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Cost of Living Figures in Street Railway Dispute

Department of Labor Statistics Show that the B. C. Electric Railway Employees Are Getting a Wage Below the Average Cost of Living

THE AVERAGE WAGE received by employees of the B. C. Electric Railway Company is at least $600 a year below what the Department of Labor says is the average living costs of a family of five in Vancouver. These figures and statements were presented to the arbitration board by W. H. Cottrell, on behalf of the B. C. Electric Railway employees, but they apply equally as well to every other industry. Only the organized trades obtain anywhere near the published figures, and the unorganized, while getting considerably less than the organized, act as a millstone around the necks of the men who band themselves together to increase their standard of living. Very few companies raise the wages of their employees without a struggle, hence the better prepared you are to present your case the better and quicker are the chance of obtaining a wage sufficient to at least supply the daily needs of those who toil. W. H. Cottrell said:

In considering the wages that should be paid and our request for an increase in wages, the question naturally arises: "What are the present wages and what do they represent in regard to a reasonable standard of living?" In answer to that question, Mr. Chairman, I am submitting to you a carefully prepared statement showing what the average cost of living for a family of five in Vancouver should be and in the compilation of this statement I have been guided as far as possible by figures obtained from the Labor Gazette. While there is no suggestion that this represents the least possible amount of food and necessities for a family of five in Vancouver to exist upon, I do maintain that it only represents a reasonable standard of living. There are many things that have not been allowed for. I have provided no sinking fund for old age or in case of accident or disability or for funeral expenses in case of the death of a member of the family.

One of the very serious things with which a working man has to contend is sickness and consequent inability to follow his employment. Three or four weeks' sickness and a family budget is upset for a year and if no provision has been made for such a contingency, it means serious financial difficulty for a long period.

There is no provision for school books and literature for the children, or for ice in the hot weather, nothing for fruits such as bananas, oranges and candies for the children. I have allowed nothing for tobacco, while to the majority of men tobacco is a necessity.

It can easily be seen that for such items that are difficult to average a further allowance should be made to this budget of about $300, which would make a total of $2,191.48.

Food Stuffs	
Bread for the family (20c per day), per year	$73.00
Cakes and pastry (15c per day), per year	54.75
Milk (22c per day), per year	80.30
Meats ($4.00 per week), per year	208.00
Potatoes—While the price of potatoes fluctuates from time to time the fair average for week would be 35c (per year)	18.20
Sugar (6 lbs. per week at 8c per lb., per week 48c, per year	24.96
Tea (per week 33c, per year)	17.16
Coffee (¼ lb. per week, 14c, per year)	7.28
Breakfast foods and cereals (30c per week, per year)	15.60
Vegetables	
Cabbages (25c per week), per year	13.00
Onions (18c per week) per year	9.36
Turnips, carrots, lettuce and other vegetables (20c per week) per year	10.40
Fruits	
Apples (5 boxes per year)	7.50
Preserving	
Strawberries (one crate per year)	2.00
Peaches (one crate per year)	2.00
Raspberries (one crate per year)	1.75
Pears (one box)	1.50
Plums (one crate)	1.00
Sugar (for above)	10.00
Butter (3 lbs. per week). This will average throughout the year 50c per lb. Per year	78.00
Lard (2 lbs. per week at 22c per lb), per year	22.88
Eggs (2 dozen per week). While the price of eggs fluctuates through the different seasons, I find they will average at least 35c per dozen. Taking the year through, this would make for the year	36.40
Cheese (1 lb., 32c per week), per year	16.64
Flour (10 lbs. per week, 5.8c per lb.), per year	30.16
Sundries	
Pepper for year	.50
Salt for year	1.00
Custard (two tins)	.50
Matches, per year	1.50
Vinegar (1.5c per week), per year	.78
Soap	18.00
Canned Goods	
1 can fish (per week 36c), per year	18.72
1 can corn per week (15.9c per week), per year	8.26
1 can peas (16.5c per week), per year	8.58
Pickles, sauces, etc. (25c per week), per year	13.00
Fuel	
Coal.—It takes, for the average family in Vancouver at least 6 tons of coal at a cost of $12.00 per ton	$72.00

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City Council Still Reckless with Taxes

The two year term for city aldermen has apparently made some of them reckless in handling city finances. Except for the careful watch of one or two aldermen and the city comptroller, there would be speedy depletion of city finances on valueless schemes.

Final disposition of the 15,000 unsold souvenir booklets will add to the loss already incurred. 4000 of these books are to be shipped to London, England., at the City's expense, to be given away in that country and most of the balance are to be given away here, the cartage and distribution to be borne by the city. When one considers that a non-union printing firm received over $8,000 for a job that union printers allege could have been done for about $4500, and the further expenditures in connection with the handling of the books, we are compelled to state that it was one of the most colossal blunders ever perpetrated by a body of public officials.

Alderman Bennett shows that he is on the job when, on Monday, he opposed the expenditure of $5000 for publicity purposes, when the year's fund allotted for that purpose had been used up in about six months.

MARKET TRUCK DRIVERS WIN STRIKE IN 26 HOURS

NEW YORK.—The strike of 2,000 market truck drivers and helpers, which practically paralyzed the movement of fruits and vegetables in this district, was settled after the men had been out only 26 hours.

The Market Truckers' Association, a union of employers, agreed to meet the demands of the strikers for a wage increase of $5 per week. The increase is the same won by 7,000 freight truck drivers a week previous.

The fruit and vegetable truck drivers are members of Local 202, International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

MUNICIPAL BANK PROFITS

The Birmingham Bank, owned by the City of Birmingham, now has 233,494 depositors, and the accumulated funds amount to £7,938,859. The house purchase department of the bank has enabled 7,201 citizens to purchase their own houses by advancing amounts totalling £2,398,118.

Strong Case Put Up by B.C. Electric Employees

Seventeen Hundred Employees Present Their Case to the Conciliation Board—Asking for an Approximate Increase of Ten Per Cent.—Last Increase Five Years Ago

EMPLOYEES OF THE B. C. ELECTRIC Railway Company are presenting their case for an increase in wages and better working conditions to a conciliation board in the Court House this week. Officials for the men have gathered together a formidable array of facts and figures and these undoubtedly will mean a lot in their favor when the board attempts to reach an agreement. A careful perusal of the following excerpts from statements made by W. H. Cottrell, on behalf of the employees, only gives one a faint idea of the conditions that the men have to meet, and it is only natural for them to attempt to change them for more compatible conditions. Mr. Cottrell said:

In presenting the case for the employees, I must ask your indulgence for a while to outline the situation as fully as possible. To a Board composed of residents of this vicinity it is unnecessary to describe the business of the B. C. Electric Railway Company; sufficient to say that the company practically controls the transportation business and the business of supplying light, power and gas in Greater Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria. All the employees affected are members of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees' Association. They are members of three local divisions and are represented here by their joint advisory board, composed as follows: W. H. Cottrell, chairman; F. E. Griffin, secretary, and A. MacInnis of Vancouver; H. Bell and A. J. Bond, New Westminster; and E. Fox and W. Turner of Victoria.

The question of wages and working conditions that you gentlemen have to conciliate upon is one of the most serious, affecting directly some 1,700 men and indirectly the wives and children dependent upon them. We realize, Mr. Chairman, that we shall probably have to ask your indulgence on many occasions during the proceedings on account of the manner of our presentation of the case.

We are not trained for this particular work. We are practical Street Railwaymen and I trust that what we lack in ability in the orderly presentation of our case, we can make up in some measure by our practical knowledge of the subject of street railway work.

In this dispute you have on the one hand a large and powerful corporation, which at the present time is in a very favorable position owing to the fact of the non-existence of competiion and also owing to the fact that so far as the street railway end of the business is concerned it is particularly favored, in that, by an arrangement entered into with the City of Vancouver, an adequate fares basis is practically assured.

