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UNION LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Proposals For Legislation Over Air

After the legislative proposals as presented by the British Columbia Executive Committee of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada had been read to the delegates to the Trades Council by Secretary Bengough, the meeting decided that efforts should be made to broadcast the information, in order that the general public could know what the organized labor movement was doing for them. The unions will be asked to make a donation for this purpose and the broadcast made as soon as possible over the biggest station. There were 130 delegates in attendance and the plan met with hearty support.

After hearing of the picketing at the Calladine theatre job, the Council decided to girdle on its armor and clean up the mess. The dual union matter has been allowed to drift for some time, but it is felt that it would be in the best interests of the Trades Union Movement to make a fight on these rump organizations and clear them out of the way so that real trades unionism will have only the employer to battle with, if he wants to battle, instead of a bunch of trouble makers whose petty and inane grievances help foster dual unionism. The fight is on and every International Union man and union is urged to make it their fight. It's got to be short and snappy.

It was reported that the dollar-a-year Retal Clerks' organization is coming to life in opposition to an International organization. The old organization, which was marshalled and controlled by department store managers and floor walkers, did not want anything to do with the International Trades Union Movement. Last year they took part in a meeting to oppose Health Insurance, in which W. J. Scribbins took an active part, and now they find they have another reason for coming to life.

Delegate McPherson reported on conditions found in a Survey of Housing Conditions, to which he is a delegate. It has been found that there are hundreds of houses in a very unsanitary and dilapidated condition, and tenants, most of whom are on relief, are living in these places. The Housing Committee suggested that the City of Vancouver start to build on its vacant lots, or assist owners or others to build. The committee intends to suggest other means of eliminating these slum conditions.

Brother O. W. Carter, Northwest District Manager for the Steam and Operating Engineers' Union, addressed the meeting, stating that he would be here for a few weeks to assist in further organization work. He complimented the Trades Council on its activities, which he has noted.

Laborers Veto Amalgamated Treacle

The Building Laborers' Union, Local 602, is still going strong and increasing its membership. Its members are wearing the Trades Council button on most of the big jobs and prospects are good. Meetings are held first and third Wednesdays in month.

The union has asked the General Contractors' Association for a wage increase and a reply is expected any day now.

Job stewards are on three of the biggest jobs: Brother McCluskie is on the packing plant job; Douglas Skinner on the Ford plant job, and W. Craigie on the North Vancouver theatre job.

A communication was received from the Amalgamated Laborers asking us to co-operate with them on the question of wages, but this was unanimously turned down at the meeting, Wednesday, November 3rd. Our members are opposed to having anything to do with this outfit for picketing the theatre job on Monday, two days before our meeting, on which our members were going to work.

Our communication to the General Contractors' Association was sent in on October [illegible] and we have [illegible] acknowledgement dated October [illegible]. Now the Amalgamated [illegible] advantage of our efforts and [illegible] on our success. The Amalgamated started to organize after the International had received its charter, so they had every opportunity of belonging to our organization, but a rummy bunch of carpenters on the North Shore end of the First Narrows bridge gathered in the laborers there to help them fight the International.

Miners' Co-operative Boycotts Burns Goods

A communication was received from the "Workers' Co-operative of New Ontario" advising the Trades and Labor Council that they would not handle P. Burns & Company products. The Co-operative has a store, bakery and dairy at the mining town of Timmins, Ontario, and there are branch stores at South Porcupine, Kirkland Lake and Connaught, Ontario.

The communication was received with appreciation by the delegates and some further information is to be supplied.

2 More Union Affiliations Accepted

At the regular meeting of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, applications for affiliation with the Council were made by the Consolidated Glass Workers' Union, Local 954, chartered by the Painters, Decorators, Paperhangers and Glass Workers' International Union, and by Warehousemen's Union, Local 873, chartered by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers' Union. These were accepted and the delegates will be admitted to the next meeting of the Council.

Another application was made by the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Union, recently chartered by the International Seamen's Union of America. The membership is placed at 500 and they have been granted jurisdiction for all salmon trollers, gillnetters and crab fishermen in British Columbia. This application was referred to the Organization Committee for investigation.

Trades Council Notes

The Board of Industrial Relations has informed the Trades Council—in reply to the subject—that the employees and employers are to be circularized for their views on the subject of 44 and 48-hour week.

The Meat Cutters' and Packing House Employees' Union, Local 95, has asked the Trades Council to assist them in negotiating an agreement with two packing plants in the city. Assistance will be given.

Delegates were informed that the misunderstanding at the Oaks Theatre has been straightened up and every theatre in the city is now fair to organized labor.

Carpenters reported union growing fast and big hall being filled to capacity at meetings.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union reported that the Stella Cafe on Main Street and the Busy Bee on Cordova Street are no longer union.

The Olympic Cafe, 720 West Pender Street, has signed up with the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union, Local 28.

Further opposition to the proposed increase in telephone rates was voiced by the Council, and the company will be informed that the delegates favor the flat rate of $2.20 per month for residential service.

Mitchell Brothers, plumbing and sheet metal contractors, of 574 Richards Street, was placed on the "We Do Not Patronise" list of the Trades Council at the request of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union and the Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Union.

David Neon Sign Company was placed on the "We Do Not Patronise" list at the request of the Sign and Pictorial Painters' Union.

Milk Salesmen report organizing drive still going strong. Turner's and Crystal Dairy still opposing organization.

Engineers' Local 882 thanked the officers of the Council for assistance given in obtaining a wage increase for members employed in four of the theatres of the Famous Players Corporation.

Upon motion the Council again sent a protest against the proposed toll on the [illegible] Bridge and endorsed the request for a grant from the Federal government to defray the cost of the bridge.

Delegate Shaw urged delegates to join Ratepayers' Associations so that matters of vital interest to organized labor, such as unfair firms and products, could be brought to the attention of members of the associations.

Projectionists Win On All Points

It took a two day strike to do it, but the Motion Picture Projectionists' Union not only turned the proposed wage reduction into a wage increase, but it also turned the attempt to eliminate one operator from the booth into an agreement upon the part of the Theatre owners to retain the two man operation for the duration of the three year agreement.

