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# REPORT OF DELEGATE TO A. F. OF M. CONVENTION

To the Officers and Members of Local 145, A. F. of M.

Greetings:—

As your delegate to the thirty-second annual convention of the American Federation of Musicians' of the United States and Canada, I beg to submit herewith, for your approval, my report of the proceedings of said convention. Due to stress of other business, the regular meeting of the local directed that this report should be published in the B. C. Musician, hence my action in this respect.

At the outset let me state, that this convention was the largest ever held in the history of the Federation. There were 371 delegates present and with many of the delegates being accompanied by their wives, the number was brought up to about 500 persons. Of this number there were 17 delegates from Canada representing the following Locals: Montreal (2), Toronto (3), Ottawa (2), London, Ont. (1), Hamilton (2), St. Catherines (2), Belleville (1), Brockville (1), Stratford (1), Windsor (1), and Vancouver (1). You will note that with the exception of Montreal and Vancouver, all the other Canadian delegates were from the Province of Ontario. Your delegate being the only one west of that Province.

**Bert Henderson Succeeds Carey**

This year Local 145 sent a delegate chiefly to contest the seat on the Executive Board of the Federation made vacant by the death of late Brother David A. Carey. It is now generally known throughout the membership that we failed in our efforts. There were five candidates in the field, and whilst Delegate Henderson of Toronto secured a splendid majority, your delegate at least had the satisfaction of running second in the contest. There are perhaps many reasons we could offer for defeat, but being a good loser, it is not our intention to dwell upon the subject in that respect excepting to say, and we do this without casting any reflection whatever upon the ability of Executive Officer Henderson, that had this local been sending a delegate to the annual conventions each year, our chances of securing a Western Canadian on the Executive Board would have been much more favorable.

**Canadian Caucus**

However, in addition to the endeavor to secure a seat on the Board, your delegate had the task of carrying our fight with regard to traveling bands entering this country from the United States, to the proper authorities. When we arrived at Baltimore, we sought out the Montreal delegation immediately, as our local had received a circular letter from Montreal asking support in the matter of travelling bands. Your delegate conferred with Delegates Drouin and Paquet of Montreal. Their situation is very much the same as we have in Vancouver, excepting that they are in a much worse position than we here. Delegate Drouin assured me that he and his collegue did not wish to bring our case to the floor of the convention as it probably would not be appreciated by the majority of the U. S. delegates and if resolutions were introduced they would most likely be defeated and that would be the last of it. Your delegate agreed with them in that view and we resolved that a conference of Canadian delegates should be called. This was done and the result of deliberations was that a committee of four Canadian delegates was appointed to appear before the Executive Board of the Federation, your delegate being one of those selected.

The committee submitted two propositions for the consideration of the Board; (1) That Canadian locals be given autonomy in dealing with travelling bands entering Canada from the United States. (It being of course understood that same would only apply to Hotel, Cafe and Dance Bands). (2) That the Federation would not consider it a breach of the laws of the Federation if Canadian Locals solicited redress from our own government as citizens thereof. The Board reserved judgement on the case, but assured us that our grievance was justified and certainly some solution would be found whereby Canadian musicians would be relieved of their unequal position.

**Name of Federation**

At the Pittsburg convention, when we were representing you as delegate, we had the name Canada included in the title of the Federation, but the full name has never been carried on the literature of said Federation, therefore we initiated a resolution which was signed by other Canadian delegates, instructing that all literature should henceforth specify the full name as being the American Federation of Musicians' of the United States and Canada. With slight modification, this resolution carried. We also introduced a resolution in effect, that the Federation should in the future be known as an International organization and should no longer be referred to by officials of the Federation as a national one. This also carried.

During the convention, Wm. F. Canavan, President of the I. A. T. S. E. (Stage Employees and Operators) addressed the convention as also did President Green of the American Federation of Labor (there is no need to report on President Green's address as it has already been published in the International Musician.

**Representation of Small Locals**

Before leaving Vancouver your delegate informed the meeting at which he was elected, that he would introduce a resolution to provide for the Federation assisting small locals to send delegates. When he arrived at the convention he met a delegate from Local 652, Modesto, Cal., who already had a resolution drawn along those lines and your delegate told him that he was instructed in the same manner, but rather than introduce another resolution of the same nature, he would support the delegate from 652. The committee on finance reported unfavorably and the convention concurred in the report, although your delegate took the convention floor and opposed same. A reference to the proceedings of the convention when printed in the International Musician will see our name recorded to that effect.

As is usual, President Weber in his annual report submitted that certain of the laws of the Federation should be revised. Most of these were merely to clarify the present laws as from experience in the recent court cases over litigation caused by late Local 310 of New York, it was found that the verbiage of some of our laws were very weak and therefore counsel suggested that they be made more clear and perfectly legal. In all cases where the President had requested changes the convention concurred with only one or two slight modifications from the original requests. These changes will all be reported in the International Musician.