1,700 Men and Families Affected

On the other hand, there are some 1,700 men, seeking to make an agreement by which they hope to maintain and if possible improve their standard of living by an increase in their wages and certain alterations in their working conditions. The majority are operating the street cars of the company, but there are many others; in fact, practically all those directly employed in the operation and maintenance of the street railway system and bus and truck service of the B. C. Electric Railway Company and Rapid Transit Company; motormen and conductors on city, interurban and freight service, motor coach operators, motor truck operators, mechanics, car repairers, car cleaners, trackmen, garage men, baggage men, bridge and building men, station agents, train despatchers and ticket clerks.

You have to consider the wages and working conditoins of men in all these various departments, working, skilled and semi-skilled, under all sorts of conditions and necessitating certain arrangements which we call "working conditions," which are mutually agreed to by the company and the association. Further, it must be remembered that these men do the work in these various departments covering the 24 hours of the day and night; that to keep the cars and the busses and the transportation business of the B. C. Electric Railway Company going, our hours must be so arranged that the service must not suffer.

Spread System Entails Long Hours

On the other hand, the head office can open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. five days in the week. The head office can close on Saturday afternoons, on Sundays and for three or four consecutive days on holidays. They are not necessary to the service for 24 hours per day or for seven days per week. We are not complaining, but at the same time I think that there is a lack of appreciation on the part of the officials of the company of the inconvenience and hardship entailed through the night work and work that is done in two shifts with long spreads between.

Mutual Relationship

For something over twenty years it has been the custom in Vancouver for the employees and the company to bargain collectively concerning rates of wages and working conditions and to make agreements regarding same covering varying periods. I believe this has been to our mutual advantage. Disputes between those periods have been very rare and usually of such a nature that they could be readily adjusted ac-

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Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emptions is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 8,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 5,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied for five years and improvements made to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price for first-class (arable) land is $5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land $2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

Mill, factory, or industrial sites on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, the conditions including payment of stumpage.

HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the range administered under a Grazing Commissioner. Annual grazing permits are issued based on numbers ranged, priority being given to established owners. Stock-owners may form associations for range management. Free, or partly free, permits are available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to ten head.

Why the Liberals No Longer Count in British Politics

The parliamentary proceedings in connection with the anti-Trade Union Bill made it clear that the Liberal party—despite the "unity" stunts of its press and leaders—can no longer be regarded as a serious force in the House of Commons.

In practically every important provision the Liberal members were hopelessly divided, and rarely were more than one-half of them in their places to take part in the votes and the proceedings. In the case of some divisions, in fact, only three, four, five or six Liberal M.P's. could be mustered out of the party's full strength of forty, to watch the interests and record the views of their constituents.

The exhibition which the Liberal M.P's. made of themselves on the anti-Trade Union Bill, however, was by no means an isolated example of their disunity and ineffectiveness. Practically all their actions since the last general election have been open to similar criticism. The following examples of their divisions of opinion on important questions that have come before the House of Commons during the last two years explode any suggestion that they can be regarded as a united party or that their votes carry any influence in the House of Commons.

Housing. On 16th December, 1924, on the Labor amendment to the King's Speech "regretting that the Government were committed to a policy of leaving the solution of the housing problem mainly to private enterprise, thus ignoring the importance of carrying out a long-term scheme of building houses to let at rents within the means of the working classes," only five Liberals supported Labor. Seven voted against the Labor amendment, and the remaining twenty-eight did not vote at all, most of them not even putting in an appearance at the House.

Food Prices. On the 4th March, 1925, the Labor party moved a resolution complaining that the composition and proceedings of the Royal Commission on Food Prices were not such as to inspire public confidence, and demanding that drastic action should be taken without delay to protect the public against profiteering in the sale of food. Only nine Liberals gave their votes in support of the Labor party. Nine others voted against the Labor party. The remaining twenty-two did not vote at all.

Secret Diplomacy. On March 11th, 1925, a Labor motion against secret deplomacy was supported by only nine Liberal M.P's. Four Liberal M.P's. voted against the motion. The remaining twenty-seven did not vote at all.

Rent Restriction. On 25th March, 1925, on a Labor motion criticizing the inadequacy of the Government's rent restrictions proposals, only fifteen Liberals voted with Labor, whilst five voted against, and twenty did not vote at all.

Miners' Wages. On 27th March, 1925, the Labor Party introduced a Bill to guarantee a reasonable minimum wage to miners. Out of the forty Liberal M.P's. only ten supported Labor. Two voted with the Government, and twenty-eight were absent.

Profiteering in Building Materials. On 15th May, 1925, the Labor party introduced a Bill to prevent profiteering in building materials. Five Liberal M.P's. supported it; two voted against it, and the remaining thirty-three Liberal M.P's. did not vote at all. On this extremely important question, therefore, only about one Liberal out of six took the trouble to attend the House and record his vote.

Prevention of Unemployment. The Liberals were guilty of a similar dereliction of duty on May 22nd, 1925, when the Labor party introduced a Bill for the prevention of unemployment. Only eight of the forty Liberals turned up at the House on this occasion, and of them only six voted for the Bill, the remaining two voting with the Government.

Vote of Censure. Even on 29th June, 1925, on the important occasion of the vote of censure moved on the Government by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, expressing no confidence in the Government for its failure to deal with unemployment, less than one-half of the Liberals took their seats, and they in turn went into opposite lobbies, nine supporting Labor and ten supporting the Government. Only one Liberal vote out of the possible forty, therefore, was effective.

Non-Contributory Pensions. On 30th June, 1925, when the Labor party moved an amendment demanding that the new Pensions Scheme should be placed on a non-contributory basis, the Liberals were similarly divided. Eleven of them voted with Labor, ten voted with the Government, and the remaining nineteen stayed at home and did not vote at all.

Profiteering. On 19th March, 1926, the Labor party again introduced its Bill to prevent profiteering in building materials. This time four Liberals voted in favor of the Bill, four voted against it, and the remaining thirty-two did not vote at all. As the four Liberals who went in one lobby cancelled out the four who went in the other, the effective voting strength of the Liberals in the division was **nil**.

Inheritance of Wealth. The Liberals were even more inattentive to their duty on the 30th March, 1926, when a Labor motion condemned the present system whereby large fortunes are inherited by a small minority of the community, for on this occasion only two Liberals attended to take part in the division, and one of them voted in one lobby and the other in the other.

Working Conditions. For the Labor party's Factory Bill, on 26th March, 1926, only nine Liberals voted, whilst for the Labor Bill introduced on 30th April, 1926, to ratify the Washington (Forty-eight hour week) Convention, only ten Liberals voted.

Safeguarding Democracy. On the Labor amendment, on 5th July, 1926, to reject the Government's Board of Guardians (Default) Bill on the ground that it destroyed the principle that local government should be vested in the elected representatives of the people, only twelve out of the forty Liberals voted. Eight of them voted with the Government, and four with the Labor party. On the third reading of the same Bill on 9th July, 1926, only four Liberals out of the forty took the trouble to attend, and they were divided, two voting for the Bill and two voting against.

These are only a few of the many examples that might be quoted to show that the Liberals no longer count in parliament. To all intents and purposes there might as well be no Liberal M.P's. in the House at all. And if the electors use their votes aright at the next general election, and reward the Liberals appropriately for their lamentable neglect of duty, it may be that such a state of affairs will come to pass.—Daily Herald.

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Vancouver Trades and Labor Council—President, J. Thomson; general secretary, Percy R. Bengough. Office, 803 Holden Bldg., 16 Hastings East. Phone Sey. 7495. Meets in Labor Hall at 8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays in month.

B. C. Fishermen's Association, meets every month at the call of the Secretary in the Holden Bldg. General Secretary, R. Hornbrook, 53 Hastings St., W.

