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The Importance of Political Action

By ANGUS MacINNIS

Before the next issue of the Labor Statesman appears the election of representatives on the various elective bodies who will guide the destinies of the new and greater Vancouver will have passed into history. That this election is of importance to the working class almost every worker will concede, but generally the great majority are willing to let it go at that, and feel that if they go to the poll on election day and mark their ballot for the labor candidate that they have done all that is necessary or required. But that is the very least that anyone interested in the cause of labor can do. To do any less would be in opposition to labor. I do not hesitate to say that the worker who has a vote and does not go to the poll on election day and mark his ballot for labor is against us, and just as much so if he refrains from voting as if he had cast a ballot for the opposing candidate. The saying: "He that is not with us is against us" holds good in this case as in many others.

Organized Labor's Demands

Nothing that has come to my notice emphasizes the value which organized labor places on political representation more than the fact that out of one hundred and seventeen resolutions coming before the recent convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, from organized labor bodies, all but two were requests for legislation that would be of benefit to the working class. This is proof enough for me that that portion of the working class, who are intelligent enough to organize industrially, understand where the power lies which may be used to emancipate the workers from the mean and stunted life which is vouch-saved them by capitalism.

This is not an attempt to show that one side of our movement is of more importance than the other, but that both sides are equally important, and that when we are only making use of one side and neglecting the other that we are only making use of half our available fighting force.

One of the mayoralty candidates stated at a meeting, at which I was present a few evenings ago, that he had no objection to labor having representation on the council, and would be very glad to see two or three labor representatives on the new council. But why only two or three out of a total of twelve aldermen? Workers comprise, at least, ninety-five per cent of the voting population, and when I say workers I mean everyone who must sell his or her ability to perform some kind of work in order to get access to the means of life. Now, if we are nine-five per cent of the voting population why be satisfied with anything less than ninety-five per cent of the seats on the City Council, the School Board and Parks Board.

Think it over! I believe this is sound logic, and if you can see it in the same light ,there is much you can do between now and election day, and whatever the results may be let us start on October 18th, 1928, to prepare for next year's election.

Deptford Expects To Get Parks Board Seat

Walter Deptford, Independent Labor Party candidate for Park Commissioner, has every confidence of winning this time. He was so close to the winners in the last election, that when Captain Jones died, efforts were made by some of the other members of the Parks Board to give him the seat, but inasmuch as this election was in the offing they decided to leave the seat vacant. Now with seven seats to be won, and only four sitting members of the board among the thirteen contesting, he has every chance of winning.

His three years' activities on the Town Planning Commission has increased his interest in the work of the Parks Board. Walter Deptford says that the responsibilities of the Parks Board, are in his opinion, "just as vital to the wellbeing of the citizens of Greater Vancouver as are the responsibilities of any other office."

"Playgrounds, parks, beaches and boulevards represent the lungs of a city; the health and happiness of the people, young and old, can be measured only by the numbers, the situation and cleanliness of those lungs. A wise man once said, "A man is known by the company he keeps," and I am fully convinced that "a city is known by the Parks it keeps."

"I feel that some of us do not give sufficient thought to the needs of those who follow us; we do not stop to realize how drab their life will be if we permit our city to expand without making provision for additional parks and breathing spaces."

Labor Men Valuable As School Trustees

Seeking election again after six years in office as a School Trustee for South Vancouver, I feel that my accomplishments are worthy of the support not only of those who formerly elected me, but also of those who are now voters in the Greater Vancouver district.

The form of education presently supplied in the schools is all outlined by the Department of Education at Victoria, but with a School Board composed of enough members desiring some changes, some improvements can undoubtedly be made. For instance, there is a desire upon the part of the Department of Militia at Ottawa to encourage military training in the schools. I have successfully opposed that in South Vancouver, but the new board will have to tackle the subject because it still operates in the city schools.

I have encouraged Day Labor where it was possible to operate with day labor and have insisted on the union rate of pay on all contract work.

All the staff, with the exception of office and teaching staff, have been placed under the Workmen's Compensation and Superannuation Acts. Extension of this will be one of the subjects that will have to be tackled by the new board.

Alfred Hurry (the other Labor member) and I have been very successful in our fight with the Board of Underwriters in bringing down their rate of $1.24 to $1.10 and this will effect the whole of Greater Vancouver and will mean a considerable saving to the taxpaying public. This alone required a great deal of effort, but I feel gratified at having brought this about.

If you feel that these few of the many things we have done is in your interests, we would appreciate your vote and influence on October 17th.

R. E. RIGBY,
Chairman of the South Vancouver School Board.

TAXING THE CHURCHES

The pros and cons of taxing the churches will be debated at the First Unitarian Church, 1350-16th Ave. W. on Sunday evening at 8 p.m. This subject, which is agitating quite a number of people, will be ably handled by W. H. S. Dixon and W. W. Lefeaux.

Walter J. Scribbins

WARD FOUR CANDIDATE

I am offering myself as a candidate for Alderman for Ward Four at the election on October 17th, and wish to place before you my qualifications for the office.

As a resident of the ward for twenty years, I have served three years on the council as Alderman, 1921-2-3, and have been closely connected with civic affairs for the past twelve years.

I have the endorsation of the Trades and Labor Council of Vancouver, of which body I am a member.

The amalgamation of the City with Point Grey and South Vancouver has created many problems for the new council; street cars fares, light rates, and telephone rates will have to be made uniform. The recent sale of the B. C. Electric Railway Company has proved that this can be done without any increase in fares and if elected I will oppoose any increase being granted. This also applies to the B. C. Telephone Company.

In Point Grey all water services are metered. With the plentiful supply of water available, I am opposed to private homes being metered and will advocate the abolition of the hose rate for gardens in order to encourage the beautifying of the city.

Assessment of property and taxation will also be a live issue. I will use my best efforts to secure a fair deal for our ward in this matter, also in regard to the construction of streets, sewers, sidewalks, etc. We have not been justly treated in either of these matters during the last few years.

Should you favor me with your vote and influence, I can assure you that my best efforts will always be put forward in your service and to the securing of an honest, efficient, and impartial administration of civic business.

Yours sincerely,
W. J. SCRIBBINS.
Residence 3208 Pender, East,
Phone: High. 4033.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP PAYS

The capital invested in public utilities by British municipalities is estimated at about £600,000,000. This municipal trading, is in general highly profitable. In every instance the rates charged under public ownership are much lower than those which prevailed under "private enterprise."

"The most striking fact about water, trams, gas and electricity," says Mr. E. D. Simon, an ex-Lord Mayor of Manchester, "is that there is not a single case in this country of one of these four services reverting to private ownership after being municipalized."

Practically all of them were under private ownership in the beginning, and were municipalized because no other way could be found of stopping extortion.

—The Millgate Monthly.

Do all the good you can as you roll along. Life is a one-way street, and you're not coming back.

Wybourn Outlines His School Trustee Policy

I have, should I have the honor of being one of the Independent Labor Party candidates for the School Board. No one will describe it as a donor honor, there being lots of work and no pay attached to it, but, nevertheless, I think it is a responsibility which all those in the labor movement should be prepared to accept when called upon to do so, if for no other reason than to keep the banner of the labor movement unfurled.

The schools, being, to a great extent, the moulders of the characters and education of our children, the control of them by the Labor Party through the School Boards, becomes of great importance, not forgetting the fact that the powers of the School Board are limited—they being purely an administrative, and not a legislative body—good work can be accomplished by Labor members on that body. For example, the question of text books. We maintain that the provincial government should print these books and distribute them free of cost to the pupils. Until such time as we can persuade the government to do this, we will endeavor to get the board to buy them in bulk and resell the mat cost.

Take the question of the teaching of militarism in the schools, which has and always will be opposed by labor, representation on the board can do a great deal towards combatting this.

The teaching of first aid in the schools to the pupils of the higher grades is a new plank in the labor platform it is becoming generally recognized that this is a subject that every boy and girl of teen age should have some knowledge of. This is a great humanitarian movement, because this is learned, not for one's own benefit, but for the purpose of giving service to others who meet with accident or sudden illness, to alleviate their sufferings, and possibly save life—a principle well worth teaching our children.

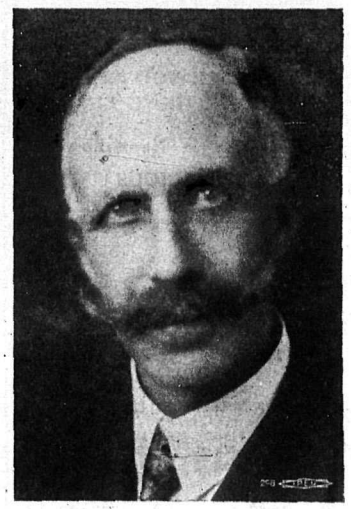
The question of home work should be taken up very seriously by the new board, and if elected I intend to introduce this at the earliest opportunity. This question is more acute amongst the High School students, taking up as it does, practically the whole of their time at home, and giving them no time for musical study and recreation, both of which are in my opinion, very necessary for their education and health.

Space will not permit me to discuss more of the party platform, but in conclusion I would like to add that there will be a real need for labor representation, not only on our school board, but also on the council and parks board when the greater city comes into being.