**Memorial to late D. A. Carey**

During the convention a special committee was appointed to conduct a memorial for late Brother Carey. The committee was Delegates Bagley, Los Angeles; Henderson, Toronto, and Jamieson, Vancouver with Executive Officer Weaver acting ex officio. As a result of this committee's efforts, a great tribute was paid to our late Brother which took about one half hour of the convention's time to conclude. It was certainly splendid to see such a demonstration of love and affection as was displayed at that time. Dave Carey was considered one of the Big Four of the American Federation of Musicians, the others being Joe. Weber, Late Owen Miller and Late Otto Ostendorf. They are the men who have done the most to bring the Federation up to its present state of excellent organization. Joe Weber is now the last to survive of this group. Before the convention concluded a sum in the amount of $5,000.00 was donated to the widow of late Brother Carey. This we consider shows in full without any further expressions from us, what the delegates thought of our Canadian Brother, a man who practically gave his life for the labor movement on this continent.

Of the various committees appointed, your delegate was placed on the committee of law, which is the first appointed and is considered the first one of importance. Being on that committee means work, as it handles more resolutions than all of the others put together, but there is one good feature in favor of being on the law committee, and that is, your delegate has a greater knowledge of the various intricacies of the laws of the Federation as nearly all of the principal resolutions suggesting changes are referred to that committee as well as all recommendations of the President. It is in committee when the real discussion occurs. Very seldom is it that any great discussion takes place on the committee's report, whether favorable or unfavorable.

**Changes of Laws**

We will here enumerate a few of the principal changes:

There were some 67 resolutions presented in addition to the changes proposed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer, so it can be readily seen that to report on all of these, many of which were for clarification only, several pages would be necessary at our disposal.

President Weber recommended that Sec. I, Art. III of the Constitution be further modified. Sec. I states that 15 musical instrument performers may form a local union, etc., but there is no obligation taken at the time of issuance of the charter that the local will observe and conform with the laws of the Federation. The change now provides, that the acceptance of the charter shall imply on the part of the local an agreement to do these things, and failure to carry out said agreement gives the Federation the right to penalize the local. It is of course understood that the Federation has always followed such a policy, but now it is absolutely stated in the law. Sec. 6 Art. I of the By-laws has been further modified so as to clarify same and give the Executive Board legal right to do the many things that are necessary between conventions. This also applies to other sections in which the President has requested changes.

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### CUPID!

Member J. W. Bow of Local 145 sends a very interesting letter to our Recording Secretary, in which he states that on July 6, 1927, he was married to Miss M. E. Dodge of this city at the Holy Trinity Church. They spent a delightful honeymoon in Seattle and heard all the best of music while there. Our local boys are not behind them however. On their return to Vancouver, the Elks Band, of which he is a member, serenaded him and presented him with a beautiful couch.

Hearty congratulations Bro. Bow. This local wishes you and your wife every success in your future life.

### EXIT EARLE; ENTER CALVIN

Twelve weeks of consecutive successes have brought the summer engagements of Earle Hill and Calvin Winter to their conclusion and each of them have now resumed their positions at the Winnipeg and Vancouver Capitol Theatres. There can be no question that Earle Hill was a complete success in Vancouver and from reports come to hand, the same goes for Cal while he was in Winnipeg. We are sorry to see Earle leave us and on the other hand we are glad to have Cal home again. Perhaps next summer Mr. H. M. Thomas, Western Divisional Manager of the Famous Players Canadian Corp., will repeat the idea at which time Calvin will be able to renew his acquaintances in Winnipeg and Earle given the opportunity to again visit with us for a few weeks.

### REGINALD G. IN L. A.

A post card reached us the other day from Tijuana, Mex., from Member Reginald G. Rowland, conveying the impression that he is spending his summer vacation touring California. He informs us that he has heard the L. A. Symphony Orchestra and Herbert Clarke's band at Long Beach. R. G. says that he expects to be home early in August and in the meantime he requests that "we keep the boys together."

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**REGULAR UNION MEETING**
**JULY 10, 1927.**

Officers all present with the exception of Board Member C. J. Cornfield, absent at band rehearsal.

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m., President Jamieson in the chair.

After calling the meeting to order the President addressed the meeting, stating that Mr. R. G. Inder of District Lodge No. 82, of the International Association of Machinists, was in the ante-room seeking permission to address the members before starting their regular order of business, and asked if the members present wished to grant Mr. Inder permision to address them. It was moved and seconded that he be granted ten minutes. Carried.

Whereupon Mr. Inder entered and was introduced to the members. He thanked the members for the courtesy extended to him of being privileged to address them. His subject being the endorsement and approving of the proposition re the Wright Flexible Axel Automobile, as submitted by District Lodge No. 82 of the I. A. M. that Trades Unions do take over the title and rights to manufacture the said automobile, having in mind the necessity eventually, and the ability of the Trades Unionists of Canada, to enter more fully into the control of industry and their right unquestionably to a greater share in the things they produce. Realizing to the fullest extent that unless the workers through their organizations, develop along the lines of industrial control the problem of employment will become a greater source of worry in the future than it ever has been in the past. He suggested that Local 145, appoint a committee to go carefully into the contents of the literature he has handed to the Secretary, with a view to its approval. Any further information on the subject would be gladly given by Mr. H. A. Spence of Montreal, whose address is filed with the Secretary. Again thanking the members for being privileged to address them on this subject. Mr. Inder closed his address. President Jamieson on behalf of the members of Local 145, tendered a vote of thanks to Mr. Inder for his address.

