with their profits and—silence.

Do they not know that greed rules and that to possess and to hoard, has become a raging hunger in the world, and that their appeal would fall on deaf ears, as would an appeal to a starving wolf to give up a mutton chop from a captured sheep.

Civilization is moral, not material, and that of the untutored savage, as recorded by the dead Pauline in her classic Indian legends is higher and truer than the one we so prodigially boast of today, in spite of our huge cities, our railways, our steamships, our automobiles, our flying-machines, our machine guns, our poisoned and gland-destroying gases and monstrous organs of destruction.

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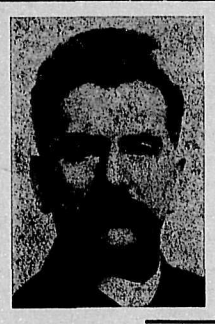

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MULLIGAN MIXER SONG

Knead the dough and knead it well,
And bake it hard as the hobs of hell;
What care I if it's heavy and black?
It's good enough for the lumberjack.

For years they've kicked about the chuck,
And blamed the cook and damned the luck;
So what care I if the stew traps flies?
It's up to them to organize.

Thus spake the chef, on a summer's morn
Up from the city of cider and de-horn,
Where Rollers howl, and the wind blows free,
And hypocrites prate of liberty.

Many a man has enjoyed my stews,
As he hit the camp, after the booze,
And many a scissor developed the gout
After I had taken the wrinkles out.

The gravy is thick with lumps of flour,
The mush is burnt and the beans are sour,
The hot-cakes may be as tough as staves—
They're all good enough for contented slaves.

So what care I if I burn the hash,
Their bellies are used to raisin-mash;
I'll have more concern about their health,
When we get the industrial commonwealth.

—Exchange.

WHILE the above lines, taken from Truth, may express the viewpoint of some "mulligan mixers," yet it also expresses the attitude of many logging companies towards their "hands."

What care the masters about the quality of the food that goes in the stomachs of their slaves, so long as they are able to raise sufficient steam on it to put logs in the water? Only when the workers organize strongly enough to demand and enforce their requirements, will the masters pay any attention to them.

Years of hard work, living in unsanitary surroundings, and often having to eat cheap and poorly-cooked food has, through the course of time, had such an effect upon the camp-worker that today it is almost impossible for him to really comprehend the depths to which he has been degraded. Those few who do see their situation in its true light, are regarded as trouble-makers and fools, who are only penalizing themselves. However, the situation is far from hopeless, although many may have grown pessimistic.

Every day sees more and more workers being forced, by the very logic of events, to a realization of their degradation and misery. What is now required is a crystalization, a centralization of the activities of the dissatisfied and discontented. Only by establishing that, and enlisting the support of those who at present are more or less indifferent, will any group of workers be able to compel their masters to give them a higher standard of living, and more healthy surroundings. The only thing that the master class respects is force, and the only way the workers will become a force is through organization.

CRANBROOK, B. C.

The convention of the Cranbrook Branch of the Lumber Workersz Industrial Union of Canada will be held in the Lumber Workers' hall at Cranbrook on December 22nd, 23rd and 24th, commencing at 10 a.m. The convention will be a mass gathering of all members and delegates from camps, and the last day will be open to all workers in tne lumber industry, whether members or otherwise, for a general discussion on the labor movement.

On behalf of the Cranbrook Branch Executive,

J. L. PETERSON, Sec.

COAST BRANCH

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On behalf of the Coast Branch Executive,

J. M. CLARKE, Sec.

ONLY JETSAM

[Nemesis]

The good mayor sat at the head of the board,
Well pleased with himself was he,
And his adipose aldermen sat around
And smiled in gentle glee.
The good mayor raised his plump, white hand,
And his smile was bright and gay,
As he turned to the "cop" and cheerily said:
"See 'em on to the bare highway."

And with tightened belts and aching limbs,
The 'etsam tramped thar day,
Till the night closed down, all dark and drear,
On the bleak and bare highway;
And the stars came out in the frosty sky,
But one of the three was down.
In a sodden ditch, still miles away
From the next, good, Christian town

And this is the way the jetsam fare
In our land of plenteous store,
While softly sweet hymns to the Nazarene
From the throats of the righteous soar—
To the Nazarene, whose pitying heart
Went out to those jetsam e'er,
For he gathered them in with fond embrace,
As we gather the jewels rare.