S. T. WYBOURN.

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

The Labor Party advocates this because it is an economical and fair measure. If the School Board supplied the school books free to all children it would cost the average home-owning taxpayer with a home assessed at $2,000, about thirty-five cents a year. Imagine the average parent being able to secure books for all his children for thirty-five cents! That is what the Labor Party plan would mean. Naturally the large land holding corporations who make their profits out of the people who live here, object to the scheme because they will have to pay their share. But the Labor Party is concerned about the home-owning resident who is struggling to educate his children. For such the plan for free school books and supplies mean a real saving every year.



MacDonald Has Been Active On Council

Alex MacDonald, the Independent Labor Party candidate for Alderman in Ward Eight, has served five years on the Municipal Council of South Vancouver. His first notable action on the Council was when he and "Jimmy" Smith—the other Labor member—introduced the Day Labor plan on civic work in 1924. Since that time the municipality has been able to save thousands of dollars to the tax payers, and every councillor has become an ardent advocate of day labor.

Another achievement of Councillor MacDonald was the idea of having tax sale property that had reverted to the municipality definitely reserved for park, playground and school sites, so that today South Vancouver has over 200 acres of land either in use or reserved for that purpose. Councillor MacDonald, being a charter member, past president and now vice-president of the South Vancouver Horticultural Society, has gained many friends because of his interest in those things.

When the people of South Vancouver asked permission to play tennis in these parks on Sunday, Councillors MacDonald and Cottrell, the only Labor members on the council, stood alone in favoring the concession. It has now become a popular issue in the election.

Wages of the municipal employees have been brought to the same standard as that paid in the city, and will in no way effect the savings to be made by day labor work. This year $130,000 has been paid by the municipality as wages to sewer workers who were residents of South Vancouver.

Alex MacDonald expects to play the same active part on behalf of labor in the new City Council. If you have friends in Ward Eight, mail them this paper, or tell them about Alex MacDonald.

COULD NOT QUALIFY

W. Hargreaves, Building Trades Council candidate for School Trustee and J. Davis, I.L.P. candidate for Alderman in Ward five, through technicalties in their property qualifications, are not in the field at the present civic election contest.

Independent Labor Party Candidates

For Aldermen

Ward 7—Ald. Angus MacInnis.
Ward 8—Councillor A. McDonald.

For School Trustees

Chairman R. E. Rigby, South Vancouver School Board.
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W. W. Lefeaux.

For Parks Board

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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 lands suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 8,000 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 partially free, permits are available for settlers, campers and travellers, up to ten head.

LARGE DIVIDENDS PAID TO MEMBERS

A week's vacation with pay each year will be granted Boston street car men under the terms of a new agreement just signed between the union and the management.

When this union was first formed 16 years ago the employees received 20 cents an hour and worked 12 to 16 hours a day.

Through organization their work period was cut to eight hours, with price and a half for overtime, and wages have been advanced to 75 cents an hour.

Now they obtain vacation with pay, the result of a wide-awake union's activities.

C. P. R. Blocks Public Ownership of Railways

Some one has written somewhere, "Laugh, and the world laughs with you; weep, and you weep alone."

I would sooner weep alone than take part in some of the rejoicings in which an unthinking public takes part so easily. I refuse to get on to the band wagon which is celebrating the march stolen by the C .P. R. on the National Railway in the acquisition of Alberta's northern railways.

It is only a meagre consolation to know that I foretold what was going to happen in my article of January 28th last. In view of what has actually occurred, I venture to quote one paragraph: "It is being persistently rumored that the C.P.R. has got the northern railways on ice. The acquisition by the C.P.R. of these railways will be a nail in the coffin of public ownership. By cutting the C.N.R. off from those rich territories which are its logical tributaries, the first economic step will have been taken to encircle and isolate our national railway. Do not let us be lulled into any sense of false security by the assurance of politicians. Behind the C.P.R. will be lined up all the bankers and stock exchange brokers of two hemispheres. The recent booming of C. P.R. stock shows that we have nothing but eternal vigilance to throw into the scale against the time-honored blandishments of the C.P.R."

As President Beatty proudly said in Edmonton: "When the C.P.R. wants to go anywhere, they generally find a way." Canadian history will bear out his boast, not only that, but they generally find a bunch of old-line politicians to give them the safe combination and to hold the blow torch over the lock. The absence of Sir Henry Thornton at this critical juncture may be accidental, but it looks very much like the strategy of old King David towards Uriah the Hittite when the latter's presence might have been inconvenient

I don't blame Premier Brownlee for what has happened. He has frankly stated all along that it was a cold-blooded proposition to him. These railways were wished on to the province by the Liberal administrations of the past after its camp followers had squeezed all the financial profits out of them and left nothing but a shapeless husk. The farmers' government has done remarkably well in rehabilitating them, and they alone are entitled to some measure of satisfaction at the sale recently effected. They have done all that could be expected in leaving the back door open for the National Railway to get a partial share even at this eleventh hour.

But that doesn't excuse the Liberal crowd at Ottawa. Should they make it impossible for the C.N.R. to get in on the deal it will be one of the most barefaced instances of political sabotage on record. When Laurier was preaching the cause of the G.T.P., one of the basic arguments put forward was the potential contribution to its traffic from this northern country. If he could see his great project assassinated by his successors he would turn in his grave.

It looks to me like another link in the sinister chain of corporation profit ownership that is being wrapped around every resource and every institution in Canada. No one will believe that Sir Henry Thornton stood aside willingly and allowed his railway system to be sidetracked. No one will believe that the federal government was taken by surprise. Only the signature of the C. N.R. on the sale contract will wipe out the impression that the invisible government of the profit ring has put the Liberal government—Stewart and Blatchford with the rest—in his pocket.—A Free Lance, in Alberta Labor News.

ENLIST POLICEMEN TO FIND JOBS FOR ST. LOUIS CITIZENS

In order to relieve the unemployment situation in St. Louis, an original and novel method has been instituted. Each of the fourteen St. Louis district police stations has been called upon to render the additional service of finding jobs for the growing army of unemployed. Jobless men and women are asked to register with their district police captain, giving their address, kind of work qualified to do, and other particulars, and policemen on beats make canvasses of business houses on their routes for possible openings.

The plan has been operating three weeks and a total of 2,255 have applied for work and jobs have been found for only 409. This shows that there are over five persons for every single job.

Fine Work Done by California Council

A state building trades council is a necessity, and under the influence of the California State Building Trades Council there have been organization gains that would otherwise have been impossible, is the declaration of the official organ of the council in its issue of September 15. The official publication, "Organized Labor," is starting publication of a series of articles proving the benefit that the council has been to the tradesmen in the building industry.

The initial article is devoted largely to the heavy membership of the Brotherhood of Carpenters in California. The paper produces figures to show that California, with a population of three and a half million, has more union carpenters than twenty other states, Canada, Hawaiian Islands, Porto Rico and the canal zone, with a population of more than thirty millions. It is declared that the State Building Trades Council is largely responsible for this state of organization in California.

It is presumed that later articles will show the benefits that have accrued to other unions in the building industry. In the state there are twenty-six local Building Trades Councils. The continued functioning of a number of these councils may be ascribed in a large measure to the existence of the state council, it is said.

The council has not only held millions of dollars' worth of private work that would have slipped in different sections, had it not been for the power of the state body, but it has also been the means of procuring for organized workers many big public contracts.

A recent issue of the Long Beach Labor News tells of an address in that city by Frank C. MacDonald, president of the State Building Trades Council, in which the speaker told something of the achievements of the council. Says the Labor News:

"Frank MacDonald's recital of some of the inside history of the activities of the California State Building Trades Council at the meeting of building trades workers last Thursday night was the most interesting and inspiring address ever delivered in Long Beach, according to the expression from all of those who attended the meeting. For an hour and a half President MacDonald held the undivided attention of his hearers while he detailed the activities of the state council in securing union conditions on government work, and upon innumerable private contracts.

"For many years California had the best Building Trades Council in the world," said MacDonald, "and even today the California State Building Trades Council is doing more for the building trades workers on controlling public work than any other state council in existence." He then recounted in detail some of the history of the state council during years past, and proved his statements from that history.

He also told of the activities of the State Building Trades Council in securing the enactment of safety legislation. "The California State Building Trades Council had more to do with securing the adoption of safety legislation than any other organization in the state," said MacDonald. He described the recent efforts of the state council to have safety rules adopted for the governing of paint spray machines, and also provision made for more and better safety inspection work by the Industrial Accident Commission.

President George Baker of the local Building Trades Council presided, and introduced "Daddy" Dale as the first speaker. Brother Dale seemed to sense the fact that MacDonald was going to make a wonderful address, for he prepared the audience for MacDonald's talk by making one of the best addresses ever heard in Long Beach. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," said Brother Dale. "The destiny of the building trades mechanics in Long Beach is in their own hands. Building tradesmen must take advantage of their opportunities. They must affiliate into a Building Trades Council if they expect to keep pace with the forward progress of the organized labor movement."