The minutes of the Regular Union Meeting of June 12th and the Regular Board meetings of June 15, June 22 were adopted as printed in the B. C. Musician.

Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 29, moved and seconded they be adopted. Speaking to the question, member Rowlands raised a point of a matter he had taken up with the Board over the 'phone regarding a proposition he had placed before the President to be allowed to augment his band for the parade on July 3rd. which on persual of the minutes of said meeting were not recorded and stated that at the time he understood there was a Board ruling on June 29th, that bands could not be augmented above twenty men, in the parade. President stated the resolution that was passed by the Board.

Secretary Edmunds in explanation, stated that he knew of no such ruling, possibly being out of the Boardroom for a few moments when resolution may have been passed, member Rowlands stated that the question raised was a serious one in this Local's future deliberations for work.

President explained that he had told Member Rowland at the time he made request, there will be no objection to him engaging another band of twenty men, in his desire to provide work for our members. Member Bowyer was of the opinion we should allow any conductor to augment his band if he so desires as long as the members are paid for the same. Question was also spoken to by Members G. Phillips, E. H. Allison and F. R. Weaver. Moved and seconded minutes be adopted, with correction. Carried.

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## GEORGE B. McCLELLAN

THE passing of Member George B. McClelland will leave a sorrowful gap in the ranks of Local 145, perhaps greater than any caused in our membership in recent years; this being due to the high esteem in which he was held by his many friends in the profession; his genial disposition and sterling character.

G. B. as he was familiarly called, especially by those who served with him overseas, was taken ill about one year ago, which illness necessitated his going to Rochester, N.Y., to undergo an operation at the institution of the famous Mayo Brothers, when an effort was made to remove a cancer of the jaw. Returning to Vancouver a few months ago he was admitted to the General Hospital where he remained until his reath, Sunday, July 31st.

It was his own request that a quiet and simple funeral should carry his remains to the final rest, therefore the local was precluded from conducting the usual funeral as is its custom. However, several members were present and followed the cortege from St. John's church, North Vancouver to the Soldiers' cemetery at Mountain View, where a military service was conducted by Rev. (Major) C. C. Owen, the Last Post being played by our Member A. J. Deane. Among those of our members who were in attendance were: President, E. A. Jamieson, financial secretary-treasurer; and W. E. Williams; Members J. Bowyer, T. Shankie, E. W. Hunt, A. J. Deane and many others.

Our late member though not very well known to many of our younger members, was no stranger in these parts, Member Bowyer informs us that he played with G. B. thirty years ago in the New Westminster City Band. It was shortly after that time that he went to New York to take a vocal course.

During the late war, Member McClellan was bandmaster of the 46th Batt. C.E.F., having gone overseas from Moose Jaw with that unit and after remaining with it for the full duration of hostilities, returned to Canada in the same capacity in 1919. Coming to Vancouver after demobilization he joined this local in August 1920, taking charge of the 7th Batt. band shortly after. Other positions held by G. B. were B. M. of the Elks' Band and also the North Vancouver City Band. In addition to his activities with bands he also held positions of Choirmaster from time to time, with several of the city's and North Vancouver's leading choirs.

Besides his widow, late Member McClellan leaves to mourn his loss, three sons, one in Moose Jaw; who has just recently been elected President of the Musicians' Union of that city and two resident in Vancouver.

We of the B. C. Musician with whom the officers and members of Local 145 join, extend to the relatives of our late member our sincere and deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

## REPORT OF DELEGATE TO A. F. OF M. CONVENTION

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### Local Held Responsible

There was one change that is specially important and that is, Sec 5 Art. VIII, provided that when a transfer member presented his transfer to a local secretary, he, the secretary was duty bound to accept same and issue a working card. Failure on the part of the secretary to observe this law, made him subject to discipline at the hands of the Federation. This has now been changed so that when a transfer member presents his transfer to a local, the local (not the secretary, except that he acts for the local) must issue a working card. It can be readily seen from this change that a violation would now hold the local responsible and not the secretary. In all other cases where the secretary has been held responsible to the Federation, it is now changed so that the local union is the party looked to to carry out the mandates of the Federation.

Sec. 4, Art. XII, has been changed so that now a transfer member may leave the jurisdiction of the local in which he has deposited his transfer card in order to play engagements with members of that local who leave for a travelling engagement; without withdrawing his transfer, provided he returns to the jurisdiction with the same members with whom he left within six months, he may re deposit his transfer, but will be in the same position as when he left, i.e., six months from the time he originally deposited the transfer card is the date upon which he will necessarily have to pay the local's initiation fee.

Among the 67 resolutions I will only report on those which were adopted. Resolution No. 23 now provides that on the back of transfer cards the following shall be printed: "after the word 'card' on the first line: 'cannot solicit, accept or fill an engagement in the jurisdiction of a local before depositing his transfer card, etc.'" This has always been the law, but the adoption of this resolution causing the addition to be printed on the back of the transfer now precludes the member from pleading that he did not know the law, or that his local secretary did not give him a copy of the constitution when he left home.

