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Trades Council Wants Crossing Eliminated

Railway Commissioners to Hear Delegation—Japanese Workers Affiliated with Council—Plasterers and Laborers Enforce Agreement

ELIMINATION OF THE RAILWAY GRADE crossings in the vicinity of Carrall Street and opposition to an overhead bridge was endorsed by the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council on Tuesday evening. A communication to this effect and three delegates to back it up will be sent to the meeting at the City Hall at which the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada will hold sittings on the subject.

The Trades Council has voiced its opposition to the grade crossing on many occasions, so the delegates thought the time opportune to press their opposition along with other organizations and the City Council.

Five Japanese delegates from the Mill and Camp Workers' Union No. 31, representing over 600 workers, were obligated and seated amid applause.

Reporting for the Grievance Committee, Del. Page stated that the complaint regarding the Graphic Arts Show at the Spencer building was over and that no further action could be taken. He stated that a non-union moving picture operator was engaged to operate there, but with the aid of Geo. Gerrard, the man had been removed. Del. Page asked that all grievances in future be taken up with the committee before council meetings.

Reporting for the Organization Committee, Del. McDonald informed the council that the committee had installed the officers for the Mill and Camp Workers' Union. Good progress was also being made in the formation of an active Label Trades Committee. In adding to this report, Del. Bengough informed the council that the members of the Japanese Workers' Union, which owned the "Daily People," had not only given considerable assistance in getting out the paper but had recently paid for a new press for the paper.

Reporting for the Press Committee, Delegate Woods informed the council that considerable improvement had been shown in the financial condition of the Labor Statesman during the past two months.

President Thomson informed the council that after an interview with Mr. Harvie of the Harbor Board, on the subject of laborers doing mechanics work, he was promised that the matter would be straightened out. Further information on the subject was requested.

Del. Flynn informed the council that the question of two or six candidates in the city for the provincial election had again come before the C. L. P. and that it had been defeated. He hoped that the "question is now at an end."

Del. Gilbert informed the council that the Teamsters' Union were pleased to note the report in the Labor Statesman that efforts were going to be made to get every union man in the city to wear the T. & L. C. button. He stated that he hoped that it would apply to the building material carriers. Twelve new applications had been made for membership.

President Thomson informed the council that the Pile Drivers' Union had made arrangements with the contractors to hold a meeting to discuss the best method for hoisting signals in order to insure safety for the men working on the job.

Del. Pettipiece (Engineers) informed the council that an organization of Steam Shovel and Dredgemen had been formed and asked that an invitation be sent them to affiliate with the council.

Del. Stevenson (Carpenters) reported that trade was quiet, but four new members had been initiated.

Painters reported trade fair; one new member initiated.

Plumbers reported trade fair and most men working.

Upholsterers reported that further organization efforts were being planned in an effort to enroll carpet layers, tapestry and window shade hangers.

Electrical Workers May Amalgamate

The first steps were taken recently in a proposal to amalgamate the Electrical Workers' Union 310 (Telephone) with Electrical Workers' Union 213 (Light and Power). At a recent meeting of Local 310 a motion was made to ask Local 213 to express its opinion on the question and on Monday evening Local 213 approved of the suggestion and a committee was struck off to find out upon what terms Local 310 wanted to return to Local 213.

Twelve new applicants for membership were turned down by Local 213, four were referred to the examining committee and two were initiated. The local approved of the plan to go 50-50 with the Sheet Metal Workers' Union in signing up an electric sign firm in the city.

Woodsworth To Speak At Several Meetings

J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., Winnipeg North Centre, while on a visit to the coast, will speak at a series of meetings to be held under the auspices of Independent Labor Party in Vancouver and surrounding districts.

The first meeting will be held on Friday evening in Municipal Hall, Forty-third avenue and Fraser street, South Vancouver. On Sunday evening he will speak in Columbia Theatre, 64 Hastings street west; also at North Vancouver in the afternoon.

Next week meetings will be held as follows: Tuesday evening at Broadview. On Wednesday Mr. Woodsworth will address a meeting of Native Sons; Thursday he will be at Vancouver Heights; Friday at Jubilee; Saturday at the International Club; and Sunday at New Westminster.

All workers are urged to attend these meetings and receive first-hand information covering the political situation in Canada from Labor's viewpoint.

J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., spoke at a well attended meeting in St. George's Hall, New Westminster, on Monday evening last. The speaker gave a very interesting and instructive review of happenings in the federal house. Frank A. Browne, M.L.A., was chairman.

Trades and Labor Council Working Button (Blue) for the last quarter of 1927.

Big Noise Comes to Aid Local Communists

An effort was made last Friday to get the Greater Vancouver Central Council of the C. L. P. to change its recent action in placing six candidates in the field for the city of Vancouver, but it was turned down flat. The Communists were there in full force, even going so far as to remove one of their seven delegates from the English branch to make Malcolm Bruce of Toronto a delegate specially for the occasion. There was considerable discussion on the subject, as well as some personalities, but when the question was put, those who favored a new policy in electing Labor candidates were snowed under.

This subject took up so much time that the discussion on the election platform did not take place, so will be laid over for the next meeting.

South Van. I. L. P. Meets October 14

The next regular business meeting of the South Vancouver I. L. P. will be held in the Horticultural Hall, Forty-third and Fraser, on Friday, October 14th, at 8 p.m.

Several important matters will be dealt with at this meeting, including reports of committees for the winter activities. All members should make an effort to be present.

A series of open meetings will be held throughout the season commencing with October 28th and continuing on the fourth Friday of each month throughout. A speaker and a subject will be chosen for each of these meetings, followed by a general discussion. H. W. Speed will be the first speaker, subject "Can the Working Class Improve Their Condition Under Capitalism." Everybody welcome. —H. W. S.

Union Labor Helps Improve Conditions

Union men are often called agitators but they are educators and are prepared to give the employer the best that they can for a decent wage, said Mr. Leon Worthall, Canadian organizer for the Barbers' Union, in an address to workers in that trade in Vancouver last Friday. Organized labor has aided in improving the conditions of the workers by industrial and legislative action and the men who remained outside of the organization were a menace to his fellow workers, he said. He enjoys the benefits of organized labor, the benefits that hard work and loyal co-operation of union men had obtained, but remains a barrier to further progress when he does not pay dues and sit in at the union meetings.

The union had proven a benefit even to the bosses, because it had helped to institute a uniform scale of charges. If every union man was to quit right now, he said, there would be an immediate cut-throat competition, and prices and wages would be slashed.

He commended the local officers on their activities and hoped that all local members of the profession would eventually find their way into the organization. Refreshments were served and several artists entertained the audience.

The man who wants but little here below is below the average wanter.

B.C.E. Employees Want Vacations With Pay

Constant Nervous Tension is An Important Factor in Breaking Down Men's Health—Present Wages Not Sufficient for Holidays

B. C. ELECTRIC RAILWAY EMPLOYEES are attempting to obtain a clause in their new agreement with the company, that calls for holidays with pay. Besides their various and well founded reasons for vacations, the employees contend that their present wage does not permit them to lay off sufficiently long enough at any one period to be called a holiday. In presenting their case on this subject to the Conciliation Board, composed of Hon. Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald, chairman, P. R. Bengough for the employees, and A. C. McCandless for the company, W. H. Cottrell said:

Mr. Chairman, we are asking for holidays with pay for all employees, and surely this is something that is absolutely necessary to men in the employ of a street railway company. The principle is recognized for office men and for men working in stores, etc., and we contend that it is even more necessary to men working in the actual operation and maintenance of a street railway system. Take, for example, the case of the platform men. There is no doubt that such work is a strain on a man's health. The constant nervous tension of keeping your car on its schedule, and seeing that no accidents occur is an important factor in breaking down a man's nervous system.

The constant noise, rattle, shaking, and banging around curves, and thumping over intersections is another factor that is wrecking the general health of the men. It is the common report of the physician to the street car men: "You'll have to get off the cars for a time; your kidneys will not stand the shaking and bumping around on the cars, and your nerves are going to pieces."