Every theatre in the province is covered by the union agreement and every man went back to his job elated over the quick settlement. Half a dozen Independent Theatres signed up without a strike, but just as soon as the strike went into effect the Famous Players Canadian Corporation and the Independent Theatre Association were frantic for a settlement. Only one Canadian Federation of Labor strike breaker and a non-union man were available to operate the machines and the settlement was made so fast that the union did not have enough agreements on hand to get them signed when the employers were calling for them. The Canadian Federation of Labor is the organization to which the Amalgamated Building Trades Workers is affiliated and is an offshoot of the All-Canadian Congress of Labor which recently split during a convention.

The Projectionists' Union agreement calls for a five per cent. increase in wages in 1938 and another five per cent. increase in 1939. The six and a half hour day is maintained as well as the two-man operation.

The misunderstanding which took place at the Oak Theatre has been cleared up and that place is a union theatre along with all the others.

The settlement was negotiated by officers of the Union, Edward A. Jamieson, President of the Trades and Labor Council, and the Provincial Department of Labor.

Trouble at New Calladine Theatre

Unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council report conditions still good in the industry. In one or two instances there is a little slackening, but they are only temporary while waiting for other trades to get ahead with their part of the job.

There are one or two big jobs getting under way, while others are finishing up. The New Westminster Bridge job is finished as is also the Buckerfield Elevator job. The Barracks and the apron at the airport are getting under way and the Hotel Vancouver job will soon be started.

The Building Trades Council has been successful in getting an agreement from the Famous Players (Canadian) Corporation to the effect that "all building trades work undertaken by the theatres will be done by members of the International Trades Unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and this will be stipulated in all contracts submitted for tender".

Some other trouble has developed on a theatre which is being built by day labor by the owner at Commercial and Broadway. The Building Trades Council asked the owner to make the job an international one and after several meetings, in which the Projectionists' Union and the Trades and Labor Council participated, it was made international as far as day labor work was concerned, but the Superintendent, who was an Amalgamated man, was permitted to remain on the job. When the job started on Monday morning under those conditions, the Amalgamated Building Workers picketed the job and gave handbills away denouncing the American Federation of Labor. This rattled the owner who again tried to make it a 50-50 job and the international unions would not work under these conditions. If the theatre is built with other than international labor it will be recognized as "unfair" when it opens, if the owner wants it that way. Most of the trouble has been caused by the [illegible], but this could have been avoided in the first place if the owner had obtained one of the international [illegible] who have [illegible] all the other theatres in this district.

It was reported that Woodward's Department Store was carrying Burns and Company "unfair" products.

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Notice Given To Joint Council of Teamsters

General Truck Drivers, Milk Salesmen and Bakery Salesmen are hereby informed that an organization calling themselves the Vancouver Motorists' Protective Board is soliciting members to join this Board for alleged protection.

Members are urged to delay action on this until the matter is taken up at the regular meetings of the unions.

Secretary,
Teamsters' Joint Council.

Truck Drivers Sign Four Firms

Business Agent Atkinson of the General Truck Drivers' Union has added another four cartage firms to those who have signed union agreements, bringing the total up to 26 in Vancouver.

The membership is now well over the 400 mark, and they are an enthusiastic bunch of boys, as well they might be, in seeing the union grow so rapidly. All the big firms in the city are signed up and it is now a matter of dealing with the smaller firms whom the union feel are worth signing up.

The new firms signed up are:
Bowman's Storage Ltd.
King's Motor Cartage Ltd.
Comet Delivery and Cartage Co.
Consolidated Truck Lines.

The Consolidated Truck Lines include the B. C. Rapid Transit Ltd., Chapman's Motor Cartage Ltd., and the Fraser Valley Freight Lines Ltd.

$2000 Bakery Strike Fund Returned

Echoes of the Robertson's Bakery strike, which took place last year, were heard in the Trades Council meeting, when Delegate Birt Showler of the Teamsters' Joint Council, reported that the Bakery Salesmen's Union had been able to return the funds donated by local unions to assist the membership in the strike. The men were organized at the time of the strike and the members were not eligible for strike pay from the International, so the local unions here chipped in to the tune of about $2000 and since the satisfactory settlement of the strike, the union has succeeded in building up its membership to such an extent that they have been able to return the donations to those who helped.

The money has been received with a great deal of appreciation from the unions, and while they had no idea that the money would be returned they cannot do anything else but admire the action of the union.

Glass Workers of Vancouver Get Charter

Ed. Smith, organiser for the International Brotherhood of Painters, Paperhangers, Decorators and Glass Workers of America recently organized the glass workers, bevelers, polishers and glaziers in Vancouver and a charter was obtained from the above International, naming the union Local 954, International Consolidates Glass Workers of Vancouver.

The membership are employed by the following firms: Bogardus Wickens, Ltd.; Pilkington Bros. Ltd.; Hobbs Manufacturing Co. Ltd.; W. Holt and Son; Wm. O'Neill Co. Ltd.; Western Glass Co. Ltd.; Fraser Glass Co.; View Art Glass Co., and the Master Craft Glass Co.

The charter was installed and over 50 members initiated by Bro. Ed. Smith, after which the following officers were elected: President, W. A. Brown; vice-president, E. J. Pollie; Fin.-Sect., Norman J. Bajus; Treasurer, R. N. Carruthers; Conductor, Herbert Brown; Warden, Clifford Jones; Trustees, G. F. Barnes, Hugh Richie, Walter Woods.

The union has affiliated with the Trades and Labor Council, Bros. D. [illegible] and Art. Doughty being the delegates.

B. C. Coast District Council of Lumber Workers reported organization campaign still being carried on and over 200 new members have been enrolled.

Upon motion the Council sent a protest to the Provincial government against the unwarranted delay in bringing Health Insurance into effect.

COMMITTEE SUBMITS LABOR LEGISLATION TO B. C. CABINET

Organized Labor of British Columbia Presents Brief to Provincial Government—New Legislation Asked For As Well as Amendments to Present Acts

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA EXECUTIVE of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada drew up a number of proposals covering legislation which the organized International Trades Union Movement of British Columbia has deemed necessary for the welfare of our membership and the common people of this province. After being granted an audience with the Cabinet, the Executive presented its brief on Tuesday, November 2nd, and were given an attentive hearing as well as a promise to give careful consideration to the proposals.

To: The Honourable Mr. T. D. Pattullo, Premier, and Ministers of the Provincial Government of the Province of British Columbia:

Gentlemen:

We appreciate the opportunity of appearing before you in behalf of the membership of the Unions affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada operating in all parts of this Province and who constitute a large proportion of the people your government was elected to represent.