But we pass them on to the bare highway,
To suffer and curse and die,
While we snivel our hymns of tender love
To the Nazarene in the sky,
But if we were true and a manly breed
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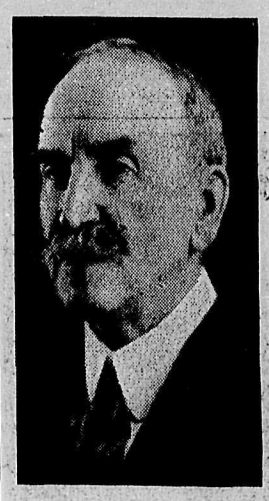

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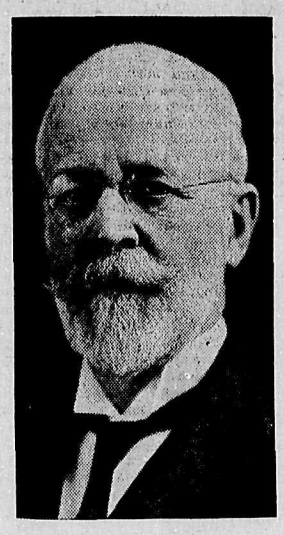

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"While such acute financial conditions existed, it was impossible to carry on public improvements on a broad scale. To have done so from general city revenue would have meant an increase in the tax rate, which was highly inadvisable. By-law money was not available to any extent.

"I am pleased to advise the electors that the measures submitted to you for Public Improvements may be approved with assurance as regards the city's finances, and I would ask that such approval be given.

Mayor Tisdall Acts as Well as Promises

READ THIS LETTER

ON another page will be found the clear-cut answers of Mayor Tisdall to the questionaire sent to candidates by the Trades and Labor Council. His letter, forwarding the reply, is as follows:

City Hall, Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 13, 1922.

Percy R. Bengough, Esq.,
Secretary Vancouver Trades and Labor Council,
319 Pender Street West, City.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 28th to hand and contents are noted.

I am enclosing herewith my reply to the questions you ask me.

I would point out that only three days ago, on my own motion, the Greater Vancouver sewerage contract, amounting to $175,000 or more, was let by day labor.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) CHARLES TISDALL,
Mayor.

— TISDALL HAS MADE GOOD AS MAYOR —

RETURN TISDALL FOR A SECOND TERM

Mayor Tisdall and Vancouver as a Grain Port

MILLIONS of bushels of grain from the Northwest are now being shipped through Vancouver.

Mayor Tisdall is the man who led the movement to make this city a port of shipment for grain, with all that this means in prosperity—development of the port—AND ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT.

As an Alderman in 1920, Mayor Tisdall was Chairman of the Committee which set the ball rolling by conducting an advertising and circularizing campaign throughout Alberta. As a result, grain shipments jumped from 250,000 bushels in 1919-20 to 7,895,000 bushels in 1920-21. This year the shipments are taxing the capacity of the elevator, and a deputation of Vancouver citizens will shortly place Vancouver's just demands for adequate elevator facilities before the Dominion government.

Mayor Tisdall's policy on Grain Shipments "via Vancouver" is identical with his progressive policy for the city along other lines.

He has led the movement for demanding favorable action by the government on the construction of a Dry Dock at Vancouver. It was his administration which this year planned the securing of accurate information in connection with a Municipal Hydro Electric plant, established the Curb Market, provided needed public Sanitary Conveniences, etc.

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THE FUTURE BELONGS TO LABOR—GREAT BRITAIN'S WORKERS ARE SHOWING THE WAY

Alderman R. P.

PETTIPIECE

Federated Labor Party candidate for re-election, has been endorsed by the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council and several Local Unions.

GIVE HIM YOUR FIRST CHOICE

If you are a Labor man you should support the candidate who has the confidence of the organized workers.

BENNETT LECTURES ON RED ARMY

Will Visit Many Points on Vancouver Island

One of the most interesting lectures yet delivered in Vancouver, was given in the Workers Party hall, on Monday evening last.

Comrade Bennett, who was the speaker, has made a special study of the growth and development of the fighting machine that has spread terror in the hearts of the world bourgeoisie.

The struggles and accomplishments of the Soviet administration are embodied in the magnificent military organization that is a standing menace to the insolent and domineering so-called statesmen, who do the bidding of international capital—the Curzons and others of that kidney—which explains the lack of bombast at the present conference at Lausanne.

The lecturer explained how the Red army came into existence; how the workers mastered the technique of war and built up a proletarian state weapon after abolishing entirely all traces of the old Imperial forces of Czarism. The speaker gave as a reason for his interest in the Red army his belief that a weapon like this is a good thing to possess in certain contingencies.

The lantern slides with which the lecture is illustrated, show well the type of men who make up the forces that defeated all the enemies, internal and external, of Communist Russia.

The following itinerary has been arranged, and the same lecture will be given at the places named: Victoria, Monday, Dec. 11; Ladysmith, Wednesday, Dec. 13; Nanaimo, Thursday, Dec. 14; South Wellington, Friday, Dec. 15; Cumberland, Sunday, Dec. 17.

St. Paul—Sales at refreshment stands and revenues from other public park activities have resulted in a profit of $10,629.26 to the city this year. The money will be re-appropriated for use in improving the parks.