The meeting last Monday night was undoubtedly one of the best from every viewpoint ever held for building trades mechanics in Long Beach. Officers of the local council are arranging plans which will make possible 100 per cent. affiliation in the Building Trades Council, and they will have the heartiest co-operation and support from other union officers in Long Beach. Every union man at last Tuesday's meeting left with the firm conviction that he would do his utmost to effect a functioning building trades organization in Long Beach, and through that agency give the fullest measure of support to Frank MacDonald and the State Building Trades Council.

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CARPENTERS OF TACOMA GAINING IN MEMBERSHIP

Tacoma.—Carpenters' Union No. 470 is one of the unions in Tacoma that travels right along in the healthy road of increasing membership. Each meeting night from five to ten and sometimes more members are added to the live roll of dues paying members either by initiation or transfer.

Safety First

Ned: "Where did you tour on your vacation?"

Ted: "Gosh! I don't know. I was driving the car."

SEATTLE STREET CARMEN MAKE GAIN IN MEMBERS

The Seattle Street Carmen's Union made a nice increase in its total membership during the month of September. In the report just made to the international 46 new members initiated during the month just closed were included. The initiation fee of the union has been increased to $10 per member.

The convention fund is continually growing, reports Secretary W. E. Carpenter, and a sufficient fund is expected for the entertainment of delegates and visitors to the international convention which will be held in Seattle next September. The union is attempting to raise $20,000.

A Close Call

Ras (after a narrow escape at a railroad crossing): "Whaffo yo' blow yo' ho'n? 'At ain't gwine do yo' no good."

Tus: "Boy, 'at wa'nt my ho'n. 'At was Gabriel."

Trades Union Directory

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

Beverage Dispensers Union No. 676—Meets last Sunday at 8 p.m., Room 313 Holden Bldg. President, W. H. Clancy; Secretary and Business Agent, T. J. Hanofin. Office: Room 14, Flack Block. Phones: Sey. 4738 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, W. L. Yule, 5821 Argyle St.; Secretary, P. Lauret, Box 302, City. Phone Fair. 2108L.

Building Trades Council, Vancouver—Meets second and fourth Tuesday in Holden Building. President, E. H. Morrison; Secretary-Treasurer, W. Page, Room 815, Holden Bldg.; Phone Sey. 7495.

Barbers' Journeyman International Union of America—Local 120, meets second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, in Room 310, Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. President, 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 St.

Bricklayers', Masons' and Tile Setters' Int. Union No. 1—Meets second and fourth Wednesday, in the Holden Bldg. President, L. Padgett, 2066 W. 8th, phone Bayview 1558 R; Sec. Riley, Fin. Sec., 5884 Inverness St., phone Fraser 542 L.

Camp and Mill Workers Federal Labor Union No. 31—Vancouver and vicinity, meets every second Wednesday at 8 p.m., at 544 Powell St. E. President, H. Miyazawa; Secretary, K. Tsuyuki.

Carpenters and Joiners, United Brotherhood of, Local 452—President, J. G. Smith; 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 East at 8 p.m. President, W. H. Lewthwaite; Treasurer, W. J. Scribbins, 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 East 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., 404 Homer St. President, J. B. Brown; Business Agent, E. H. Morrison. Office, 404 Homer St.

Engineers—International Union Steam and Operating Local 844—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m. Room 806, Holden Bldg. President, Geo. Pettapiece; Rec.-Sec., Roy Finley; Business Agent and Fin. Sec., T. A. Newbigging. Office, Room 806, Holden Building.

Fire Fighters, No. 18, International Association of—Meets every month at call of president at 251½ Hastings E. President, N. McDonald, 1136 McLean Drive; Financial Secretary, C. A. Watson, 1329—13th Ave. E.

Floorlayers' Union, No. 1875, U. B. of C. & J. A.—Meets first and third Thursdays in month at Holden Building. President, G. Mayne; Fin. Sec., T. H. Hamlin; Rec. Sec., W. D. Wilson, 1535—5th Ave. W.

Hod Carriers and Building Laborers, No. 602, International—Meets first and third Fridays in month at Holden Building. President, C. Lawson, 1832 3rd Ave. W. Fin. Sec., J. A. Barrington, 4293 Welwyn Street. Business Agent, A. McEwan. Phone Sey. 7495.

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

Ladies' Auxiliary, Local 171—United Brotherhood of Carpenters—Meets every first and third Wednesday of each month in 810 Holden Building, at 8 p.m. President, Mrs. C. J. Atkinson, 730 19th Ave. W.; Secretary, Elizabeth J. Hope, 1042—7th Ave. E.

Lathers, Wood, Wire and Metal, International Union, Local 207—Meets second and fourth Mondays in month at Room 209, Holden Bldg. W. Fontaine, Secretary, 1828 Commercial Dr. Phone High. 3169R.

Machinists' 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.

Vancouver Mailers, Local No. 70—Meets first Tuesday in each month, 6:30 p.m., in Room 804, Holden Building, 16 Hastings St. E. President, A. R. C. Holmes, 6439 Cypress St.; Sec.-Treas., H. E. R. Fader, 2718 Oxford St. Phone High. 4110R.

Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees, Local 464—Meets second and fourth Fridays in Labor Hall, 16 Hastings St. E. President, J. A. Parry; Secretary-Treasurer, Birt Showler, 2841 Triumph. Phone High. 5327.

Mill and Factory Workers' Union, Local No. 1599—Affiliated with United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners. Meets first and third Thursdays in Room 213, Holden Bldg. President, J. W. McInnis, Secretary-Treasurer, H. G. Avery, 7564 Montcalm Street. Phone Marpole 648R.

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Motion Pictures Projectionists' Union, Local 348, of I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O.—Meets first Friday in each month at 11:30 p.m. in the Holden Bldg. President, J. R. Foster; 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, E. C. Miller; Recording 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 16 Hastings St. E. President, H. Edwards; Rec. Sec., A. E. Varah, 1442 Clark Dr.; Business Agent, A. B. Hodge. Office, Room 812, 16 Hastings St. E. Phone Sey. 3609.

Pile Drivers, Bridge, Wharf and Dock Builders, Local No. 2404—Meets every Friday night at 8 o'clock in 122 Hastings St. W. President, R. McDonald; James Thomson, Secretary, P. O. Box 320.

Plasterers, Local 89—Operative Plasterers' and Cement Finishers' International Association—Meets first and third Wednesday in month at Holden Building. President, Wm. Broomhead. Secretary, A. Hurry, 861—34th Ave. E., Phone Fair. 3222R. Cement Finishers' Secretary, A. Neilson, 4258 Ontario, prone Fairmont 4046 Y.

Plumbers and Steamfitters, No. 170, International Association—Meets every second and fourth Friday in the Holden Bldg. President, R. Simpson; Secretary and Business Agent, W. Watt, 813 Holden Building.

Printing Pressmen and Assistants, Local No. 69—Meets every second Tuesday in the month at 8 p.m. in Room 213, Labor Hall, 16 Hastings St. E. President, Max Ernberg, 2035 Georgie E.; Secretary, Thos. S. Ezart, 1603 40th Ave. E., So. Vancouver.

Railway Carmen of America, Lodge No. 58—Meets first and third Friday in month at Cotillion Hall, Granville and Davie streets. President, H. Warde, 1102—23rd Ave. E.; Secretary, J. D. Vuliamy, 2215—15th Ave. E.

Street and Electric Railway Employees, Pioneer Division No. 101—Meets K. P. Hall, 8th and Kingsway, first and third Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. President, H. W. Speed; Recording Secretary, J. Price; Treasurer, E. G. Kermode; Financial Secretary and Business Agent, A. J. Harraway. Office: Corner Prior and Main streets. Phone Sey. 5000.

Sheet Metal Workers Association, Local Union No. 280—Meets second and fourth Thursdays in month in Holden Building, 16 Hastings St. E. President, A. Fisher, 1952—4th Ave. W.; Business Agent and Secretary, D. MacPherson, 807 Holden Building.

Shingle Weavers, Local 17813—Meets second Tuesday in month in Room No. 2, Labor Temple, New Westminster, and fourth Sunday, 7:30 p.m., in Room 313, Holden Bldg., Vancouver. President, J. Stevenson; Secretary, J. N. Chute, 1163 Pender E., Phone High. 1982-Y.

Tailors' Journeymen Union of America, Local No. 178—Meetings held first Thursday, each month, 8 p.m. Executive meets third Thursday of every month in Labor Hall. President, Colin McDonald; Secretary, W. W. Hocken, 1582 13th Ave. E.; Financial Secretary, H. Nordlund, 1930 12th Ave. E.

Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, Local 466—Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 310 Holden Bldg. President, A. A. McKay, 765 Cambie 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, Rod Martin; Secretary, H. Pearson; Bus. Agent, G. W. Allin; Address P. O. Box 711.

Typographical Union, No. 226—President, C. S. Campbell; Vice-President, R. Gouthro; Secretary-Treasurer, R. H. Neelands, 804 Holden Bldg. Meets last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m., in Women's Bldg., Thurlow street.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY No. 75 to Vancouver Typographical Union meets first Thursday of each month, in the Vancouver Women's Building, 752 Thurlow Street. President, Mrs. E. J. Trumper, Suite 41, 840 Nelson Street; Secretary, Una A. Pettipiece, 1846 Balaclava Road.