The unremitting strain of shaking about and nervous tension tells on a man's constitution and his only remedy is to reduce the tension by temporary lay-offs and forced vacations without pay, which, of course, entail a corresponding shrinkage in his earnings.

Bad On the Eyes

Another factor that is entering more and more into the work is the constant eye-strain. I venture to say that no body of men are feeling the increased road traffic under modern conditions more than the street car men.

The necessity for an annual holiday for all workers is admitted on all sides and the only question is the inability of the average worker to afford to take it unless his pay is continued.

We contend that the industry should pay this, just as it pays for the holidays of the office men. This principle is gradually being accepted, and where it would not have been possible at one time to point to the existence of such a rule, today we can refer to places which have in their agreements definite clauses covering holidays.

DAIRY EMPLOYEES HOLD THEIR FIRST DANCE

Their first whist drive and dance of the season was held by the Milk Wagon Drivers' and Dairy Employees' Union on Wednesday evening in the Ambassador. There was a fairly good attendance and barrels of fun. All kinds of novelties were given away as well as streamers and kisses. There was quite a number of young people there, which, with a first class orchestra, helped to create a lively atmosphere. During the next five months one will be held at the same place on the first Wednesday in the month.

Bankrupt Cafe Not Likely to Pay Wages

The Good Eats Cafe went into bankruptcy in first class style, according to a creditors' meeting on Wednesday, October 5th, 1927. Over $600 in wages were owing and some $12,000 for government taxes, rent, mortgage and lien notes. Just what amount the tradesmen had coming was not revealed, but it is assumed that $30,000 would be a fair estimate. It transpired that nearly all the equipment in the Good Eats had a lien attached. The prospects for a wage settlement seems very remote and the necessity for an amendment to the present existing laws to make wages a prior claim is further demonstrated.

So far the highest bid for the Good Eats Cafe was $4,000, but it also transpired that nine months ago an offer of $20,000 was rejected. Depreciation has been very rapid since this cafe started to operate as a non-union house.

The months of July and August this year both showed a deficit over receipts. These months are reckoned as two of the best months to Vancouver caterers, as considerable transit business is conducted during the tourist season from May to September.

Plasterers Strike To Help Laborers

Plasterers and laborers went on strike last week to enforce an agreement between the two unions whereby each would only work with union men. Quite a number of non-union laborers were eliminated from the jobs after the employers recognized that they had to employ union labor if the jobs were to be finished. Quite a number of jobs were involved but they were quickly cleaned up and only two small firms refused to meet the demands. The work for these firms is still tied up.

The Building Trades Council has been successful in lining up a city firm that makes electric signs, to employ union labor only. This will be under the jurisdiction of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union and the Electrical Workers' Union.

Secretary Page of the Building Trades Council, made a further report to the effect that the work on the big Bridge River project would be carried out by a union firm.

WOODSWORTH TO SPEAK IN NORTH VANCOUVER

J. S. Woodsworth, Labor M.P. for Winnipeg, will speak in the K. P. Hall, North Vancouver, on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., under the auspices of the North Vancouver I. L. P. Comrade Anderson will occupy the chair. Admission free. Come yourself and bring a friend.

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SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

PRE-EMPTIONS

Vacant, unreserved, surveyed Crown lands may be pre-empted by British subjects over 18 years of age, and by aliens on declaring intention to become British subjects, conditional upon residence, occupation, and improvement for agricultural purposes.

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.

Food Costs More Since Last Increase

The Street Railway Employees' Union representatives are asking for an average increase of 50c per day. This, they contend, is only covering the increase in the cost of living since their last increase in 1923. The following table, which they presented to the Conciliation Board, shows that the increase in a few food items in Vancouver has been more than one dollar a week. Fuel, clothing, rent and amusements make up the balance, hence their demand cannot be classed as anything else but fair. The following items were taken from the Labor Gazette, published by the Department of Labor at Ottawa:

Commodities	June 1923	July 1927
2 lbs. beef (sirloin stk.	.70.2	.75.8
2 lbs. beef, sh'lder rst.	.31	.39
1 lb. veal, shoulder	.25.3	.24.9
1 lb. mutton, roast	.38.1	.39.6
1 lb. pork, leg	.29.9	.36.9
2 lbs. pork, salt	.59.6	.62.2
1 lb. bacon, breakfast	.45.5	.46.8
2 lbs. lard, pure	.44.6	.44
1 doz. eggs, fresh	.35	.35.6
1 doz. eggs, storage	.30	.31.2
6 qts. milk	.54	.66.6
2 lbs. butter, dairy (solid)	.76.4	.85.2
1 lb. butter, creamery (prints)	.46.1	.47.3
1 lb. cheese, old	.34.3	.30.6
1 lb. cheese, new	.34.3	.30.6
15 lbs. bread, plain white	1.00.5	1.50
10 lbs. flour, family	.46	.58
5 lbs. rolled oats	.29	.31.5
2 lbs. rice	.16.2	.19
2 lbs. beans	.14.8	.13
1 lb. apples, evap'd.	.21.6	.18.2
1 lb. prunes, red	.16.9	.12.6
4 lbs. sugar, gran.	.48	.31.6
2 lbs. sugar, yellow	.23	.14.8
¼ lb. tea, black	.16.3	.16.6
¼ lb. tea, green	.16.3	.16.6
¼ lb. coffee	.12.5	.13.6
30 lbs. potatoes	.61	1.02.8
⅛ pint vinegar	.01.4	.01.5
1-3 lb. starch	.03.5	.03.9
	$11.48.8	$12.00

Cost per week for family of five as per Labor Gazette statistics:

VANCOUVER	$12.00
Dominion average	10.92
British Columbia average	11.96
Alberta average	10.86
Saskatchewan average	10.98
Manitoba average	10.34
Ontario average	11.01
Quebec average	10.13
New Brunswick average	10.84
Prince Edward Isld. average	9.82
Nova Scotia average	10.63

This shows actual figures for July, 1927, Vancouver is higher than the Dominion average; higher than the British Columbia average, and higher than the average for any province in the Dominion.

Street Railway Co's. Business Increasing

In their demand for a wage increase the B. C. Electric Railway Employees showed by means of the following chart that the company's business, in its major operations, is steadily increasing:

	Passengers Carried	Increase over previous year
1923	67,441,695	
1924	69,585,740	2,144,045
1925	71,796,794	2,211,054
1926	74,837,724	3,040,930
Total increase over 1923,		7,396,029

Electricity	K.W.H. output at Generating Stat's.	Increase over previous year
1923	330,147,116	
1924	351,152,036	21,004,920
1925	387,152,960	35,000,924
		56,005,844

Gas Output	Cubic feet
1923	759,585,800
1924	769,951,200
1925	837,774,700
1926	954,806,000

The Company states "That this Company is not making a fair return on its investment in its railway properties."

The above statistics and charts built on same certainly show a steady increase in business in all departments of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and this is particularly remarkable in view of the Company's statement.

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Remember, "Eternal vigilance is the price of safety"

ALWAYS

Be Careful of Fire

Canada's Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9 to 15

Trades Union Directory

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 second and 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 315, 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, 1951 Howe St.

Hod Carriers and Building Laborers, No. 602, International. Meets first and third Friday in month at Holden Building. President, C. Lawson, 1332 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 8 p.m. President Thos. Edwards, Sec.-Treas. Harry Wood, Business Agent. Phone Sey. 125.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Local 178 — United Brotherhood of Carpenters — Meets every first and third Wednesday of each month in 316 Holden Building, at 8 p.m. President, Mrs. Mickels, High. 1031Y; secretary, Miss Gibbons, Fair. 343L.

Lathers, Wood, Wire and Metal, International Union, Local 307 — Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays in month, at room 308 Holden Bldg. President, H. P. Fulljames, 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. 3222R.