Beverage Dispensers Union No. 676—meets last Sunday in month at 8:00 p.m., Room 310 Holden Bldg. President W. H. Clancy; Secretary and Business Agent, T. J. Hanofin. Office: Room 5, Flack Block; Phones, Sey. 4783 and Bay. 1656-R. Hours, 9 to 12 a.m.

Bridge & Structural Iron Workers, Local 97, Int. Asso.—Meets every Monday, Room 804 Holden Bldg., at 8 p.m. President, Sydney Dunstone; Secretary, P. Lauret, Box 302, City, Phone Fair. 2108L.

Building Trades Council, Vancouver—Meets second and fourth Tuesday in Holden Building. President, Robt. Stevenson; Secretary-treas., W. Page, Room 815, Holden Bldg.

Bakers' Local 468, Journeymen, of America—Meets second Saturday in month at 8 p.m.—President, A. Morris, 2834 Vine St.; sec., T. Rigby, 1482 Broadway E. Phone Fair. 2355X.

Bakery Salesmen, Local 371 — Meets second Thursday every month. Holden Bldg., 16 Hastings E. President E. Holmes; acting secretary, Birt Showler, 1115 Robson, office, 807 Holden Building.

Barbers,' Journeyman International Union of America—Local 120, meets second and fourth Tuesdays in each month in Room 310 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. Pres., Fred. Dawe; Sec.-treas., C. E. Herrett, Office 814 Holden Bldg.

Bookbinders Local No. 105, Int. Brotherhood—Meets second Tuesday in month at Professional and Business Woman's Club, Empire Bldg., 603 Hastings W. President, G. Low, 61 53rd Ave. W.; secretary, Thos. Carroll, 842 Hamilton Street.

Bricklayers', Masons' and Tile Setters' Int. Union No. 1—Meets second and fourth Wednesday in the Holden Bldg. President, G. E. Halliday; Secretary, W. S. Dagnall, 1244 20th Ave. E. Phone Fair. 845 R. W. J. Pipes, Fin. Secretary, 840 Beach Ave.

Carpenters and Joiners, Amalgamated Society of,—Vancouver 1st Branch meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. President, G. Richardson; Secretary, John T. Bruce; Business Agent, J. McKinley. Headquarters, room 35, 163 Hastings St. W.

Carpenters and Joiners, United Brotherhood of, Local 452—President, R. J. Thompson; financial secretary, R. W. Hatley; business agent, W. Hargreaves. Office, Room 809 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. Meets second and fourth Mondays, 8 p.m.

City Hall Employees' Association meets first Wednesday of each month at 251½ Hastings E., at 8 p.m. President, D. Hargreaves; treasurer, W. J. Sribbins, 3208 Pender St. E.; Secretary, J. Tarbuck, 2792 Pender East.

Civic Employees' Union, Local 28 — Meets first and third Fridays in the month at 251½ Hastings E., at 8 p.m. President, R. N. Hogg, 1718 Commercial Dr.; secretary-treasurer, George Harrison, 1182 Parker St.

Electrical Workers, Local 213, International Brotherhood—Meets every Monday at 8 p.m. in Room No. 5, 319 Pender Street West. President, H. C. Allen; business agent, **R. H. Morrison**, Office, 319 Pender Street West.

Engineers—International Union Steam and Operating Local 844—Meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. Room 806 Holden Bldg. President, E. McCallum; rec. sec., Geo. Pettapiece; Fin. Sec. & Bus. Agent T. A. Newbigging. Office, Room 806 Holden Building.

Engineers, Steam and Operating, Int. Local 882—Meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in room 806 Holden Bldg. President, M. J. Kearne; vice-president, E. Thomas; financial secretary, A. J. Newbigging; business agent, M. J. Kearne; rec. sec., W. Methot. Office 806 Holden.

Fire Fighters, No. 18, International Association of—Meets every month at call of president, at 251½ Hastings E. President, J. Anderson. No. 2 Fire Hall; financial secretary, C. A. Watson, No. 3 Fire Hall.

Floorlayers' Union, No. 1875, U.B. of C. & J. of A., meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays in 310 Holden Bldg., at 8 p.m. President, E. C. Woodward; Fin. Sec., A. Reid; Rec. Sec., W. D. Wilson, 1251 Howe St.

Hod Carriers and Building Laborers, No. 602, International. Meets first and third Friday in month at Holden Building. President, C. Lawson, 1832 3rd Ave. W. Fin. Sec. and Business Agent, J. A. Barrington, 4293 Welwyn Street. Phone Fair. 1434L.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Marine Cooks & Stewards, Local 28—441 Seymour St., meets second Monday each month at 3 p.m., last Mondays at 9 p.m. President Thos. Edwards, Sec.-Treas. Harry Wood, Business Agent. Phone Sey. 125.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Local 171 — United Brotherhood of Carpenters — Meets every first and third Wednesday of each month in 310 Holden Building, at 8 p.m. President, Mrs. Nickels, High. 1981Y; secretary, Miss Gibbons, Fair. 243L.

Lathers, Wood, Wire and Metal, International Union, Local 207 — Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays in month, at room 209 Holden Bldg. President, H. P. Fuiljames, 2106 Vanness; Secretary, Bert Jenkins, 50 45th Ave. E.

Machinist Local 692—President, Thos. Sills, 1352 Burrard St. Secretary, P. R. Bengough. Office, 807 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. Meets on second and fourth Tuesdays in month.

Mill and Factory Workers' Union, Local No. 1599 — Affiliated with United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners. Meets first and third Thursdays in Room 313 Holden Bldg. President, H. C. Matthews; Business Agent, A. Graham, 809 Holden Building. Rec. Sec., R. G. Inder; H. G. Avery.

Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees, Local 464—Meets second and fourth Friday in Labor Hall, 16 Hastings St. E. President, T. Rutherford; business agent, Birt Showler, 1115 Robson St.

Molders Union Local 281—International of North America—Meets first and third Fridays in month in room 313 Holden Bldg., at 8 p. m. President, John Brown, 638 Broadway W. Corresponding representative, J. Pinkerton, 2159 Victoria Drive.

Motion Pictures Projectionist's Union, Local 348 of I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O.—Meets at 991 Nelson St. on first Sunday in each month at 7:30 p.m. President, J. R. Foster, 1161 Granville St.; Secretary, Geo. Gerrard, Box 345. Business Phone: Sey. 3923.

Musicians Mutual Protective Union Local 145, A. F. of M.—Meets at the G. W. V. A. Auditorium, second Sunday at 10 a.m. President, Edward Jamieson; secretary, W. Edmunds; financial secretary, W. E. Williams; organizer, F. Fletcher, all at 991 Nelson Street.

Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers Local 138—Meets second and fourth Thursdays at 163 Hastings W. Business agent, Robt. Stevenson. Office, room 34, 163 Hastings West. Phone Sey. 3609.

Pile Drivers, Bridge, Wharf and Dock Builders Local No. 2404—Meets every Friday night at 8 p.m. in 122 Hastings St. W. James Thomson, secretary, P. O. Box 320. C. Anderson, President.

Plasterers, Local 89—International Association of Operative, meets first and third Wednesday in month at Holden Bldg. President, C. Keall; Financial Secretary, A. Campbell, 464 Fifty-sixth Ave. E., phone Fraser 184L2; Cor. Secretary, A. Hurry, 861 Thirty-fourth Ave. E., phone Fair. 3232R.

Plumbers and Steamfitters, No. 170, International Asso. of—Meets every 2nd and 4th Friday in the Holden Bldg. President, R. Simpson; secretary and business agent, W. Watt, 805 Holden Building.

Point Grey Municipal Employees' Association, Local No. 3—Meets second Monday of each month at the Masonic Hall, Kerrisdale, 8 p.m. President, D. Ross Squair, 3726 30th W. Secretary A. Patterson 3179 Hudson Street.