Prince Rupert Trades & Labor Council

MEETS second Thursday in each month. President, S. D. McDonald, Box 268. Secretary, Frank Derry, Box 498, Prince Rupert, B.C.

"I heard your son was an undertaker. I thought you said he was a physician."

"Not at all. I just said he followed the medical profession."

British Labor Party In Convention

With over one thousand delegates in attendance, the British Labor Party's annual convention opened at Birmingham, England, on Monday last. The new Labor Party program will be thorough discussed. More than usual interest is attached to this convention, as it is quite freely predicted that Ramsay MacDonald may again occupy No. 10 Downing street next June.

George Lansbury, chairman, in his opening address, made an appeal for unity in the party, and emphasized to the delegates that in a democratic movement the majority must rule.

Mr. Lansbury declared that the credit and money raised by capitalist investments in Asia and Africa could as easily be raised to recognize and reconstruct Britain's own natural resources. He contended that there was little sense in sending Britain's best people thousands of miles away to grow food if at the same time her own splendid soil was left uncultivated.

Drifting Into War

Although the Labor Party favored the re-establishment of diplomatic relations with Russia, he said the British Labor officials entirely dissented from the proposal to apply bolshevik methods of organization to Great Britain. He hit at the Communists whom he regarded as enemies of the party. Mr. Lansbury frowned upon a coalition with the Liberal party.

Lieut.-Commander J. M. Kenworthy, in addressing the delegates, warned against the danger of war between Great Britain and the United States and between France and Italy. He contended that the danger was as real as was danger of war between Britain and Germany in 1906, and declared: "We are heading straight for the same tragedy as 1914."

The government's foreign policy and the Anglo-French naval agreement were strongly criticized. A resolution by Ramsay MacDonald, who is much improved in health since his visit to Canada, demanding that the governmenet sign a general disarmament act, abandon the Anglo-French agreement unconditionally, and withdraw all foreign troops from the Rhineland, was adopted by the convention.

Obstacles to Peace

The Labor ex-premier stated that the Labor Party would demand in the House of Commons next month that the government publish a "white paper" giving the full text of the naval agreement and all correspondence exchanged thereon between London and Paris. The Labor Party sets out under five counts obstacles which the Baldwin government has put in the way of peace.

In an interview before the conference, Ramsay MacDonald, in speaking of unemployment and emigration to Canada, stated that emigration must be put on a business footing. He further declared it was no solution of either Britain's or Canada's problem to shovel out eight thousand five hundred men in the rush of a harvest. It was a matter, he contended, for British and Canadian statesmen to tackle with co-operation and eliminating all sentimental humbug, to balance the pros and cons one against the other.

OREGON FAVORS STATE BUILDING FEDERATION

The annual convention of the Oregon State Federation, meeting at La Grande in September, went on record as favoring a state building trades council as a subsidiary to the federation. The action of the Oregon Federation is in line with the action taken by the Washington Federation at Wenatchee in July. In the latter case a referendum of building trades unions was taken.

The Oregon convention instructed the officers of the federation to lend their assistance in organizing a state council. This, of course, is contingent upon the desire of the building tradesmen to the extent that they are willing to take steps toward forming the state council.

WANT WHEAT FARMERS TO STORE THEIR GRAIN

Regina, Sask. — The Canadian wheat pool has adopted a unique scheme to induce the farmers to store their grain on their farms.

The idea is to avoid congestion on the rails and in the grain markets.

The pool's plan, according to an official statement, is as follows:

"An additional one cent per bushel will be paid for all pool wheat delivered to pool elevators and loaded over the platform.

"The amount will be increased to two cents on March 1 and three cents on April 1, the payment remaining at three cents for the remainder of the crop year."

Molders Have Big Amount in Reserve

Montreal.—With more than 400 delegates in attendance, the twenty-seventh convenetion of the International Molders' Union of North America was held here, with President Michael Keough presiding.

The event of the opening day was an address by Tom Moore, president of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress. He reviewed the Canadian trade union problems clearly and effectively, calling attention to a steady gain in members and prestige in face of the opposition of dual organizations.

He presented the Canadian situation in a manner which greatly assisted American delegates to grasp the problems which members of international unions were compelled to face in Canada.

While the officers' reports indicated serious problems which faced the organization, they contained most encouraging evidence of practical progress. The organization's finances were never in as healthful a condition. The reserve funds showed much larger amounts than ever before.

Of particular importance in showing the value of international trade unionism to Canadian members was the fact that the International Molders' Union had, during the past term, expended $58,000 more in Canada than it had received in per capita tax. This was an effective reply to the statement that Canadians do not receive a full return for their affiliation with international unions.

The general attitude of the delegates indicate their hearty approval of the work accomplished by the official family. The indications are that it is a strongly administration convention.

City and provincial authorities extended a welcome so heartily supported by local trade unionists that there were whispers of a movement to move the Statue of Liberty to Canadian soil.

Wages Low in Radio Plants in the States

Washington, D.C.—A survey of wages and hours of labor in the radio manufacturing industry, just completed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor, shows that radio workers receive poor pay.

In the manufacture of receiving sets average and weekly earnings ranged from $13.94 for female packers and wrappers to $44.06 for male tool and die workers, the average for all employees being $23.25.

In the making of loud speakers, the study shows that average actual earnings for one week ranged from $12.93 for female repairers to $41.88 for male tool die makers, the average for all employees being $22.87.

In the manufacture of tubes, the average actual earnings in one week ranged from $14.37 for female filament testers to $28.10 for male electric testers, the average for all employees being $20.36.

Justification For a Share in the Profits

Washington, D.C.—Ample justification for labor's demands for an increasing share in the profits of industry is seen here by trade union executives in data compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The data show that business profits in many lines are larger than a year ago.

Net earnings reported for the first half of 1928 by 222 corporations in leading industries are found to aggregate 9.3 per cent. greater than in the first half of 1927. Profits of 184 public utility concerns in the same period were 9.6 per cent. larger than last year. Earnings of 185 railroads show a 2.3 per cent. decline.

Motors are shown to rank high among the industries reporting gains, with a profit increase amounting to approximately 21.6 per cent. Mining and smelting earned 20.0 per cent. more than a year ago. Other gains were: Chemicals, 12.5 per cent.; machinery, 4.1 per cent.; food and food products, 2.9 per cent.

Smaller profits are reported for tobacco, 20.0 per cent.; oil, 15.6 per cent., and steel, 6.9 per cent.

"What's all the racket about in the barn?" queried the neighbor.

"Ma's trying to set a hen," replied the small boy, hanging over the gate. "You know pa's county agent, he's trying to tell her how."

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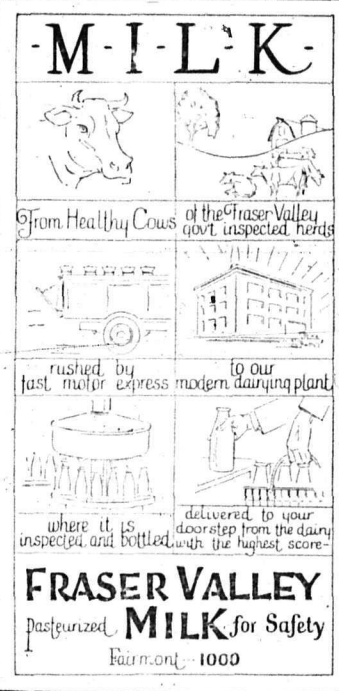

To the Electors of Ward One

Ladies and Gentlemen:

With three years' service as your Alderman, I again solicit your support on my past record.

I am a resident, taxpayer and voter in Ward One of eighteen years' standing.

During my term of office, besides routine Council and Committee work, I have always given willingly personal service to any Ward matters.

I have served as Chairman of the Water Committee and Air Board, also a member of the Hospital Board and Greater Vancouver Water Board, as well as working on committees connected with Amalgamation. With the knowledge and experience thus gained, I feel I can give still more efficient service on the Council of the Greater City.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. DEAN,
Alderman.

$5 INCREASE WON

Seattle.—A wage increase of $5 a week has been secured by musicians, stage employees and movie picture operators in this city. Building service employees are advanced $3 a week. All downtown theatres but three pay the new rates.

To the Young Lady Across the Street

O sing of the sunset, and sing of the dawn,
Or sing of a wild bird's flight;
Yes, sing of your new love or sing of love gone,
But sing with your window closed tight.

* * *

Click: "So Smith's wife made him fire his redheaded stenographer?"

Clack: "Yes, and he sends his letters out now with 'Dictated, but not Red,' at the bottom of them."

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Vancouver, Friday, Oct. 12, 1928

THE MISLEADING PRESS

Under the heading "Fleecing the Aged," the "Columbian, a New Westminster daily paper, in an editorial gets very indignant over the evils of the "Old Age Pension" scheme as we have it in British Columbia. The essence of its complaint will be found in the following:

"Illustrating the meanness, are the facts, while in the period of operation up to the 30th of June the Government of British Columbia had paid out $441,222 to pensioners, these old people had been compelled to surrender property worth $1,520,782 as a condition of going upon the pension list. When this property is turned into money, as the act provides, this money will be shared equally by the two governments contributing to the pensions. They will thus receive back nearly four years' pension payments, and will have made paupers of the 1871 men and 1279 women who have accepted the Government "bounty." Other countries do not confiscate the property of pensioners, but act generously in permitting the retention of, in some cases, as high as three thousand dollars' worth without diminution of the pensions.