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, 3728 30th W. Secretary A. Patterson 8179 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, 302 8th St., North Van.; secretary, Wm. Quigley, 2083 2nd Ave. W., Box 894.

Railway Carmen of America, Lodge No. 98—Meets first and third Friday in month at Cotillon 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', Journeymen 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, 380 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, C. W. Allen; Secretary, Gordon Martin. Business address, P. O. Box 711.

Typographical Union, No. 226—President, C. S. Campbell; vice-president, R. Gouthro; 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. MacDonald, Box 265. Secretary, Frank Derry, Box 498, Prince Rupert, B.C.

More Pay For Greater Responsibilities

In the present arbitration case of the B. C. Electric Railway Employees, W. H. Cottrell, representing the men, described the increasing responsibilities of the men on all car lines and, then proceeded to show that the conciliation board which dealt with the employees' case in 1921, recommended that wages should be increased with responsibilities.

The statement in the majority award of the Conciliation Board in 1921 says:

"In the event of the Company operating one-man cars on any part of their system, we recommend that the men so operating them be paid at schedule rates plus ten per cent.

"We make this recommendation for the reason that it has been shown to us that on these cars the man's duties will be more exacting and his responsibilities greater, and as it will likely call for some of the best men the company have, we feel that they should be recompensed accordingly."

This statement, said W. H. Cottrell, shows very clearly, Mr. Chairman, that the Board recognized the principle that: "Should the duties of the men become more exacting and their responsibilities greater, their wages should be increased accordingly."

So that at the offset, Mr. Chairman, I do not believe that there will be any serious objection raised to this principle when the chairman of the 1921 award and the company's representative made the statement and the company accepted it.

The principle certainly seems a sound and logical one and we claim that our work generally has become more exacting and our responsibilities greater, particularly during the last few years, and certain statistics and data which we propose to place before the Board will undoubtedly prove our contention.

Increased Traffic Strain On Carmen

In the arbitration proceedings of the B. C. Electric Railway, the employees showed that the increase in the number of motor vehicles and the speeding up of the service was a continued strain on the nerves of the carmen. The following table shows the increase in motor vehicle traffic in Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria:

1924—There were 47,615 motor vehicle licenses issued throughout the province of British Columbia.

During the year 1925 there were 55,657 licenses issued throughout the province of British Columbia, of which 24,264 were issued in Vancouver, 7,677 in Victoria and 7,143 in New Westminster.

During the year 1926 there were 67,012 licenses issued throughout the province, of which 29,150 were issued in Vancouver, 9,305 in Victoria and 8,925 in New Westminster.

The following American cars were admitted into British Columbia during the year 1926 for touring purposes:

47,060 for a period not exceeding 24 hours.

93,449 for a period not exceeding one month, and 217 for a period exceeding one month, but not exceeding six months.

Motor vehicle licenses issued during the first six months of 1926 and 1927:

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1927	68,717

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Over the Teacups

By TEEPEE

Packed in a street car the other day, feeling very much like a sardine, I, in company with others, could not help overhearing a discussion on reading between two ladies immediately in front. One, it seemed, was very fond of reading; the other never read; couldn't settle to a book, and hadn't the time, anyhow. What a pity! Of course she did not know what she had missed, but those who do read would know, and knowing wonder at any ordinarily intelligent person not caring to read. As a recreation nothing can beat it. You may love games, dancing, hiking, etc., but you cannot play and dance and hike all the time, and scarcely for short periods, and there are many who cannot afford the first two. But you can pick up a book or magazine at any time, for any length of time. If you travel down-town, you can carry your book with you and snatch a few minutes at lunch or on the street car. You can read for recreation; from an educational point of view, or merely as a safety valve. But read. You will be delighted to find undreamed-of fields opening out before you. If you do not sleep easily, don't try counting sheep, try reading for half-an-hour, something—at that hour, of course—not too heavy or exciting.

As for not having time, it is an absolute fact that we can make time. It has to be done for many other things; it can be done for reading if the would-be reader is wise enough to limit it to sensible proportions. Folks who say they never read because they simply can't put a book down until it is finished are going to an extreme. When they don't read at all for want of time, they are going to the other extreme. Better one chapter at a time than no reading at all. I once knew a woman who really was terribly rushed and busy with a large family. She used to prop up a book at the kitchen sink, read as she washed the dishes, even just a paragraph or two, and think about what she was reading as she went along.

Of course, you might say she could have hurried over the dishes and read comfortably in the few extra minutes left, but at least she read, and she chose her reading carefully; books by acknowledgedly fine writers, who know their subjects. Even if she did not, on the whole, care for the book, she felt she got something out of it—a new or broader viewpoint. Of fiction, men, taking them by and large, seem to prefer action, while women lean more to studies of family life, or character. Of the latter, two writers seem to be general favorites—Kathleen Norris and Edna Ferber. Their stories are of every day people who might live on your street; people who are facing the same problems as you yourself. A few of us still get a kick out of imagining ourselves the heroine alone on a desert island with a dangerous man or two, but the average woman will settle herself in the second easiest chair (we are still old-fashioned enough to leave Dad the easiest) with the light over her left shoulder, if she's wise, and find out just how other women tackle life. The big adventures are for the few, and when you realize, even through the mdeium of a story book, how many thousand women are pondering over the same every day problems, your own don't seem so bad, after all.

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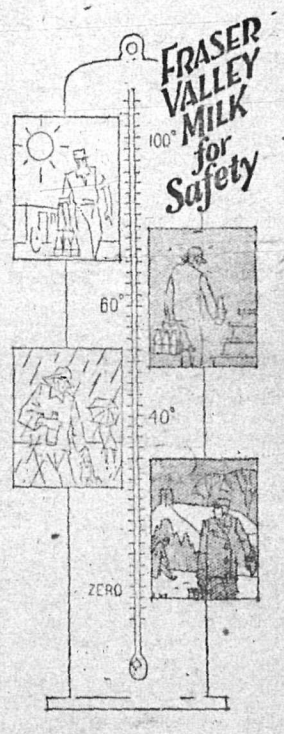

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The receipts are not expected to be record breaking, because of the considerable numbers of oil tankers which went through in ballast to take on cargo; but at that, Uncle Sam will make a tidy sum of money on his Big Ditch. In the same month, 17 warships used the canal, including one German and two Japanese cruisers.

THIS IS A BAD ONE

"Sssh—this is a gossipy place."

"Sssh—why?"

"Sssh—even the rooms comunicate with one another."

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OLD-AGE PENSIONS

The Old-age Pensions is now about to be brought into force in British Columbia.

The outstanding requirements of the Act are that the applicant shall be a British subject or a widow who lost her British citizenship through her husband being a foreigner, that the applicant is 70 years or over, that he or she has resided in Canada 20 years and in British Columbia five years immediately prior to the date of the application, and is not in receipt of an income of as much as $365 per year. Applications have for some weeks been received by the Workmen's Compensation Board, which is to administer the Act. The application form is a lengthy series of questions, directed to bring out the evidence that the applicant fits inside the foregoing requirements.

That the applicant is a British subject is usually proved either by the place of birth or by certificate of naturalization.

Age may be proved by birth certificate, or by various other records, such as marriage certificate, lodge or insurance applications or age as given on registering the birth of a child.

Residence in Canada or in British Columbia is proved by a sworn statement made by some person who is able to make the declaration of their own knowledge. The required form is supplied by the board.

The maximum pension payable is $240 per year. If the applicant has an income of $125 per year or less, the maximum will be paid, but if the income is $150 the pension payable will be $215 per year, and in this manner as the income exceeds $125 per year, the pension is reduced until where the income amounts to $365 no pension is payable.

"Income" for the purpose of the Act means more than the actual monies received. A person may own $10,000 worth of unproductive land and therefore have no income to meet this kind of a situation. The Act provides that property of any description, whether producing any returns or not, shall be considered as producing five per cent. per year on its value. The effect of this is that a home valued at $2,500 has an income value of $125 per year. This will still permit the payment of the maximum pension but as the value passes the $2,500 mark, the pension is reduced. Pension is payable to both husband and wife and for the purpose of discovering the income of each, the total income of both is added together and divided by two. In this way, where both are living, a home or property up to $5,000 may be owned without interfering with the pension.