The recommendations hereinafter set forth were endorsed after careful consideration by the delegates in attendance at the Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress held in the City of Ottawa, September 13th, 1937 and they are now presented for your favorable consideration and action for we are certain they will prove to be of inestimable benefit to our members by improving their conditions and it naturally follows that a corresponding improvement will take place in the condition of a large majority of the citizens of British Columbia.

The Right to Organize

The Trades and Labor Congress has in its possession an abundance of evidence supported by sworn statements to prove that discrimination against men and women who join trade union organizations is widespread.

(For instance, in British Columbia we have the case of the employees of the Burns Company of Vancouver and the findings of Judge McIntosh on that question). This evidence was placed before the Honorable Norman Rogers, Dominion Minister of Labor with the request that he use his influence to prevent interference with the workers' right of association for their own protection and for collective bargaining with their employers. This right has been recognized for many years under the Trade Union Act of 1871, but there is no law that definitely guarantees it. The Minister was very sympathetic and stated that insofar as the Dominion Government and Department of Labor were concerned every assistance would be given to prevent employers discriminating against workers who joined Trade Unions of their own choice.

In view of the fact, that under the British North America Act, legislation to correct this evil was the prerogative of the provinces, a draft bill was prepared by the Trades and Labor Congress and presented to all of the Provincial Governments. The proposed bill defines the workers' rights of association, making it lawful for employees to form themselves into Trades Unions, to bargain collectively and to conduct such bargaining through the employees' trade union, and through the duly chosen officers of such trade union.

Copies of this bill were mailed to your Government, together with legal opinion thereon, which clearly stated the legislative jurisdiction under our existing constitution as contained in the British North America Act, and copies were also mailed to every member of the Provincial Legislature.

We again present copies of the proposed bill to you and trust that this legislation will be introduced and passed by your Government during the present session. We feel very keenly concerned in this matter and take advantage of this occasion to draw to your attention that both Nova Scotia and Alberta have passed similar legislation in the interest of the workers in those Provinces.

Unemployment

We all must realize that the only solution of unemployment is employment, and our brief contains many recommendations and requests which if put into operation will create employment. For [illegible] the reduction of hours [illegible] ployment. Raising wages increases purchasing power, and this in turn provides employment. Therefore, legislation of this nature, lends itself to the eradication of this evil.

In dealing directly with this question, we cannot improve upon the requests and recommendations which were presented to you on November 4th, 1936 on which date we noted that in conformity with a previous request made on February 11th, 1936, the relief camps had been eliminated, but no adequate measures had been taken to provide work or sustenance for the unfortunate men and boys who had been ousted from the camps and we respectfully suggest that the following still applies.

We regret that the Provincial Government has not as yet instituted a comprehensive scheme, such as recommended by the Federal Commission on unemployment Relief.

The public works that have been undertaken are of a temporary and limited nature, and insufficient to meet our present day unemployment problem. The farming out of workers to private individuals and corporations cannot be considered in the light of a public works scheme, and we must impress upon the Provincial Government the absolute necessity of immediately passing measures in conformity with the recommendations of the aforesaid committee.

We recommend that on all such works undertaken, or on contracts let by the Provincial Government that the six hour day and the five day week be put in force, also that the union scale of wages be paid on all work covered by craftsmen, and on all work not so covered, that a minimum rate of not less than fifty cents per hour be paid, and we further recommend that such work shall not be confined to recipients on relief, but open to all those who are seeking employment.

We particularly call your attention to the fact that there is a great deal of work included in Provincial Government Contracts allowed to go outside of the Province. Work that could be done by our citizens, sadly needing employment. We suggest that this practice be discontinued—and such employment given to our own unemployed.

Hours of Work Act

Modern methods of production not only makes possible but absolutely necessary that a much shorter work day be introduced than that now generally recognized and we again recommend that this act cover all workers without exemption and that it set forth clearly the six hour day, and five day week, or a maximum of thirty hours in any one week, and we believe that this should be clearly set down as a condition in all government contracts.

We also request the elimination of night work in Bakeries as recommended by the International Labor Office.

Wage Policy

It is quite apparent that the necessary reduction in the hours of labor for the purpose of spreading employment, will entail maintaining and increasing the amount in the pay envelope, otherwise the result will be an increase in the number of employed persons without increasing their purchasing power within this Province.

It is necessary to maintain a balance between production and consumption, in order to meet modern production methods, and the greater purchasing power of the masses is essential to the whole business structure of British Columbia, [illegible] while this could be brought about [illegible] various ways, the most direct and satisfactory is undoubtedly that [illegible] money wage [illegible] through the medium of wages and [illegible]

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DUAL UNIONISM

Dual Unionism was knocked down and thrown out at the Victoria meeting held over the week-end. Former International and National union men who have been fostering and hobnobbing with dual unionists, company unionists, strike breakers and others of that type, are finding that they cannot play that kind of game and not get cold-shouldered by real union men. If these people who imagine that they have a grievance, while in our movement, would just sit down and let the wind blow on their heated brows, instead of running amuck like a drunken sailor, they would not do the things that later they must become sorry for. A movement with the ramifications and size of ours is bound to have disagreements and arguments, but unless we have a disciplined movement we will never have the unity necessary for a big virile organization. If every man in our movement who has had a grievance went off and formed another union we would soon have more unions than members. Last year, the All-Canadian Federation of Labor, an ultra patriotic-nationalist organization, dual to our movement in many places, fomented a grievance within their own ranks and split up into about four parts, so today we find that what was once the A.C.C. of L. is now divided up into four factions, the largest of which is still the A.C.C. of L. with a membership, which the Department of Labor reports is not more than 25,000, but which we have reason to believe is half that. One of the groups is now called the Canadian Federation of Labor and the Department of Labor places their membership at around 23,000, but which again we think is only half that number. The Amalgamated Building Workers are in this Federation as also are the musicians, projectionists and engineers who have been trying to fill the jobs of strikers in Vancouver, Winnipeg and elsewhere. The remnants of the One Big Union, now confined only to Winnipeg, was twice dropped from the A.C.C. of L. for non-payment of per capita tax but when the split come the O.B.U. went over to the Canadian Federation of Labor. Some other units of the A.C.C. of L. have not yet been able to make up their minds with whom to affiliate and remain Independent and the remainder have come into our ranks, which have now gone over the 150,000 mark in Canada. Prior to the split the A.C.C. of L. was reported by the Federal Department of Labor as having 54,000 members. The largest group now in the A.C.C. of L. is the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees which they report as numbering around 11,000. The International "Running Trades" unions have a membership of over 34,000 but these are not included in the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada membership of 150,000 because they are not affiliated, nor are they affiliated with the A.F. of L. in the United States but they are always collaborating with the other International Unions and in conjunction with these unions have built up the weekly publication called "Labor" which has the largest circulation of any paper in the country.

