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Taxpayers Should Support Money Bylaws Wednesday

By-law Money Is Needed To Carry On Legitimate Work That Will Help Build Up the City and Keep Workers Off the Relief Line

NEXT WEDNESDAY EVERY TAXPAYER in the city of Vancouver will have an opportunity to say whether a large number of citizens will be enabled to continue to earn a living, or whether another large number of workers will be thrown into the line-up at the Relief Office. If every one of the money by-laws is endorsed next Wednesday it will only mean an expense of a few dollars to each working class family, but if these by-laws are not passed, then the competition for jobs will become keener and the city's expenditures on relief will increase, at expense of taxpayers.

The Associated Property Owners' Association has gone on record as being opposed to these money bylaws. This Association is composed mostly of large property owners, who don't have to work for a living, and whose struggle for a living is never made around factory gates or relief offices. Every one of the bylaws have been proposed with the idea of helping the unemployment situation in the city of Vancouver. They will enable the city to carry on necessary improvements so as to keep citizens at work and to launch new undertakings that will take men from the relief office line-up and put them to work at decent wages.

Surely it is good sense, for the wage worker at least, to favor these money bylaws when it is only going to cost him a few dollars a year, but may also be the means of keeping you on your job if you are working, or may be the means of putting you to work if you are not working. The expenditure of over a million dollars is bound to have some beneficial effect in connection with the unemployment situation, for whenever a thousand families start purchasing goods the money spent on those goods starts going round again and again, thereby benefitting many thousands. And while the million dollars might be spent in a few months, thereby relieving the present tense situation, the taxpayer will only have to pay a few dollars a year to cover the expenditure.

As a city taxpayer are you prepared to admit that Vancouver has reached the limit of its growth and development? Do you realize that the city has no capital monies left to continue development, and that the installation of sewers in many districts is necessary to protect the health of the citizens, also that roads are necessary to give access to property in order that development may continue and values of property increase, and that water must be made available for the same reasons. If these developments are to continue the bylaws must be passed.

Statements have been made by persons who should know better, which are calculated to do irreparable damage if not contradicted, such as the following:

That the city of Vancouver was rapidly becoming bankrupt and that a large proportion of property was passing into the hands of the city through tax sale. Nothing could be furher from the facts. The total assessed value of property in the city of Vancouver, according to the last revised assessment roll, is $370,651,345. The amount of this reverted to the city by tax sale is less than $5,000,000, or barely one per cent. Does this show the alarming condition that some people would have you believe? Statements have also been made that the city has lost a tremendous amount of money through failure to market its bonds; again the statement is entirely devoid of truth. The facts are that the banks are advancing monies with these bonds as security at a rate of interest no greater than the bonds themselves carry. It will therefore be seen that the city has sustained no loss. Furthermore, the banks are delighted to be able to secure such a sound investment at a time when they find great difficulty in investing the money of their depositors in sound securities at such a favorable rate. In addition to the foregoing, which would be reason enough for any intelligent citizen, there are a large number of men who are property owners and residents of many years standing, who will, if these necessary capital expenditures are not authorized, be thrown out of work, and who will inevitably become a charge on the taxpayer, and will have to be supported, both them and their families, by the Relief Department, and whose purchasing power will be entirely lost to the business community, thus further accentuating the deplorable conditions which exist at present.

Show your confidence in your city and its future, and do yo part to bring about better times for all, by supporting and voting for the bylaws submitted at this eleetion.—Citizen.

Union Meetings at Labor Headquarters

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th

Engineers, No. 115	1
Railway Carmen, No. 58	2
Plasterers' Helpers	3
Molders, No. 281	311

SATURDAY

Bakers	3

SUNDAY

Independent Labor Party (10 a.m.)	1
Shingle Weavers	2

MONDAY

Electrical Workers	1
Taxi Drivers, 8 p.m.	2
Printing Pressmen	3
Boilermakers	4
Cement Finishers	315

TUESDAY

Printing Pressmen	1
Taxi Drivers (10:30 a.m.)	2
Bakery Drivers	2
Stage Employees (9 a.m.)	3
Upholsterers	4
Machinists, No. 692	201
Building Trades Council	315

WEDNESDAY

Bricklayers	2
Ironworkers	3
Millwrights	311
Tilesetters	315

THURSDAY

Barbers	1
Sheet Metal Workers, No. 280	3
Union Label Trades	4
Painters, No. 138	315

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Milk Salesmen	1
Plumbers	2
Machinists, No. 182	3
Sheet Metal Workers, No. 314	311
Engineers, No. 115	315

The Big Night of This Passing Year

Friday, December 11th, will be the night. The place will be Moose Hall, Burrard St., time 7:30 p.m. What will happen? Why the first whist drive will start on time: 100 tables, 12 valuable prizes; and after 9 p.m. the dance with Bill Garden's Union Orchestra, including Len Holland and his accordian; several novelty numbers, with tickets for local theatres, coupons for gas and other surprises Come and get a lucky balloon. Then some more prizes for lucky draw, $100.00 and several other valuable prizes. Who's doing it? Why, the Building Trades Council of Vancouver, New Westminster and District. Smithy, the jovial chairman, invites you and your friends to come and join in this carnival of fun. Tickets 50c for the whole works. No one will be disappointed. Keep this date open, Friday, December 11th. Lots of room, three halls this year. Let's go!

Changes Suggested In Handling Relief

A communication from the Vancouver Direct Relief Committee calling attention to many abuses in the present system of civic relief and suggested changes that could be made in the interests of the city and those in receipt of relief, was dealt with by the Trades and Labor Council on Tuesday evening. Many of the suggestions in the communication were considered worthy of adoption so the council decided to appoint a committee to investigate the abuses and the suggested changes and add their weight to the Association's recommendations to the City Council. Delegates Bengough, Thomson and Colin McDonald will act as the committee.