"The average monthly payments to our pensioners is stated at $17.47. This is the advanced social legislation" for which the parties concerned have been held up to the admiration of the public!"

On enquiry from the local Old Age Pension administration we find that this is rather a strange mixture of fact and fiction. The amount paid to the end of June is correct. The number of pensioners, called "paupers," are correct, and the average of the pension is correct. Whether the amount of property owned by these old people is $1,520,782 or some other amount the local office does not know; it has never had any occasion to enquire as to the total of the property values given by the pensioners. There is a section in the act which gives the government, in certain rare instances, the right to claim a refund of the amount of pension paid, together with interest at five per cent from a deceased pensioner's estate. During the thirteen months that the act has been in operation 263 pensioners have died, but in no instance has the Federal or Provincial Governments, or the administering board, made any claim under this section. At the present time there are 3443 Old Age Pensioners on the British Columbia books. The local office estimates that possibly 40% of these old people possess property and we are assured that in every instance these people have the same unhampered right, to deal with their property, as they possessed before accepting the Old Age pension.

In his opening paragraph the "Columbian" writer states "The Act as held up to give opportunity of reconsideration of the confiscation of property which is proposed." The owner of the "Columbian" is a member of the Canadian Senate which killed, not "held up," the first Old Age Pension Act. If these life pensioners had any objection to the clauses referring to property it is very strange that the verbatim report of the discussion in the Senate fails to show it. These four thousand dollar per year political pensioners at that time told us that the country did not want old age pensions—that the burden on the government was too heavy—that it was a provincial duty—that the time was not "ripe"—that it was throwing money away—that the scheme was a vicious tendency in politics—that the United States did not have an Old Age Pension scheme and many other objections, all, however, directed to destroying the Act, and which they finally did—and Senator Taylor of the "Columbian" was one of the gentlemen who assisted in the killing. If the "Columbian" had contented itself with mis-stating the history of the Act, we could conclude that Senator Taylor was none too well satisfied with his part in defeating the original Old Age Pension bill, but when the Senator's paper circulates misleading information, and which can only have the effect of preventing aged people from claiming the assistance which the State has provided for them we are unable to account for the policy and will ask the "Columbian" to explain the matter for us.—M.

As a punishment for certain "peculiarities" in our writing last week the printer made "Matthews" from the name "Malthus," which the writer had intended.—M.

GET OUT AND VOTE

Aside from endorsing the candidates in the forthcoming civic election who carry union cards, the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council is not taking any official part in the campaign. With candidates from three districts in the field attempting to obtain office in the Greater Vancouver City Council, we feel that it will be up to the residents of each district to select whom they consider their best men for office. Quite a number of them have held office in the disbanding councils and the residents of those districts whe have followed the activities of the respective candidates and office holders, will be better able to judge them at this time than we are. In a great many instances it will be North against South ends of the wards, such as in Ward Seven, where half the electors will be residents of what used to be South Vancouver and the other half residents of old Ward Eight in the city. In this instance it will be a battle between Hall, of South Vancouver, and MacInnis, of the city. If the electors are going to vote according to the district the candidate resides in, it will be an interesting battle, but if the electors vote according to the political faith of the candidates, then MacInnis will win, because this is a decidedly Labor ward.

In Ward Eight the South Vancouver and Point Grey end of the ward is practically uninhabited, so the votes will come from the city residents. Alderman Garbutt has, however, lost the confidence of the public and the next strongest candidate in that ward being Councillor Alex MacDonald, we feel that his election is practically assured.

In Wards Nine, Ten and Eleven, where the divisions are between the city and Point Grey, the contests will be very interesting because there are many prominent candidates from the respective councils in the field.

The bitterest fight is taking place in Ward Four where Alderman Woodside has obtained the animosity of a large section of the residents by his anti-union attitude and his constant support of unfavorable legislation. Harry Degrayes and Walter Scribbins are having a great time out there flaying Woodside, to the great delight of the audiences, but Walter Scribbins, being an old campaigner, cool and logical in his utterances, looks like the winner with the new working class district that has been added to the new ward.

With 25 candidates running for the nine seats on the School Board there appears to be every chance of electing the three endorsed Labor candidates. Anyhow a few plumpers will help considerably.

Thirteen candidates are seeking the seven seats on the Parks Board and Walter Deptford will undoubtedly get one of them. We are at the bottom of the ballot and as thirteen is our lucky number we fail to see how we are going to miss getting one of those seats, although modesty forbids us telling why we should get one.

In the Mayoralty contest it looks like a battle between the East and the West ends of the city. Mayor Taylor seems to be getting the biggest support from the East and South east end residents, but W. H. Malkin offsets that by getting a fairly solid support in the West end of the city. Of course, we are only able to judge by the meetings now under way, but when the stay-at-home voter comes out on election day, we may have a very pleasant surprise.

Members of organized labor should get out on election day and support those candidates, at least, who carry a union card. If these men get elected their actions should be closely followed and then condemned or endorsed by their own members, in an effort to line them up properly. Under any circumstances these men should receive the Labor vote at this time, and every effort should be made by organized labor to put them into office. Should their services prove of value, organized labor can then make efforts to get other union men to enter the field so as to eventually obtain a controlling interest in municipal offices.—W.

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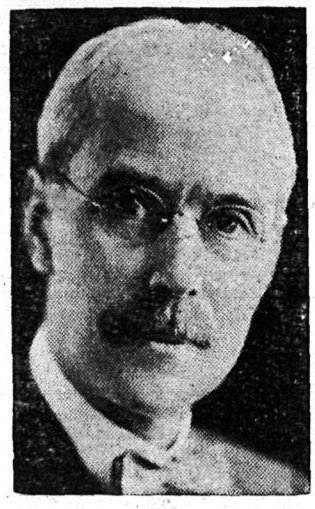

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MALKIN'S REASONS FOR APPEARING BEFORE BOARD

781 Granville St.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
Oct. 8th, 1928.

H. W. Watts, Esq.,
Managing Editor,
"Labour Statesman,"
816 Holden Bldg.,
Vancouver.

Dear Sir:

On the front page of the "Labour Statesman" of October 5th I notice an article entitled "Street Railway Men's Statement on Malkin."

In this statement you say I appeared before a conciliation board sitting on the making of an agreement between the B. C. Electric Ry. Co. and its employees and gave such evidence that the Street Railway Men received a reduction of 2c per hour in their wages. Is that quite a fair statement? What are the facts?

In 1915 everyone was feeling the strain of the war; prices and wages were dropping and business was in a very unsatisfactory position. No one seemed to know what was going to happen next. I was asked by the Union of Street Railway Employees to submit to them comparative food prices for 1911-12-13-14-15. I did so. The B. C. Electric Railway Co. asked me to submit the same information to the commission then sitting. If I had refused to do so, they would have subpoenaed me, so I appeared before the commission and submitted the same evidence as to prices as I had given to the Union and was cross-examined by both sides. Other evidence from other firms was also submitted along the same lines.

Now it is quite a correct and fair statement of the case to say the men's wages were reduced because my evidence, and even if they were, remember, I could not have refused to give the information I did. I was merely summoned as an expert who knew food prices.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. MALKIN.

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Not every young lady can win a prize at an exhibition of spring styles but most of them can be complimented on the showing they make.

Unoppposed by a candidate of the Independent Labor Party, in Ward Three, Alderman P. C. Gibbens points out that his record of seven years as Alderman is filled with evidence of his good-will to Labor.

Spring and springtime rarely ever come at the same time.

VOTE FOR LOUIS D. TAYLOR

The People's Candidate for Mayor of Greater Vancouver

HE IS thoroughly conversant with the subject of Amalgamation, as well as the other great undertakings which must be pushed to completion during 1929,—viz., Burrard Street Bridge, Carrall Street Railway Crossing, Civic Centre, City Hall, and the bringing to a conclusion of many of the smaller details of the Amalgamation Agreement, which will come up for discussion and completion by the newly elected civic body after October 17th.

His past achievements during the administration of this year, and for years past, are familiar to all.

In the Mayoralty contest, the man who had a hand in these negotiations is certainly better able to judge, and to deal wisely with the remaining work to be done, than the man who has not directly, or indirectly, given the question any thought.

Who will you support? The man who has served the city as member of the License Board, also the Library Board, has been elected Mayor seven times,—or the man whose whole thought during these years has been upon private business matters?

The man whose thoughts have been upon civic developments, or the man whose thoughts have been upon the accumulation of wealth, with no particular attention paid to civic duties?

Vancouver has always gone ahead during Mayor Taylor's occupancy of office. Why, then, this vendetta; this vile effort to wean public trust from him, by methods that are most unscrupulous, unfair, and by deliberately falsifying facts, as is done by the Daily Province, a paper that is owned by Eastern men, who have absolutely no knowledge, or acquaintance with, the needs of Vancouver?

