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## Vancouver Trades and Labor Council Proceedings

Labor Hall,  
Vancouver, August 5, 1909.

Regular meeting Vancouver Trades and Labor Council convened at 8:10 p.m., President Sellars in the chair, and all other officers present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

### Credentials.

From Tailors' Union—J. H. Ley, W. S. Fraser, A. Larsen, F. Dock.

Bartenders' League—Thos. Christian, Herb Hunt, Geo. L. Morency, H. H. Harrison, Chas. Lear.

Painters and Decorators—Bro. Winston, vice Bro. Scott, resigned.

Electrical Workers (213)—J. A. McCarty.

Journeyman Stonecutters—F. Marshall, A. Hamilton.

### Delegation Received.

At this juncture the sergeant-at-arms announced the arrival of a committee from the New Westminster Trades and Labor Council, and upon motion they were seated in the council. The delegation was composed of Bros. Stoney, Feeney, J. P. McMurphy, H. Knudson.

### Reports of Committees.

#### Executive Committee.

On July 29 the Executive held a special meeting, and after a general discussion relative to the erection of a new Labor Temple, decided that if possible the members of the committee would remain off other committee work as much as possible so that more attention could be given to the consideration of the internal affairs of the council. Pending definite action by the council and the completion of a new hall, it was decided to have Joseph Dixon make a few changes in the auditorium of the present hall; discontinue leasing it to outside parties, and use it hereafter exclusively for the affiliated unions and the council. An effort is also to be made to induce all unions in the city to meet hereafter at Labor Hall, especially the Street Railwaymen and other large unions which up to this time could not be accommodated by the council.

The following standing committees were recommended to the council:

Parliamentary—J. H. McVety (convenor), Dels. Payne, McGeer, Beasley, Smith, Clark, H. A. Wilson, Fraser, Smith (Building Trades), Holroyd, Ryan.

Organization—J. A. Aicken, Convenor; Dels. Craig and Ward.

Auditing—H. C. Benson, convenor; Dels. Wilton and Neclands.

Action concurred in and recommendations accepted.

Communication from Gray's Harbor Labor Temple Association asking for \$1 towards completion of their labor temple. Recommended that it be granted. Concurred in.

From Secretary Morrison relative to organizer for this territory. Organizer Young expected to be present for next meeting.

From United Garment Workers of America, Windsor, Ont. Secretary Pettipiece instructed to reply. Concurred in.

From New Westminster Trades and Labor Council relative to unjust criticism of Organizer Stoney. Referred to open council. New business.

From a correspondent in re purchase by the city of wood blocks at Everett rather than from local firm. Open council.

From Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, Pittsburg, Pa., appeal for assistance. Reluctantly filed.

From Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, convention call for Quebec meeting on Sept. 20, 1909. Open council.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Council account No. 2 (Wage-Earner)—E. T. Kingsley, \$156.25; J. H. McVety, March advance, \$142.25; P. O. Dept. for August issue, \$9.65; general postage, July, \$2; total, \$310.15.

Regular Council account—A. R. Burns, July, 60; Sec. Treas. Campbell, July, \$10; General Secretary Pettipiece, July, \$10; sinking fund, \$30; Cross & Huestis, kalsomining room 3, \$8; B. C. Electric Ry., \$7.15; interest accrued on \$700 mortgage, \$14; Gray's Harbor Labor Temple Association, \$1. Concurred in.

### Special Committees.

Del. McVety reported for the special Labor Temple committee, and on motion of Dels. Benson and Letrodec, the report was received and the committee filled out to five. The committee now stands: Dels. McVety, Wilton, Thompson, Ley and McGeer.

Del. McVety also reported from the Juvenile Protective Association. Received.

An interesting announcement was read from Victoria Trades and Labor Council by the secretary relative to their proposed new Labor Temple, which was filed for reference.

Electrical Workers' delegate reported re securing of names for the voters' list.