Hence we find that these "Canadian" unions are but weak imitations of real unions. But their existence tend to keep wages and working conditions down and in many instances they have had to resort to being strike-breakers in order to get jobs. They are pliant tools of employers' associations when those organizations can find a dozen to use against our organizations, and it's just about time that we took a check-up on these organizations and made a real fight against them.

15 Gasoline Stations Sign A. F. of L. Pact

International Falls, Minn.—Gasoline Station Attendants No. 20791 reports substantial and continuing progress since affiliation of these workers with the A. F. of L.

Within shortly over a month after the charter was granted, 15 stations had signed agreements with the union, by which the workers received wage increases ranging from 5 to 20 per cent and reduction of working hours from 72 to 54.

The misunderstanding at the

Oak Theatre

is now cleared up and the management is now employing members of the

Motion Picture Projectionists' Union Local 348

Affiliated with the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council

1,144,930 New Members Are Gained By the A. F. of L.

Denver, Colo.—The tremendous increase in members of the unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor was strikingly revealed in the report made by Frank Morrison, secretary-treasurer of the A. F. of L., to the Federation's annual convention. In a summary of this important achievement, Mr. Morrison's report said:

"Total membership for the month of August, 1937, for affiliated organizations is 3,271,726 (not including the membership of the suspended National and International Unions or the two which withdrew), which shows an increase of 1,144,930 members over the average membership of fiscal year ending August 31, 1936, and an increase of 331,671 members during the past 12 months.

"National and International Unions are required to pay per capita tax upon their full paid-up membership and, therefore, the membership does not include all members who were unemployed during the fiscal year".

Mr. Morrison also submitted a chart showing the numbers of the various unions affiliated with the A. F. of L. The chart included 100 national and international unions with 28,642 local unions; 1406 local trade and Federal labor unions directly affiliated with the A. F. of L.; 49 State federations of labor, and 738 city central bodies. In addition there are four departments (Metal Trades, Union Label Trades, Building and Construction Trades, and Railroad Employees) with 712 local department councils).

"The A. F. of L", he said, "is travelling along at an increase of about 65,000 to 67,000 members per month", which was a "steady increase", with "nothing in sight that indicates that that speed will be lessened".

Organizing Campaign of AFL To Be Greatly Intensified

Denver, Colo.—The 57th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor opened in the Denver Municipal Auditorium with 466 delegates present, representing 88 national and international unions, four American Federation of Labor Departments, 34 state federations of labor, 101 central bodies, 68 local trade and federal labor unions, and three fraternal delegates.

A highly encouraging account of the achievements of the American Federation of Labor in organizing hitherto unorganized workers was presented by the Executive Council of the A. F. of L.

Pointing out that following the desision of the Supreme Court of the United States holding the National Labor Relations Act constitutional, workers everywhere, relieved of the "fear of discrimination and persecution" which was widespread before the Supreme Court's ruling, "showed both a willingness and a determination to become organized", the Executive Council's report continued:

Progress in Unorganized Industries

"As a consequence of these developments the organizing staff of the American Federation of Labor has been very greatly increased. These organizers are carrying on a systematic campaign of organization in every state, city and community throughout the entire country.

"Great progress has been made in heretofore unorganized fields such as cement, aluminum, flour and cereal milling, agriculture, packing houses and canneries, white collar groups, and other miscellaneous industries.

Affiliated Unions March Forward

"In addition, national and international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have inaugurated and carried forward most successful organizing campaigns. As a result of this joint co-ordinated organizing work carried forward by national and international unions and the American Federation of Labor, approximately a million new members have been added to the American Federation of Labor.

"All of these are dues-paying members, men and women who show their determination to become organized through the payment of initiation fees and monthly dues.

Urge Burns Tenders Be Not Accepted

The following resolution, from the Meat Cutters' Union, was presented to the Trades and Labor Council and adopted:

Whereas, in view of the fact of the findings of the public inquiry under Judge McIntosh requesting reinstatement of Burns & Co. employees by the end of June, 1937; and

Whereas, this company has refused to recognise the findings of the Court of Inquiry; and

Whereas, many of the employees are still unemployed and as a consequence without funds and the means of earning a living; therefore

Be it resolved that the Trades and Labor Council requests that the name of this firm be removed from the list of firms eligible to tender for supplies to the City of Vancouver and institutions under the control of the Provincial and Federal governments.

AFL Annual Income Exceeds Million Dollars

Denver, Colo.—The large responsibility in administering the financial affairs of the American Federation of Labor was statistically shown in the report of Secretary-Treasurer Frank Morrison to the annual convention of the Federation here for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1936, and ending August 31, 1937.

"At the close of the fiscal year", the report said, "there was a balance on hand of $586,567.41. Of this total $533,138.72 is in the defense fund for the local trade and federal labor unions and the balance, $53,428.69, is in the general fund.

"The total receipts from all sources, $1,184,478.90, the total expenses, $1,167,317.57, amount of expenses over receipts, $17,161.42".

The balance on hand August 31, 1937, was $586,567.41.

A breakdown of the income for the year shows that per capita tax receipts amounted to $440,139.31; initiation fees, $177,868.36; defense fund for local trade and federal labor unions (per capita tax from locals), $159,452.11; assessments $59,099.70; American Federationist, $269,079.24.

On the expense side the larger items were: Organizers' salaries and organizing expenses, $457,787.92; printing and publishing American Federationist, $129,435.36; defense fund (strike and lockout benefits), $136,937.25; office employees, $166,820.44.

Architects Join AFL Building Trades Dept.

Washington, D. C.—The 20th annual convention of the International Federation of Technical Engineers', Architects', and Draftsmen's Unions, recently held here, was attended by more delegates than were present at any prior convention.