Printing Pressmen and Assistants, Local No. 69—Meets every second Tuesday in the month at 8 p.m. in Room 313 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings St. E. President, Harry F. Longley, 303 8th St., North Van.; secretary, Wm. Quigley, 2083 2nd Ave. W., Box 894.

Railway Carmen of America, Lodge No. 88—Meets first and third Friday in month at Cotillion Hall, Granville and Davie Streets. President, A. S. Ross, 5873 Pr. Edward St.; secretary, J. D. Vuliamy, 2215 15th Ave. W.

Street and Electric Railway Employees, Pioneer Division No. 101—Meets K. P. Hall, Eighth and Kingsway, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. President, W. H. Cottrell; recording secretary, F. E. Griffin; treas., H. G. Blazier; financial secretary and business agent, Angus MacInnes, 3544 Pr. Edward St. Office: corner Prior and Main streets. Phone Fairmont 2150L.

Sheet Metal Workers' Association, Local Union No. 280 — Meets second and fourth Thursday in month in Holden Building, 16 Hastings Street E. President, A. Fisher, 1952 4th Avenue W.; business agent and secretary, D. MacPherson, 807 Holden Bldg.

Shingle Weavers, Local 17813—Meets second Tuesday in month, in Room No. 2, Labor Temple, New Westminster, and 4th Sunday, 7:30 p.m., in Room 313 Holden Bldg., Vancouver. President, J. N. Chute, Phone High. 1982-Y; sec., W. H. Matthew, 3436 Irving St.

Tailors', Journaymen Union of America, Local No. 178—Meetings held first Thursday in each month, 8 p.m. Executive meets third Thursday of every month in Labor Hall. President, F. Franco; secretary, C. McDonald. P.O. Box 503. Executive meets third Thursday of every month.

Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, Local 466—Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 310 Holden Bldg. President, A. A. McKay, 773 Beatty St.; secretary-treasurer, A. P. Black, 880 Homer St.

Theatrical Stage Employees' Union, Local 118 of the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O.—Meets at 991 Nelson Street on the second Friday in month, at 9:30 a.m. President, G. W. Allen; Secretary, Gordon Martin. Business address, P. O. Box 711.

Typographical Union, No. 226—President, C. S. Campbell; vice-president, E. Gunther; Secretary-treasurer, R. H. Neelands, P.O. Box 66. Meets last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m., in Holden Building, 16 Hastings St. E.

Prince Rupert Trades & Labor Council

MEETS second Thursday in each month. President, S. D. McDonald, Box 268. Secretary, Frank Derry, Box 493, Prince Rupert, B.C.

IN THE HAM & EGG FOUNDRY

(By The Mustard Mixer)

On Monday, September 26th, the Good Eats Cafe hung the "Closed" sign on the door. This cafe will be remembered as being on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the Trades Council, due to the action of the manager, who was desirous of making his employees pay for their meals.

It is only nine months since the trouble over union conditions and wages were first instituted, with the ultimate result as noted, proving that efficient help in the catering industry is essential to the prosperity and success of the conducting of modern restaurants. It is alleged that a considerable amount of back wages are due the employees that remained until the place closed, and it is very doubtful whether the remuneration for their services will ever be met in full.

During the time that the Union Card was in evidence, the manager drew down $150 to $100 per week. It is safe to assume that this was only made possible through efficiency of the hired help, otherwise there would be no reason for the establishment closing up.

Probably Percy Wood may go to work for wages at his trade as cook, and should he be successful in securing employment in an establishment operated along similar lines to the way the Good Eats was conducted, on the stand-off system of wages, he might need the protection of his trade union and probably will strenuously object to waiting for his wages on the Kathleen Mavourneen system, "It may be for years or it may be forever!"

LABOR PARTY WILL HOLD A NATIONAL CONVENTION

EDMONTON.— Arrangements were completed for the convening of a national convention of the Canadian Labor Party in the near future at the annual meeting of the party held here recently.

An invitation to attend the forthcoming British Commonwealth Labor Conference in London, England, was accepted and the selection of delegates was left in the hands of the executive.

Representatives from Alberta reported that the labor parties in that province would affiliate with the C. L. P. in the near future.

No change was made in the policy of the party, and pending the holding of a national convention the platform of principles was reaffrmed.

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Over the Teacups

By TEEPEE

There has been a good deal of comment this past week regarding the Junior Highs, on what a friend of mine indignantly termed "the new-fangled idea" of limiting the children to half an hour for lunch. Parents of children attending Junior High are up in rams and demand to know how any child could gobble up a lunch, take even a few minutes of recreation, and attend to more important matters bearing directly on health, all in the short period of half an hour. To quote my friend again: "We feel our children spend long enough hours in school, and bring home quite enough homework, without cutting down their noon-hour, and also, now that winter is coming on, they need something hot and nournishing, rather than the everlasting sandwich." Grown-ups kick when limited to a half-hour lunch period. How, then, must children feel, young animals who must stretch and run and somehow rid themselves of an accumulation of high spirits, clear their brains and fill their lungs with clean fresh air, ready for the afternoon studies?

On the other hand, there are other folk who claim that the limiting of the lunch period is in the interests of the children themselves, many of whom find too much time in the hour for getting into serious mischief. If this is so, might it not have been better to acquaint the parents with the reason, for they would undoubtedly then be glad to have some action taken. We imagine that children going home to lunch will have all they can manage in travelling back and forth and eating; those children taking lunch to school will find time even in half an hour to get into mischief if so inclined, and the solution would lie, either in segregating them, as has been tried successfully elsewhere, or in having adequate supervision. It is a mistake to think that only very small children need supervising, for, with the exception of small bumps and bruises, they are safe enough. It is round the 'teen age when bruises may be acquired which will leave a mark for life.

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A bride-to-be, a pretty, slender little thing; daughter of a Union man, and marrying a Union man, remarked: "That's all very well, what you said about the women of the family demanding the Union Label. Dad's always on about it, too. But, gosh, I want some nifty shoes; real snappy ones; something that's gonna keep Bob's eyes on my ankles, and not roving over to some girl on the other side of the street." Well, f'eaven's sake. She evidently pictures Union Label shoes as strong, stodgy and old-fashioned affairs, while here in town she could find the prettiest, snappiest styles, with the new bright buckles, and the high slender heels beloved of all pretty young things, and that at prices comparing favorably with those over the line—and right inside, stamped on the lining, the Union Label. Rather a healthy feeling to know you are wearing the smartest shoes in town, and that the girl who helped to make them for you had in return just what yon want, a worthwhile wage, and worthwhile working conditions. The Union Label proves it!

(Ed. Note The writer of this article purchases her Union Label Shoes at Rae's Clever Shoe Store, 546 Granville)

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Here is a Short Cake made with rolled oats: Take half pound rolled oats, 4 ounces butter, 2 ounces granulated sugar, one teaspoon salt. Cream butter and sugar; mix in the rolled oats and salt; mix all thoroughly together with the hands and press into a flat tin. Bake to a golden brown in a moderate oven, and when baked let stand 20 minutes before turning out of the tin.

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Faith

Faith has a knack of changing wrong
to right.
The darkest hour of any gloomy night
Is always just before the streak of
grey.
Courage, my friend, the best is on
the way.

SMALL FAVORS

Young Barnes had married contrary to his father's wishes. Meeting his parent soon afterward, the father said angrily:

"Well, youn man, I have made my will and cut you off with a dollar."