Managing Editor McVety reported for the Wage-Earner, showing good progress, especially in the matter of

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securing local subscribers, additional union memberships having been added in a body. Urged the reporting of local union happenings by correspondents. Report received.

#### Roll Call.

Statistician Mattinson's roll book showed a record attendance of 46 delegates.

#### Reports from Unions.

Painters' delegate asked for information as to amount of interest due by council on painters' certificates. Sec. Treas. to give information, and amount to be paid on request.

Bartenders' delegates reported the Iroquois hotel and Dougall House still unfair to their organization. Fortin's new hotel was on the fair list.

Cooks and Waiters—Del. Perkins reported that his organization's second vice-president had visited the city during the month, and expected much good to result.

Leather Workers—Del. Letroadec reported that his union had subscribed in a body for the council's "Wage-Earner," also elected a correspondent; and since last meeting another shop had been signed up with the Leather Workers.

Musicians—Del. Babcock reported that the members of his union were ready to render every assistance to the Labor Day committee at New Westminster.

Cigarmakers—Del. Craig reported that the cigarmakers were in favor of going to New Westminster for Labor Day, but that they were not and would not participate in a parade. Trade very dull. Still placing names on the voters' list.

Typos—Del. Benson reported that Popular Mechanics magazine was a non-union production and asked members of organized labor to not purchase it.

#### New Business.

The New Westminster delegation was heard and upon motion of Dels. Harrison and Perkins it was resolved that Vancouver Trades and Labor Council co-operate with the New Westminster Trades and Labor Council at the Royal City in the celebration of Labor Day, and that a committee of three be appointed to assist in the work.

Committee stands: Dels. McVety, Harrison and Babcock; transportation expenses, if any, to be borne by the council.

Benson—Aicken—That President Sellars ask organizer Stoney if his clothes bore union label at time of organization work in New Westminster. Organizer Stoney heard.

Amendment: McVety—Babcock That inasmuch as Del. Ley's charges against this council tender Bro. Stoney Org. Stoney have not been substantiated an unqualified apology.

Amendment to amendment: That the matter be referred to Tailors' Union. Lost. Vote 22-9.

Amendment carried. Vote 22-7.

Owing to personalities being indulged in by some of the delegates during the discussion, president Sellars announced that hereafter if a dele-

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gate had any charges to make against another, they must be submitted in writing.

Del. McKenzie urged that the parliamentary committee take up the question of securing names for the voters' list, and see that a delegate was qualified by the Attorney-General to naturalize foreigners. Latter delayed owing to absence of Attorney-General Bowser.

Letter from local S. D. P. was, upon motion of Dels. Wilton and Benson, to be taken up again at the next meeting under new business, the committee meantime to be continued relative to entering the next municipal campaign.

#### Financial Statement.

Receipts: Account No. 2 (Wage-Earner) — \$340.75; disbursements, \$310.15. Regular account: Receipts, \$157.30; disbursements, \$147.70.

H. SELLARS,  
President.

R. P. PETTIPIECE,  
Secretary.

Adjournment, 11:20 p.m.

Labor Hall,  
Vancouver, August 19, 1909.

Regular meeting Vancouver Trades and Labor Council held this evening at 8:10 p. m., President Sellars and all other officers in place.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

#### Credentials.

Building Trades Council—V. R. Midgley and A. Dunbar, vice Smith and Fordyce.

Journeyman Horseshoers, Local 254—Richard Honey.

Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners—J. Sinfield, vice Cobble-dick.

Brotherhood Electrical Workers—R. F. Bowman, vice H. E. Ellis.

Visitors and Organizer Present.

Organizer C. O. Young of the American Federation of Labor, James Wilks, an old-time British Columbian, and president of the Silver Bow Trades and Labor Council, Butte, Montana, and Harry Wishy, president of the Bellingham Trades and Labor

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Council, were present, and upon motion seated with the officers.