Many important resolutions dealing with the interests of the members were adopted, among which was one instructing the International to affiliate with the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor.

The office of the International Federation of Technical Engineers', Architects', and Draftsmen's Unions is in the American Federation of Labor Building.

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Trade Union Benefits Total $34,608,691.78

Denver, Colo.—Trade union benefits paid by national and international unions for 1936 amounted to $34,608,691.78, according to the report of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor to the Federation's annual convention in session here.

"This vast sum of benefits paid, however, does not cover the total amount paid by all national and international and local unions during the past year", the Council said. "It represents the amount paid by national and international organizations and other organized units which reported to the American Federation of Labor.

"Many local unions chartered by organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and federal labor unions chartered directly by the American Federation of Labor have established benefit funds out of which benefits were paid locally. In addition, strike benefits were paid by local organizations which do not appear in this report.

"Thus, there should be added to the total amount set forth in this report of benefits paid to members of organized labor, many millions of dollars more paid by organizations not reporting and by local unions chartered by international unions which have established and maintained benefit funds for the protection of their membership".

The amounts of the various benefits listed in the Council's report were as follows:

Death benefits	$12,821,607.42
Sick benefits	1,272,817.60
Unemployment ben'ft.	10,990,104.16
Old Age benefits	5,288,906.27
Disability benefits	2,588,505.87
Miscellaneous	1,646,750.46
Total	$34,608,691.78

Directly Affiliated Unions Number 1406

Denver, Colo.—The achievement of the American Federation of Labor in organizing local trade and federal labor unions directly affiliated with the A. F. of L. was shown in the report of Secretary-Treasurer Frank Morrison to the annual convention of the Federation here.

"On August 31, 1937", the report said, "we had 1406 local trade and federal labor unions with an average membership for the fiscal year of 114,956, and a defense fund of $533,138.72.

"The Federation has 1745 general and district organizers, as well as 229 paid organizers and the officers of the 735 city central bodies that are ready at all times to respond to a call to assist the members of directly affiliated unions in the case of strike or lockout.

"There was received a total per capita tax for defense fund purposes from the local unions during the year of $[illegible].11, initiation fees $177,[illegible], and reinstatement fees $[illegible]".

[illegible]

Little Loona: "Mamma, do dogs get married?"

Mother: "Certainly not, dear".

Loona: "Then what makes old Towser growl so at Bobjo when they are eating their breakfast?"

There are still too many folks propagandizing who ought to be at work.

Correspondence

October 20th, 1937.

Editor, Labor Statesman:

Re Burns' Products, on the "We do not patronize" list of the Trades and Labor Council and affiliations.

Notwithstanding the fact that this matter has been repeatedly brought before the public through various reports of meetings and also notwithstanding the fact that the matter was placed very ably before the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada recently and supported by that body in condemnation of this Company's actions, there is still the impression abroad that the strike is over and this Company's products are now O.K.

Let us state again. Judge McIntosh at the Public Inquiry held last April in the City Hall, Vancouver, requested that the employees be put back to work by the end of June. The Company put back only 25 employees of their own choosing and have left the rest to suffer on the streets.

The ruthless act of this Company through its local Manager has been universally condemned, the Public Inquiry gave the employees a splendid finding; The City of Vancouver granted them a tag-day and something like 40,000 coins in the collection; departmental stores, chain stores and independent butcher stores suspended any handling of the products and various organizations throughout the city took up the matter in the cause of these employees. Surely this speaks volumes.

We would ask you, if consistent, to kindly give this letter publicity through your paper, as we feel that this Company not only struck out cruelly at its employees but designed to wreck this Local in so doing.

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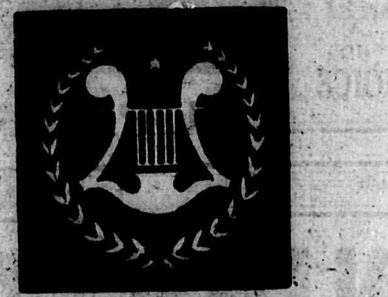

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Victoria Painters Have Organized

Organizer Ed. Smith of the International Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators has recently organized the painters in Victoria and a charter has been sent for. Among the men who have been organized are the painters and decorators working for the Willows Central Films Studio and they are all wearing the union button along with the other trades, which are all members of International unions.

The maker of patchwork quilts has a daughter who does her patchwork on an inner tube.

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Victoria Conference Endorses "Right To Organize" Bill

Bill Proposed by Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Gets Unanimous Endorsation—Eighty-eight Unions Were Represented—Three Dual Unions Not Seated

UNANIMOUS ENDORSATION of the proposed Trades and Labor Congress of Canada "Right To Organize" bill was given by 134 delegates, representing 88 unions in British Columbia at the union convention held in Victoria, October 30-31. The proposed legislation was presented to the Cabinet by the British Columbia Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and a committee of five who were elected at the convention.

The meeting, which was called by the Victoria Trades and Labor Council was opened in the Foresters Hall in Victoria, at 9 a.m. Saturday morning, by Brother Youhill, acting on behalf of the Trades Council. After the usual preliminary introductions, the Credential Committee presented its report, which recommended the seating of delegates whose credentials were found to be in order, and made other recommendations regarding others. In the recommendations, which were finally adopted, the Vancouver Fire Fighters Union delegates were not seated, neither were the delegates from the Vancouver Hospital Employees Union nor the Vancouver Laundry Workers Union. These were dual unions whose officers were active in dual organization work, and under the circumstances the convention would not recognize them.

Edward A. Jamieson, President of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council was elected chairman of the meeting, Victor Midgley of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council was elected Secretary and Brothers W. Campbell of Victoria and Ed. Smith of Vancouver were elected sergeants-at-arms.

Committees Appointed

A General Resolution committee of nine, with E. H. Morrison, acting as chairman, were appointed to take up resolutions and a Committee with W. Page of Vancouver acting as chairman, was appointed to deal with the proposed trades union bill. This committee had two proposals to deal with, one drawn up by Harold Winch, C.C.F., M.L.A., and one drawn up by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. The committee found that the Congress Bill had all the meat necessary for the preliminary legislation desired by organized labor, and recommended its adoption. This was done unanimously after a short discussion, which brought out that the delegates were quite satisfied with the Congress bill and that it was all that the organized labor morement could expect from the government, who would have to present the bill. It gives the worker on any job, the "Right to organize" into a union of his own choice, without any discrimination or intimidation from an employer, and it places a penalty upon the employer for preventing an employee from belonging to a trade union.