Pettipiece Endorsed By Typos and Council

The Vancouver Typographical Union No. 226 informed the Trades and Labor Council that it had endorsed the candidature of R. P. Pettipiece for alderman for ward 11. Mr. Pettipiece has been a member of that organization for a great many years and the union asked the Trades and Labor Council to give him its best support. The Executive Committee of the T. & L. C. recommended that the candidature of R. P. Pettipiece be endorsed and this was concurred in unanimously by the delegates. Members were urged to lend support to R. P. Pettipiece during the campaign.

The Typographical Union donated to the campaign fund of R. P. Pettipiece and the I. L. P.

Bakeries On "We Do Not Patronize" List

The Grievance Committee of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council made a recommendation that the Canadian Bakeries Ltd., and Stevenson's Bakery, which is a subsidiary of the Canadian Bakeries, Ltd., be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Trades Council. This was done at the request of the Bakers' Union and the Bakery Salesmen's Union. The committee also recommended that the unions be circularized urging the membership to give further support to union bakeries. Report concurred in by the council.

'A Night In the West' At Eagle Hall Tonight

A monster campaign entertainment and dance will be held in the Eagle Hall, 535 Homer Street, this (Friday) evening, commencing at 9 p.m. and continuing until 1 a.m. This dance will be a little different from the ordinary dance as there will be other features that will pep up the entire affair. It is being put on by the Independent Labor Party in an effort to raise extra money for the Campaign Fund, and it is expected that the surplus from the sale of the tickets (50c each) will meet a good portion of the campaign expenses. This will be the least that the members can do to boost the fund. Come early and bring your friends.

Trades Council Notes

Painters and Decorators Union endorsed James Blackwood for re-election as school trustee and asked the Trades Council to also endorse him. As James Blackwood has been a consistent supporter of labor for the past twelve years as school trustee he was again endorsed by the council.

Bakery Workers and Bakery Salesmen's Unions asked to have the following firms placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list: Rollin' Pin Bakery, Georgia Bakery, Montreal Bakery, Osen Bros. Bakery, Robertson's Bakery and the Canadian Window Bakery. This was referred to the Grievance Committee.

A communication from the I. L. P. campaign committee asking trades council delegates for the use of their cars to transport voters to the polling booths, next Wednesday, was received and delegates asked to take note.

The Union Label Trades Council of Vancouver urges all members of organized labor to use as much of their purchasing power during this festive season, in the union label goods and union shops.

A communication from the Minister of Labor denies the Trades Council's statement that wages are being cut on Federal public works. The Trades Council still maintains that wages have been cut on certain jobs and will take the matter up further with the Department of Labor.

A communication from the Federated Ratepayers Association urging certain legislation was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Del. Herrett suggested that if a list of union contractors was sent to the proprietors of barber shops that it could be used as a guide when repair work, renovating or alterations were being made in these union barber shops.

The executive committee was asked if a man by the name of West, who was an aldermanic candidate in ward 12, was a member of any International Union or of the I. L. P. Replies were made to the effect that he was not known to have any connection with either.

The Typographical Union reported that it had donated to the campaign fund of the I. L. P. and endorsed R. P. Pettipiece for ward eleven. Unanimous endorsation was given to the candidature of R. P. Pettipiece by the Trades Council.

A demand is to be made for the reinstatement of R. Stevens, former water works superintendent of Burnaby. A committee from the Trades Council will interview the Burnaby municipal council on the matter.

Just to show how onerous they can be, the Federal Government has informed the Burnaby Municipal Council that because it had not used enough red tape in the investigation of recipients of unemployment relief or work, that the government would not pay its share of the programme. While the red tape is being used at a greater expense to the taxpayers, the unemployed will have to tighten up their belts or beg in Vancouver.

Public-owned Tunnel Making Big Profits

New York, Nov. 19.—Ridiculed as a "white elephant" when projected, the Holland tunnel—connecting Manhattan and New Jersey—turns out to be another convincing example of what the people can do when they "go into business."

The tunnel completed three years of operation last week, during which time 44,000,000 vehicles passed through it—all paying a small charge that is used to meet the cost of construction.

In seven years more, it is estimated by the Port Authority, which directs tunnel operations, the $54,000,000 which went into the tunnel will be paid off and it will then be open to the public without tolls.

Had the tunnel been constructed by private individuals—as advocates of "rugged individualism" demanded—it would have been bonded for all it is worth and over that would be a juicy stock issue for the promoters. At the end of 10 years those who used the tunnel would still be paying toll and would continue to do so until they established some other way of getting across the river.

Canal Shows Profits Despite Depression

The Panama Canal collected tolls to the amount of $24,645,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, a decline of about 10 per cent from the previous year. The net income, or profits, after operating expenses, was $14,847,000, a decline of about 18 per cent.

Thus, even in bad times, Uncle Sam pockets a handsome profit on a project which "private enterprise" abandoned as hopeless.

Doctors, Dentists To Get Direct Aid

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—Some idea of the distressing conditions prevailing among the drought-stricken farmers in Saskatchewan is conveyed by the announcement that the relief commission has decided to extend direct relief to doctors and dentists.

This is the first time in the history of Canada that members of these professional classes have been given direct assistance. The doctors have been taking care of the people of the drought areas. As few of the farmers have the ready cash, the government has come to the doctors' aid.

Clergymen of the United Church in the drought areas are being assisted by their fellow ministers in other parts of the Dominion. All clergymen in receipt of $3,000 a year and over are contributing 10 per cent of their salaries.

Re-election of Pat Gibbens Is Urged

Pat Gibbens is candidate again for re-election as Alderman for ward three. During the time he has been on the City Council he has made a labor record that would compare favorably with any record made by any man carrying a trades union card.

In view of this record and also in view of the anti-labor attitude of his opponent, the organized labor movement has no hesitancy in urging the re-election of Alderman Pat Gibbens.