### Communications.

From Sec. Jas. Jamieson of the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' Union, advising Council of its intention to vacate Labor Hall for another. Upon motion of Dels. Letroade and McGeer, the letter was referred to the executive committee to find out the reason for the change, and if possible, arrange for the retention of a room in Labor Hall.

From the B. C. Electric Railway Company relative to installing a new lighting system for Labor Hall. Referred to executive.

From Electrical Workers No. 62, in re account. Referred to executive with power to act.

From Amalgamated Society of Engineers re affiliation with the council Motion Dels. McVety—McGeer secretary was instructed to reply, enclosing copy of by-laws and constitution.

From J. A. Scott, ex-president of Laundry Workers Union re organization. Referred to Organizer Young.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

#### Executive Committee.

From Trades and Labor Congress of Canada re per capita tax. Recommend that cheque for the amount be

drawn and forwarded at once. Concurred in.

For Street Railwaymen's Union re Labor Day football cup. Filed.

From Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, acknowledging receipt of resolutions passed by this Council relative to the coal miners' strike in the maritime provinces. Filed.

From Attorney-General Bowser, as follows:

Victoria, Aug. 12th, 1909

Mr. R. P. Pettipiece,  
Secretary Trades and Labor Council,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo., as well as copies of resolutions forwarded by the different unions in the city of Vancouver, demanding the dismissal of Mr. A. Williams, K. C., who has held the position of Police Magistrate for some time past.

After giving the matter of your resolution every consideration and looking into the merits of the cases referred to, I cannot come to the conclusion that it would be in the public interest to dismiss the Police Magistrate and, therefore, cannot accede to your request.

Yours truly,  
(Sgd.) W. J. BOWSER,  
Attorney-General.

Committee recommends that the letter be filed, published in The Wage-Earner, and that Attorney-General be dismissed at the next election. Unanimously and heartily concurred in.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Trades Council account, No.2 (Wage-Earner): J. H. McVety (July account) \$100; Vancouver Daily Province (Advertising account) \$6.30.

Trades Council account, regular: Thomson Stationery Co., (secretary-treasurer's books) \$26.45; Vancouver City Water Works, \$6.40; Thomson Stationery Co., (secretary's supplies) \$8.55; City of Vancouver, 1909 taxes (with cash discount) \$240; Dominion Trades Congress, per capita tax \$14.40. Concurred in.

Committee reported that Org. Young had been present at the meeting and the local situation relative to organization work was reviewed.

#### Parliamentary Committee.

Convener McVety reports having just secured the names and addresses of the committee, and would have a report for the next meeting.

No report from the Audit or Organization committees.

#### Half. Committee.

No report because of no meeting.

Pettipiece—Letroade—That the whole question of the erection of a new Labor Temple be referred to the executive committee, which shall be authorized to strike sub-committees to undertake work as directed by the executive. Concurred in after considerable discussion.

#### Labor Day Committee.

Del. Babcock reported progress for the Labor Day committee which is co-operating with the New Westminster council, and urged the united support of every unionist in Vancouver to make the day a memorable one in the history of the labor movement on the Pacific coast. Received.

#### Wage-Earner Report.

Man-Ed. McVety reported further particulars regarding unscrupulous advertising canvassers securing patronage in the name of the council, producing a letter from a local banking institution giving the name of at least one person who had represented himself as acting for the council. Referred to the executive committee, with power to prosecute if thought warrantable, upon motion of Dels. Ward and Aicken.

Del Haddon asked as to the possibility of making the Wage-Earner a weekly publication, and a general discussion of the subject followed. Manager McVety to secure estimates and make a report.

#### Hospital Committee.

Del. McGeer reported for the hospital committee relative to the miserable wages paid the employees of the hospital, and the excessively long hours. Recommended the changing of council's efforts to bring about municipal ownership and control rather than past policy of investigating individual grievances. And his motion to draft and send to the city council a

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resolution along these lines was negatived.

Del. Sinfield and Del. G. Payne also felt that some action should be taken, resulting in the question being referred to the parliamentary committee to report.

#### Roll Call.

Statistician Mattison reported 37 delegates present.