A final total of 134 delegates registered and these represented 88 International and National Unions. Each union was allowed to send two delegates, but in several instances only one was sent and in other cases some clubbed to send a delegate. Aside from the debate on the seating of delegates, the general discussion was of a very harmonious nature and practically all the business was done without any noticeable division after informative explanations were given.

B. C. Federation of Labor

The question of forming a British Columbia Federation of Labor come up for discussion and a committee of five were elected to work with the B. C. Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to take the necessary steps to form such a body. During the discussion on this subject it was brought out that the Congress had already made arrangements for a referendum to be taken on the subject, but the B. C. Executive were willing to have the additional delegates work with them on the matter. While the B. C. movement is in a somewhat virile stage at the present time, it must also be recognized that the formation of a B. C. Federation of Labor will mean additional per capita tax from the unions, hence it becomes necessary to give every member a chance to vote by referendum, on the question.

There were a number of general resolutions came before the meeting, but these were first referred to a Resolutions Committee, and some were non-concurred in, others were amended and the balance passed as presented.

Highway To Alaska

Among the resolutions was one that pointed out that since there was still considerable unemployment in B. C. that the Provincial Government should immediately proceed with negotiations with the American Government to construct a highway through British Columbia to Alaska. This was carried unanimously.

The Federal Minister of Labor was asked, in another resolution, to investigate, without delay, the situation in which some 70 Victoria longshoremen are being discriminated against by the B. C. Shipping Federation. Passed unanimously.

Another resolution which passed, stated that the convention was in favor of the employees of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway being given the same superannuation privileges as other civil servants.

Bakeries Night Work

A resolution favoring legislation doing away with night work in bakeries carried. It was pointed out by the bakers' delegate that bread lost its weight, 12 hours after it was baked and that night work attacked the health of the employees, hence the legislation would protect the public in two ways.

Another resolution demanded that the Provincial Government increase the relief allowanmes of unemployed workers. This passed unanimously.

The delegates were emphatic on the subject of putting Health Insurance into operation "immediately" and that amendments as suggested by the Trades union movement be included in the legislation.

The committee's report to non-concur in a resolution favoring a minimum scale to be fixed by unions in various parts of the province met with approval. It was feared that the lower wage scales which would become effective in small districts would tend to keep wages down in other districts. Company unions could be built up for the express purpose of keeping wages down.

Fair Wage Clause

A resolution favoring a minimum wage of 50c. per hour on all Provincial Public Works was turned down and a substitute made to the effect that a clause similar to the Federal Government's Fair Wage clause be inserted in all Provincial contracts. The 50c. scale is considered too low and organized labor expects to continue increasing wage scales, which would automatically increase the Fair Wage as determined by the Department of Labor.

The delegates unanimously favored a resolution calling upon the Provincial Government to have school books printed in the Government Printing Bureau, thereby making the books cheaper to the parents.

Committees Thanked

The various officers and committees were heartily thanked for their services prior to and during the conference.

The commttee elected to present the "Right to Organize" bill to the cabinet along the B. C. Executive of the Congress were: W. S. Atkinson, United Mine Workers, Nanaimo; C. Chivers, Carpenters, Victoria; E. A. Jamieson, Pres. Vancouver Trades Council; W. H. Youhill, Pres. Victoria Trades Council and V. R. Midgley, Victoria Trades Council.

The Executive Committee of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada are: E. H. Morrison, (Chairman) Electrical Workers, Vancouver; Birt Showler, Teamster's Joint Council, Vancouver; Chas. Stewart, Street Railwaymen, Vancouver, and Harry Pearson, Theatrical Stage Employees, Vancouver. Percy R. Bengough, Vice-president of the Trades Congress of Canada also assisted the delegation.

The former committee elected to go with the B. C. Executive to the Cabinet meeting, will also act with the Congress Executive Committee, with the exception of V. R. Midgley who was replaced by W. Page, Vancouver Building Trades Council, to take up the matter of formation of a B. C. Federation of Labor.

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Building Laborers, Vancouver.
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Boilermakers, Victoria.
Carpenters, Vancouver; New Westminster.
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Electrical Workers, Vancouver, Victoria.
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Inland Boatmen's Union, Vancouver; Victoria.
Iron Workers, Vancouver.
Jewelry Workers, Vancouver.
Laundry Workers, New Westminster; Victoria.
Lithographers, Vancouver.
Lathers' Union, Victoria.
Lumber & Sawmill Workers, Vancouver; Courtnay; Lake Cowichan; Port Alberni; Victoria.
Machinists, Vancouver; Victoria.
Maintainance of Way Employees, Penticton.
Marine Engineers, Vancouver; Victoria.
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Operating Engineers, Vancouver.
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Progressive Waterfront Workers, Victoria.
Printing Pressmen, Vancouver, Victoria.
Paper Makers' Union, Victoria.
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Typographical Union, Victoria; New Westminster.
United Mine Workers, Cumberland; Nanaimo; Fernie.

Jewelry Workers Land Gruen Watch Case Pact

The International Jewelry Workers' Union is reported as continuing substantial gains, both in the organization of new locals and the negotiation of favorable contracts with employers.

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Teamsters Win Contract With Big New York Firm

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—Organized labor has gained another important victory here with the signing of a union agreement by Teamsters and Chauffeurs' Local Union No. 445 with the Milk Shed Transportation Company Inc.

Signing of the agreement followed a brief strike, conducted by men who steadfastly refused to be associated with a "company union" and insisted upon membership in and recognition by employers of the established A. F. of L. union. The New York City local of teamsters and chauffeurs was reported to have assisted materially, along with the International and Otto F. Nelson, A. F. of L. organizer.

The agreement covers all employees of the firm eligible to membership in the union, reported as 181 persons, with an increase in wages and reduction in working hours.