### Publicity Campaign

Resolution No. 26 provided that the Executive Board of the Federation be authorized to carry on a publicity campaign against the Open Shop movement which is so prevelant on this continent and for the purpose a sum in the amount of $10,000.00 has been set aside, and additional sums may be drawn from the treasury by the Board if so desired. Resolution No. 28 changed the price in Art. XIII, Sec. 4, Grand Opera, by reducing the performances for $150.00 to seven instead of eight. Resolution No. 29 raised the salary of the Executive Board members to $1,000 instead of $600.00 per annum and that of the President to $15,000, the Secretary to $10,000 and the Treasurer to $7,500 per annum each. In addition to this the President was authorized to appoint an additional assistant, who may or may not be a member of the Executive Board who shall receive a salary of $5,000 per annum. Leaders with single vaudeville acts have been raised from $75.00 to $90.00 per week; with tabloid companies from $65.00 to $90.00, and with travelling picture shows which include vaudeville performances not exceeding 12 per week, $125.

Resolution No. 40 provides that an additional section be added to Section 17, Art. XII, to be known as par. D, which will fine house leaders not less than $25.00 if any part of Section 17 is violated. This refers to the inspection of cards of travelling musicians playing theatre engagements.

During the convention some six resolutions were caused to be proposed by agents of Paul Speck, a member of the Federation who operates a booking office for travelling bands. All of the resolutions tended to restrict the powers of the Executive Board of the Federation and also give more liberties to travelling bands entering the jurisdiction of locals. They were all defeated.

### Travelling Members Must Charge for Doubling

Resolution No. 62, in the matter of the activities of Authors and Composers Copyright Society, was referred to the Executive Board. It seems that this copyright society is permitted under the laws of the country to charge any amount they wish for license privileges, instances were given that within one year a certain hotel was raised from $20.00 to $700.00. The Executive Board is authorized to keep a lawyer in Washington continually to fight for an amendment to such an unfair law. Resolution No. 7 now requires that travelling musicians required to double on more than one instrument, must charge 25 per cent. in addition to his salary, provided, however, that when the engagement lasts for more than four weeks, then he must charge the local doubling price if same is higher than the travelling one. Resolution No. 10 provides that travelling members appearing with vaudeville unit shows are not permitted to play for any other acts on the same bill without the consent of the local union in whose jurisdiction the engagement is played.

### Travelling Bands and Orchestras

Resolution No. 61 had to do with the very contentious question of travelling bands. This question is always the chief subject before the conventions year after year. Apparently no local is absolutely resigned to the acceptance of travelling bands into their respective jurisdictions. Each year resolutions are introduced to further restrict them but without avail. However, so that the entire question may be investigated in all its phases and the laws of the Federation changed to meet with the satisfaction of all (if that is possible), the whole travelling bands situation has been referred to the Executive Board of the Federation to bring in a report to the convention of 1928. In addition to this the Executive Board is to consider ways and means of instituting some form of policing travelling bands, particularly with regard to small locals who have not the facilities and finances to do this themselves.

### Officers for 1927-28

Following are the officers of the Federation for the ensuing year, all of whom were re-elected with the exception of Brother G. B. Henderson, who was elected to succeed late Bro. D. A. Carey, as Canadian member of the Board.

President Joseph N. Weber; Vice-President, Wm. L. Mayer; Secretary, W. J. Kerngood; Treasurer, H. E. Brentor; Executive Members, A. G. Hayden, C. A. Weaver, A. A. Greenbaum, F. W. Birnbach and G. B. Henderson.

Had your delegate been given the opportunity of submitting an oral report, many details with regard to the various resolutions proposed at the convention could have been gone into more explicity. However, we trust that this report will convey a fairly lucid idea of our activities as delegate.

In conclusion, let me thank the members of Local 145 for the privilege of representing them at this convention and at the same time suggest that if they want their interests taken care of, they must be represented every year. We cannot expect others to spend much time looking after our peculiar affairs and being perhaps the second largest local in Canada, our opinion is that it is the duty of the local to send at least one delegate ot the annual convention of the American Federation of Musicians' of the United States and Canada.

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. JAMIESON,
Delegate.

# NOTICE

# General Meeting

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th, 1927 at 10 a.m., in the G.W.V.A. HALL, 856 Seymour Street**

**AGENDA**

1. Consideration of Notice of Motion as printed in separate slip as inserted in this month's B. C. Musician, re General Secretary.

2. To receive report of Committee appointed to investigate the by-laws governing doubling.

3. Resolution of Executive Board, re Donation of $50.00 to Plumbers' Union "that members do authorize a levy of 10c. per member to reimburse this local's funds.

4. Notice of Motion, Art. 19, Sec. 1, by-laws:

"The by-laws or Price List may be amended at any regular meeting by a three-fourths vote of the number present and voting at that meeting, provided that one month's previous notice has been given of the particular section to be amended; excepting that at the annual revision of the price list. The price list committee's report may be adopted on a majority vote of the members present and voting; providing that each member has received a copy of said committee's report before same is presented to the meeting at which action is to be taken on it."

A price list committee of seven members in good standing shall be appointed by the President at the Regular Meeting in June, Chairman of which committee shall be a member of the Executive Board of the Local.