#### Visitors Heard.

At this stage of the proceedings James Wilks, Harry Wishy, and Org. Young briefly addressed the council, the latter with especial regard to possible local organization work. The reception to the speakers was enthusiastic and their instructive remarks well received.

#### Reports From Unions.

**Musicians**—Del. Babcock invited Org. Young to pay a visit to his organization and reported the membership growing.

**Street Railwaymen**—Del. Wilson reported that his union was sending a delegate, Pres. Aicken, to their international convention which was to be held this year at Toronto on October fourth.

**Cooks and Waiters**—Del. Perkins reported progress, and thanked members of the Typos, for assistance.

**Leather Workers**—Del. Letroadee added his invitation to others already

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given to Org. Young to attend their local union meetings.

#### Unfinished business.

**Mattison—Pettipiece**—That \$25 be donated to the Vancouver local of the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis society; that Mrs. Ross be furnished with a statement relative to the promises made by Dr. Fagan and the board of governors at Victoria that the buildings at Tranquille would be built under a prevailing rate of wages provision; and that if the explanation was satisfactory another \$25 would be voted, and affiliated unions urged to render whatever assistance possible. Carried. The forgoing was adjusted to meet the wishes of some of the delegates, and several amendments were disposed of in this way.

#### New Business.

A communication from the S. D. P. relative to municipal campaign was again laid over til next meeting.

Receipts, account No. 2; \$97.50; disbursements, \$106.30.

Receipts, regular account; \$155.10; disbursements, 295.80.

Adjournment at 11.20 p.m.

H. SELLARS,

President.

R. P. PETTIPIECE,

Secretary.

The solicitude of Canada's ruling classes for the observance of law and order by the working people is very touching. As for themselves the laws are observed and order is maintained when it suits them. But never otherwise.

#### WOMAN'S POSITION.

As capitalism has not snatched woman from the domestic hearth and launched her into social production to emancipate her, but to exploit her more ferociously than man, so it has been careful not to overthrow the economic, legal, political and moral barriers which had been raised to seclude her in the marital dwelling. Woman, exploited by capital, endures the misery of the free laborer and bears in addition her chains of the past. Her economic misery is aggravated; instead of being supported by her fa-

ther or husband, to whose rule she still submits, she is obliged to earn her living; and under the pretext that she has fewer necessities than man, her labor is paid less; and when her daily toil in the shop, or office or school is ended, her labor in the household begins. Motherhood, the sacred, the highest of social functions, becomes in capitalistic society a cause of horrible misery, economic and physiologic. The social and economic condition of woman is a danger for the reproduction of the species.—Paul La Fargue, in "The Right to be Lazy and Other Studies.

#### AN ESSAY ON MAN.

Man that is born of woman is small potatoes, and few in a hill. He rises up to-day and flourishes like a ragweed, and to-morrow or next day the undertaker hath him. He goeth forth in the morning warbling like a lark, and is knocked out in one round and two seconds. The tax collector pursueth him wherever he goeth. The bannister of life is full of splinters, and he slideth down with considerable rapidity. He cometh home at eventide and meeteth the wheelbarrow in his path. It riseth up and smiteth him to the earth, and falleth upon him and runneth one of its legs into his ear. In the gentle spring-time he putteth on his summer clothes, and a blizzard striketh him far from home and filleth him with cuss words. He buyeth a watch dog and when he cometh home from the club the watch dog treeth him, and sitteth near him until rosy morn. He goeth to the race course and betteth his money on the brown mare, and the bay gelding with a blaise face winneth. He marrieth a red-headed helress with a wart on her nose, and the next day the parent ancestor goeth under with a crash and great liabilities, and cometh home to live with his beloved son-in-law.

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By James Simpson

When the smoke of the industrial battle has cleared away from the colliery districts of Cape Breton and the sound of the miner's pick and the reflection of his light are again the evidences of peace, the cherished memories of the strike meeting as a part of the existing conflict will remain to recall the stirring scenes that are being daily enacted in the halls at the various collieries.