DRAFT OF PROPOSED BILL RE RIGHT OF EMPLOYEES TO ORGANIZE

AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE IN LAW THE RIGHT OF EMPLOYEES TO ORGANIZE FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THEIR LAWFUL INTERESTS

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, hereby enacts as follows:

1. This Act shall be known as "The Freedom of Trade Union Association Act.
2. Under this Act, "Trade Union" shall mean any association or organization of employees, whether employed by one employer or by more than one employer, which is formed for the purpose of advancing in a lawful manner the interests of such employees in respect of the terms and conditions of their employment, and which is free from undue influence, domination, restraint or interference by employers or associations of employers.
3. It shall be lawful for employees to form themselves into a trade union.
4. It shall be lawful for employees to bargain collectively with their employer or employers, and to conduct such bargaining through the employees' trade union, and through the duly chosen officers of such union.
5. It shall be unlawful for any employer hereafter to insert any clause in any written contract of employment, or to impose any condition in any verbal contract of employment, or to continue such clause or condition hitherto in effect, where such clause or condition seeks to restrain any employee from exercising his rights under this Act, and any such clause or condition shall ipso facto be null and void and of no effect.
6. Any employer, whether an individual person, a firm or a corporation, which shall seek by intimidation, threat of loss of position or employment, or by actual loss of position or employment or by threatening or imposing any pecuniary penalty, with the object of preventing an employee from belonging to a trade union, shall be liable upon conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction in the case of an individual to a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for each such offence, or a term in jail not to exceed thirty (30) days in default of payment of any fine levied, and in the case of a corporation to a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00); provided that in the case of a corporation, where any fine is imposed but not paid, the responsible officer or officers of said corporation shall be held as personally liable.
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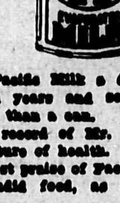
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THEN HE LEFT, ANYWAY

Out on the terrace they met between dances, and he said: "Pretty dull party, this!"

"Yes, indeed."

"Oh, let's go get our wraps and leave," he suggested.

"Well, I can't get away," she replied. "You see, I'm the hostess."

Committee Submits Labor Legislation

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We desire to record our appreciation of your government's action in response to our request made last year in the restoration of salaries of government employees, an example that should be followed by all employers of labor.

Minimum Wage Act

Our considered opinion on this question has not changed. We concede it has been of some assistance to a number of citizens but in many other cases it has been a hindrance and deterred employees from improving their condition. We urge your consideration of an Act establishing a definite minimum applicable to all workers both male and female and suggest that the minimum should not be less than fifty cents per hour, as it is impossible for anyone to maintain a reasonable standard of living in British Columbia under present day conditions on less than this amount.

Holidays With Pay

We also urge that an Act be formulated providing holidays with pay for all employees who by nature of their employment, are forced to work on statutory holidays.

Health Insurance

Our views on this question have been placed before this Government very fully on many previous occasions. We would like to be again recorded as favoring an Act covering all, irrespective of salary or other limitations. Last year we expressed to you the appreciation of our membership on the start you had made in the direction of Health Insurance. We regret the hoisting of this Act, and trust that in view of your assurances previously given to the electorate, and the results of the plebescite that you will introduce an Act establishing a Health Insurance scheme that will be in the best interests of the majority of the people you represent, and not modified to meet the wishes of influencial minorities.

Workmen's Compensation Act

We recommend that the Act be amended to give the workman 100% compensation for all accidents and occupational diseases.

Education

We appreciate what has been done in the direction of restoration of grants to education. We trust that you will continue with this policy and restore all cuts that have been made in educational grants.

We again request that all school text books be printed in the Provincial Printing Bureau, and that where copyrighted editions prohibit this, that the books be purchased by the Government and distributed at cost.

One-Man Cars

We recommend the introduction of legislation that will prohibit the operation of one-man and similar passenger conveyances. Such operations not only intensify our unemployment problems but are a public menace. We contend that the safety of the passengers demands the attention of a conductor and cannot be taken care of by one having the responsibility of operating the vehicle through our modern streets; such work requires the undivided attention of the operator.

Picketing

We would ask that the Provincial Government amend the Provincial Picketing Act so as to establish clearly the right of peaceful picketing and prevent injunctions and court interference.

We solicit your support to the Charter amendments asked for by the City of Vancouver to give the City the power to limit the issuance of Taxi cab licenses, so that they will guarantee service to the travelling public, and a living to those engaged in the industry.

We again ask your Government to consider the desirability of discontinuing the charge for Chauffeurs' license fees, as we feel that after a Chauffeur has purchased his first license, his succeeding license should be issued without charge.

We request that the scope of the Provincial Superannuation Act be extended, so as to include employees indirectly employed by the Government, such as the employees of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and employees of all public utilities.

Need For National Unity

Your attention is drawn to the urgent need for uniform labor and social laws throughout Canada, and we ask your support in assisting the Dominion Government in the bringing about of necessary changes in the B.N.A. Act.

In conclusion, the foregoing briefly sets out our proposals for the advancement of social conditions in British Columbia. We honestly hope that they will commend themselves to your Government, and that the legislation to be enacted at the coming session may include the principles which we have outlined.

We shall be glad, either now or later, to discuss, in detail, any of our recommendations, with the Ministers or departmental officials concerned. Fully realizing the seriousness of present conditions and the difficulties of those who have the responsibility of Government, the representatives of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada are ready at all times to co-operate with the Provincial Government in assisting them to solve social and economic problems.

Respectfully submitted,
British Columbia Executive,
Trades and Labor Congress of Canada,
E. H. MORRISON, Chairman.
CHAS. M. STEWART.
H. PEARSON.
B. SHOWLER.
P. R. Bengough,
Vice-president, Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

A committee of five elected at the Victoria Conference were also in attendance at this meeting and added to the discussion of the subjects. They were: C. Chivers, V. R. Midgley, E. F. Fox, E. A. Jamieson, W. S. Atkinson and W. H. Youhill.

Union Garment Workers Ask Support

The following communication received from District Council No. 18 (Toronto) of the United Garment Workers' Union of America was received by the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council and endorsed. All members are urged to act upon the request.

The letter says:

It is well known throughout our Dominion that shirt, overall, pant and leather garment workers are the most poorly paid, working long hours under inhuman working conditions. Are we to wonder why those branches of the garment industry were named as sweatshops and are a disgrace to our country?

The United Garment Workers' Union has considerably changed those sweatshop conditions and we hope to be able, with your assistance, to unionize the open shops.

We therefore appeal to your affiliated members to buy shirts, pants, overalls, leather garments and cloth windbreakers with the Union label. No labor union can live within itself and prosper. Its members must buy the products of brother union workers.