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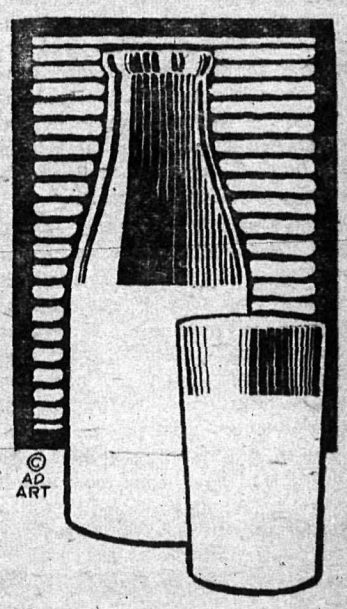

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MORE LABOR MEMBERS WANTED

When the question of adopting new tactics in the Labor movement comes up for discussion, it seems peculiar to find the most radical—or shall we say boisterous—in the movement opposing new tactics. If we fail by one procedure, surely we ought to try another, instead of sticking by the old methods with a survive or perish attitude. And it was in a neffort to try some other method of winning seats that the executive of the Greater Vancouver Central Council of the C.L.P. recommended to the movement that only two candidates be placed in the field in the City of Vancouver at the forthcoming provincial elections.

This recommendation was referred back to the affiliated organizations and when the returns came in it showed that twelve organizations paying per capita on 2171 members favored two candidates, while nine organizations paying per capita on 990 members voted in favor of six. One other organization with a membership of 1020 favored four. No matter how you juggle those figures whether you place the 1020 voting for six or with those voting for two, the two's still have the majority. Organizations that were not reported on the subject only number a per capita membership of 525.

If the delegates to the C.L.P. had been given these figures at the time, there undoubtedly would have been a different result to that which they took. But in spite of the action taken, we still believe that the movement, after realizing its mistake, in not having the proper data to work on, should rescind its former action and place two candidates in the field.

Some people may attempt to convince themselves and other electors that the Labor Party would be compromising with the Liberal Party. That is an old gag of the Liberals who grasp at any straw to get into the band wagon. If so-called Labor men are going to let such a suggestion cause them to lose sleep then we consider them weak sisters. If electing two labor men from the City of Vancouver will help the Liberals, then electing one in every third constituency will do the same—we don't think. The Liberals returned six from the city but if labor had only two out of that six in the House we could obtain a few more concessions from the Liberal Government—and who loses by that plan? Not the labor movement. Its all tommy-rot about the Labor Party desiring to compromise with the Liberal Party. We refer those who think so to the article on page 2, regarding the British Liberal Party, and we have no hesitation in saying that the Liberal Party here is tarred with the same brush. The Labor Party's mission is to get the Liberal Party out of office as well as the Conservative Party, but the Labor Party can only do that by using tactics that will draw the support of an ever increasing number of electors. If Labor can get more favorable legislation, more publicity, more opportunities for placing our message before more electors, by adopting tactics that will place more labor members in the House, then we ought to leave no stone unturned to do it.—W.

Strain Increasing on Street Car Employees

The constant and increasing strain on the nerves of street car employees was brought out by President Cottrell during the sitting of the conciliation board this week. He said: Mr. Chairman:

One of the important factors with regard to our work on the street cars to which we would call your earnest attention, is the degree of responsibility that the street railwaymen have in carrying out their work.

It would be hard to find any calling where the individual responsibility is so great as with the street railwaymen. Travelling through the congested streets of the cities, handling the thousands of passengers, every individual motorman or conductor is under a constant nervous strain.

I would quote here from the Company magazine an extract from an article by the A. E. R. A.

Operators' Work Important

"In these days of badly congested streets, the jobs of motormen and conductors are more important than ever before in history.

"If careful men were not employed, accidents on properties would increase amazingly. Fortunately, however, every company in the country selects its men to run cars with just as great care as they would select men to run stores for them. In truth, they regard their cars merely as travelling parts of a chain-store system. With traffic jams on every hand, motormen and conductors these days must be very careful how and when they start and stop cars."

Street Car Work Changed

This is not the half of it; it is putting it too politely.

Few realize the extent to which the work of the street car man has changed.

I will hand you a photograph of one of the Vancouver street cars of about twenty years ago, showing a little car about 20 feet long, open at both sides. You could step out of your seat and off the car at any time. It is very much like the Toonerville car of moving picture fame.

Compare this with the large cars of today, weighing 20 tons or more, carrying 75 to 150 passengers, and the two-car trains carrying 300 passengers. It does not need much imagination to realize the difference in the work of handling street cars today.

Slow Traffic Days Have Passed

The little Toonerville car had a motorman and a conductor to handle it and in travelling through the streets of Vancouver in its day, it had, in the main, only slow going traffic to contend with, mostly, the horse-drawn vehicles. The roads were rough and the tracks in rough shape and neither were conducive to great speed.

Now the roads are for the greater part paved, and the contending traffic is for the most part made up of speedy automobiles. The paved tracks make it easy for the automobiles and trucks, which adds to the danger of collisions. This factor is recognized by our company for they are paying hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising in their endeavor to lessen the dangers of this trouble and to be able to further speed up their street car service.

Hard Strain On the Nerves

Not only has our work changed but there is no possible likelihood in the future of anything but this change continuing, calling for a greater drain on the nerves of those operating the street cars.

The Company recognizes this fully, as is shown by the expenditure of such large amounts in advertising.

Again it is shown in the choice of men for the work. Young men are the order of the day. Young men with strong nerves, and they are selected with great care from the applicants.

I obtained some information with regard to the increasing volume of auto traffic which I think has considerable bearing on this subject.

Speeding up Continues

The speeding up of the service is going on all the time. Time is constantly cut down on our lines so that we are having to do more work and take greater risks.

We signed up a new running sheet on the 15th of this month and it had not been in operation a day when men were complaining that time had been cut down on many of the lines again; that they doubted if they could make the time; that they had been running late on some runs for hours and taking awful chances to try and keep up.

On Fairview it was complained that several of the runs were speeded up to such an extent that they made an extra trip in their shift of eight hours.

This speeding up has probably meant a better service but it has been a continual strain on the men, and a saving to the Company of many thousands of dollars.

Decline in Number of Labor Contests

Information relative to previous election campaigns in the province of British Columbia, in which labor took part, by nominating candidates might be of interest to those in the movement now.

One of the most important points to be noted however, is the increasing shortage of labor candidates in constituencies outside of Vancouver.

18 Candidates in 1909

In 1909 there were eighteen labor candidates, mostly belonging to the Socialist Party of Canada.

17 Candidates in 1912

In 1912, with one exception the S. P. of C. had 17 candidates in the field in 13 constituencies. These were in Comox, Esquimalt, Fernie, Greenwood, Newcastle, Rossland, Slocan, Victoria, Okanagan, Ymir, Nelson, Skeena, Nanaimo and Vancouver. Two were elected Nanaimo and Newcastle while the Comox candidate lost by less than 100 votes.

15 Candidates in 1916

In 1916 Labor contested twelve constituencies with fifteen candidates. These were in Atlin, Comox, Fort George, Fernie, Nanaimo, Newcastle, Saanich, South Vancouver, Ymir, Victoria and Vancouver. Newcastle was won and Fort George was lost by nine votes, being defeated by one of Bowser' cabinet ministers.

21 Candidates in 1920

In 1920 Labor again contested 12 constituencies with 21 candidates. These were in Dewdney, South Vancouver, Richmond, Atlin, Nanaimo, Slocan, Fernie, Rossland, Newcastle, Prince Rupert, Victoria and Vancouver. Labor won in South Vancouver, Fernie and Newcastle. It lost Atlin by 90 votes and Rossland by eighteen.

13 Candidates in 1924

In 1924 Labor contested eight constituencies with thirteen candidates. These were in South Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Newcastle, Okanagan, Fernie, Vancouver. Labor won in Burnaby, South Vancouver and Fernie.

This is where the B. C. Section of the C.L.P. can get busy.