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James Conley

Candidate for Alderman

CIVIC ELECTIONS, DEC. 13, 1922

"A Clean, Business-like Civic Administration"

Xmas Gifts

A Few Suggestions

Shirts

$1.95, $2.45, $2.95, $3.95

Ties

65c, $1, $1.50, $2

Hose

35c, 50c, 85c, $1, $1.25, $1.50

Mufflers

$1, $1.50, $2, $2.50, $3, $3.50

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WILL MAKE DRIVE ON DUAL UNIONS

Engineers Recognize Value of Amalgamation Campaign

At the last regular meeting of the Steam and Operating Engineers, Local 844, several new members were admitted. In fact, the increase in the membership, if it continues as it has in the past month, will necessitate the hiring of a larger hall for the meetings.

Considerable discussion took place over the dual unions in existence in Vancouver, and particularly in the Engineering trades, amalgamation of unions was also discussed, and it is the intention of the local to make a drive towards the elimination of dual unions and to bring all engineers into local 844, so that conditions may be maintained, and if possible, bettered.

The Engineers will be represented at the political conference called by the Workers Party, by three delegates, the membership realizing that the economic or industrial movement must be the basis of a working class political movement.

Reports received by the local indicate that men working on the Sumas reclamation work are not receiving the union rate of wages, and the matter is to be investigated. It was also decided that the Trades and Labor Council should be asked to see that only members of International unions be employed on the Central Heating plant when commenced.

Candidates for Civic Positions Reply to Trades Council Questions

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Note—In making remarks as to wages, in answer to questions 2 and 4, I think 60 5-8 cents an hour too much for unskilled labor, when so many good men are working for 40c, which I think is too low. I think 50c per hour fair, and will support that rate. Skilled labor should be well paid, and I will always, in the future, as in the past, do the fair thing.

John Bennett—Yes.
James Conley—Yes.
Geo. W. Morrow—Yes.
F. P. Rogers—Yes.

United Front

The call of the Workers Party of Canada for a conference for the purpose of forming a political united front on the part of the workers, was received, and on the recommendation of the executive, it was decided that three delegates be elected. The delegates are as follows: Delegates Nixon, Ross and Dodson.

George H. Hardy, reporting on his visit to Victoria with the town planning committee, stated that while there was a unanimity of opinion as far as the necessity of the town planning bill was concerned, there was a great divergence of viewpoints among the members of the delegation, but that the main idea was to preserve property. He reported that he had taken the stand that waste Labor should be eliminated, and to do this is was as necessary to have a city as a planned residence community, but the waste labor elimination should carry with it a corresponding decrease in the hours of labor. He also stated that he had urged the eight-hour day bill be passed by the House at this session.

Aid for Unemployed

A communication from the unemployed conference committee, asking for financial aid, was read and the executive recommended that the sum of $5 be donated, and the council concurred in the recommendation.

The Label committee announced that the dance held in November had been a financial success, and reported that the next dance would be held on the 15th, and that the metal trades would participate, several unions having already made contributions.

Under the order of union reports, Delegate Dagnall, of the Bricklayers, reported that the men employed by the Vancouver Lumber Company were union men.

The Federated Railroad Shop trades reported that while the coach shops had been opened up, things were far from satisfactory. It was also reported that out of the men who had struck in the Vancouver roundhouse of the Great Northern were still on strike, and no work had been obtained for them.

Appeal for Strikers

Delegates Ross and Brooks made eloquent appeals to the delegates to see that these men were supported to the limit of the resources of the local unions.

Delegate Brooks stated that $100 per week had been provided to date for the local strikers, but that this source of revenue was now depleted. He announced that a draw would be held in aid of the strikers, and urged that the members of organized Labor support these men to the fullest extent of their resources.

Referring to his visit to Victoria as a representative of the City Council during the week, Delegate Pettipiece stated that he had never seen a boat so loaded with political henchmen as the one on which he travelled to the capital, and stated that Labor might well take a note of this fact. He also stated that he could not report to the council as to his mission, as his report must be made to the City Council, but he added that he had seen Deputy Minister of Labor J. D. McNiven, who had arranged for a meeting with the Central Labor Council on the unemployed question on Friday next.

In pointing out that the unemployed situation was serious, he stated that when he had returned home, there was a man on his doorstep asking what had been done for the unemployed. To make his point still clearer he stated that this man was not a floater, but a man who had been a resident in the city for many years, and was physically and mentally fit.

H. E. Almond and Asiatics

Delegate Showler asked how the retail merchants, who had gone on record as to the exclusion of the Asiatics could endorse H. E. Almond for aldermanic honors, as he employed Asiatics in his factory. He stated that it appeared to him that the merchants did not mind the Orientals if they did not encroach on their business.