The quickest way to make industry unionize is to be sure that it is a fair firm you patronize. The Union label is the only and best guarantee against sweatshop garments.

Almost everyone wears a shirt. Brill Shirt is the only fine shirt shop operating under a Union closed shop agreement in Eastern Canada.

Building Trades Dept. Elects New Officers

By A.F. of L. News Service.

The annual convention of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, recently held in Denver, Colorado, elected a number of new officers:

Joseph A. McInerney of New York, of the International Association of Marble, Slate and Stone Polishers, Rubbers and Sawyers, Tile and Marble Setters Helpers and Terrazzo Helpers, was elected president to succeed J. W. Williams.

Herbert Rivers of Kansas City, of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union of America, was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed M. J. McDonough.

The following vice-presidents were re-elected: John J. Hynes, Sheet Metal Workers; John Possehl, Operating Engineers; L. P. Lindelof, Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers; R. J. Gray, Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers; D. W. Tracy, Electrical Workers; William J. McSorley, Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers.

The following new vice-presidents were chosen: Daniel J. Tobin, Teamsters; William L. Hutcheson, Carpenters.

P. J. Morrin, Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, who was fifth vice-president, was not a candidate for re-election.

Herbert Rivers, who was eighth vice-president, became secretary-treasurer. These two vacancies in the vice-presidencies were filled by the election of Mr. Tobin and Mr. Hutcheson.

Bill Posters Win Three Birmingham Contracts

Birmingham, Alabama—Bill posters of Birmingham, now 100 per cent organized under the banner of the American Federation of Labor, recently secured the most favorable contract of its kind in this city with employers.

Local Union No. 126 of the International Alliance of Bill Posters and Billers signed contracts with all three of the city's bill posting concerns. The contracts establish a minimum wage of $28 per week of 40 hours, or an hourly rate of 75 cents, with time and a half for overtime.

Canton Moving Picture Operators Win 6 Pacts

Canton, Ohio.—Keeping step with progress made by other leading A. F. of L. unions, six new contracts of an advantageous nature have been secured with second-run theatres here, by Canton Moving Picture Machine Operators' Local No. 671 of the International Association of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada.

The union gained two-men operation per shift, instead of one-man operation provided in the former contract. Also important was the fact that the contracts were made for three years, with an increase in salary to become effective each year.

Union officials state that extra effort was made to retain the manpower in each booth, with no great sacrifice in salary increase. Contracts in other Canton theatres have another year to run and they, too, require two-men shifts and provide for an increase in salary.

It is reported all members of Local No. 671 are now employed, with prospects for the future very good.

HOSIERY COMPANY SIGNS A. F. OF L. AGREEMENT

Bridgeport, Alabama. — Following effective organization of employees into a union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, a union agrement has been secured with the Browning Hosiery Mills here. One hundred and sixty workers are covered.

The agreement designates the union as the sole collective bargaining representative for all employees.

Meet Your Milkman At Turkey Dance

The Milk Salesmen and Dairy Employees' Union will hold its next big Turkey Dance at the Trianon Ballroom on Friday, November 19th. Turkeys will be drawn for at this dance—for delivery at Christmas—and the general public is given a hearty welcome at these dances and to participate in the draw. Tickets are 35c; dancing 9 to 1 a.m.

Last month the turkey winners were:

H. Williamson, 4004 West 16th; M. Williams, 1935 East 36th; Mrs. Coid, 58 East 32nd; Jean Davies, 3683 Moscrop; Dolly Reaville, 1546 Balsam Street; Mrs. R. Rae, 421 West 16th, North Vancouver; T. Rutherford, 1826 West Ninth; J. M. Thomas, 1150 Esquimalt, West Vancouver.

Teachers' Union Is Growing Rapidly

Secretary-Treas. Irvin R. Kuenzli, of the American Federation of Teachers, A. F. of L. unit, after compiling a general report for the recent convention, predicts that the Teachers' Federation may reach a membership of *30,000* during the present year.

Fifty-four locals were added to the Federation during the 12-month period ending July 22, 1937, bringing the membership at that time to 22,003. This was an increase of 46 per cent over the previous year.

Chicago, with 4000 new members, witnessed the greatest city gain; and locals were re-established in six different cities, indicating a renewal of interest and conviction that organization offers teachers the most practical avenue for progress.

Sugar Companies Sign A. F. of L. Agreements

Billings, Montana.—Smashing victories for beet sugar workers are being obtained with employers, as these workers clamber into A. F. of L. unions in order to gain better wages and improved working conditions.

Notable success is reported by employees of the Holly Sugar Corporation, one of the beet sugar giants, where R. E. James, A. F. of L. representative, has been assisting the workers in perfecting their local unions and getting signed agreements.

Since initial organization of this firm's Hamilton City, California, plant, employees at other plants have gone forward rapidly. Signed agreements were recently secured covering the Corporation's plants in Sidney, Montana; Hardin, Montana, and Sheridan, Wyoming.

Further organization work is under way.

New Union Cafe To Open Monday

The Mayfair Cafe, located at 29 West Hastings Street, opposite the Beacon Theatre, will open Monday, November 8th. Everything is entirely new and the fixtures have been made as pleasant as it is intended to make the meals.

The owners, who are now operating the Pall Mall Cafe, oldest union house in the city, have arranged for the Mayfair to be a strictly union house, paying the wages and giving the workers conditions called for by the union.

The seating capacity of the Mayfair is about 100 and members of organized labor are invited to eat in this place when down town and to make it a regular point of call when treating the wife to a meal away from home.

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Kruschen Salts .... [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible]
Castoria .... [illegible] and [illegible]
Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills .... [illegible]
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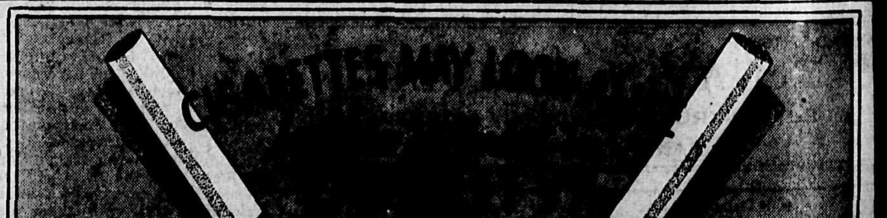

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