Labor Candidates Are Quite Hopeful

Labor candidates are more hopeful of election this year not only on account of the retiring aldermen not being up again for re-election, but also because there is a big field of candidates in each of the wards where labor has heretofore polled a big vote. Ward Five, where John Price is running on the I. L. P. ticket, is a strong labor ward and in order to catch the labor vote the other candidates are promising to look after the welfare of the workers. One candidate, who is a contractor, is attempting to make out that he is in favor of day labor simply because that is a popular plank in the labor platform. How a contractor can work against the intrests of his trade stumps us, and the other candidates are making similar statements to catch votes. With full support from all labor party sympathizers, John Price will easily top the poll. If you can volunteer your car or your services, phone the committee rooms at Highland 609 or Carleton 876.

E. S. Hougham in Ward Eight is making a splendid fight and the big field here gives him a fighting chance. Ex-Alderman Garbutt is in the field, but his big repudiation by the electors at a previous election leaves him as a poor opponent. E. S. Hougham needs all the help, however, that labor sympathizers can give him, and even though you do not live in that ward your help will be appreciated. Phone the committee rooms at 523 West Broadway, Fairmont 121.

Predicts 7,500,000 Jobless in the U. S.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The unemployed in the United States will shortly reach the astounding number of 7,500,000, was the prediction made by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in making public the Federation's unemployment figures for November, based on reports received from affiliated organizations.

"Unemployment in industry has reached a new peak," President Green said. "Trade union weighted figures for the first part of November show 20.0 per cent out of work, as compared with 19.8 per cent in January last year, the highest unemployment to date.

7,500,000 Jobless Predicted

"If unemployment increases as much in the next two months as it did in the years 1928 and 1929, on the average, we may expect from 800,000 to 1,000,000 to be laid off from farms and industries in December and from 500,000 to 700,000 in January. Unless these layoffs can be prevented by increased efforts to keep men at work, some 7,500,000 persons will be out of work by January.

Relief Funds Inadequate

"As yet relief funds at hand are totally inadequate to meet the need. Although the community chest drive has brought in 14 per cent more than a year ago, only $36,000,000 are on hand, and we are told that 70 per cent of this will be needed for the normal expense of the community organizations.

Eleven Billion Wage Loss

"Thus only 30 per cent, or $11,000,000, is available for the unemployed. Compare this with the $11,000,000,000 that wage earners have lost this year. Relief available is only one one-thousandth of their loss.

Workers' Children Starve

The result is already manifest in cases of undernourishment and starvation in our hospitals, in children who are born without the energy to develop into normal human beings."

OCTOBER HAS RECORD FOR BANK FAILURES

An all-time record for bank failures was made in October, when 512 institutions, with deposits of more than a half billion dollars, closed their doors.

For the ten months of this year total suspensions were 1,753, with deposits of $1,461,852,000.

The Federal Reserve Board, which reports these fatalities, says that conditions were better during November and that the indications are that most of the weak banks have been weeded out.

HALF A MILLION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

Vancouver must grasp this opportunity to secure $500,000 for unemployment at a cost to the city of $140,000. The First Avenue (Terminal Avenue) Bridge By-law is the outcome of an agreement with the railways which obligates them to spend $2 for every $1 spent by the city. A SQUARE MILE WITHOUT A CROSS STREET.

The new bridge will bring into use the million dollar road system in False Creek flats built by the Canadian ational without cost to the City. The new road bisects an area a mile square in the very centre of the city at present without a single cross street.

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LABOR HEADQUARTERS, 529-531 BEATTY STREET

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council—President, C. McDonald; general secretary, Percy R. Bengough. Office, 200 Labor Headquarters, 531 Beatty St. Phone Sey. 7495. Meets in Labor Hall at 8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays in month.

Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union, Local No. 468, meets first and third Saturday in month at 7:00 p.m. at Labor Headquarters. President, Jas. Brydson; Secretary's Office, Room 304, Labor Headquarters; Hours 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Phone: Sey. 3349.

Beverage Dispensers' Union, No. 676—Meets last Sunday at 8 p.m., Room No. 2, Labor Headquarters; second Friday at 10 a.m. at the office. Pres., M. J. Galvin; Secretary and Bus. Agent, T. J. Hanafin. Office: Room 1, Eagles' Hall, 535 Homer St. Phones Sey. 4783 and Bay. 1656-R. Hours: 9 to 2 p.m.

Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, Local 97, Int. Assoc.—Meets every Wednesday, Hall 3, Labor Headquarters, at 8 p.m. President, W. Dickson; Secretary, P. Lauret, Room 311, Labor Headquarters. Phones: Office, Sey. 7495; Residence, High. 5679X.

Building Trades Council, Vancouver—Meets second and fourth Tuesday in Hall 315, Labor Headquarters. President, E. H. Morrison; secretary-treasurer, W. Page, Room 301, Labor Headquarters. Phone Sey. 7495.

Barbers' Journeyman International Union of America—Local 120, meets second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, in Hall No. 3, Labor Headquarters. President, Fred Dawe; Sec.-Treas., C. E. Herrett. Office, 304 Labor Headquarters.

Bookbinders' Local No. 105, Int. Brotherhood—Meets second Tuesday in month at Professional and Business Woman's Club, Empire Bldg., 603 Hastings W. President, Mrs. Harvey, 4487 Quebec; Secretary, Thos. Carroll, 842 Hamilton St.

Bricklayers and Masons International Union No. 1—Room 309, Labor Headquarters. Meets second and fourth Wednesday, in Hall No. 3. President, J. C. Greenwood, Phone Bay. 8047-Y; Secretary, W. S. Dagnall, 1244 East 20th, Phone Fair. 845-R; Fin. Sec., Albert Wright, 4128 Knight Road, Phone Fair. 2005-R.

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

City Hall Employees' Association—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 195 East Pender St. at 8 p.m. President, E. Mitten; Treasurer and Business Agent, W. J. Scribbins, 3208 Pender St. E.; Secretary, J. Tarbuck, 3517 West 25th.

Civic Employees' Union, Local 28—Meets first and third Fridays in the month at 251½ Hastings East, at 8 p.m. President, Jack Wood, 4571 Fraser Street; Secretary-Treasurer, George Harrison, 3427 Triumph Street.