**A Character Study.**

The strike meeting is one of the most interesting features of the big fight. It affords tremendous scope for character study and demonstrates the power of personality.

In the mass of faces that turn toward the speaker there is in each countenance an exposure of doubt and fear or hope and cheer, optimism or pessimism, courage or cowardice, independence or slavish submissiveness.

"Order 1" is a word now frequently heard in the halls where the strikers gather. A tall, slender young fellow steps forward, with gavel in hand, and gives the word for the commencement of the meeting.

Hands dirty with coal dust rise to hundreds of heads and hats are carefully thrown on the floor or stuffed unceremoniously in coat pockets.

To the front of the hall every available seat is taken, while from the rear men press forward, crowding the aisles and every inch of standing room in the building.

Women, unfamiliar with the procedure at such gatherings, look expectantly at the chairman, then at the gathered miners, and settle themselves for a good night's entertainment. Children, caught by the strike fever, crowd around the platform, eagerly waiting to see the fun commence.

On the platform are seated men from different parts of a big continent. They are all advertised to speak and associated with their names are other industrial struggles, which, from the standpoint of importance, completely overshadow the present battle.

The chairman, not quite himself in the presence of such distinguished labor leaders, pauses before he speaks. Not only does he wish to impress his audience with the importance of the gathering, but he is anxious to leave a good impression on the minds of the men who direct the destiny of the great organization of which he is a member.

**A Responsive Audience.**

With a few well chosen remarks he explains the object of the meeting, introduces the first speaker, and sits down as the audience gives a miners' welcome to a stranger.

There is something inspiring in the handclap of a collier, and the speaker gets off with a good start. His words fall upon the ears of his audience like the silver dewdrops on a dry and thirsty soil. Each sentence strikes a responsive chord in appreciative hearts.

A mere reference to the failure of the Provincial Workingmen's Association to meet the demands of the miners of Nova Scotia is greeted with a spontaneous outburst of applause, and as the speaker dilates upon the resources of the United Mine Workers to cope with the requirements of the present struggle, a renewed manifestation of pleasure is expressed in continual handclapping and stamping of feet.

Realizing that he has struck oil in his borings, the speaker dwells at some length upon that phase of the situation. He appeals to the love they have for their homes, their wives and their children, to stand firm in their present struggle, and in a supreme effort to impress his hearers with the importance of solidarity, he allows his imagination to race back into the distant past, and picks from the events of history the battle of Tel-el-Keber.

He tells of the one hundred British soldiers quietly resting in the valley, when suddenly they notice on the hill-slope an army of Arabs sweeping down upon them.

At the command of the officer they form themselves into a square to resist the attack of the overwhelming odds arrayed against them. For a time the battle wages furiously, but before the unbroken British square the dark skinned natives fall back, and in wild disorder retreat to the distant hills from which they came.

The point of the story is not difficult to grasp. The miners understand what the speaker means, and with one accord let loose their pent-up enthusiasm. Even the women and children catch the spirit of the meeting and join in the demonstration of approval.

**Tears and Bitterness.**

The next speaker was a local officer of the U. M. W., but unlike the prophets of other countries, he found among his own people a warm and

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cordial greeting. He knew the conditions around the collieries from the standpoint of experience.

As a member of the U. M. W. he had felt the sting of discrimination. He had been among those dismissed for daring to join the new organization. He had seen his children hungry because he is denied the opportunity to work and his impotency had been the opportunity for the U. M. W. to demonstrate their benevolence.

He told how 650, like himself, had been thrown out of employment, not because there was no work to do, but because they would not bow the knee to Baal.

All this was a familiar story to the coal diggers that sat before him, but it was told in such a heart reaching manner that mothers who had suffered and fathers who had gone through the same experience tried in vain to hide their tear-stained cheeks.

In different parts of the hall the feeling of resentment was stronger than emotion, and words full of bitterness in their meaning escaped unchecked from many a tongue.