The Act contains provision whereby a person who in all other respects is eligible but who possesses more than the permitted value in property may obtain the pension and the government will recoup itself from his estate after death.

One section of the Act would seem to indicate that in a case where there are children fairly able to assist in maintaining the parents and refuse to do so, the government may claim a refund of the amount paid to the parent from his estate. Just what value may be given to this provision no one is yet able to definitely state, but the writer would suggest that between the maximum pension payable, $240, and the maximum income permitted, $365, there is room for the children to meet the situation. The application form contains the rather threatening question: "Are you willing to transfer your property to the pension authority?" Where in the course of ordinary justice and fairness, "no" would be the answer, the applicant should answer it in that way, and rely that there would be no unfavorable consequences.

To meet the situation in which there may have been a transfer of property to enable the applicant to qualify for pension, the pension authority is authorized to investigate any transfer of property made within the five years prior to application for pension.

One-half of the amount of the pension is paid by the federal government and the other by the provincial. To be eligible for pension in British Columbia the applicant must have resided in the province five years, but if the applicant has resided in the province five years only, the province will only put up 5-20ths of the maximum pension and the Dominion will do the same, consequently $5 per month is all this pensioner can obtain. If the number of years in the province were ten, the amount would be ten dollars, and so on until the maximum of twenty dollars is obtained through twenty years' residence in the province. Up to the present time British Columbia and possibly the Yukon territory are the only parts of Canada which have decided to accept the Old-age pension scheme. When a province in which a pensioner resided part of the last twenty years accepts the pension scheme the full amount of the pension will be paid and British Columbia will secure from the province in question a proportionate share of the amount paid.

Notwithstanding the assurance of the daily press we find on enquiry that no one is in a position to say when the Act may be brought into effect. While the administering board are accepting applications and getting matters into shape, the Act can only become operative when the provincial government, with the consent of the federal government, issues a proclamation to that effect and unless the proclamation, when issued, is made retroactive the first cheques could not be sent out for a month after the date of the proclamation. While we have no information we would guess that the Act will be brought into operation within the next seven days. —M.

INEFFICIENT LABOR

Efforts that are to be made next week to propagate the idea of fire prevention is worthy of serious consideration. When a worker's home goes up in smoke, the loss is one that is often not easily recovered, hence it is always advisable to take all the necessary precautions. There are fatures, however, that are not always within the power of the workers to forestall. Quite a large number of fires are caused, according to reports made by the fire marshall, by defective wiring, chimneys and fireplaces. In other words, this generally means that some incompetent or non-union mechanic has been on the job. There are all kinds of so-called mechanics attempting to work at the trades, but the unions attempt to keep these out until they have sufficient knowledge of the work. An instance of this occurred only recently in the Electrical Workers' Union, where about eighteen men who had been working at the trade for non-union contractors, were obliged to make application for membership in the union. Only six of these were able to pass the examining committee of the union, the others being refused admittance. This same thing applies to bricklayers in building chimneys and fireplaces. Some people think it is easy to lay bricks, but when it comes to doing a proper job it takes a man of long experience at the trade and not one who obtains his so-called knowledge through the medium of books.

Another union that is vitally affected by fires is the City Fire Fighters's Union. Quite a number of these men have lost their lives during the past years and a very large number have been injured and incapacitated. The above causes and effects should be seriously considered by all workers.

EUROPE IN ARMS

Perhaps the most impressive passage in all the long debate at Geneva was the one in the speech of Mr. Cielens, the Socialist Foreign Minister of Latvia, in which he pointed out that the military expenditure of Europe is today as great as in 1913, despite the fact that four States have been compulsorily disarmed. In 1913 Europe was all but avowedly preparing for the war which came a year later. Today, in spite of all talk of disarmament, she is equally vigorously preparing for—what?

What's become of the old-fashioned man who used to think a girl's cheeks were that way because she was healthy?

Two Candidates Plan Still Live Issue

Commenting on matters relative to the September meeting of the Canadian Labor Party, it was very apparent that factions within the party have not taken into full consideration the merits of their executive's recommendation.

It is a well known fact within the ranks of Labor that many votes that should be recorded to Labor's candidates are lost because the individual is of the opinion that it is impossible to elect their candidates, and taking into consideration that the political views of the industrial movement is the personal property of each individual, and is not in any way pledged to support any political party, the only logical solution to gain adherents to the Canadian Labor Party is by adopting a policy that would, in all likelihood, alter the views of those who are at present in need of being convinced that with the wholehearted support of Labor their ideals can be achieved. The policy of running a full slate in recent elections has been anything but satisfactory. Instead of demonstrating the strength of the Labor movement, it has shown the reverse. The delegates who sponsored the policy of running two candidates were more concerned in placing them in the legislature, believing that the building up of the party rested upon results achieved in the elections, and realizing the moral support of the rank and file is an acquisition far greater than the financial end.

However, it appears that the provincial election may not be held for many months yet, and by that time it may be again considered or reconsidered, to at least try out the policy of running two candidates, and if the results do not measure up to expectations it will prove conclusively that the idea is not worth further consideration.

HARRY WOOD,
Chairman, Press Committee.

Correspondence

Editor, Labor Statesman:

Comrade,—We take this opportunity to applaud you for your fight last Friday, and of those who aided you, in attempting to introduce a campaign policy that, in my humble opinion, is needed to help get Labor members into the provincial house. You did not succeed because the make-up of the Canadian Labor Party in this district is at fault. Your organization has been trying to harmonize two forces that must necessarily come to loggerheads from time to time—Communist and Labor. Your organization is weak because its full possible quota of delegates is never in attendance. Your organization is weak because, in a great many cases, only Communist members of unions accept the positions of delegates to the C. L. P. That is the policy of Communists, and that is why they win out. I do not blame the Communists for adopting this policy, but that is the policy that is going to wreck the C. L. P., because the average Labor man is getting sick and tired of being led around by the Communists. The average Labor man who favors a Labor party does not agree with Communist tactics and propaganda, and if the C. L. P. is going to be ruled by them, then the sooner the C. L. P. is left entirely to the Communists the better.

Since coming from Winnipeg to Vancouver I have often wondered what would happen to the two Labor men in the federal house, the three in the Manitoba legislature, and the four city councillors, all elected by Winnipeg Labor, if the Independent Labor Party there permitted the Communist party members in its ranks. The I. L. P. in Winnipeg has no such fetters and perhaps that is what is bothering Vancouver labor—fetters. I think the aims and program of the Labor party is worthy of better efforts than to be obstructed—and I know of no better word—by the Communists.

J. DAWSON.

POLITICAL ACTION ENDORSED BY GREEN

President Green of A. F. of L. announces that he will use every means possible to rouse the workers to use their political power—well! well! the shades of Samuel Gompers' motto: Vote for your friends and against your enemies"—Has the A. F. of L. finally come to see the light that the workers must take political action to get anywhere?