Delightful Show at Orpheum Next Week

The show which the Orpheum Circuit has sent to the local Orpheum theatre for next week promises more in the way of delightful entertainment than any show seen here in many weeks. All reports from the eastern cities where this bill has played have acclaimed it as one of the best star-studded vaudeville shows of the decade. Headlining this great bill is the famous dancing star, Vanessi, who for the past few years has been the toast of all Broadway. She has been the featured star of such big hits as the Ziegfeld Follies, Greenwich Village Follies and many Shubert operettas. She is without a peer in her particular style of stage dancing and has won the admiration of all who have seen her. She is assisted by the Gamble Boys and Sonny Hines.

Everyone will remember that screamingly funny act which Willie West and McGinty brought to Vancouver a few years ago. The one where the men building the house were continually falling and being hit on the head by falling timbers and beams, well, they are coming again next week. Clifford and Marion, musical comedy stars, are also on this bill. They will offer a singing and comedy turn. The Harrington Sisters are two winsome little misses who will sing and dance their way into everyone's heart. Frank Richardson, the joy boy of song, will sing, and Sawyer and Eddy will offer a comedy offering of merit. A comedy, Topic, Fable and News will complete this dandy show.

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IT SHAMED

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The color left her cheeks,
But on the shoulder of his coat
It showed quite plain for weeks.

* * *

After the owner of the Good Eats Cafe had been running it on a non-union basis for nine months, the creditors seized the goods and locked the door. The Good Eats Cafe was one of the best patronized cafes in the city at one time but his cheap and inefficient help has ruined it.

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VERY NICE

They were enjoying a motor ride and had just entered a country road.

"May I kiss your hand?" he asked, a little confusedly. She removed her motor veil.

"No," she replied; "I have my gloves on."

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The Central Cafe, at 608 Pender West is building up a splendid business with a 100 per cent. union crew and good food at reasonable prices.

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Have you purchased your ticket for "A Night in the West?"

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Further details relating to the Street Railway Employees arbitration case will be published next week.

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C.L.P. meeting Friday, Sept. 30 in the Holden Bldg.

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'PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS'

Fight Pictures Coming to City

Pantages to Show Film Version of Bout

Did Dempsey have Tunney at his mercy in the seventh round? A preview of the fight film shows Tunney almost out in the seventh round.

Tunney says he waited the limit on signalled advice of his manager and that he was not in any danger. According to advice from the east, the fight fans indicate that Tunney was in bad shape during the seventh round knockdown and had his eyes closed. Local fight fans will be able to judge for themsevles when the pictures are shown at the Pantages Theatre all next week. They will be shown for one week only exclusively at this theatre. Slow motion pictures of some of the crucial incidents as well as the complete progress of the fight will be shown.

THE IRISH ELECTIONS

There were 112 fewer candidates in the recent Irish Elections. The Labor Party only ran 29 candidates, winning 13 seats. Tom Johnson, the leader of the party contested Dublin County. In the previous election the Labor Party ran three candidates in this county, winning only one of the five seats. This time they ran just one candidate in order to be sure of the seat as there were less other candidates in the field, and they won it!

MILKMEN, WATCH OUT!

A party, allegedly named Smithers, late of 1537 Robson street, decided it was cheaper to move than pay his milkman for milk purchased for the use of his family. It was reported to the Milk Drivers' Union that this man was a member of the Electrical Workers' local, and in all fairness to them, they tell us that this party is a notorious "scab." We are running this little news item so that if any other milkmen get him on their list they will know that it is a case of getting the money before he gets his milk, as, being a member of the "scab" family, it is not in his nature to appreciate getting credit from a fellow worker.—S.

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There are 75,000 blind, 45,000 deaf and dumb, and 320,000 mentally deficient persons in institutions.

In addition, there are about 78,000 paupers and 700,000 persons who are so crippled as to impair their earning capacity.

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The Sale Starts Tomorrow 10:00 a.m.

The cause of this unparalleled slaughter, a flash of lightning from a clear sky, could not be more startling than this announcement. The unexpected often happens—like Jack Dempsey losing the decision after knocking out his man.

The Army & Navy Store, after many years of honorable and successful merchandising, quits business. A combination of circumstances forces us to make this extraordinary decision that will come as a great surprise and shock to our thousands of customers, numerous friends, and the public.

The enormous stocks of government army supplies are now exhausted, which forces the Vancouver Branch of the Army & Navy Store at 40 Hastings Street West, out of business. This mammoth stock will be sold out to the bare walls, in the shortest possible time. Arrange to get you share of the bargains. Think what this gigantic selling out sale means to you right in the start of the fall season, to buy high-grade dependable merchandise to prices that do not actually cover the cost of raw material.

We quote only a few of the hundreds of bargains that will prevail.

The Sale Starts Tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

Come, joint the crowds, thousands of people will be here.

The First TWO days, Friday and Saturday, will be the banner days. DON'T MISS THEM. CLOSED FRIDAY TILL 10 A.M.

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25c Wool Sox for 13c
$1.00 Work Shirts for 49c
50c Silk Ties now 9c
$3.00 Men's All-Wool Flannel Shirts, all sizes. Now, each 98c
$1.50 Overalls for 89c
Large 5-lb. Heavy Blankets, now $1.49
$3 Sweater Coats $1.49
$1.50 and $2.00 House Dresses, now 49c
25c Men's Garters, now selling, per pair 9c
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GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

(By F. W. MOORE)

(For and Against)

Ownership of the public utilities by an industrially-enlightened democracy may easily be proved to be the ideal key to the utmost satisfaction in the production and distribution of the means of life.

There is a vast difference between governmental and private ownership. This can be better understood by analyzing the constitution of a joint stock company. The stock is divided into equal parts, called shares, and the owners of the shares are known as stock holders. It is not necessary for the stock holders—that is, the members of the company—to know anything whatever about the business. They merely receive certificates that indicate the amount and the number of shares belonging to each. Henceforth, in proportion to this amount they are entitled to draw from the aggregate returns a sum which, under conditions of government ownership, would revert to the public funds and make the service rendered just that much cheaper.

The following is a quotation that has been already used by me within the month, but its import is so significant that I considered it excusable to cite it a second time. It concerns the Ontario Hydro-Electric Company, which was instrumental in lighting the Canadian side of the bridge over the Niagara River for one month at the cost of $8.00, while on the American side, for precisely the same service the charge made by a New York company was $43. The difference, $35.00, had to be paid to the stock holders on the American side.

Dr. Harry Ward, commenting on the above in the "Social Service Bulletin" for March 1, 1924, writes as follows:

"The principle is to furnish energy at cost and leave in the pockets of the consumer the profits of the system. . . . In its essence the hydro-electric power undertaking is an organization of a number of partner municipalities co-ordinated for action and operation through the medium of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, which acts as trustee for the municipalities."

In "The Bulletin" for February 15, 1927, it is stated that the number of municipally-owned light and power plants in the United States was 2,581; but that the greatest power system in the world, with the rates the lowest in the world, was the Ontario Hydro-Electric.

Referring to conditions that ought to obtain when people's development is ripe for public ownership, Lyda Parce remarks in her "Economic Determinism," page 148: "When modes of life change, the laws must change correspondingly. And a development in thought which enables society to understand the change as it progresses will, of course, facilitate the change. But if in addition to an intelligent understanding of the transformation, society can rise to the task of directing it into channels chosen on the basis of scientific knowledge, then we may indeed look for the Golden Age."

The moral indicates that what we need is the understanding mentioned above. To develop such in the youth of the country ought to be one of the great ambitions of all labor parties. When the populace acquires that, the move towards public ownership will be both natural and instinctive. This article so far is the irrefutable case for the eventual translation of all public utilities to governmental ownership.