The last speaker was an international officer, a scarred veteran, who had been in the thickest of many fights and had seen the smoke clear after many conflicts.

**A Victorious Struggle.**

His reception was an invitation to do even better than the previous speakers. In a graphic description of other big industrial upheavals in which the U. M. W. had been involved, he carried his hearers away from their home environments, away from the hall in which they were assembled, and made them spectators at the big strike of anthracite coal miners in Alabama some years earlier.

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The "open shop" stands for everything that will increase profits for the employer and decrease the income of the employee.

The "open shop" means that the employer will be the master and you will be the slave.—Quincy Labor News.

The Worker—His Own Friend

One genuine workingman in parliament is worth ten of his friends in the same place.

they were eventually successful, and how one million dollars had been left in the treasury of the U. M. W. at the close of the struggle.

To most of his audience the information was a revelation. They had been led to believe that there was only one miners' organization that could fight their battles and bring to them a little more of the sunshine of life.

There was no time to applaud. In rapidly spoken sentences the speaker told how the big strike in Alabama had been almost won when the governor of the state declared martial law in force, commanded the soldiers to pull down the tents that had been erected by the union to shelter the miners evicted from the houses of the coal company on the ground that they were unsanitary, repealed the vagrancy act and ordered the arrest of every miner who was out of employment and at the point of the bayonet denied the union the right to provide accommodations for the striking members.

The speaker paused, the audience heaved a sigh and bent further forward to catch the balance of the message.

Only Had to Stand firm.

Wiping the sweat drops from his face the speaker continued. He compared the magnitude of the fights he had described with the one in which

the Nova Scotia miners were engaged, with only five thousand men to provide for.

He showed how the struggle could be kept up indefinitely if the men would continue to stand together.

He appealed to the wives and mothers of miners to stand loyally by their sons and husbands, and in a peroration that word pictured the possibilities of the big miners' organization, he sat down.

A current of enthusiasm passed through the crowded hall, men, women and children clapped their hands and stamped their feet and when the meeting adjourned gray haired women pressed eagerly forward to shake the hands of their deliverers.

"God bless you," said one old woman, as she grasped the hand of the speaker.

"You have made me feel ten years younger," said another, and it was some time before the orators for the occasion could pass out into the night. Such are the scenes at the big strike meetings in Nova Scotia.—Daily Socialist.

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**CONSISTENCY ?**

Speaking of the conditions under which the employees of the Press Steel Car Wheel Company of McKee's Rock, Pa., are compelled to work, Father A. T. Toner, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church of Pittsburg, says:—

"Men in these shops are killed like dogs nearly every day and their bodies disposed of in illegal ways. The workmen are subjected to every known abuse and treated worse than slaves. They are persecuted and robbed. The shops of this company are pits of infamy where men are driven lower than the degradation of slaves."

Father Toner speaks in no uncertain terms and apparently knows what he is talking about—but, will someone please explain how the church can consistently expose the working conditions and at the same time expel workers from the church for affiliating with a political party that aims to improve the conditions so vehemently condemned?

A local union of the Brewery Workers has just been organized in Nelson, B. C.

**UNION CORRESPONDENCE**

**Boilermakers' Union.**

Mr. Quesnel, second international vice-president of the Boilermakers was in the city for a few days during the month, completing a tour of Canada in the interests of his organization. A special meeting of the union was called to allow the brothers to meet Mr. Quesnel, our local membership having very few opportunities of meeting officers of the International.

After taking in the local sights, Mr. Quesnel, accompanied by President Hays, left for Victoria, after which he goes to Nelson, B. C.

**Brotherhood of Carpenters.**

The affairs of our organization continue to improve, large numbers of men becoming members of our union.

Mr. P. W. Dowler general organizer for British Columbia, reports having organized locals in Revelstoke and Prince Rupert, but advised carpenters not to spend money expecting to secure work at the latter point, there being more men than work already on the ground. Although only appointed for two months, the work undertaken by "Pete" has taken the better part of four months and, as usual, was handled in first-class style. He has now tendered his resignation, which has been accepted by the International president.