Mayor Taylor has never bent his energies toward acquiring wealth. On the contrary, for thirty years, he has been active in trying to bring a successful conclusion to all public matters that might be for the benefit of the city as a whole. He is not a half-time Mayor; he has always had the co-operation of his Council and the heads of Civic Departments.

To assist in giving all possible information to the voters, Mayor Taylor has opened headquarters as follows:

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Five-day Week Asked By Letter Carriers

Windsor, Ont.—A maximum salary of $2,100, seven-hour day, a five-day week and important readjustments of the current superannuation schedule were the reforms adopted by the Federated Association of Letters Carriers at their annual convention here last week.

This is considered the most progressive step yet taken by any organized group in the Dominion civil service.

The letter carriers are affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

While the letter carriers were meeting here, the postal clerks were in session at Otttawa. They adopted a resolution calling for one organization for all postal workers.

When the proposition came before the letter carriers it was voted upon, the convention holding that the door was open for federation, the form of organization favored by them.

The postal clerks were at one time affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, but following the strike a few years ago, they allowed their membership to lapse.

Russian Officials Are Getting Into Trouble

The Public Prosecutor has been instructed to proceed against numerous officials entrusted with the collection of grain for slackness and inefficiency. On the other hand, other officials are threatened with prosecution for "reviving compulsory methods," which were officially abandoned early in the summer, after causing widespread unrest among the peasants. Pravda states that July and August yielded only half the expected quantities of grain.

Rudzutak, deputy chairman of the Council of People's Commissars, has published an urgent appeal to all collecting organizations to put an end to the disorder now ruling on the "grain front," as proper supplies can only be maintained if all the public organizations pull together and pull hard. The difficulties, he says, are great, particularly in view of the unfavorable geographical distribution of the present harvest. Slackness is, therefore, tantamount to a crime and plays into the hands of private buyers, who are now disturbing the official grain campaign. The grain-collecting organizations, especially Centrosoyus and Soyuzkhleb, engage in disastrous and open competition instead of pulling together. This and other abuses will henceforth entail resolute action by the organs of justice against officials failing in a pressing public duty.

Union Membership Forbidden in Mills

Here is a news item appearing in the Tacoma Labor Advocate in the issue of September 28:

"When the shingle weavers were tipped off that Governor Hartley had changed his attitude towards trades unionism and tried to organize the Hartley mills (Everett) they were met at the gate with clubs, according to advices received in Tacoma..

"There was an alibi that Hartley had nothing to do with the mills now, that his sons were running it and their attitude towards unions was the same as the Governor's had been in the 'Verona' days

"Moreover, representatives of the Hartley mill appeared at the shingle weavers meeting and reported that they were told that if any employees joined the union they'd be fired. Apple sauce is great stuff for the workers."

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W. B. Brummitt Co., 18 Cordova west—Bell shoes, men's; Strider shoes, men's, youths'; Dr. Reed shoes, men's.

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Wilson Shoe Co., 159 Hastings west—W. L. Douglas shoes, men's; Wilson's Special, men's, women's, youths'.

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Quality Shoe Co., 2219 Granville—Strider shoes, men's and youths'; Tetrault's, men's and women's.

Model Boot Shop, 1186 Granville—Tetrault's, men's, women's, youths'.

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Spencer Department Store—Invictus shoes, men's and youths'; Strider shoes, men's and youths'; Diamond shoes, men's and youths'; Tetrault's, men's and women's.

Woodward's Department Store—Strider shoes, men's and youths; Tetrault's, men's and women's.

Hastings Shoe Co., 65 Hastings east—Tetrault's, men's and women's; Eagle shoes, men's and youths.

C. J. Packham, 1087 Granville—Slater shoes, men's.

Jamieson Bros., 995 Granville—Strider shoes, men's and youths'; eTtrault's, men's and youths'.

P. Paris, Hastings west—Bell shoes, women's; Tetrault's, men's and youths.'

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Municipal Economy

A bob-haired, scantily clad flapper was making her application at the pearly gates, and St. Peter was putting her through her category.

"What was your occupation?" he inquired.

"Men called me a gold-digger," she tittered.

"I'm sorry—but on account of the paving we can't let you in here."

Mexican Labor Has Withstood Attack

Santiago Iglesias, secretary of the Pan-American Federation of Labor, has returned to his office in the A. F. of L. building, Washington, from a trip to Mexico, where he went to confer with President Calles and the leaders of the Mexican labor movement. He brings the first authentic information concerning the status of organized labor in the southern republic since the tumult that followed the assassination of General Obregon, the president-elect.

Senor Iglesias, who in addition to being secretary of the Pan-American Federation of Labor is a member of the Porto Rican senate, representing the labor movement of that island possession of the United States, made this statement of his observations in Mexico.

"There is no hint of another revolution. The army is supporting the civil government. The excitement following the killing of General Obregon has given way to tranquility, largely due to the confidence of the people in President Calles.

Morones Didn't Run Away

"My judgment is that the organized labor movement of Mexico will be stronger and more independent than ever. Charges that certain labor leaders were implicated in the murder of Obregon have been absolutely disproved.

"Luis N. Morones, variously reported in the American press as having fled the country or gone into hiding after retiring from Calles' cabinet, continues as leader of Mexican labor. He never left Mexico City, and was at labor headquarters when reports were printed that he had fled. Everybody in Mexico knew where he was all the time."

Attitude of New President

Asked for an expression as to Emilio Portes Gil, elected by the Mexican Congress to succeed Calles as temporary president, Senor Iglesias said:

"The new president is a lawyer and belongs to what is termed the intelligentia class. He has been the friend and supporter of Calles, and is pledged to continue his policies in large measure.

"He favors improvement of working conditions and expansion of educational facilities. His attitude toward the organized labor movement is yet to be made a matter of record. While he may not co-operate with the labor movement to the extent that Calles did, the leaders are content to wait and be of assistance to him in making his administration a success.

"The Mexican Federation of Labor, or Crom, as it is known there, has withstood the attacks of fanatics and stands forth today before the Mexican public, with Morones and every other leader holding the confidence and esteem of the state officials and masses of the people."

Senor Iglesias had a thrilling return trip from Mexico. He took a steamer at Vera Cruz for New York. Soon after leaving the Mexican port the vessel caught fire. The captain was compelled to take the ship into the port of Progreso, Yucatan, where the passengers were sent ashore and held for two days while the seamen battled to subdue the fire.

While ashore in Merida, the capital of Yucatan, Senor Iglesias was taken violently ill. In a weakened condition he re-embarked.

En route north the ship ran into the hurricane that swept Porto Rico and Florida.

San Juan Home Wrecked

"For five days the ship zig-zagged back and forth fighting the storm," said Iglesias. "We didn't know where we were. Any moment a big wave might sink the vessel.

"After riding out the storm safely, the captain brought me a radio message from Porto Rico telling of the destruction of San Juan. I learned later that my home there had been badly damaged. The roof was blown off and most of the little property I have there was practically ruined. However, none of my family was injured.

"Aside from these incidents it was a nice trip," he concluded, grimly.

AUGUST PRODUCTION AUTOS HITS ALL-TIME HIGH PEAK

American plants in August turned out 458,429 automobiles, thus establishing an all-time record for a single month. The highest monthly output previously recorded was in October, 1925, when 442,000 cars were produced.

As if to anticipate this gain in the number of autos, tire shipments made an all-time record in July, rising nearly 32 per cent. over shipments in the same month last year, though actual tire production dropped back a little.

Power Trust Buying Up Daily Newspapers

"Colonel" Ira C. Copley, Illinois power magnate, purchased the Morning Sun at Long Beach, Cal., last week.

Copley now owns 23 newspapers in Southern California, and no one seems to know how many more he has rounded up in other parts of the country.

His activities along journalistic lines were called to the attention of the senate during the last session by Norris of Nebraska, who submitted a letter from Willis Spaulding, manager of the publicly-owned light plant in Springfield, Ill.

Spaulding suggested that Copley was acting for the Power Trust and that he had already succeeded in grabbing some of the most important daily papers outside of Chicago.

Copley indignantly denied the charge, although admitting that he had made all his money out of power plants and that the bulk of his millions was invested in power securities.

New York Builders Demand 5-Day Week

New York.—The building trade unions of Greater New York, with 125,000 active members, have served notice on the employers' association that they want a five-day week and a 10 per cent. increase in wages. This demand was approved last week at a meeting of the New York Building Trades Council.

At present the building crafts are working 44 hours a week, or five and one-half day week, under a contract that does not expire until December 31, 1929. It is intended that the employers be requested to open the scale and agree to a new one effective January 1, 1929, or in event this is not done the shorter week and increased wages shall become a part of the next contract, whenever written.

There has been a growing sentiment for establishment of the five-day week among the building trades of the metropolitan district, and the united demand made last week will at least serve to make the campaign more effective.

Naturalist Candidate for Parks Commissioner

As I have entered the race for Parks Commissioner, it is as well that I state my object and qualifications for such office.

My chief object, and the desire of my friends, is that I run as a Naturalist. We fully believe that a naturalist should have a seat on the Parks Board for the following reasons:

That a beginning be made to build up an efficient zoological park under the care and supervision of a naturalist. A zoological collection to be housed and arranged in such a manner that it can be used for educational purposes as well as by the general public.