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$3.50 Men's Rubber Shoe Packs, 49; $1.00 Brooms, 23c; $8.00 Hip Boots, $1.98; $2.50 Army Pack Sacks, 49c; $8 Leather Jerkins, $1.98; Lot $3.50 Men's Work Boots, now, per pair, 98c; $8.00 Men's Boots, now $3.96; Lot Men's Boots, sold t o$7.00, now $1.98; $2.00 Boys' Shoes, 98c; $6.00 Men's Work Boots, now selling, per pair, $2.49; $10 and $12 Men's Hi-top Boots, now, pair, $3.95; $5.00 and $6.00 Ladies' Oxfords, per pair, 98c; Lot $1.50 Dress Shirts, 49c; $3.00 Shirts, Arrow and other good makes, 98c; $2.00 Slicker Coats, soiled, now 49c; 20c Socks now 5c; 25c Wool Socks for 13c; $1.00 Work Shirts for 49c; 50c Silk Ties now 9c; $1.50 Overalls for 89c; $3.00 Sweater Coats for $1.49; 50c Heavy Wool Socks now 19c; $7.00 and $8.00 Men's All-wool Sweater Coats now selling at $2.95; all kinds of Toys, values up to $1.00, some soiled or damaged, now 19c; $7.00 and $8.00 Men's Fine All-wool Trousers, now $2.95; $1.50 Jumpers, 49c; $1 Army Haversacks, 29c; $15 Field Glasses, $3.95; $10 Men's Suits, $2.98; $20 and $25 Men's Fine Suits, $7.95; Lot Suits, worth $30, now selling at $9.95; Hundreds of $40 and $35 Fne Tailored Suits now selling at $14.95; Men's Wool Trousers, worth $3.50, now selling at $1.45; $3.00 Men's Pants now 98c; $20 Men's Fine Suits now selling at $4.95; $25 and $30 English Gabardine Raincoats now selling at $9.95; Lots of Overcoats, regular $15, now selling at $3.95; $15 Men's Raincoats now selling at $3.95; Lot $35 and $40 Overcoats now selling at $9.95; Lot Breeches, sold at $3, now 98c; $2.50 Heavy Wool Underwear, Stanfield's and other brands, 98c; 15c Canvas Gloves now 9c; $1 Union Sutis, 49c; $4.00 Men's Heavy All-wool Union Suits at $1.98; 25c and 35c Suspenders now 9c; $6.00 and $7.00 Men's Oxfords now selling at $2.95; 10c Palmolive Soap for 4c; Lot Towels now 9c;; $6.00 Ladies' Shoes now selling, per pair, 98c; $2.00 Corsets now 29c; $1.00 Silk Ties now 29c; Men's Hats to $3 now 49c.

The "La Salle" to Open Up October 7

If experience counts in the "business" of providing high class recreation to the populace, then the citizens of Vancouver are assured of a success in the La Salle recreation rooms. The Lechtzier brothers—Harris and Sam as they are familiarly known—were both born in Winnipeg and started at an early age to learn what the public need in the way of entertainment.

With an optimism that was somewhat scoffed at by a number of people, they erected the then largest billiard and bowling alley quarters in Western Canada and christened it the "Peerless." Despite the pessimism of the scoffers this proved a great success and is being carried on to the delight of thousands of Winnipeggers, in whom a taste for billiards and bowls was encouraged by the pleasant surroundings in which they played.

During a visit to Vancouver, Sam realized the wonderful potentialities of this city. It was then that he and his brother conceived the idea of building a recreation room that would meet the requirements of the general public and bowling and billiard players in particular.

To those old-timers who remember the bowling alleys and billiard rooms of the olden days, with their stiff benches and comparatively poor equipment, the furnishings of the La Salle rooms will be a revelation. High class opera chairs are supplied for seating accommodation in place of the benches, each one having a hat rack beneath the seat, while adjoining the tables and alleys lounge rooms are established, furnished with easy chairs that invite a restful period between games.

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COCKNEY WIT

The other day I heard two men, who had been operating those gadgets that plough up road concrete and nerves, talking together over a snack.

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Operators Refuse Offer of the Miners

CHICAGO.—Negotiations to end the strike of 80,000 bituminous coal miners in Illinois has failed and the conference of operators and miners adjourned sine die.

Representatives of the men proposed that they return to work at the Jacksonville scale while a commission of four, two miners and two operators, investigated the situation. This was declined by the operators.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, made the following statement:

"I regret most deeply that this conference has failed. The miners of Illinois made a most generous offer in good faith to return to work pending a report of a special committee."

"Your ultimatum," he told the operators, "is the mailed fist without the velvet glove. You ask the miners of Illinois as a condition precedent to negotiations to surrender their wage scale. We have offered peace with honor to both sides. You act as if you believe the pangs of hunger or the winds of the coming winter will so penetrate the thin garments of the women of our mining camps that they will ask their men to bow their knees. Let me say to you that you are following a will-o'-the-wisp."

Another Brilliant Show at Orpheum

Containing five acts that are headliners in their own right, the Orpheum program next week will be made up of an aggregation of talented artists whose individual specialties are delightful and diversified, and whose collective efforts will make the coming bill stand out among the already brilliant shows that have played the Orpheum Circuit this season.

Harry Waiman's "Debutantes" are a collection of versatile, peppy syncopators—ten charming girls—cultured young women who syncopate, sing, dance and make merry under the expert direction of Harry Waiman, violinist. Their repertoire is made up of syncopation and ballads, and blazing away with their battery of saxaphones, cornets, clarinets, drums and what-nots; it is varied and cleverly arranged.

Guitar music that is unexcelled and comedy that compels hearty laughs are the major ingredients of the delectable mixture to be served Orpheum patrons by Freda and Palace, the popular Italian comedians.

Russ Brown and Jean Whitaker are established dealers in fun and song. In "A Lough or Two" they have a laughing business which is capably conducted and pays big dividends in smiles. Mr. Brown's crisp, dry humor requires no burr, and there are few cleverer foils for fun than the exceedingly attractive Miss Whitaker.

Most everybody takes liberties with Mr. Webster. Not with the gentleman himself, but with the language he so voluminously and authoritively represents. Johnny Hyman will be seen "Playing Pranks with Webster" and offers audiences what might be called a chalk talk, using local newspaper headlines with which he inspires laughs and applause.

"The Petite Revue" is a typical George Choos production, lavishly staged and perfectly presented. The feature players are the well known team of Carrie and Eddy. Among their assistants are Webster Taylor, Harriet Cole and Gloria Lee. "The Petite Revue" reflects the highest credit on all concerned.

A pair of gymnasts who have gained considerable favor with the social set are Reck and Rector, calling themselves "Society Entertainers" and offering a routine that is original and entertaining. The usually funny Fables, feature comedy, Topics of the Day and Screen News will complete another rattling good Orpheum program.

Fight Films Go Over Big At Pantages

The exclusive first-run fight films being shown at the Pantages this week are drawing enormous crowds, as was to be expected.

These films are undoubtedly the most clear-cut film exhibition of a fight ever screened. An interesting fact is that many are returning to see the picture a second time in order to convince themselves on controversial points such as the condition of Tunney in the seventh round.

An advantage of the films is that this celebrated knockdown in the seventh is shown as fans saw it at Soldier Field, and repeated in slow motion so that the eye can clearly catch every detail.

The films depict every round from start to finish, the boxers being viewed at the closest possible range. There is no need to strain the eyes, for the camera men focused their machines in such a way that the fighters are seen as though one were sitting right at the edge of the ring.

Incidents preceding and following the contest are also shown.

Another hard part of a white collar job is making the collar last three days.

A. P. T. C. Sells the Union Label Idea

The Advertising and Sales Bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade were the sponsors of the recent Exposition of Advertising and Graphic Arts held on the fifth floor of the David Spencer building, from September 24 to October 1. The exposition was open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Allied Printing Trades Council took a prominent part. A booth was secured by the council and Thos. A. Holland, Allied Printing Trades Council Label campaign manager, was instructed to make arrangements for a display that would really interest the public and "sell" the printing trades unions' union label.

The booths were extremely attractive and of Egyptian style architecture. The central fixture of the exposition was a fountain, and the council was fortunate in securing the choice location facing it and directly in line with the traffic stream from the elevators. The council's booth portrayed ancient and modern methods of typesetting. An old case and type, in use since 1858, and a Washington hand press of rare vintage were used to show the old-time methods. The press was the one on which the early News-Ad and Herald were printed. At the other end of the booth a linotype was in operation and a modern proof press was installed to run off the Exposition Daily News, the type for which was set in the booth.