**Machinists' Union.**

After some considerable time spent in forming another local of our craft in New Westminster it was finally decided that the opportune time had not arrived and the boys decided to continue their affiliation with the Vancouver local.

Our convention opens in Denver on September 13th and Guy Anderson, for many years prominent as a worker in the iron trades, has been selected to represent us.

Many important questions are to be considered and the necessity of a demand for the eight-hour day will no doubt receive the sanction of the delegates.

Despite the many battles in which our association has been involved in an effort to prevent a reduction in the wage scale and a lengthening of the working hours, the membership continues to increase and the defense fund continues to grow.

May the deliberations result in lasting good to our membership.

**Pattern Makers' League.**

The pattern makers of the city, though few in numbers, are alive and well organized. Unlike many of the other trades our employment is fairly regular and our membership shows no fluctuations.

We have subscribed in a body for the Wage-earner, it being our desire to get the news and at the same time show our appreciation of a paper published by labor men for labor men.

**Typographical Union.**

Our membership is fairly well employed and our Sick Benefit Association is growing rapidly.

A number of the members have been busy gathering up printed matter not bearing the union label and handing it to the secretary, who forwards it, together with one of the "little stickers" to the firm issuing it. Sometimes they roar, but invariably specify "label" on their next order. Demand the Allied Printing Trades label when ordering printing.

**Building Trades Council.**

Conditions in the building trades remain fairly good, all the trades well employed, with the exception of the bricklayers, who, owing to the extensive use of cement, have been idle to a greater extent than in previous

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years. The membership of the affiliated organizations continues to grow and the salaries of business agents has been more than recovered through the initiation of new member, without taking into consideration the trouble averted by prompt action on their part.

G. W.

**Painters' Union.**

Our members are well employed and Business Agent White is still adding to our membership from among the eligible non-union element. One of the events of the season was the Painters Picnic held on Saturday last at Bowen Island. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and events of this nature do a great deal to cement the forces of labor together, both by allowing the members to become acquainted and by a return of good nature, lost through a long continued period of work without relaxation.

**Street Railwaymen's Union.**

On Monday, October 4th, the eleventh convention of our association will be called to order in the Labor Temple, in the city of Toronto.

Although only a young organization, comparatively speaking, we have made tremendous strides, and the present convention is expected to mark an epoch in our history. Our local has decided to be represented and the western delegation will be materially strengthened by the presence of President Alken of No. 102.

Locally, our Union compares favor-

ably with any in the city, and our membership interest themselves in any matters of interest to the working class generally.

Our team is busy practising in order to retain the football cup won last year, and if there are any clubs of other organizations who are after it, "they will have to go some."

In addition to football we are a bit strong on cricket and at a recent match defeated a team from the McLennan, McFeely Hardware Co. The score was so much in our favor that we hesitate to mention the figures.

Any team with ambitions, can secure satisfaction from us.

S. F.

**Bartenders' Union.**

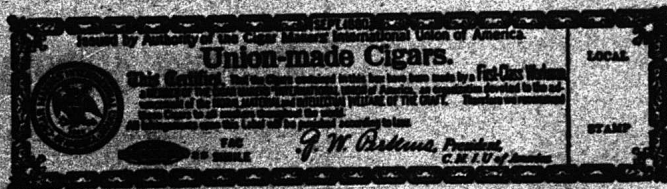
Everything is progressing smoothly with our organization with the exception of course of the houses that refuse to employ union help.

Our Business Agent Mr. Morency, resigned at the last meeting and his work will be temporarily attended to by a committee appointed by the Local.

We are pleased to see our old President Ryan back in the city and hope he is with us to stay. He always took a prominent part in the work of the Local, in addition to filling an office in the central body. Men of his calibre are seldom properly appreciated until gone from our midst and the sooner he is back in harness the better.