Moulders' delegates stated that the Vancouver Lumber Company was working seven days a week, and the men only got straight time for Sunday work. This matter was referred to the executive.

The secretary was asked to explain how it was that Ald. Woodside could advertise in The Federationist that he was a member of the Western Federation of Miners, when that organization was no longer in existence. He replied by stating that all advertising was accepted, but that this particular advertisement, when first submitted, had been turned down because of the statements it contained, but that later corrections had been inserted, and that the matter contained therein was a statement of Ald. Woodside, and not The Federationist.

Geo. H. Hardy, of the Carpenters, stated that he was not the George Hardy who had signed the nomination papers of Ald. Woodside.

Organizer Last of the Barbers International Union, addressed the council, and a report of his address appears in another column.

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Ladies' and Growing Girls' Flat Heel Boots—A specially good solid leather boot, made in brown and black calfskin. Our regular $6.50 value, at, per pair..... $4.95

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Brown Calfskin Dress Boots. These lines come in high and low toes, and all have welted soles. Our special price, per pair $5.00

Ladies' Patent Leather one-strap Slippers; one model has low flapper heel, and another a medium height Cuban heel. They are both good looking shoes. Our special price, pair $5

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Black Chrome Work Boots with double soles—plain toe or tee cap. Solid leather counters, insoles, box toes and heels. A really strong boot, at per pair $5

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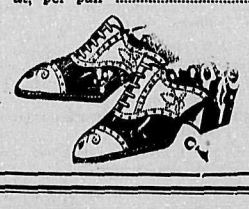

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51 HASTINGS WEST

NEELANDS SPEAKS ON THE ASIATICS

Says Orientals Imported for the Profit of the Capitalists

During the debate on the Oriental question in the Legislature on Tuesday, R. H. Neelands, referring to a motion offered by I. A. Mackenzie, Liberal member from Vancouver, and an amendment proposed by W. J. Bowser, leader of the Opposition, stated that there was little merit to either the motion or the amendment, insofar as the workers of this Province are concerned, and claimed that the question was raised purely for political purposes.

He went on to say that for years past, even as far back as 1884 and 1885, the workers had made representations to the various governments urging action wtih a view to controlling this immigration, but that as long as it was profitable to the corporations and other employers seeking cheap labor to bring these people here, nothing was done. Now that the Oriental had decided to enter the commercial field, those upon whom the responsibility for his being here rested, and whose interests are now being affected through Oriental encroachment, are the ones raising the great hue and cry and urging exclusion.

The South Vancouver member contended that if the government really wished to deal with the problem in an intelligent way, they would take steps to provide that these people should be required to maintain a standard of living conditions, and employers compelled to pay wages, which may reasonably expected for a white me

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St. Paul—After a strike-break worked on the lubricator of Mini sota Transfer engine No. 17, it bl off, injuring the engineer and firema The engineer was burned badly a was unconscious for over an hour.

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Louis D. Taylor

A vote for him is a vote for a revival of the old Vancouver spirit as shown from 1910 to 1915

The present administration has done absolutely nothing in 1922 toward curing the disease of dry rot, which now permeates this city.

Neither Mayor Tisdall, or ex-Alderman McRae, have any conception of the need of this city.

If you are satisfied with present conditions, you will vote for one of these candidates.

If not, and you wish a man of energy, a man who has for years studied civic affairs, you will vote for ex-Mayor Louis D. Taylor.

Mayor Tisdall's contention that he, and he alone, is responsible for the city's finances, and the reduction of the indebtedness of the city, is absolutely tommy rot. He had no more to do with the repayments of the city's treasury notes or bonded indebtedness than any individual ratepayer. This money has accumulated automatically for a period of years for the purpose of relieving these liabilities.

Mayor Tisdall is responsible for the loss of $76,000, the loss of $3000 from the police station, and he has made no serious attempt to apprehend the culprits.

He is responsible for the garbage can tax; also the increase in the water rates, amounting to 14 per cent.

Ex-Alderman McRae has really nothing to his credit as an alderman.

It was his resolution that all information in reference to the Sherman lease of Heatley Avenue, be withheld from the public, and he was a party to the diverting of the Harbor Board's cheque of $20,000 from the city treasury to Mr. Sherman; that cheque was made payable to the City of Vancouver, by special resolution of the Council. The Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to endorse the cheque and hand it over to Mr. Sherman, without ever putting the amount through the city books. Why?

A vote for ex-Mayor Louis D. Taylor is a vote for a reform civic administration.

He stands for progress, and if elected, will represent **all the people**, without reference to **political parties**, or **religious creeds**. He respects the rights of the most humble citizen, as well as the largest corporations. Each have their rights, each depends upon the other.

A community civic government is needed far more than a community chest.

Ex-Mayor Louis D. Taylor's platform may be had at any one of his headquarters; main office, 424 Pender Street West. Phone Seymour 2363.