5. Any other business.

## SECRETARY'S MONTHLY REPORT

**Travelling Members:** Carol Weston, Dare Brenda, No. 6.

**Transfers Deposited:** Earle T. Gray, Paul McOrde, Brayton Frankenhauser, Geo. Eichhorn, T. Huffine, J. H. Holden, Earl Gordon, Hank Belaird, K. Cramer, Earl Gibson, Mrs. E. Gatjens, Francis Wilcox.

**Transfers Lifted:** Al. Jenkins, John H. Holden.

**Full Members from Transfer:** Stanley Elliott, Hemming Anderson.

**Resigned:** Dwight Johnson, Ray Johnson, Wally Marks, Art. L. Most, R. S. Dickinson, Alfred S. Taylor, C. L. Burch, Prentice Gross, Irving N. Porter, James Whippo, Ralph Daugherty.

**New Members:** Fred Cave, R. W. Hopkins.

**Applications Withdrawn:** A. R. Morgan (Flute).

WILL EDMUNDS,
Recording Secretary.

## MINUTES OF UNION AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

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Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 30 were read. Moved and seconded be adopted as read. Speaking to the question, Member Bowyer asked further explanation of the minutes. President Jamieson addressed the members and explained the whole substance of this Special Board Meeting and why it was called. Explanation being satisfactory, minutes were adopted as read. It was moved and seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the President and the whole Executive Board in their work of placing bands in the "Diamond Jubilee Celebration parade" on July 3, 1927. Motion carried, by a hearty round of applause.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on July 6, were read. Moved and seconded they be adopted as read. Speaking on the question, President requested Board Member Phillips to explain the reason why Members Parle and Sara were called before the Board, Board Member Phillips did so satisfactorily.

President Jamieson explains the case of Miss G. Hunter re the Board's ruling, which was satisfactory to the members. Minutes were adopted as read.

### Communications

From:

Trades and Labor Council, re application of Japanese Workers Union to affiliate with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Said Congress being prepared to issue them a charter if the Local Trades and Labor Council would endorse same. Regularly moved and seconded that we endorse their application. Carried.

From:

Trades and Labor Council, requesting the moral and financial assistance of affiliated locals in behalf of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, Local 170. Moved and seconded that this Union donate a sum of $99.99 to the Plumbers and Steam Fitters, Local 170. Question was spoken to by members W. Couling, Banner, Nachbar, W. E. Williams, Rowland, A. V. Thomas, E. Tennant. An amendment was offered that this be referred to the Executive Board to investigate and if found bona-fide, they be empowered to donate the sum of $50.00. Being put, the amendment carried. On the motion, as amended, being put, it carried.

From:

Diamond Jubilee Celebration Committee, thanking this Union for its donation of the massed concert in Stanley Park on July 3rd. Ordered filed.

From:

Secretary of Local 76, re the North West Conference. President explained the objects of this Conference. It was moved and seconded this Local continue to be a member of this Conference, if same should continue to function. Carried.

Applications for membership: All applications on hand ordered held over.

### Reports of Committees.

Theatrical Federation Report. Moved and seconded report be laid on the table until next meeting. Carried.

Trades and Labor Council Report. Secretary read written report compiled by Delegate W. Couling of the meeting of May 7, June 7, June 21 and July 5. Moved and seconded reports be accepted and that this union extend a hearty vote of thanks to the delegate for bringing in such a splendid report. Motion was carried by a hearty round of applause.

Emergency Fund Report. In the absence of Chairman H. Stocker, Member T. Shankie stated nothing to report this month. Accepted.

Sick Committee Report. Member Shankie presented his report for the past month, having visited Madam Norman, stating that she was a little better, also that F. W. Brown had left the hospital and reported on the condition of J. B. MacClellan, who is in the General Hospital. Moved and seconded the report be accepted and thanks of this Union extended to Member Shankie for his interest in the members who are sick. On behalf of this Union, Member Fletcher supplemented report by offering to member Shankie the thanks of Member Norman Northrop for his visits during his recent illness.

Float Committee: Member Phillips, for the committee, presented his report on expenditures of $98.83, leaving the balance of $1.16. Member Phillips put in a bill of expense for running around and other things in connection with his own part of expenses at $2:50.

Member Phillips wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Euper, Mrs. A. H. Nochbar, Mrs. W. R. Griffiths and the children who took part in the parade on our float, and the Taylor Transfer Company. Moved and seconded report be received, and expense account paid, and committee thanked. Carried.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration Report: The Secretary read a written report from E. Fitzgerald. Report accepted. President Jamieson in supplementing the report wishes to publicly thank Mr. Fitzgerald for the splendid support on the committee and reported that the amount of work obtained by our members in this Celebration amounted to (two thousand, thirty-three dollars). Moved and seconded report be accepted, and a hearty vote of thanks be granted to the committee. This was carried.

Concert Committtee: It was reported that 62 members of this Union had played at the concert in Stanley Park on Sunday, July 3rd. Moved and seconded that the committee's report be accepted, committee thanked and the thanks of this entire Union go to all members who played. This was carried by a hearty round of applause.

Excuses for this concert were read out. Those of F. Nichols and Betty Warne were excused. Excuse of W. B. McQueen referred to the Excutive Board. Two excuses of L. MacMahon were read. Was moved and seconded that Member MacMahon be called before the Executive Board at their next meeting. Carried. Excuse of E. Austin was accepted. Moved and seconded the matter of members who were called for this concert, who did not appear and had sent no excuse, that charges be preferred against these members. they to appear before the Trial Board, re a resolution that was passed at a Regualr Union Meeting of June 12th. Carried.