The lettered walls set forth the beneficiary features of the Allied Unions and a framed Union Label was the central fixture of the booth. Pictures of the Allied Unions' homes and headquarters were prominently displayed. The balance of the walls and the ends of the booth carried many samples of color printing, and coupled with huge daily bouquets of dahlias, supplied the necessary color that gives that finished appearance to all displays.

The booth was a silent but effective salesman for the Label, but a very active comparison of the old and new methods of typesetting. Pamphlets were distributed to the exposition visitors. There were seven successful days indeed. Comments from all quarters state, without exception, that the Allide Printing Trades Council booth was the outstanding attraction. The exposition was the first of its kind on the Pacific Coast and only two others of a similar character have ever been held in any part of the world. It is reliably estimated that close to 40,000 persons attended.

Five Union Men Win Prizes

There were several interesting contests for employees. Five out of the six awards were won by employees of Union printing offices.

Best display of typegraphical composition, open to all employees of local printing houses, was won by Chas. E. Phillips of Lionel Ward & Co., Ltd., a handsome silver cup and an additional prize of a $10 gold piece from his employer.

Best typographical composition, open, newspaper employees, gold watch and chain: First, Birnie Guthro, Evening Sun; silver watch and chain, second: George Jonse, Morning Star.

Best typographical composition, apprentice class, gold watch and chain, was won by James Wood, Daily Province.

Best typographical composition of blotter for job shop apprentices, gold watch, first: Arthur Shaw, Sun Job Department; silver watch, second: Jack Newitt of Gehrke's, Limited.

Sell the "Union Label"

The council's participation in the exposition was in line with their endeavor to apply modern salesmanship to the Union Label. The day of "build a good mouse trap and the world will make a beaten path to your door" has gone and if one has anything to sell they must take it to the world. Unions possessing labels have something to sell—and they can sell it if modern methods are adopted.

The Allied Printing Trades Council has been elevated a long way in public opinion and goodwill has been built up through this and other campaign activities that is already bearing fruit and will continue to do so far into the future.

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A specially appointed commission of judges in Switzerland has reported, by 19 votes to 4, in favor of the abolition of the death penalty in all cantons. The question is now to be debated in the Swiss parliament, with whom the ultimate decision rests. At present 15 cantons have already abolished capital punishment, while in 10 it is still in force. A proposal to abolish capital punishment in Germany is to come before the new session of the Reichstag, when new penal measures will be debated.

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Welland Canal Workers Get Wage Increase

OTTAWA.—Wage increases for carpenters, machinists, steam hoist and derrick engineers, locomotive crane operators and steam shovel crews employed on the Welland Ship Canal, were announced recently by Hon. Peter Heenan, minister of labor. The new rates are retroactive from August 1st, 1927.

Hourly rates of wages under the new revision are as follows: Carpenters, 85c; machinists, 70c; steam shovel engineers, $1; steam shovel cranemen, 80c; steam shovel firemen, 65c; steam hoist and derrick engineers, 75c; locomotive crane operators, 80c.

The changes in question sanctioned by the minister of labor have been made under the authority of the fair wage clause of the contracts, which call for the observance of the rates current from time to time in the district. The last wage revision on the Welland Ship Canal contracts was in 1925.

STANDARD OIL TO GATHER BIGGEST YEAR'S HARVEST

NEW YORK.—The Standard Oil companies during this, the third, quarter of the year, will pay cash dividends amounting to $47,943,061. This is the biggest dividend payment ever made by the Standard group during the third quarter; and is $1,515,783 more than was paid in the same three months last year.

Standard Oil cash dividends this year, including those to be paid the rest of the present month, come to $158,092,240. Dividend payments during the final quarter will bring total cash disbursements for the year well above the $200,000,000 mark.

IMPORT OF WEALTH

(By F. W. MOORE)

"Money makes the man and want of it the fellow"; it makes the mare go and the world to move.

I saw a familiar reference to people supposed to move the world in a small scrap of paper that I used to light my heater recently; before applying it to the mantle of a gasoline lamp I read the following legend: "How much better the world would be if Napoleon and Kaiser Wilhelm had never been born!"

It reminded me of my school days when the teacher told us the defeat of the little Corsican was of inestimable benefit to the world at large since otherwise we should all have been Catholics; just as if Protestants were not in every way as heathenish as their Catholic brethren.

Then again so many people refer to the poor old Kaiser as "Armageddon Bill"; as the fiend incarnate who started the World War; just as if the World War would not, on account of commercial rivalry, have been started if the Royal Goose-stepper had never been born!

Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar and Kubla Khan were also men of great consequence; indeed, they were all important because their actions caused so many people to think more or less in the same way.

Using that fact as a criterion, one could not be far astray in asserting that modern society has a variety of machines infinitely superior as moulders of humanity, not only to Napoleon but to a whole host of other heroes along with him. One of these machines goes by the name of the Associated Press. This is what Charles Edward Russell has to say on the subject in Pearson's Magazine for April, 1914, as quoted in Sinclair's "Brass Check": "About nine hundred daily newspapers in the United States, comprising the great majority of journals of influence and circulation, receive and print the news dispatches of the Associated Press."

That means that concerning any event of importance an identical dispatch is printed about fifteen million times and may be read by thirty million persons.

According to the construction and wording of that dispatch so will be the impression these thirty million persons will receive and the opinion they will form and pass along to others.

Here is the most tremendous engine for power that ever existed in this world. If you can conceive all the power ever wielded by the autocrats of history, by the Alexanders, Caesars, Tamburlanes and Napoleons to be massed together into one vast unit of power, even this would be less than the Power now wielded by the Associated Press.

Thought is the ultimate force in the world and here you have an engine that causes thirty million minds to have the same thought at the same moment, and nothing on earth can equal the force thus generated.

At present wealth in its own interests directs the application of this force, for as Russell continues: "We are asked to believe that although the Associated Press is a mutual concern owned by the newspapers, and although these newspapers that own it are in turn owned by the Controlling Interests, the Controlling Interests do not own, control, or influence the Associated Press, which goes its immaculate way furnishing impartial and unbiassed news to the partial and biassed journals that own it. That is to say, when you buy a house you do not buy its foundations."

That the Big Interests do control it is proved in the remainder of the context, pp. 272-273.

Well, what if they do? Only this: It shows the tremendous importance of public education along economic lines by the Labor organizations of the world. An individual cannot be wholly free until society is free, and society cannot be free as long as the news of the world is transmitted through biassed channels.

If people would control news agencies, the most powerful engines for good or evil that this world affords, they must control wealth also; but that is looking with Tennyson into the future at the Parliament of Man, and we are only concerned with the present need of educational preparation for the advent of that great institution; yet, in pondering over ways and means, the import of wealth must never be forgotten.

F. W. M.

Union Labor Makes $1 Average Increase

A comparison of union rates of wages between 1923, when the last raise of pay was secured by the employees of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, shows that a majority of the other trades in the city have obtained an increase far greater than that being asked by the employees in the present arbitration case.