Egg Graders' Union, No. 11—Meets in the Labor Headquarters, first and third Monday in month. President, R. Gela, 3287 West 21st; Record Secretary, Miss D. Simpson, 627 Carnarvon Street, New Westminster; Financial Secretary, Miss Marjorie Deyell, 555 East 20th, City.

Electrical Workers, Local 213, International Brotherhood—Meets first and third Monday, at 8 p.m., at Labor Headquarters. President, D. McDougal; Business Manager, E. H. Morrison. Office, 201 Labor Headquarters. Phone Sey. 3510.

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, 1624 East 8th Avenue.

Floorlayers' Union, No. 1875, U. B. of C. & J. A.—Meets first and third Thursdays in month at Hall No. 2, Labor Headquarters. President, Ralph Ross; Fin. Sec., Jack Nelson; Rec. Sec., J. A. McDonald; Business Agent, W. D. Wilson, 1535 Fifth Ave. W.

The Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Marine Cooks and Stewards.—Local 28, Suite 39, 413 Granville St., meets second Monday each month at 3 p.m., and last Monday at 9 p.m. President, J. R. Kitts; Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent, Harry Wood. Phone Seymour 125.

Machinists' Local 692—President, Thos. Sills, 1352 Burrard St.; Secretary, P. R. Bengough. Office, Room 200, Labor Headquarters. Meets on second and fourth Tuesdays in Hall 313.

Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees, Local 464—Office: 308 Labor Headquarters. Meets second and fourth Fridays in Hall No. 1. President, J. Mitchell; 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 Hall No. 3, Labor Headquarters. Pres., G. Campbell. Secretary-Treasurer, C. Carslake, 1124 Alberni St.

Motion Picture Projectionists' Union, Local 348, of I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O.—11:30 p.m., first Friday in month, in Hall No. 3 Labor Headquarters. President, Locksley Clark; Secretary, J. C. Richards, Box 345. Phone Douglas 1574-R; Business Agent, J. R. Foster, Phone Trinity 5708.

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, J. Bowyer; General Secretary, W. Couling; Organizer, F. Fletcher. Office, Suite 307-319 West Pender. Phone Douglas 2290.

Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, Local 138—Meets second and fourth Thursdays at Hall No. 2. President, A. B. Hodge; Rec. Secretary, A. E. Varah, 1442 Clark Drive; Financial Secretary, T. Kane. Office: Room 313, Labor Headquarters. 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, A. E. Jones; Jas. Thomson, Secretary, P. O. Box 320. Phone Sey. 7874.

Plumbers and Steamfitters, No. 170, International Association—Meets every second and fourth Friday in Hall No. 2. President, Val Pearson, 787 East 52nd; Financial Secretary and Business Agent, W. Watt, 305-7 Labor Headquarters.

Printing Pressmen and Assistants, Local No. 69—Meets every second Tuesday in the month at 8 p.m. in Hall No. 2, Labor Headquarters. President W. W. Quigley, 2047 West Second; Secretary, Thos. S. Ezart, 1807 East Thirty-eighth.

Railway Carmen of America, Lodge No. 58—Meets first and third Friday in month at Labor Headquarters. President, A. S. Ross, 5806 Sophia Street; Rec. Secretary, J. D. Valliamy, 2215 West 15th.

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, J. E. Smith; Recording Secretary, J. Price; Financial Secretary and Business Agent, H. W. Speed. Office: Corner Prior and Main streets. Phone Sey. 5000.

Sheet Metal Workers' Association, Local Union No. 280—Meets second and fourth Thursdays in Hall No. 3. President, Thos. Burke; Business Agent and Secretary, D. MacPherson, 308 Labor Headquarters.

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

Taxi, Stage and Bus Drivers, Local 151—Meets second Monday at 8 p.m. and second Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. President, W. Wilson. Office, 306 Labor Headquarters; Phone, Sey. 7495.

Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, Local 466—311 Labor Headquarters. Meets every First and Third Monday, Labor Headquarters. President, F. T. Goodrich, 1239 Woodland, High. 2095-X; Secretary-Treasurer, Birt Showler, Room 306, Labor Headquarters.

Theatrical Stage Employees' Union, Local 118 of the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O. Meets second Tuesday in Labor Headquarters at 9:30 a.m. President, Geo. W. Allen; Recording Secretary, H. Pearson; Business Agent, B. McGlone, address, P. O. Box 711.

Typographical Union, No. 226—President, C. S. Campbell; Vice-President, T. A. Holland; Secretary-Treasurer, R. H. Neelands, 300-2 Labor Headquarters. Meets last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m., in Hall No. 1, Labor Headquarters.

Union Label Trades Council meets in Hall No. 4, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street, second and fourth Thursdays in each month at 8 o'clock. President, Colin McDonald, 2834 St. George Street, Phone Fair. 3317-Y. Secretary, Mollie Dolk, 1587 Fifth Avenue East. Phone High. 477-Y.

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THE WORKLESS WORKERS

A hundred years ago it was no uncommon thing for a southern slave to claim his freedom by breaking into the forest or swamp. If he could escape the long guns and the dogs and the malaria he could exist for an unknown period on the roots and nuts and fruits of the forest, and there is recorded many instances in which the runaway slave lived in this manner so long that when he was captured, no master could be found to establish a valid claim to his valuable carcass. Times have changed and the modern prototype of the slave has so little value that he is not worth the powder and dog feed that would be required to hunt him. In fact, we have made such wonderful progress that we actually wish the worker would get off into the forest and "root, hog, or die"—if he couldn't root sufficient. This, possibly, is the meaning of a statement made by the Federal Minister of Mines at a banquet at the Vancouver Hotel, and applauded by an audience of Vancouver business men. The Minister, Mr. Gordon, was talking about that simple fellow, who to live, wants work, and stated: "He doubted if there is any man given good health, and knowing his Canada, who can not go forth and survive and subsist, even comfortably, on the country's natural resources." This writer has an absolute confidence that he could do so. First, he would throttle his wife and a numerous family, then select for a den a hollow cedar tree in an agricultural district. There are a few small edible bulbs of the dog-tooth violet family growing wild in Canada, but they are small and few to a hill—an energetic savage could dig more potatoes in an hour than he could of these bulbs in a month. But before going any further we feel that we should explain that a savage has, if possible, less morals than even a politician. Morals are theories invented for the protection of property, and having no property—even the hollow tree is owned by an American—we need no morals.