That the natural beauty of Stanley Park be preserved and enlarged, so as to include as many types of natural British Columbia scenery as possible. Such types to be used for educational purposes and for the general public.

That a naturalist who has a working knowledge of British Columbia wild life (plants and animals) should be on the board to carefully consider and give advice on natural history questions.

My qualifications as a naturalist are as follows:

Have been a member of British Columbia natural history societies and clubs for over 15 years.

Have taken a keen interest in wild animal and plant life in British Columbia for over 20 years.

Was employed by the head of Vancouver city engineering department for seven years to study and report on meteorological conditions. (snow and rain) on the city watersheds. Also forestry questions in relation to logging on the watersheds; questions such as reforestation, fire, floods, drainage, water storage and the relation of plants, insects and animals to the purity of the water supply. During the seven years' work on the watershed I wrote several papers which were either published or given to natural history societies, such as "Snow and Its Influences on Animals and Plants," "Botanical Survey of Parts of the Watershed," "Devil's Club" (a shrub) and its environment," "Lichens That Tell Snow Depths," "The Effect of Lightning on Forest Trees." This, I believe, is enough to qualify for a seat on the Parks Board.

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Plans and form of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this Department, at the offices of the District Engineer, Post Office Building, New Westminster, B.C.; Victoria Builders Exchange, 2509 Prior Street, Victoria, B. C.; The Building and Construction Industries Exchange, 615 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C.; also at the Post Office, Steveston, B. C.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on printed forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with conditions contained therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent. of teh amount of the tender. Bonds of the Dominion of Canada or bonds of the Canadian National Railway Company will also be accepted as security, or bonds and a cheque if required to make up an odd amount.

NOTE.—Blue prints can be obtained at this Department by depositing an accepted cheque for the sum of $20.00, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

By order,
S. E. O'BRIEN,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, September 29, 1928.

CO-OP. SOCIETY GIVES ADVICE TO PREMIER BALDWIN

Pressed to give some idea of the response to Premier Baldwin's letter to employers of Great Britain, officials are rather ambiguous in their replies, but admit that "in some areas there is encouragement, and in others rather less."

But the Industrial Co-operative Society of Coventry has replied to the prime minister's letter by stating that its contents had been discussed by the committee.

"And I am directed to inform you," writes the secretary, "that this society is doing, and has done for a considerable period its utmost to find employment for as many persons as possible under the best possible conditions.

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I favor a thorough reorganization of the Police Department at the earliest date possible, and also strict enforcement of the law. No interference with the heads of departments in the discharge of their duties.

Recent developments in B. C. Electric stocks confirm the opinion of many citizens that we are paying too much for our light and power, both public and domestic.

I am in favor of equalized telephone, lighting and street car rates throughout the metropolitan area.

I am strongly opposed to the present aldermanic policy in **forcing** upon the property owners **without their consent** expensive local improvements, especially in the matter of street lighting.

I also oppose Alderman Almond's stand for increased wages to a favored few highly-paid civic officials. Any increase in civic salaries should begin with the lower-paid men.

I favor an early start on the erection of a new City Hall and the building of the Burrard Street Bridge.

If elected, I will put forth my best efforts towards the upbuilding of not only Ward 2, but the city as a whole.

GEORGE C. MILLER.

Advt.

Strikes and Lockouts in Canada

The important events in the past few months in the sphere of strikes and lockouts have been the strike and subsequent organization of the Oshawa automobile workers and the strike of the structural iron workers of Toronto and Montreal.

The unionization of the Oshawa employees of the General Motors Corporation is undoubtedly the most important organizational event in Canadian labor of recent years. Several features add to its importance. Firstly, it is unique as an organizational event in Canadian labor, which for the last few years has not witnessed spontaneous outbursts and unionization of such large bodies of workers. Secondly, it is unique as an organizational event in the field of automobile workers, which has been considered a well night impregnable fortress of open-shop conditions.

The precedent may have far-reaching consequences not only for the automobile workers of Canada, but for those of the United States, where the unorganized condition of these workers constitutes a keen labor problem. A further item of interest which may be noted is that the policy adopted of the industrial method of unionism for automobile workers seems justified.

An important lesson which workers generally may learn from the Oshawa incident is the fact that workers should not allow themselves to be bluffed by the bravado statements of employers at the outbreak of the strike. Reading the early statements of the General Motors' representatives when the strike first occurred makes comical reading in the light of subsequent developments. "If they desire to be taken back," said Mr. Brown on the 28th of March (Globe, 29th March), "they will be dealt with individually. They would not be taken back in a body." This dissembling of the body of workers, unfortunately for the General Motors Corporation, did not materialize, and instead of being taken back, part by part, to be later assembled as a "Fisher" instead of a "striker" body, the men, when they returned to work returned as an integral unit. "General Motors have issued an untimatum to the men that they must either return to work accepting the reduced wages or lose their jobs. Men will be brought in to fill the vacancies." (read the Toronto Telegram on 28th March). The men neither lost their jobs nor returned at the reduced rate! These defiant bombasts are familiar tactics of the employer in the first stages of a strike. They are intended to so impress the worker with the absolute determination and optimism of the company that the men will lose courage and hope. Any good poker player knows the psychology. It is to the credit of the Oshawa workers that, knowing the strength of their "hands," they sat tight and forced a show-down.

Proper Research

The conciliation report suggests two items for consideration. Firstly, the need for proper research and organization of data by the workers respecting the industry in which they are employed. In the absence of refutation the Conciliation Board felt bound to accept figures of the company demonstrating a lower productivity in the Oshawa than in other plants. What ever basis there may be for that contention, a better impression would be made on the men themselves, whose reaction to the award and its findings is a constant background factor, if their representatives had been able to present their own data.

But, apart altogether from the question of the reliability of the company's figures on this subject, the principle should not be too readily conceded that standards in an American plant are to determine conditions in the Canadian branches. The mere fact that union recognition does not prevail in the States is not necessarily a reason against recognition in Canada. Where these corporations find it to their advantage to differentiate from the United States standards they do so without hesitation. If therefore any particular or unusual conditions prevail here, they should receive their natural application. In one sense it may even be said that the companies operating here are separate legal entities from those in the United States, and the mere fact that there may be a parent holding company does not alter factual separateness. More importantly should we protect our own standards with respect to the relations which should prevail between wages and scale of production. The mere fact that General Motors or any other large producing concern is able to burn up human energy in its American plants is no necessary reason for its duplication here. We have our own population and our own background of industrial standards and efficiency, and we are entitled to establish our own values as to the degree to which human beings are to be exposed to fatigue and strain.

Iron Workers

The structural iron workers' strike is too recent at the moment of writing to justify any extended comment. As passers-by have glanced up to watch these workers stationed in their hazardous positions, performing feats which take away the breath of the sidewalk observer, there has always been a consoling thought that they at least get better wages. It must undoubtedly have been a matter of extreme surprise to the general observer to learn that the wage paid to these men is far below the 90 cents an hour which they now ask for, and that they are the victims of a most vicious open shop anti-union policy. Their strike should secure the definite support of all sections of labor, and particularly the Building Trades. The situation at this moment with respect to a sympathetic strike is uncertain, and affords no opportunity for comment. That some degree of strengthening of internal organization is necessary seems however apparent, and the Building Trades would be wise to give some study and attention to this situation.

General disputes have recurred with at least their usual frequency. Street railway men in Hamilton; cartage men in Winnipeg; plumbers in Kingston; plasterers, fur workers, painters, and cloakmakers in Toronto; rubber workers in Montreal; laborers at Corbyville, have served more or less to keep up the spirit of resistance.

In the meantime the workers are finding that they have more than the employer to fight against. Fur workers in Toronto have complained that the police have interefered with their pickets; the strike of painters' local has brought the injunction into use in Ontario Courts as a method of interefering with picketing in a strike, and the structural steel workers' strike has witnessed the use of police as a protective force where "scabs" are working on the job. Mr. Varley, of the Toronto Building Trades Council, complaining of this, was met with a reply from the new Chief of Police ,with the editorial endorsation of the Toronto Globe, May 25th), that this was no new policy and that it was the duty of the police to maintain law and order. That sounds all very well on its face, but as it works out the employer has the "law" and the worker gets the "order."

Correspondence

Editor Statesman:

Sir—In the last issue of The Statesman appeared an editorial entitled "The Machine," and signed "M." This article stated that "a century ago a parson named Matthews, noting the fact that poverty tended to increase," etc.

At first I thought that the name Matthews was a printer's error, but on completing the article I found it so mentioned four times.

Does not the writer mean Malthus?

As to Malthusianism being "as dead as the person himself," I have a friend who has given the subject meticulous study and who believes the principles still hold good.

If your correspondent "M" is willing, I think I can arrange a debate between him and my friend.

I remain, yours sincerely,

JACK CHAPPLE.