	1923	1927	Increase
Carpenters (per day)	$6.50	$7.50	$1.00
Printing pressmen (per hour)	$1.00	$1.06¾	.6¾
Plasterers (per day)	$8.50	$10.00	$1.50
Painters and paperhangers (per day)	$6.00	$7.00	$1.00
Piledrivers and bridge, wharf, dock builders (per day)	$6.00	$7.50	$1.50
Millworkers (per day)	$5.00	$6.00	$1.00
Lathers (per day)	$7.00	$8.50	$1.50
Beverage dispensers (per day)	$4.50	$5.50	$1.00
Floorlayers (per day)	$8.00	$8.40	.40
Stereotypers (per day)	$7.50	$8.00	.50
Molders (per day)	$5.50	$6.00	.50
Machinists (per day)	$5.50	$6.00	.50
Plumbers (per day)	$8.00	$8.50	.50
Bricklayers (per day)	$9.00	$10.00	$1.00
Electrical workers (per day)	$6.80	$8.00	$1.20
Engineers (per day)	$8.00	$9.00	$1.00
Bookbinders (per week)	$40.50	$42.00	$1.50
Typographical Employees—			
Day work (per week)	$45.00	$48.00	$3.00
Night work (per week)	$49.50	$52.50	$3.00
Hotel and Restaurant employees—10 per cent. increase—			
Chefs (per day)	$6.00	$7.00	$1.00
Tailors (per hour)	.75	.91	.16

THE FIVE-DAY WEEK

It's not often we hear the employing class endorsing anything that the workers ask for, although practically everything that the workers do ask for is not only for his own benefit and never unreasonable, but is also for the pecuniary benefit of the employer. On September 8th, in the page of the London Daily Mail, which publishes reports on company meetings, stock, shares and finance, is published a report of the Crittall Manufacturing Company, Finsbury Circus, E. C., London, Eng. The report says the last year was a good one for the company, the profits were over three-quarters of a million dollars, being over two hundred thousand more than the previous year. But what interested me most was what the chairman had to say about the institution of the five-day week. This is how it reads: "A salient feature of the general scheme of our organization is the successful institution of the five-day week throughout our factories, which change was partially inaugurated as an experiment as far back as January, 1926. This experiment was such an unqualified success that it has been extended to all our employees and the change has yielded highly beneficial results. The opportunity thus afforded of additional hours for recreation and recuperation at the week-end has resulted in improved efficiency to such an extent that in spite of the diminution in working hours the output per man has actually increased."

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Check Flood of Aliens Into Western Canada

OTTAWA.—Charges made at the recent convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities that Western Canada was being peopled by other than British stock is borne out by figures published by the Department of Education for the three months period ended June 30, 1927. These show that 77,433 people were admitted, of whom 27,483 came from Britain, 7,663 from the United States and 42,288 from other countries.

The figures also reveal that 3,983 mechanics, 3,697 laborers and 357 miners were admitted, the remainder being listed as trading classes, farmers, farm workers and domestic servants.

The predominance of immigrants of other than British origin is giving grave concern to immigration authorities, and efforts are now being made to modify the agreement between the Canadian government and the railways to the end that more British and fewer continental European immigrants will be brought to Canada.

A. F. OF L. WILL COMPILE UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

The American Federation of Labor proposes to collect and compile its own data on unemployment. President Green has requested secretaries of local unions in 18 industrial centres of the country to make reports to him.

"There has been no attempt to ascertain the extent of increasing unemployment which is reported in many localities," wrote Mr. Green.

Why, how do you do Mr. Woodsworth? Gee, Im glad to see you. Just arrived? You arrived last Saturday, eh? I did not see anything about it in the Province or the Sun. Funny thing, but if H. H. Stevens or General Clark or any of those secondraters come to town they are always good for a column and a half in both papers. Of course, you represent Labor and that means that you are enshrouded in the circle of silence. What can I do for you anyway. Little beard trim? Just take tnis chair then. Your coming to Vancouver always raises the question of propaganda in my mind. You seem to have the right idea. You go to places, meet with people, exchange ideas, get their particular problems, and then you can go back to Ottawa with first-hand information. That is why your opinions are respected by the rest of the House. Any Labor problems in Vancouver? Yes sir, yes sir; three bags full. But that is all for the good, sir, because if we cannot solve our local problems, how can we expect to solve national and international problems when they present themselves? Tell you some of them! Sure, sir. I'll tell you all I know; it won't take a minute. What are you laughing at? Oh, I meant all I know about our local problem. It's like this, sir. We have a very active Communist group numbering about 120—and wherever they go they fear no foe in shining armor—anyhow they are on the job. Then we have the bunch who take the advice of the wise old Lama who lived in Lassa, and that was, find the middle way and stick to it and keep agoing. Then we have the other extreme, who slam the political Labor movement and everything pertaining thereto, the pure—or should I say, poor—trades unionist who votes either Conservative or Liberal. Now, Mr. Woodsworth, we have tried to corelate this conglomeration of ideas under the heading of the C. L. P. and oh, oh, oh, it's a lovely war! One might as well expect to see harmony in Hades as with that bunch. Same all over, eh? Well maybe it is, but that is no reason why it should be so in Vancouver. Constructive criticism is a good thing but when that criticism developes into a first class hate society it is time to call a halt. What can be done about it? Well, I was just going to ask you the same question. You should know better than an ordinary barber. The remedy lies not locally but nationally, if you ask me anything . Either the I. L. P. executives in the various cities and provinces must be livened up and be made to produce a real live national Independent Labor Party or the Canadian Labor Party must open up the ranks and admit individual members, and I think you are just the man to start something going. You are busy! I know that and my experience has been, if you want anything done the busy man is the one to do it. So that is why I say you can do it. Why not write a pamphlet on it? Anyhow whether you do it or not, it has to be done because we are the most backward country in the world in Labor affairs. Think that over, old boy! Remember Walton Newbold referred to you as the Keir Hardie of Canada and you know what he did. Now you look slick. Thanks. Perhaps I will attend some of your meetings. Good day, sir. Next please!

CHAIN STORES ABSORBING MORE OF RETAIL BUSINESS

NEW YORK.—George H. Burr & Co. has issued a compilation showing that retail business in many lines is falling more and more into the hands of chain stores.

In the first eight months of the year, fifteen leading chain store firms made total sales of just under $440,000,000. This is a gain of 16.3 per cent. over the sales of the same companies last year. The growth of this method of merchandising is going on at an increasing pace, however; for August sales of the same firms totaled above $60,000,000, a gain of 21.7 per cent. over August sales of last year.

The original five and ten cent store company, F. W. Woolworth, did more than one-third of the total chain store business.

Street Railway Unions Have Holidays with Pay

The following table shows the various unions of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees that have vacation clauses in their agreements with the employing companies. In the present arbitration case the employees are endeavoring to obtain a simliar agreement:

Division No. 26 (M. O.), Detroit, Mich.—After six months' continuous service with the Department of Street Railway, each platform man shall be allowed a vacation of seven days at full pay each year.

Division No. 495, Helena, Mont.—Company grants ten days' vacation with pay.

Division No. 508, Halifax, N. S.—Regular seven-day per week men who do not receive scheduled holidays shall have one week's vacation per year with pay.

Division No. 518, San Francisco, Calif.—Twelve days' vacation each year with full pay.

Division No. 569, Edmonton, Alta. (M. O.)—All motormen and conductors shall be allowed two weeks' holidays in each year with pay, but no employee shall become entitled to holidays until he has been in the service of the department for one year.

Division No. 587, Seattle, Wash.—Thirteen days' vacation with thirteen days' pay after one year.

Division No. 583, Calgary, Alta.—All permanent employees shall be given two weeks' holidays each year after one year's service and shall be paid for same. Public holidays are not included in the two weeks.

Division No. 588, Regina, Sask.—The department agrees that all platform men affected by this agreement shall, after two years' continuous service in the department, receive two weeks' holidays with pay.

Division No. 589, Boston, MassR. (Collectors).—All collectors shall be given two weeks' vacation with pay and their daily hours so arranged as to allow twenty minutes for making up and turning in work at the end of the day.

Division No. 623, Buffalo, N. Y., Erie Traction Co.—Two weeks' vacation with full pay.

Division No. 615, Saskatoon, Sask.—Each motor-conductor who has been in the service for a period of one year continuously prior to May 1st, 1926, shall be entitled to one week's holiday with pay each year during the next succeeding year of service, and each motor-conductor who has been in the service for a period of two years continuously prior to May 1st, 1925, shall be entitled to two weeks' holidays with pay each year during the next succeeding year of service; providing that all men shall be on duty during the week in which occurs the Saskatoon Industrial Exhibition.

Division No. 664, Great Falls, Mont.—Ten days' vacation a year with pay shall be allowed for all men over one year in the service.

Division No. 682, Fort Wayne, Ind.—Vacation with pay after three years' service at the rate of one day per year up to the tenth year or one week for all men ten years or over in the service.