And of the great human urges is laziness, and a savage is very human. A sheep can be stalked with very much less labor than a deer; this is due to the sheep being shorter in the leg. A sheep also does not think very quickly; this is probably due to long association with the natives of Northern Scotland. A hen can usually be caught with less trouble than a salmon; it is better eating; there is less likelihood of getting wet, and a license is not necessary, so the argument is all in favor of the hen. We imagine that by this time some fellow who owns a North Vancouver hundred dollar bond will ache to tell us that this was not at all what Mr. Gordon wished to tell us. Possibly it wasn't, but Mr. Gordon should not get his back up about it, for this way of "getting past" is no more dishonest than boarding at the Chateau Laurier and charging a portion of the cost to the taxpayers of Canada. But what then did Mr. Gordon mean? Where and how are five hundred thousand men—we will forget that they have families—to exist, leave out the comfort, on the natural resources of Canada. Some hundreds more might pull through on trapping; a few hundred in B. C. might make an existence out of placer mining. Alberta and Saskatchewan could increase this latter group slightly. These expedients might take care of hundreds, and we have hundreds of thousands to deal with.

There is a certain type of imbecile who imagines that a human being can plant himself on a piece of land and immediately, by some mysterious process, become possessed of the means of existence. This is quite in line with the mental size of the "scissors-bills" to which Mr. Gordon was talking, but if this is Mr. Gordon's own idea, then we are not getting much for our money down at Ottawa these days.

The ideas expressed by the Ottawa Minister dovetails in well with the closing down of the modest employment programme, which for three months the Provincial Government has been striving to get going. It is an expression of the brutal indifference of the millionaire group which now controls at Ottawa. —M.

BANKING IS VERY PROFITABLE STILL

The Imperial Bank has declared the usual twelve per cent. on its capitalization, and immensly congratulates itself on the great service which it imagines it has done the country since its similar performance a year ago. During the year, measured by any possible standard, business has been bad. Labor has suffered to an extent unknown at any previous time in history and industry, at every point except a few public service corporations, has lost ground. A fair measure of what has happened to industry is that the hundred dollar share of C. P. R. stock has in two years broke from $236 to $60, but bank dividends have not suffered at all. When the dyke has been undermined and every able-bodied man and woman has been drafter to save the city, if a person appeared immaculate in cuff and spats and choker and tried to talk of what "we" had done, he would get mighty short shrift from any self-respecting mob. If fire threatened and the same person appeared with none of the grime of labor upon him as evidence of his part in the battle, he would be marked as a drone in the hive. Possibly the Imperial Bank might tell us what was the nature of the whole of a load which they carried last year. We have a suspicion that perhaps some portion of the other fellows difficulties was caused through the bank's determination to feather its own nest regardless of whom suffered. —M.

It only took a week to raise $200,000,000 at 5 per cent. interest, but it will take many years of toil upon the part of the wage earners to pay that interest to the big corporations and other money lenders. It is alleged that some of this money will be used for the relief of unemployment, so at this rate the wage earners will pay the capitalists for allowing them to work. Well "Henry Dubb" is still in the majority.

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The polls open at 8 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. next Wednesday. This ought to give every working man sufficient time to register his protest against the deplorable state of affairs in municipal politics and against the present chaotic system of weath production. There are not many labor candidates running, but if labor can elect three out of the six to be elected, it will have done well.

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The antics of the Communists in San Francisco against Mayor Walker of New York, who was pleading for the release of Tom Mooney, is to be roundly condemned. Such tactics only tend to keep victims of capitalist justice longer in the capitalist dungeons.

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Drs. Forbes and Coates did not get the support for their "Doctor's Mandate" which they expected. Their attempt to duplicate the British potlatch lost them five seats to Labor, whose strength was increased from 19 to 24 members in the New Zealand Parliament.

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I. L. P. Public Meetings

St. Anthony's Hall, Marpole, 8835 Hudson St., Monday, Dec. 7th, at 8 p.m. Speakers: Angus MacInnis, M. P., also E. S. Hougham, aldermanic candidate for Ward 8, and the I. L. P. candidates for School Board.

Edith Cavell School, 500 West 20th, Tuesday, December 8th, at 8 p.m. Acting-Mayor Bennett will speak on the money bylaws, and E. S. Hougham, aldermanic candidate for Ward 8, and the I. L. P. candidates for School Board will speak.

Listen over CKMO on Monday evening at 7:45. W. W. Lefeaux will be on the air on behalf of the I. L. P. campaign.

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VANCOUVER CENTRE BRANCH

"The situation now developing in Manchuria will have an intimate bearing on the future peace of the world. We want no more war either now or in the future." With this warning Dr. Y. Pi Chu opened his address to a public meeting held under the auspices of the Centre Branch in the Williams Building, Granville St., on Wednesday, December 2nd. The subject was "The Manchurian Situation," and the speaker kept an appreciative audience interested for the whole duration of his address, which provoked a plentiful supply of questions. The speech was wholly from a Chinese nationalist point of view and provided much useful information.

"The immediate cause of the trouble," the Doctor said, "was interference by Koreans of Chinese farmers, and the demand for redress being met with hostility from the Japanese. But," the speaker pointed out, "the primary causes are much deeper than that. The late Dr. Sun Yat Sen had favored a policy of international development for China and had welcomed the investment of Japanese capital, but he had not encouraged foreign political interference." The speaker concluded by saying, "that as a result of foreign aggression China was slowly relinquishing the idea of regarding a military career as the meanest of vocations and was accepting the European example in regarding it as the noblest. He sincerely hoped that China would not be forced to develop along lines that in the future would prove to be a menace to the peace of the world." The address included no mention of modern imperialism and the anxiousness of western capitalism as well as Japanese to share in the exploitation of Manchuria.