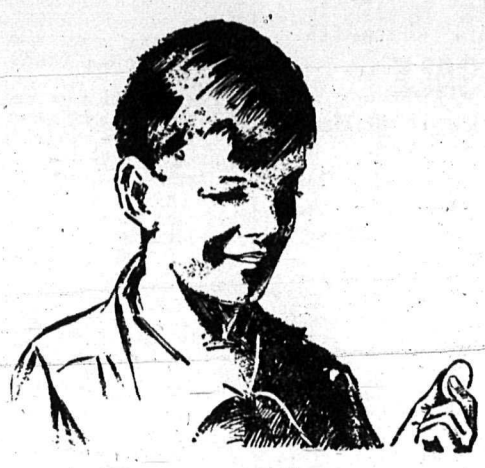
TACOMA STONE CUTTERS SECURE FIVE-DAY WEEK

Tacoma.—The Journeymen Stone Cutters' Union of this city has established the five-day week for their craft, making a step forward in this reform that crafts are now seeking to establish nationally.

All of the laborers not eligible for membership in the Stone Cutters, but employed in and around the plants, have been organized by the Hod Carriers' and Laborers' Union.

OREGON FEDERATION OFFICERS UNOPPOSED

President Cooper and Secretary Osborne of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, which has just concluded its convention, had no opposition for re-election when nominations were made for officers at the La Grande sessions of the federation.



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Proud of Organized Labor's Activities

Reminding the delegates at the Machinists' convention that the Machinists' organization has, since shortly after its inception, been affiliated with the A. F. of L., President Green said he was proud of its record and its leadership in the progressive movement among the trade unions.

Striving for New Members

Workers who despair because the unions have not succeeded in organizing all who toil should compare the labor movement with the great civic, fraternal and religious organizations, President Green said.

"Remember," he pointed out, "that all men and women who are eligible are not members of fraternal organizations.

"In civic and community undertakings all who have benefitted through the activities and efforts of these civic and community organizations are not identified with them.

"And then let us pass on to that great historic movement, the church itself. The church is still pleading with men and women to identify themselves with it, and, because the church has not succeeded in saving all sinners, would you condemn the church and destroy it?

"If we would not condemn a historic organization of this kind because it has not accomplished its full objectives, why should we condemn the trade-union movement that has made a most creditable record in comparison with the work of fraternal organizations and the church itself.

"The facts are that we deserve great credit for what we have accomplished under the most trying and difficult circumstances."

TO OPPOSE MISS MACPHAIL

Durham, Ont.—Miss Agnes Macphail, the only woman member of the Canadian House of Commons, is to have opposition at the next general election, come when it may. The Conservatives have selected Dr. L. G. Campbell of Markdale as her opponent, and although there is not likely to be a general election for one year, organization is already under way.

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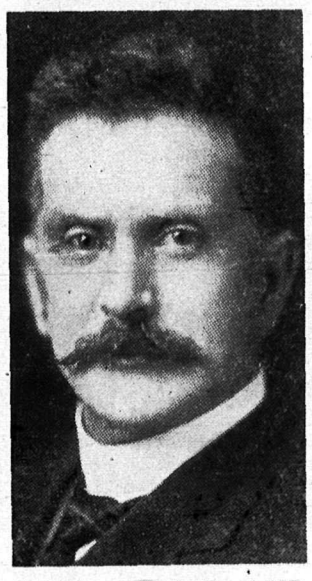

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TO THE ELECTORS OF GREATER VANCOUVER:

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I can promise you in advance that if I am elected I shall unsparingly give of my time to further the interests of public school education in Vancouver, and, so far as practicable, have all supplies and equipment bought here and labor of our own city employed.

Yours very sincerely,
J. A. CAMPBELL.

The Prima Donna

"The cat was making an awful noise last night."

"Yes, ever since she ate the canary she thinks she can sing."

Building Trades Endorse Candidates

At its regular meeting on Tuesday the Building Trades Council endorsed Mayor Taylor, Alderman Bennett and all the union men candidates endorsed by the Trades and Labor Council.

Twenty-eight new members were reported by the affiliated unions and an aggressive campaign started against the dual unions. The Council wants to clean up this dual union situation because the obstinency of these few dual union members will retard the Building Trades Council efforts to raise wages and maintain the five-day week.

Davis Favors Reduction In Working Time

The mechanization of industry is causing unemployment that can be remedied by reducing hours, said Secretary of Labor James J. Davis in an address to the International Association of Public Employment Service held in Cleveland.

"Men are being displaced so rapidly they cannot be absorbed," said Mr. Davis. "In all our great industries machines are being introduced to enable a few machines to do the work formerly done by many. This is going on at such a rate that I am well within the bounds of conservatism in calling the resulting situation a new industrial revolution."

The speaker cited numerous instances where labor-saving machinery has swept workers into the street. A brick machine makes 40,000 bricks an hour, as against 450 bricks in one eight-hour day in certain older plants, he said.

"No industry is escaping the new revolution. In every direction but one these new machines that displace workers are a boon to humanity. But in that one direction—of creating unemployment, even a temporary unemployment—they are developing a problem we cannot ignore.

"Machinery is taking the place of human workers more rapidly than we have thus far been able to absorb them in new pursuits. That situation may well become a grave one if we do not exert ourselves to meet it.

"No one is foolish enough to admit that we can go on many mechanical gains that cause us a human loss. If humanitarianism can not stir us to prevent suffering, then business sense should stir us. For we all know now that we lose something when one man is out of a job. We lose the goods that he might have produced. We lose the sales we might have made to him. And if we allow this loss to grow so that thousands or even several millions of people have ceased to be producers and buyers, we face a heavy loss in national well-being. If for no better reason than to protect our pockets, what are we going to do about it?"

ABOLITION OF MILITARY DRILL IN THE SCHOOLS OF THIS NEW CITY

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LABOR WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE SATURDAY

The regular whist drive and dance of the South Vancouver branch of the Independent Labor Party will be held in the Maple Hall, 49th and Fraser, on Saturday evening. One of the Tombola prizes will be a quarter of a ton of coal. Another good batch of whist prizes have been obtained for this event. General admission 50c.

Of Course He Was

Dora was interviewing the man of her heart in the privacy of the drawing room. On the previous evening her fiance had asked permission to marry her. The father agreed immediately, but his wife was not so cordial, and did not approve.

"I'm afraid mother is going to be a bit awkward, dear," began Dora. "She thinks that because you are an actor you're effeminate."

The young man pondered a minute. "Well," he confessed, "compared with her, I suppose I am."

Labor and School Board Policies

By W. W. LEFEAUX,

Candidate for Board of School Trustees.

Labor has hitherto been markedly apathetic with regard to municipal matter and perhaps the indifference shown towards School Board affairs is the most noticeable. We might be excused for a certain amount of apathy as regards police and municipal services in general which are more directly connected with property administration, but when it comes to the education of the child it is difficult to find an excuse for leaving this branch of our social organization in the hands of those who have hitherto set themselves up as dictators of our educational policy.

Large sums of money have been spent and immense effort expended to influence the thinking ability of the grown-ups with comparatively no result as it takes the direct pressure of economic conditions to make the average adult see that things are not as they should be. With children it it different. Their minds are in the formative stage and they are open to receive impressions that will affect the way in which they will look at things when in the course of a few years, they too, join the ranks of the grown-ups.

It may be true that even if we did obtain control of the Board of School Trustees we could not radically change the curriculum and agenda of the schools, but we could see to it, that in such subjects as history, sociology, economics, philisophy and literature the teachers and professors were allowed to discuss, without restraint by the conservative element, the natural deductions to be made and lessons to be learned from the analytical study of the evolution of human society and thought. To put it in a few words, teachers would then not be afraid to give expression to so-called radical ideas and to analyze these subjects from the viewpoint of Labor instead of the viewpoint of so-called authorities.

Within the memory of the writer schools were in the small competitive stage. In a comparatively few years we have recognized the necessity of concentration and nationalization in these matters, and today the Municipal Board of School Trustees practically amounts to a Board of Directors for the Public Business of Dispensing Education. With a school system calling for an annual expenditure of from $2,000,000 to $3,000,000, and having the control of somewhere between forty and fifty schools, the principal requisite for the board will be administrative ability and power to visualize the necessities of the next succeeding years and how to shape education policy in such a way that the children will be best prepared for the struggle for existence. This struggle tends to become harder every year, and the value of the growing generation to the present day employers and purchasers of labor power is determined by their potentialities as wealth producers. As a Labor Party we fully recognize this and have no intention of slackening, but rather of increasing their efficiency along these lines. Where we differ radically from the conservative elements is in the stress and emphasis we would place upon giving the child a higher social concept and cause it to think of its relationship and duties to its fellows, more particularly in respect of the problem of wealth distribution. We hold that the problem of wealth production is solved and that with the aid of natural forces and machinery we can produce all the wealth requisite for the use of human society. We differ fundamentally on the problem of wealth distribution and that, to us, is the most important problem that we have to face, and if we cannot at the present time give the children any thorough grounding in social economy we can at least impress them that the presnt stage of society is only a passing phase and that developing conditions are even today demanding a re-adjustment in our system of dealing with the wealth produced by labor.

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LABOR DISPUTES IN INDIA

Labor disputes have reached such serious proportions in Bombay that chambers of commerce and similar organizations have asked the government to intervene. The textile industry is reported to be completely tied up and the railways facing considerable difficulty in moving traffic.

A "trades disputes bill" will be introduced in the present session of the legislative assembly providing for investigation and settlement of industrial disputes.