Division No. 685, Brantford, Ont.—One week's vacation with pay.

Division No. 874, Tulsa, Okla.—One and two weeks' vacation with pay.

WAGES AND IMMIGRATION

G. L. Wood, lecturer on economics in the University of Melbourne, has shown by a graph and an analysis of the facts that relation between immigration, the retail price index, the effective wage index, and unemployment. The graph proves that there has been no decline of wages as the result of immigration, but, on the contrary, an increase. Australia has never been within the slightest danger of having her standard of living impaired by immigration, or of the creation of a large, semi-servile class such as was caused by wholesale indiscriminate immigration to the United States. No true Australian desires that such conditions shall be produced in this country.—The Melbourne Australasian.

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British public opinion is shocked to find that slavery still exists in the empire. The discovery came when the Supreme Court of Sierra Leone, a protectorate on the African coast near Liberia, quashed an indictment against some slave owners which charged them with assault and conspiracy in connection with slave owning. The Manchester Guardian says:

"The League of Nations is engaged in suppressing slavery. With what face can we take our share in that task if we have on our conscience such a crime against freedom as this?"

When a country goes in for imperialism there a thousand things done in out-of-the-way parts of the empire in the name of the home folks of which the home folks never hear, save by accident. This is one of the samples.

Britain abolished slavery in Burma within the year by buying the last of the slaves and setting them free. In Sierra Leone, last year, it was decreed that all children of slaves should be free, and all slaves freed at the death of their master.

But it is a disagreeable shock to the British people to hear that slavery exists anywhere under the flag, and somebody is likely to have a hard time explaining.

WOMEN DEMAND LIVING WAGE

"The greatest urge in the demand for a living wage is coming from working-class women," said Mrs. Jean Roberts (Glasgow), who presided at the conference of I. L. P. women in the new Keir Hardie Institute at Glasgow.

"Would-be reformers are continually lamenting," said Mrs. Roberts, "that women go out of the home to earn wages instead of staying in the home to get none! The remedy is surely to give the woman the value of her work, wherever it is done—in the home or outside of it."

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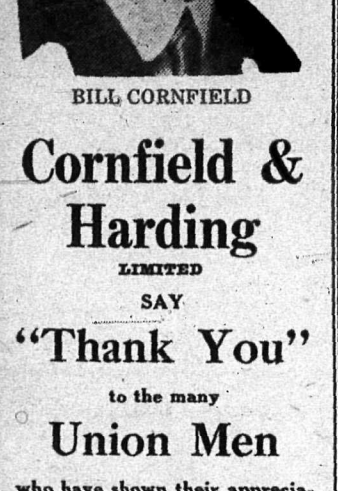

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When he knows it's the night for my beau."

British Labor Party Plan for Election

(By HEBEN BLANKENHORN)

LONDON.—At the end of this month British labor, having settled its industrial policies at the Trades Union Congress, prepares to assemble again to decide its political policies in the Labor party conference. The local Labor parties have sent in a multitude of things they want discussed, but back of all lie two main problems—one of national finances, the other of control of the next Labor government.

This year's conference must lay out broadly the lines on which labor hopes to contest the all-important general election which is not long to be delayed now. There the question is roughly—will the Labor party offer a program chiefly calculated to win over the votes necessary to get a Labor majority, or wlil it offer a program of immediate betterment for those who already vote Labor?

That is, will the appeal be primarily to the middle classes, with benefits designed chiefly for wage-earners?

Two Alternative Programs

This question is a financial one: How are the public finances to be used if Labor controls? Two alternatives are proposed: One to use the state resources for war debt reduction, in the belief that that will benefit indirectly all industry and trade. The other is to use state resources for direct "social services" primarily for wage earners, and here one section of Labor is urging strong the scheme of state "family allowances" in addition to wages.

The scheme is formulated in detail by the Independent Labor party, a part of the Labor party. In a word, it proposes (what is in practice in various countries in limited fashion) that the state should establish a fund to pay directly to mothers certain allowances in accord with the number of children, as a sort of percentage to the husband's wage. As formulated, the scheme, to cover all Britain, would require some 600 million dollars. Additional taxation of large incomes would be expected to furnish the money.

Reducing the War Debt

Against this is the proposal to use the revenues from extra taxation for the purpose of vastly increasing the war debt reduction, which is being paid off at the rate of only 250 million dollars a year under the Tory government. Snowden, who was Labor's Chancellor of the Exchequer (state treasurer), favors the debt reduction line.

Between him and the Independent Labor party leaders a fierce battle is being fought. Snowden's critics say his plan is all for the middle classes, and they want now the beginnings of some transfer of national wealth from "those that have to those that have not"; in other words, to increase wages by allowances to families.

The second basic question before the party is—how much is the party to control a Labor government? MacDonald, Henderson, Snowden, Thomas, Clynes, all the older leaders, want a "free hand to deal with circumstances as they arise."

A great opposition to them wants a clearly adopted program "to which the party leaders must conform when they are the government."

May Give MacDonald Free Hand

Not only the Independent Labor party, but many of the chief trade union leaders favor the latter plan. It will be interesting to see whether this year's conference "ties down MacDonald" to a cut and dry program to any greater extent than have past conferences.

So far, MacDonald has kept his hands pretty "free" and many who fear that the next election will not give Labor a full majority are still disposed to give MacDonald all he may require of freedom to deal with what may be a very ticklish emergency.—Labor.

Junior Labor League

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Junior Labor League was held last Friday, September 30th, in the form of election and installation of officers. Members to take office this sason are:

President, Mr. J. Webster; first vice-president, Mr. C. Campbell; second vicepres-ident, Miss N. Michaeljohn; recording secretary, Miss A. Cottrell; treasurer, Mr. J. Ferguson; financial secretary, Mr. R. Ferguson. Committees: Social convenor, Mr. J. Ferguson; sports convenor, Mr. W. Wilton; sick convenor, Mr. C. Campbell; pressman, Mr. R. Ferguson.

Anyone who is acquainted with the members of the club will readily see that this is a splendid group of officers and we are looking forward to a very successful year. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss A. Cottrell, 4561 Fraser street, on Friday evening, October 14th.

Collection of the dues for the fourth quarter will take place at this meeting.

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The Labor Movement 10 Years Ago

1,100 men in the Victoria Shipyards strike for an increase in wages.

The J. Leckie Company loses army contract for shoes because it is not a union shop.

The Women's Munitions Workers' Union of Victoria is endeavoring to get the government to increase the war pensions to war widows.

800 men involved in a strike at the Coughlan & Sons yards in Vancouver, for more wages.

A charter arrived in Vancouver for a Butcher and Meat Cutters' Union.

The B. C. Federation of Labor calls for a convention to nominate Labor candidates to contest South Vancouver and Burrard for the federal elections.

J. H. McVety is elected president of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council for the tenth time.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union get agreements signed calling for the eight-hour day and six-day week. The local has 200 members.

15 Years Ago

Cumberland and Ladysmith coal miners strike becauce two union officials are discriminated against.

Vancouver Building Trades Council is reorganized.

The union clause is to be inserted in all contracts let for school buildings in South Vancouver.

Moving picture machine operators are on strike. Four fires have occurred in operating rooms on account of inexperienced operators (strike-breakers) being on the job.

"WATERFRONT RELIGION" IS SUBJECT OF SERMON

On Sunday, in First Church, Gore and Hastings East, the minister, Rev. J. Richmond Craig, will speak on "Waterfront Religion."

All workers are given a hearty invitation to hear this.

A very live men's club has been started in this church and meetings are being held every Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. A program of debates and addresses of a very interesting kind have been arranged. All working men will be made welcome.

GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY

The Teamsters' Joint Council will hold a big carnival and dance in Lester Court on Thursday, October 20th. Prizes to the value of $50 will be given away. Tickets can now be obtained from any of the officials of the Dairy, Bakery or Teamsters' unions.

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Say she be mute and will not speak a word,
Then I'll commend her volubility
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