On Wednesday, December 16th, a Japanese speaker will address a meeting at the Williams Building on the same subject.

At the same public meeting at which Dr. Chu spoke a circular was read outlining some of the hardships experienced by recipients of unemployment relief in Vancouver. The circular describes sleeping conditions in some of the dormitories and emphasized upon the meagre scale of relief allotted to meals, the miseries of the "line up," and the "packing" of stores from the relief station to the home of the recipient, sometimes a distance of two or three miles, in wet weather. Appended were recommendation which it is proposed to submit to the City Council and the City Relief Committee.

The meeting supported the recommendations with acclamation.

Don't forget tonight, Friday, December 4th, at the Eagle Hall, Homer St., the dance organized by the I. L. P. Election Campaign Committee is being held. This dance promises to be one of the most successful of the season, and in addition to having a good time you will be materially assisting along the work of the Election Campain Committee. —Pleb.

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50c and $1 Work Gloves, 29c; $1.50 Children's Shoes, 49c; Men's Fine Suits and Overcoats, sold to $30, now only $9.95; Work Shirts, reg. $1, soiled, for 29c; $2 Broadcloth Shirts, 98c; Men's Suspenders, reg. 25c, now 9c; 50c Belts, now 19c; 25c Fancy Hose, 9c; 10c Palmolive Soap, now 3c; 40c Heavy Wool Socks, now 19c; $15 Men's and Youth's Suits, now selling at $4.95; $3 Boys' and Ladies' Slicker Coats, soiled, 79c; Men's Hats, worth $3.50, now $1.98; $1 Caps, now 29c; $7 English made Dress Boots at $3.95; one lot of Girls' Oxfords, sold to $3.50, now $1.29; $4 and $5 Men's Boots, $1.98; $4.50 Men's Work Boots, now $2.49; lot Men's $2 and $2.50 Work Pants for 98c; Men's Pants, sold up to $3.50, for $1.95; Men's Dress Pants, sold up to $7, now $2.95; 35c Men's Wool Hose, now at 13c; 50c Ties, 9c; $3 Ladies' Zippers, 79c; $2, $3 Boys' and Girls' Shoes, 98c; and hundreds of other bargains.

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Negro Woman—Ah know dat, Missus. But jes' so a pusson kin cook, what difference does religion make?

The devil frequently captures the organizations which men formed to defeat him, and uses them for his own purposes.—Dean Inge.

The Open Road

AFOOT WITH JACK LOGIE

A friend of mine has a theory that immediately prior to an important crisis in the life of any individual a feeling of numbness always precedes the event. Previous actions probably extended over a considerable period are now approaching their appropriate culmination and just before these past thoughts and actions reach their climax there is a total inhibition of will power so that the person seems to be helpless in the grip of mighty forces and quite unable to summon sufficient energy to struggle against the current of events. I do not agree with this theory but it seems to be generally accepted by a great many people who appear to have reached this stage of numbness. In fact, they are not only numb but dumb also.

The malady seems to take different forms and the disease is so insidious that its victims who suffer from one form of its many phases are inclined to scoff at fellow victims whose numbness takes a different aspect from their own. We have first of all the Lost Ten Tribes, who can show you chapter and verse to prove that the British are the chosen people and Russia the beast of the Book of Revelations. I once read quite an eminent authority who said that the Ten Tribes couldn't get lost because they never existed to begin with. However, that doesn't prevent their lineal descendants from inflating their egos and sitting back in their easy chairs to watch prophecy fulfil itself according to their interpretation of it. In the meantime there are hundreds of similar sects who thrive on totally different interpretations of the same scriptures and as their predictions flop they measure the Pyramids over again or read new meanings into the Book of Jeremiah that Jeremiah probably never thought of.

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Before I left California this summer I had a final talk with a friend who follows this line of thought, and I asked him what was the latest prognostication as to happenings in the immediate future. He said: "We no longer predict what is going to happen, but when the event has taken place we compare it with the scripture and find the scripture has been fulfilled." When you come to think of it, this is a very safe method. It makes life so very simple. All you have to do is to sit down and do nothing. Your fellow men may be suffering desperately and you may be suffering as well, but as the facts of men is written in the Pyramids or in the inspired utterances of some prophet who died thousands of years ago, there is nothing you can do about it because it will all happen anyway.

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The hard-boiled Marxian will likely say that all these minor and major prophets had better keep away from the woods or the squirrels will get them, but, as a matter of fact, he probably suffers from the same disease and doesn't know it. The prophet he pores over is Marx, and the gospel he swears by is economic determination. Marx knew more about the decay of capitalism than Jeremiah did and his predictions are working out because they were based on scientific observation. Consequently, scores of his followers and students sit back comfortably and complacently say: "That fellow Marx knew his onions and that gospel of economic determinism certainly explains things that are happening wonderfully. He said capitalism would decay, and as it is already cracking up all around us, there is nothing for me to do but to sit still and watch it crack."

Nothing could be more fatal to all progress, individually and socially than this fatalistic attitude of mental laziness and smug self-complacency, which is based on prophecies and predictions as to the future, whether made by Marx, Lenin, Jeremiah or Roger Babson. (Perhaps I had better omit Babson from the list as his reputation as a prophet has vanished since he predicted last summer that the ultimate bottom had at last been reached and good times were just around that mythical corner. A great many reputations have been lost at that same corner).

We are faced here with the old controversy of free-will versus predestination or determinism, a problem which I shall not discuss at the moment as I only expect to live about 20 years longer and wouldn't have time to finish the argument. My own impression is that we have freedom of choice and action within the limitations of universal law. Even here the principle of constant change operates, some of our laws having been modified by new knowledge on the subject, the Newtonian law of gravitation, for example, having altered since Einstein took liberties with it. There is no fixed plan into which you are obliged to fit whether you like it or not, and the expression of just a modicum of personal freedom would allow for tremendous alterations in our entire civilization along quite different lines from what our prophets expect.

Who wants to drift with the current anyway? Swim boldly out and if you go down with a final gurgle, let it be a parting gesture to the world that you lived your own life and died as any gentleman should, still kicking to the last.