Member Nachbar voiced the question of an apology that he felt as a member of the Music Committee, was due to the trumpet section, who played at the concert through Member C. H. Williams assuming the first chair in the concert, he not having attended the rehearsal and thereby displacing the member who had attended the rehearsal. After a little discussion, it was moved and seconded to close the incident. Carried.

By-Law Committee: Member Phillips read a report of the committee, which was introduced as a "notice of motion" read for the first time, same to lay on the table for 30 days. Report to be printed and a copy sent to each member of Local 145, to come up for discussion at Next Regular Union Meeting, August 14, 1927.

Strand Theater: Secretary reported his conference with Mr. W. P. Dewees manager of Strand Theatre, reporting that Mr. Dewees had extended the time one week, making the date now, from July 23 to September 3rd, as being the period he would ask to be allowed to dispense with the services of the orchestra, being a matter of 6 weeks. After discussion by the members on the above, it was moved and seconded that this Union do try to prevail upon Mr. Dewees to reduce the time from six weeks to four weeks. Secretary instructed to take matter up with Mr. Dewees and bring report to next meeting.

### Notice of Motion.

The following "notice of motion", read for the first time, to amend Article 19, Section 1—To read.

...."The by-laws or price list may be amended at any regular meeting by a three-fourth vote of the number present and voting at that meeting, provided that one month's previous notice has been given of the particular section to be amended; excepting that at the annual revision of the price list. The price list committee's report may be adopted on a majority vote of the members present and voting; providing that each member has received a copy of said committee's report before same is presented to the meeting at which action is to be taken on it.

A price list committee of seven members in good standing shall be appointed by the President at the Regular Meeting in June, Chairman of which committee shall be a member of the Executive Board of the Local.

Signed: F. WEAVER."

Moved and seconded that this meeting adjourn to reconvene on Sunday, July 17th, 1927, at 10 a.m. in the G. W. V. A. Auditorium, Seymour Street, Vancouver, B. C.

Secretary to advise the entire membership, particularly stating in the notice that at this time there will also be a meeting of the Musicians' Benevolent Society.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING
### July 13, 1927

Member absent, Vice-President Weaver, excused.

Minutes of July 6 and the adjourned meeting of July 7 were adopted as read.

Re matter of Miss T. Williams referred back to Executive Board for more specific charges under, certain sections. Secretary is instructed to prefer charges against Member Williams for violation of the Exempt Laws and also Section 10 and 50, Article 17 of the By-laws. So ordered.

Member W. B. McQueen appeared before the Board on the instruction of the Regular Union Meeting of July

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10, re the excuse of his non-appearance at the concert in Stanley Park on July 3, 1927. Member explained reasons for absence on that occasion. Moved and seconded excuse be accepted. Carried.

Member L. B. MacMahon appeared before the Board on instructions of the Regular Union Meeting on July 10, re his excuse he had tendered for his non-appearance at the concert in Stanley Park on July 3, 1927. Regarding excuse number one, member MacMahon explained to the Board that if they will look at excuse number two, they would see that excuse number one did not correspond with his hand-writing as shown by excuse number two, and also stated that he had never written excuse number one and had never seen the letter. After much questioning by the Board, it was moved and seconded that charges be preferred against him and Secretary represent the Board.

Member McMahon requested leniency in the matter of fine, recently levied by the Trial Board, requesting extention of time in which to pay the fine. Matter deferred. Member McMahon to bring in some plan of payment of same.

The excuse of Miss Freda Setter for non-appearance at the concert of July 3rd was offered to the Board for their consideration. It was moved and seconded excuse be accepted. Carried.

Member H. T. Smith appeared before the Board and requested a price ruling for the new capitolian policy for suburban theatres in conjunction with orchestra, playing part of feature picture.

Member Smith was requested to put his scheme in writing and submit to Secretary.

Member Bert Loughran met with the Board re the Job of bugler at the race track, he having had a mutual agreement between himself and Member Geo. Uren. A disagreement now having arisen over same. Secretary instructed to call Uren and Loughren before him on Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Brother Fletcher reported White Cliff still using non-union orchestra. Colonial Theatre about to change their organist. Moved and seconded report be accepted and account in the amount of $10:35, ordered paid.

Bills ordered paid: B. C. Musician, $81.30; Stenographer overtime, $6.00; Taylor Transfer Co., 75 cents; American Railway Express Co., $4.21.

One p.m.: Moved and seconded Board continue, Union to provide lunch. Carried.

Excuses of members of Elks band for non-appearance at June meeting, being away with the band at Bowen Island at the Elks picnic, A. V. Cashmore, J. W. Baw, Cecil Read, Earnest Tennant, Geo. Maddams, Frank Mulgrew. Moved and seconded excuses be accepted. Carried.

Excuses granted for regular meeting in July: A. Redfern, David Walker, Albert E. Ballard, J. Haywood, R. D. Morris, Charles Wakkingham, Charles Gaunt, Thomas Hall, Percy T Moseley and members of Parks Board band, including Mr. Loughran.