There is, however, often a strong case against immediate transition as when the people are lacking in the understanding referred to above; when they suffer an unscrupulous political machine to reward its adherents with governmental and other "plums" of patronage, or when the majority are willing to turn to any party that throws it backsheesh. Just as long as conditions are like that, just so long will the public have joint stock companies managing their affairs. People can act for themselves only when they have acquired in the mass the understanding referred to above. Only then will they have the industrial sense to choose efficient officials and to guard industrial morality with a referendum and a recall.

When they reach that stage the struggle of the companies for dividends will be changed into the struggle of mankind against nature, and the choice weapon of those days will be crystalized in an industrial government-ownership of the means of life.

F. W. M.

British Government to Continue the Slums

In spite of the fact that 2,000,000 houses are needed in Great Britain, the British government proposes to reduce the subsidy. This subsidy plan was introduced by the Labor government in 1924 and was for the purpose of aiding municipal governments to finance house buildnig, and has proved a huge success, the houses still being in great demand. The following news item gives further details:

Edinburgh.—The annual conference of the National Labor Housing Association, held here, was attended by 150 delegates, most of whom were prominent trade union officials who had come to the city for the Trades Union Congress.

Mr. George Hicks (president of the Trades Union Congress), who presided, declared that the minister of health had informed the country that over 200,000 houses were built in the last financial year.

"He takes pride in that," said Mr. Hicks, "but the urgent need of the country is for 2,000,000 houses at least."

The government was touching only the fringe of the problem. The slums remained untouched. There was no serious effort by the government to mobilize the building resources of the country.

Building For the Rich

As a building worker himself it had always seemed anomalous to him that he and his mates should have been employed building fine villas and mansions for the rich, while the workers were housed in the most miserable conditions. Such a system was evil and unjust.

They had abundant resources in land, materials, labor and finance, yet over three million persons in Britain were condemned to live in slums.

The first essential to a proper solution of the problem was to ensure that people had the means to poy for good housing; the second was to insist on the provision of a decent standard as an absolute minimum.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., as fraternal delegate from the Labor party, said there was no doubt that the Labor government's act—the Wheatley Act of 1924—was mainly responsible for the acceleration of housing schemes.

There were now three times as many Wheatley houses under construction as Chamberlain houses; while two-thirds of the schemes in progress were being undertaken by municipal enterprise.

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Wage Raise Justified, Declares Sir Henry

MONTREAL.—Wage increases recently granted to practically all classes of workers employed by the Canadian National Railways were justified and fairly earned, according to Sir Henry Thornton, president and chairman of the system.

"In four years," he said, "we have seen the net operating earnings of the Canadian National Railways increase from slightly under three million dollars to slightly more than forty-eight million dollars. I do not anticipate that our net earnings this year will be quite as large as they were in 1926, due to the fact that we have increased our wages to the extent of six million dollars.

"These increases were, in my opinion, justified and I have no complaint to make. Such advances as have been made were fairly earned, and I have no doubt we will read the benefit in increased production and increased efficiency.

"After all, it is to the great body of employees that any success we have achieved is due and it is only reasonable to suppose that in this, as in any industry which has made proportionate progress, they have a right to expect a fair share of the profits which their industrious application to their work has earned."

COULDN'T HOOK HIM

Agent: "Just a moment, Mr. Peck. Have a cigar? I'd like to interest you in a motor car."

Mr. Peck: "No, thanks! Wife doesn't allow me to smoke, and it was a motor car we eloped in!"

Union Officials of Street Railwaymen Present Case

Employees of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company presented their case for a proposed revision of the wage and working agreement existing between them and the company, during the week, to the conciliation board in the Court House. An increase of approximately 10 per cent. in wages is asked for all employees, together with provision for holidays with pay.

The board, consisting of Hon. Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald, chairman; Percy R. Bengough, for the employees, and Mr. A. C. McCandless for the company, heard voluminous evidence pertaining to the men's claims.

As a basis for the proposed new agreement, wages paid to public servants such as policemen, firemen, postal clerks and letter-carriers, were cited.

On Cost of Living

W. H. Cottrell presented the case for the men, while W. G. Murrin represented the company. The agreement under which the men are working now expired on September 1. The company is understood to be willing to renew it for a one, two or three-year period, but the men demand a revision in their favor.

Supporting Mr. Cottrell are F. E. Griffin and Ald. Angus MacInnis of Vancouver, H. Bell and A. J. Bond of New Westminster, and E. A. Fox and W. Turner of Victoria.

In presenting the employees' case, Mr. Cottrell offered an estimate of the cost of living in Vancouver at the present time. This he figured as $1,891.48 annually for a family of five living in a six-room house, and paying $30 a month rent.

Unemployment Dangers

No provision was made in this figure, he said, for a sinking fund against old age, or for any serious illness, and consequent unemployment. He pointed out that the whole budget of an employee was necessarily thrown out of gear in the case of illness or nervous breakdown.

The men desire that some provision be made so that illness due to the performance of duties shall not deprive them of an income, Mr. Cottrell declared. Cases of injury in the company service were covered under the Workmen's Compensation Act, he pointed out.

Affects 1,700 Men

Seventeen hundred men and their families were subject to the agreement, said Mr. Cottrell. What they desired was a fair wage sufficient to enable them to maintain a decent standard of living. The budget as presented made no provision for amusements, tobacco or school books for children. Motormen and conductors were receiving at the present time an average of $125, said Mr. Cottrell.

Mr. Murrin objected, declaring that the average was in excess of $125. Mr. Cottrell stated that he would present evidence on the point later.

Mr. Murrin also objected to the inclusion of motor bus and truck bus drivers in any proposed agreement. The company would not consent to their inclusion, and, if the conciliation board were to rule otherwise, he said, the company would close down the bus services. They were running them at a loss, he declared.

Bus Drivers Question

Mr. Cottrell replied that he could not agree to their exclusion. He was surprised at the attitude of the company's representative, he said, since there had been no objection to their inclusion in the preliminary discussion. The bus drviers were members of the Street Railwaymen's Union, and the men could not agree to any separate treatment for them, he declared.

Mr. Cottrell then proceeded to show that the company's employees were subject to greater individual responsibility and greater physical and nervous strain than ever before. This was due to increased auto traffic, he said, and the speeding up of service on all company lines.

Subject to Strain

The situation is aggravated in the summer season by the presence of more than 93,000 automobiles from the United States, by parking of automobiles on crowded streets and by the carelessness of auto drivers of all ages, he added.

Mr. Murrin asked that in view of the auto traffic figures submitted, would the men persist in stating that the company had a monopoly of passenger transportation.

Mr. Cottrell replied that the men recognized the difficulties of the company and desired their solution. Meanwhile, he said, they were aware that the company was carrying six million passengers monthly and doing well in a business way.

The Open Door

Mr. George Hicks, who presided over sessions of the Trades Union Congress at Edinburgh, makes some comments on the decisions of Congress relating to the Russian Trade Unions and to the minority movement in Great Britain which the leaders of the Russian unions and members of the minority movement would do well to ponder.

"We have not shut the door against further meetings," he says. "The door is still open for a friendly agreement as soon as the Russian comrades realize that the T. U. C. and the general council are the responsible trade union authorities in Great Britain." In saying this, Mr. Hicks interprets the intentions of the overwhelming majority of the delegates at Edinburgh.

For Russia, qua Russia, there is universal goodwill among the organized workers of this country. It is recognized that, amid a myriad difficulties, that country is carrying through the greatest experiment in working-class history. For this reason alone the British workers, of the right wing and centre as well as of the left, desire to give their Russian comrades every possible aid. They have protested against the successive acts of aggression of the Baldwin government; they will do all in their power to frustrate any future extensions of those acts of aggression.

But on their side the Russians must realize that for generations the British workers have been accustomed to the ideas of democracy, to threshing out their differences by reason and argument, to regarding their unions as instruments for securing steady economic and political gains rather than media for bringing about revolutionary upheavals.