Not only do these inspired interpreters become too lazy to make any effort toward social betterment, but they are obsessed with the delusion that they are the elect, the people. Mankind will be practically wiped out but they will be miraculously "lifted up" and join that happy band of one hundred and forty-four thousand who will spend eternity singing hymns and gloating over the misfortunates of their more sinful brethren. The first stage of this particular form of disease is mental stagnation, then prophetic fatalism sets in, to be quickly followed by spiritual snobbishness and then the cosmic force gives the patient a swift kick, which is just the medicine he needs.

The Marxian type of snobbishness is more mental than spiritual. The victim is too scientific and too pure in his econofic aloofness to mingle with the hurly burly of the class struggle. No party suits him because no party could possibly come up to his conception of a scientific socialist movement, so he sits on the side lines and points out the defects of those who are trying to play the game.

Today we need fewer prophecies of what is going to happen tomorrow and more commonsense applied to the heeds of today; less poring over the authorities of the past and more intelligent revolt against an outworn system, using the terminology of the present and less guess work as to what some old patriarch meant when he wrote two thousand years ago: we need men and women of courage and vision who will put an end to this ineffectual spirit of inertia and mental and spiritual snobbishness, and who will set out with resolute wills, clear minds and joyous hearts to lay the foundations of a new society on human brotherhood.

I. L. P. Notes

The annual membership convention will be held in the Labor Headquarters, Vancouver, on Sunday, December 6th, commencing at 10 a.m.

All resolutions must be in to the Provincial Secretary not later than December 5th.

Per capita and other indebtedness to the provincial body must be liquidated to permit branches or members to take part in the proceedings.

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Nelson has organized a branch, of which W. E. Bell, Box 318, is secretary. Various other points in the upper country are undertaking formation of branches.

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The newly formed branch at Ladner is conteplating running a candidate in the forthcoming municipal election.—E. Winch, Organizer.

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SOUTH HILL BRANCH

The regular meeting of the South Hill Branch of the I. L. P. was held on Thursday, November 26th, when business of a routine character was transacted. The branch has not yet been successful in securing a suitable hall for its meetings, although it is hoped that this handicap will be overcome before the next regular meeting, as new members are signing up at every meeting and the need of a hall is becoming urgent.—E. M. MORGAN, Secretary, South Hill Branch, I.L.P., 626 50th Avenue E.

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MARPOLE BRANCH

The Marpole Branch of the I. L. P. meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month in St. Anthony Hall, 8835 Hudson St., at 8 o'clock, and hold a whist drive every Thursday evening at the same address at 8 o'clock. At the last whist drive Mrs. T. Torraville won the ladies' first, Mr. G. Mattenley the gents' first, while Mr. B. Newton and Mr. T. Alex each received a consolation gift. Refreshments were served and a good time enjoyed by all.—A. L. CRANDELL, Secretary.

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NORTH BURNABY BRANCH

Comrade Sorley of S. W. Burnaby, comes to tell us Friday night, at our meeting, what Socialism will do for Education.

His subject, "Socialism and Education," should be of interest to everyone. All children should have equal opportunity to learn, and garner knowledge in our schools. Equality of opportunity is what Socialism offers to all. Having that, each child learns and attains according to its capacity. Today, many talents lie dormant or are wasted, because the youth of the land must early go to work, to earn food and shelter. And now, even work is denied them, since the capitalist system is breaking down.

The next one of our "Good Time" whist drives and dances, is on Saturday, December 5; every second week remember, throughout the winter. These are for the older folks, primarily, but all are welcome. Everything good.

Our next unique offering is for the benefit of the Kiddies' Xmas tree. All big kids, in the flower of manhood, womanhood and second childhood, are urged to be present. It is a "hard time" dance on Saturday, December 12. The committee said times are too hard for refreshments, but the secretary says, times have been so hard with him this past month that it will be hardly fair to the other "hard-timers," not to have something "hard" to chew on. Come and see what is offered; if you can't see, you may be sure you'll hear the fun. He has an idea. Prizes for the most original costumes; and music—um! Such music! A prize, or surprise, to everyone. You'll regret it, if you miss it. Xmas tree date will be announced next week.

And a "New Year's Eve Ball," for all members and friends, and the opposition, Thursday, December 31st. Help us dance the old year out, and a new system of social ownership in.

J. T. WORSLEY, Secretary.

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CARLETON BRANCH

I. L. P. held a meeting in Memorial Hall, Joyce and Kingsway, November 26th to hear the candidate, J. Price, for Ward five, also the three I. L. P. trustees. On December 3rd, in Norquay Hall, Dr. Lyle Telford and candidates will speak. December 4th at Memorial Hall, Joyce and Kingsway.

Comrade E. S. Hougham, now standing for Ward 8, is a member of the Carleton Branch, I. L. P., so it's up to every member to advise your friends voting in that ward of the exceptional qualities of Comrade E. S. Hougham. Don't forget the monster campaign dance at Eagle Hall this Friday, December 4th. Dancing from 9 to 1 o'clock in aid of campaign funds, and have you seen the lucky black cats with a saucy little twinkle in the eye, that are being sold, through the branch to aid the campaign funds.

The election is on December 9th and do get out and vote. December 10th the Carleton Branch, I. L. P., will hold a business meeting at Norquay Hall at 8 p. m., probably the last meeting this year, so do attend and then you will enjoy the Christmas festivities the more. Come along to the committee rooms at Spencer's Emporium, 3203 Kingsway, and help the committee.

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Labor Candidates For School Trustees

The Independent Labor Party has three candidates in the field for School Trustees. Mrs. Clark and S. T. Wybourn have run before on this ticket and their previous votes have been large enough to gain them the election this time, if a little extra effort is put forth.

MRS. CLARK

Mrs. S. L. (J.A.) Clark, Provincial President of Women's New Era League; eighteen years on Executive of Local Council of Women; a Past President of Florence Nightingale Parent - Teacher's Association; was member of Mothers' Pensions Board and Canada Food Board; was Business Agent for Retail Clerks' Association.