### Communications.

From:

William Press, Local 247, re orchestras of C. P. R. boats. Ordered filed.

From:

Miss Nina White. Referred to Secretary.

From:

C. Waddingham, band master of S. O. E. band, enclosing bill for $105.00 for 1st of July parade. Moved and seconded bill be sent back to Mr. Waddingham and inform him to send same to Diamond Jubilee Celebration Committee.

From:

Mr. J. Walker, Local 76, requesting data on Pantages and Orpheum Theatres here. Secretary instructed to send answer to Secretary Oouglas of Seattle.

### Applications For Membership

Application of Mr. A. R. Morgan, flute, was placed before the Board. Secretary instructed to request him to appear at next Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 1927.

### Portiers For Board Room

Secretary reports all quotations not in yet, matter left in hands of the Secretary.

### Strand Theatre

Secretary not seeing Mr. Dewees up to the present, expects to see him this afternoon. Secretary instructed to inform President immediately on close of interview, who will then call a Special Meeting of the Board at which the orchestras of the Strand, Capitol, Orpheum and Pantages Theatres, will be requested to be present.

President reports the Orpheum Theatre stock company closing July 23rd, to be closed for one week, and re-opening for two weeks with magic show, will then close for one week more, at the end of which time Orpheum show opens again. President brought a request from the manager of Orpheum Theatre, that the Board's recent ruling of an eight men minimum, made for a summer stock season of eight weeks, at that theatre, be made applicable to the Richard's magic show. Moved and seconded eight men minimum apply. Carried.

In the matter of the change of organist at the Colonial Theatre, Secretary instructed to see Member Stanley, Member Bert Kool having reported that the manager of the Colonial refused to grant the organist holidays, and had given Member Stanley Clare two weeks notice.

Miss G. Hunter met with the Board and requested an extention of time in which to pay her fine of $10.00, requesting that she be allowed to pay same when she secures work. Moved and seconded extention be granted to August 5th, 1927, member to pay same on that date. So ordered. Miss Hunter also requested permission to be allowed to go to work at the Maple Leaf Theatre if she becomes a full member by paying the full initiation fee from her salary from Maple Leaf Theatre, if granted permission to go to work there. Request was denied.

Request from Radio Station C.K.W.X., under operation of the Sparks Company, asking this Union to donate to them the services of certain musicians for the opening of their new station sometime in the latter part of July. Permission granted.

Board adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

**July 15, 1927**

Officer absent: F. W. Weaver.

President Jamieson in the chair.

Meeting called to order at 11 p.m.

President Jamieson explained the purpose for which this meeting had been called and his having called the orchestras of the Capitol, Strand, Pantages and Orpheum Theatres together, to obtain their advice with regard to the controversy which had arisen in respect to Mr. Dewees's request to dispense with the services of his orchestra as from July 16.

The President requested the Secretary to make his report on his conference with Mr. W. P. Dewees. Secretary reported that six weeks would be the absolute minimum which Mr. Dewees would need for his workmen to rebuild the orchestra pit and proceinium arch, and other appurtenances of a modern theatre, such as was contemplated in the re-building of the Strand Theatre. A great deal of discussion took place regarding the request of Mr. Dewees after which it was moved and seconded that this meeting advise the Executive Board of Local 145, to grant permission to Mr. Dewees to dispense with the services of his orchestra from July 23 to September 3, and that he be allowed to use two organists for that period with the understanding that no other musicians or acts be used in the theatre and that he confine his policy to pictures with organ, for that

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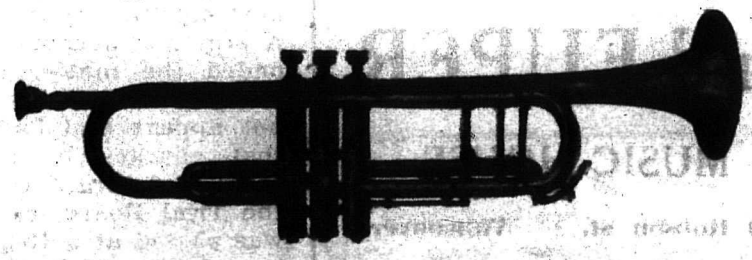

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period. The motion was carried unanimously.

Members adjourned at 12 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that acting on the advice of the members present at this meeting that the Executive Board of Local 145 do herewith grant permission to Mr. Dewees to dispense with the orchestra for a period of six weeks from July 23 to September 3, 1927, under conditions as stated in his letter to this Union under recent date, providing, however, that Mr. Dewees will not introduce any acts or instrumentalists other than the two organists, during the interim between July 23 and September 3, 1927. Carried.

President Jamieson then stated to the meeting the subject-matter of the telegram which he had sent to International President Jos. N. Weber, in the matter of the importation of a dance band for the Hotel Vancouver. Moved and seconded that this Board endorse the President's action, and authorize this Union's payment of the expense account for telegram.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
**July 16, 1927.**

Members absent: W. E. Williams and C. J. Cornfield, excuses accepted for both members.

President Jamieson in the chair. Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

President explained his reason for calling this Special Board Meeting, having in mind the urgent necessity for some action being taken in the matter of the controversy now, on between this Union and Mr. Pierce, manager of Hotel Vancouver, having regard to the importation of a dance band for that hotel.