There is no disposition in this country to dictate to the Russians what their methods shall be, and all that the British workers ask is that, reciprocally, there shall be no outside attempt to dictate to them. If the reflective and well-intentioned men and women in both countries realize this, and act upon it, the "friendly agreement" which Mr. Hicks envisions may become an actuality at no remote time.

To the minority movement Mr. Hicks addresses the reminder that Congress "will not submit tamely to abuse and surcrility as substitute for ideas and criticism." There is plenty of room in the British Trade Union movement for the free play of ideas. and for constructive criticism, whencesoever it comes. But vituperation is not argument, and the sooner the members of the minority movement realize that the better for them—and for Russia.—Daily Herald.

Death of R. S. Ward Is Loss to Members

WINNIPEG.—Profound regret was expressed on all sides when it became known last week that R. S. Ward, chairman of the Manitoba Workmen's Compensation Board, had died while en route for Moncton, N. B., to visit his old home.

Mr. Ward was an active member of the International Association of Machinists and was one of the early advocates in this province for a workmen's compensation act based upon compulsory state insurance and collective liability and to be administered by a commission.

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Soon—not so long off—we can be moaning: "Now is the winter of our discontent." Sort of pessimistic, are we not?

One-third of the moving pictures made in Germany are short comedies.

PREVENTING CRIME

Europe deals with crime through prevention rather than punishment. This is the word of Dr. Louis Robinson of the National Crime Commission. Here we punish harder, but over there they punish a greater number. Over there they rely on the police more than on the jails. Their effort is to keep crime down by watchfulness rather than to depend so much on punishment.

The world of tomorrow will see little improvement in ways of punishing. It is to be hoped it will see much improvement in prevention and cure.

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COST OF LIVING FIGURES— (Continued from page 1)

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House Rent.—While there is a difference in the cost of rent in the various parts of the city, I have estimated that the average rent paid by the Street Railwaymen is not less than $30 per month or, per year		360.00
Clothing for Man.—1 uniform suit a year and extra pair of uniform trousers	29.00	
1 uniform cap	1.25	
5 shirts per year at $1.75	8.75	
8 pairs of socks per year at 60c	4.80	
Collars, ties, shaving materials	6.00	
Underwear, per year	8.00	
1 hat	3.00	60.80
Clothing for wife.—I have estimated that at least the wife should have $60.00 a year for clothing, and this, of course, provides for only modest and cheap plain clothes		60.00
Clothing for children.—Clothing for three children, per year, I have estimated will cost at least $25.00 each		75.00
Boots and shoes for three children, 3 pairs each at $3.00 a pair	$27.00	
Man, 2 pairs of shoes, $7.00 each	14.00	
2 pairs of rubbers, $1.25 pair	2.50	
Wife, 2 pairs of shoes, $6.00 per pair	12.00	
Pair of rubbers for wife	1.25	
Repairing of shoes for the family, per year	10.00	66.75
Furniture and utensils.—3 brooms per year at 65c each	$1.95	
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4 electric light globes at 55c each, per year	2.20	
Stove utensils and polishes, tinware, etc., per year	2.50	
Shoe polish, laces and necessities of that kind, year	2.00	
Renewal of furniture and bedding and keeping up the household effects for the year	100.00	109.65
Insurance, per year, covering the family should be at least		60.00
Union dues, per year, covering sick benefit and medical attendance		40.80
Street car fares, for family (85c per week), per year		44.20
Extras for Christmas		15.00
Evening papers, magazines and literature (per month $1.05), per year		12.60
Doctor bills and medicine for the family not covered by medical association, per year		30.00
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Recreation—Family attending one concert per year	2.00	
For summer recreation for entire family	10.00	12.00
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STRONG CASE PUT UP—

(Continued from page 1)

cording to the terms of the agreement. Consequently, the relations between the company and the Association have usually been of an amicable nature.

The present agreement has been in operation since September 1st, 1924. The agreement immediately prior to that was for one year from September 1st, 1923, and at that time we received a slight increase in wages as the result of a conciliation award. In September, 1924, after considerable negotiations with the company, we signed an agreement which gave the same rate of wages to motormen and conductors, mechanics and car repairers, etc., in Vancouver, but gave also a decrease to one-man car operators in Victoria and to trackmen and car cleaners over the whole system.

At this time we are asking for an increase of approximately 10 per cent. to the wages of motormen and conductors, and varying increases to other departments as set out in the association's proposed agreement; also certain alterations in working conditions.

UPHOLSTERERS UNION

At the North West Conference of the Upholsterers Int. Union held on Sunday last, Sept. 25th, at Seattle, J. W. Gordon and J. Chapple attended as delegates from Local No. 26, Upholsterers.

J. Chapple was elected vice president. On Oct. 24th, the Pacific Coast Conference will be held at Portland where J. Chapple will represent the Local also.

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Junior Labor League

The next regular meeting of the Junior Labor League will be held Friday, September 30, at the home of Bro. Jack Ferguson, 339 Fifty-eighth Avenue East, South Vancouver.

Election and installation of officers for the coming year will be the business of the evening, after which the program for the coming year will be discussed.

It was suggested at the meeting last Friday that it would be a good idea to change the program for the coming year and have more socials such as concerts and theatricals with an occasional educational night. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present at this meeting and help to make the Junior Labor League bigger and better than ever.

R. S. FERGUSON,
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The Labor Movement

15 Years Ago

Vancouver Island coal miners strike. Chinese and Japanese out also. Bosses offer Chniese $1 a day increase; refused.

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Metaliferous miners of District No. 6 vote 20 to 1 in a referendum for a wage increase.

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Premier McBride refuses a delegation of coal miners any assurance of taking steps to bring about a settlement.

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Organizers George Heatherton and C. O. (Dad) Young arrived in Vancouver to assist in the organization of workers in the lumbering and shingle industry.

10 Years Ago

Employees of the Pacific Dredging Company strike and win wage increase of 25c a day.

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Civic Employees put in demand for $3.25 a day.

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B. T. Rogers (Sugar Refinery) lays in a $15,000 stock of booze after beating his employees in a strike for more wages.

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A banquet and dance was given in the Dominion Hall by the International Longshoremen's Association. Locals 38-52, to celebrate the solidarity of the seamen, cooks, butchers, bakers, stewards and pantrymen of the Niagara, who refused to do a thing on the boat until the employers had reached a satisfactory settlement with the striking longshoremen.

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Cold storage plants in Vancouver are filled to the roofs, but food prices are still going up. The Borden government blames "high prices" on the war.

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The wood dealers of Vancouver have raised prices to "help win the war."

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It has just been learned that draft after draft of soldiers refused to fire on the Berlin (Germany) strikers, who were demanding more food or peace. Fourteen to 19-year-old boy soldiers were eventually persuaded to fire on the people.

J. S. Woodsworth, Labor member in the Federal House for Winnipeg, North, will be in the city next week. We are informed that he will be in New Westminster on Monday, but we do not know whether he is to address a meeting there on that day or at a later date.

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.75	Hydrogen Peroxide, 16 oz.	.39	
.19	Electric Light Globes	2 for .26	
.85	Finest Extract of Malt, 3-lb. tins	.55	
1.50	Bath Spray	.82	
.50	Aristocrat Cleaning Fluid	.27	
.25	Olive Oil (original 4 oz tins)	.16	
.98	Condiment Sets	.62	
.50	Mum (Deodorant)	.26	
.35	Puritall Lemon Shampoo	.19	
1.50	Alarm Clocks	.91	
1.00	Gillette Blades	.61	
.60	Liquid Veneer	.42	
.75	Finest Quality Hospital Cotton, per lb.	.42	
.20	Scottissue Toilet Paper, 4 for	.45	
1.00	Auto Strop Blades	.63	
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.35	Djer-Kiss Talcum (White)	.21	

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