S. T. WYBOURN

S. T. Wybourn, twenty years residence in Vancouver; recently elected for third term as President of the Van Horne Parent - Teacher Association.; delete to the School Board for the term from the Parent - Teacher Federation.

H. W. OAKES

H. W. Oakes, twenty years' residence in Vancouver; President Ward Four Ratepayers' Association; Second Vice President, Federated Ratepayers' Association; actively interested in sports and young people's organizations.

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Full Educational Opportunities Needed

The subject of education has been kept very prominently before the public in recent years, while the school boards wrestle with its problems.

Municipal councils often lay the blame for heavy taxation on education and taxpayers grumble about the high cost of education.

A nation that can spend millions on armaments, 50 per cent. of our Federal revenue going towards paying for past wars and preparations for future wars; that can spend many, many millions on drink, and the same on the recipients of monopoly profits of various kinds, may prefer not to attend to the welfare of its children, but it is stopped from arguing that it cannot afford to do so.

No financier has ever supposed that the effect of spending millions on armaments and drink, to be the same as that of spending millions on education or public health. In the first case the capacity to produce goods and other services is diminished, in the second case it is increased.

Ill health and ignorance is a burden which no society can afford to carry and education which diminishes them is not a burden, but an investment.

At a time when the public have oversubscribed the loan of $150,000,000, it can hardly be argued that it cannot afford that particular form of saving which consists in improving the physique and intelligence of its children. There is no economic reason, therefore, why the nation should be alarmed at the cost of introducing the educational reforms which are necessary, if it is to cultivate to the full its human resources.

It is proper that expenditures on education, as on other public services should be carefully scrutinized, but there has, in the last few years, been only too much evidence of an attitude on the part of certain influential classes which regards educational expenditure as "wasteful" if it offers the great mass of children more than the bare minimum of a strictly utilitarian education, and it is difficult to resist the conclusion that it is to the influence of that attitude that the reaction of the past few years is principally due.

With the temper which sees the most eligible of economies in cutting down the health and mental development of the rising generation no self-respecting citizen can make any truce. To the socialist, in particular, the issue is vital. It is not merely that the refusal of full educational opportunities to the children of the workers, is a perpetual assertion of social privilege in its grossest and most insulting form, but that the greatest possible educational equality is one of the conditions indispensable to any socialism, which is not the mere rule of a bureaucratic elite over an apathetic mass.

The society based on the free co-operation of citizens, which is the ideal of the socialist, depends, in short, on the widest possible diffusion of education. Vote Labor.

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POLLING DISTRICTS:

Ward 1
No. 1—Lord Roberts School, Bidwell and Comox Sts.
No. 2—Lester Court, 1026 Davie St.
No. 3—Aberdeen School, Burrard and Barclay Sts.

Ward 2
No. 4—Dawson School, Helmcken and Burrard Sts.
No. 5—Central School, Pender and Hamilton Sts.
No. 6—O'Brien Hall, Hastings and Homer Sts.

Ward 3
No. 7—Strathcona School, Pender and Jackson Sts.
No. 8—Swedish Community Hall, 1320 Hastings East.
No. 9—Britannia High School, Parker and Cotton Drive.

Ward 4
No. 10—Hastings School, Albert and Clinton Sts.
No. 11—Clinton Hall, Pender and Clinton Sts.
No. 12—Franklin School, Albert and Cariboo Sts.
No. 13—Lord Nelson School, Charles and Templeton Sts.
No. 14—Mathew Begbie School, Kitchener and Lillooet Sts.

Ward 5
No. 15—Technical School, Broadway and Clinton.
No. 16—Community Hall, 22nd and Nootka Sts.
No. 17—Norquay School, Euclid and Slocan Sts.
No. 18—Carleton School, Kingsway and Joyce Road.
No. 19—Livingstone Pres Church, 54th Ave. E. of Kerr.

Ward 6
No. 20—Grandview School, Fourth Ave. and Woodland Drive.
No. 21—Alexandra School, Broadway and Clark Drive.
No. 22—Lord Selkirk School, 22nd and Commercial.
No. 23—Tecumseh School, 41st and Commercial.
No. 24—Douglas School, 59th and Victoria Drive.

Ward 7
No. 25—I.O.O.F. Hall, Main St. between Sixth and Seventh Aves.
No. 26—Livingstone School, 23rd Ave. and Sophia St.
No. 27—Charles Dickens School, 17th Ave. and Glen Drive.
No. 28—General Brock School, Main and 33rd Ave.
No. 29—McBride School, 29th and Culloden St.
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Ward 8
No. 32—Model School, 12th and Ash St.
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Ward 9
No. 35—Fairview School, Granville and Broadway.
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No. 38—Henry Hudson School, Cypress and Cornwall Sts.
No 39—Kitsilano High School, 10th Ave. and Trafalgar.
No. 40—Municipal Hall, Pt. Grey, 43rd and West Boulevard.
No. 41—Magee High School, 49th and Maple Sts.

Ward 11
No. 42—General Gordon School, Sixth and Bayswater St.
No. 43—Lord Kitchener School, 25th and Blenheim.
No. 44—Kerrisdale School, 41st and Carnarvon.

Ward 12
No. 45—Bayview School, Sixth Ave. and Collingwood.
No. 46—Queen Mary School, Fifth Ave. and Trimble.
No. 47—Community aHll, 29th and Dunbar.

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Ward Eleven—and every other ward—would be well rid of "full-time" ward politicians, who can and do spend so much time and money to get elected.
The city should secure the legal right to operate buses—when it wishes. Pending development of a provincial hydro-electric system, the city should be prepared to develop its own power and light plant—if the need arises.
The present civic method of handling unemployment relief is basically wrong, and should be revised. The workless want jobs—not charity.
Police Commissioners should be elected.
Vancouver General Hospital should be owned and operated by the Provincial Government. It is a provincial institution in character, and the responsibility for its maintenance should not be the burden of Vancouver City.
Wherever possible, all civic work should be carried out by day labor.

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