President explained the conference he had had with Mr. Pierce and also stated the outcome of the try-outs of dance bands that had, taken place, seeking to obtain the position that was to be vacant at the hotel. He stated that those who had tried out, had not proved acceptable to the manager of the hotel. Also stated conference between himself and Mr. Pierce of the hotel and Mr. Earl T. Gray, dance band leader of Seattle, who with true modern tradition had rived that morning in his own aeroplane from Seattle. Mr. Pierce asked to be allowed to use Earl Gray and his band for one month until this Union can provide him, if possible, with a dance band, or he be able to obtain one from some other city in Canada. The merits and demerits of his request were thoroughly gone into and it was thought that four weeks would not be sufficient time to enable any of our members who cared to form themselves into a modern dance band to rehearse and to make themselves proficient to follow any well organized dance band such as was vacating the position at the Hotel. It was therefore moved and seconded that we grant Mr. Pierce permission to bring in Earl Gray and his dance band for a period of six weeks, dating from July 21st. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
**July 16, 1927**

Members absent: W. E. Williams and C. J. Cornfield, excuses accepted for both members.

President Jamieson in the Chair.

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

President explained his reason for calling this Special Board Meeting, having in mind the urgent necessity for some action being taken in the matter of the controversy now on, between this Union and President Webers office, having regard to the importation of a dance band for the Hotel Vancouver, from Seattle.

Board resolves that this Local shall temporarily withdraw their objections to band entering Canada from the United States for a period of six weeks, from July 21, 1927, so as to allow time for correspondence between this Local and President Weber's office.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

### ADJOURNED REGULAR UNION MEETING
**of July 10th, held Sunday, July 17th.**

Officers absent: Vice-President F. R. Weaver, and Board Member Cornfield.

It was moved and seconded the minutes of the Regular Union Meeting of July 10th, be adopted as read and corrected. Carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: The Financial Secretary not having report with him, same was deferred to next regular meeting.

In the matter of Mr. Inder who had addressed our last Regular Meeting, President Jamieson called for a motion re the proposition as laid before the membership by Mr. Inder. It was therefore moved and seconded that we endorse the same. Motion carried.

Strand Theatre: President explained matters in connection with the Strand Theatre, in the Executive Board's action of same. Secretary also makes report. It was moved and seconded report be accepted and the action of the Executive Board be endorsed. Carried.

The next business before the Local coming under the agenda as published in the B. C. Musician, July edition, was consideration of adoption of report by the Price List Committee. It was moved and seconded that we suspend the Regular Order of business before proceeding with the Price List, and deal with the "notice of motion", Section 3 on the agenda. It was moved and seconded that the entire "notice of motion" contained in Section 3, paragraphs A, B, C, be adopted as printed in the agenda. Motion being put was carried unanimously.

The "notice of motion" re this

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Union's grant to the Financial Secretary of $150.00, was moved and seconded that same be adopted. Same was carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that this Meeting of Local 145, Musicians' Mutual Protective Union, do now adjourn, to re-convene immediately as the Musicians Benevolent Society. Motion carried.

Meeting called to order at 10:35 a.m.

In the absence of the President of the Benevolent Society who is on vacation, Secretary Jamieson of the Benevolent Society stated that President Ward had asked him to act in the capacity of chairman. This being acceptable to the meeting. Chairman suggests that the Secretary of the Musicians Union act as Secretary protem for the Benevolent Society. On the motion being put, it carried.

First item of business to be transacted was the "notice of motion" in the Notice of the Benevolent Society in July issue of the B. C. Musician. It was moved and seconded that "notice of motion" be adopted as printed.

The question being spoken to by Members Cruse, Jamieson, Dezela, Fletcher, Allison and W. Williams. It was suggested to correct paragraph relating to Section 1, being the third paragraph of the "notice of motion", by adding the words after A. F. and M. (including transfer members, who have become full members of Local 145). It was moved and seconded the entire matter of this "notice of motion" be referred to the committee of five, to be appointed to revise the by-laws of the Benevolent Society, who shall bring in a report at the Regular Meeting in August. Carried.

Following Committee were appointed: A. H. Griffin, L. Grossmith, P. A. Smith, E. H. Allison, A. Fraser, Member Griffin to be convener, they to bring a report to the Benevolent Society. It was moved and seconded that this meeting of the Benevolent Society do now adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. It was moved and seconded that we now re-convene immediately as the M. M. P. U., Local 145, A. F. of M. Carried.

### Questions By Members

Member S. Scriven requested some explanation to be made regarding the coming engagement for a dance band at the Hotel Vancouver. President explained all his conferences with the management of the hotel and also our Special Board meetings re the same, stating that the Executive Board had granted permission for a dance band to be imported from Seattle, for a period of six weeks to allow our members to get together and form them-

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The Officers and Members of Local 145 tender their sincere sympathy to the dear relatives and friends of the late Kathleen Lila Black, a Native Daughter of B. C., born in Nanaimo, who passed into the Great Beyond on July 12, 1927. She was the beloved sister of our highly esteemed member, J. Black.

Also, our sympathies to Members Frank and Harry Hamilton on the loss of their father on June 16, 1927.

Also, Member Eddie Wade whose father recently passed away.


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