Organizer Young of the A. F. of L. spent a portion of the evening with us and told the boys a few plain truths that might be acted upon with profit.

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**Western Federation of Miners.**

Returning from the 22 days' convention of the Western Federation of Miners recently concluded in Denver, Colo., Executive Board Member Davidson, ex-M.P.P., for this Province, stopped over a couple of days here on his way home to Sandon.

Speaking of the convention, Mr. Davidson said, "It was one of the most notable gatherings ever held by our organization. Despite the terrific battles fought by our officers and members during the past few years, the organization is in first-class condition, out of debt and the membership growing rapidly. Debts amounting to \$75,000 have been paid off and the membership has doubled in three years. In addition, the state government of Colorado will in the near future pay into our general fund some \$60,000 in an attempt to partially recompense our membership for the terrific persecutions of recent years." Continuing, Mr. Davidson said that a great deal of time had been consumed in convention by a number of Industrial Union fanatics, who, in an effort to secure control for the Industrial Workers of the World, first attempted to abolish the offices of president and vice-president, and failing in this, tried to blacken the reputation of President Moyer. Their efforts were, however, unsuccessful, and all the officers were elected by acclamation.

The convention appointed a committee to meet the United Mine Workers with the idea of combining the coal and metalliferous miners of America into one body.

The most impressive ceremony was the unveiling of a monument dedicated to the memory of Geo. A. Pettibone, who gave up his life for the organization, and Wm. Murphy, the solicitor, who devoted his life to the defense of labor.

Every organization in Denver was invited and the ceremony was watched by thousands of men who recognized the many sterling qualities of those who had gone before.

John M. O'Neil, editor of the Miners' Magazine, delivered the principal address and in his characteristic style, referred to the history of the Western Federation of Miners and the part the deceased had taken in making it. Those present will long remember his stirring address and those of the other speakers of the day.

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### OUR SENTIMENTS.

The soul of an editor who died of starvation was being conducted to the Elysian fields. As they passed the portals of the infernal regions, he asked his guide if he might not go in and look around. The guide consented, but warned him to stay only a few minutes, as he could not wait long.

A long time passed, and the editor had not returned; so the guiding angel went in search of him. He found him before a cage in which a number of doomed wretches were being toasted on red-hot griddles. Over the cage was the sign, "Delinquent Subscribers."

"Come," said the guide, "we must be going."

"Don't wait for me," replied the editor. "I'm not coming. This is heaven enough for me!"—Lippincott's.

### ALL TANGLED UP.

We have been trying to find out which of the two old political parties is run by the biggest rascals, but after a long study of the daily papers and taking their statements for truth we have been forced to the conclusion that each is worse than the other.—Banner.

## CAPITAL AND LABOR

The relations between employer and employee are similar in some respects to those between man and wife, in as much as it is necessary for the welfare of both that they should work and live in harmony. An appeal to justice and right can always be had, and concession and compromise can usually be made, where each party approaches the other in a spirit of fairness and good will, with a willingness to extend, and a desire to accept, a square deal. For the interests of capital and labor are not of necessity antagonistic. In fact, they are identical and in the present stage of the development of our nation's industries and resources they cannot be otherwise. To bring out this relation and to demonstrate that the employer and employee are not necessarily enemies, but should be friends is the object of this work.

The employer is usually willing to be just. The workman usually wishes to be fair. Each desires nothing more than what is equitable and right, and if either seems to be grasping for more than his share, the explanation will ordinarily be found in some error of judgment, not of character and conscience. A right and proper intelligence of the relations of one to another is always helpful, and in the case of capital and labor, will clear away the mist of prejudice and enlighten each to the better understanding of one another and remove the cause of labor troubles and industrial difficulties.

This article was submitted to a half dozen union men and they were asked to name the paper it was taken from. One said Parry's "Square Deal," another, "Los Angeles Times"; a third said "Vancouver Province," while the others made equally wild guesses. Probably every reader would assert that some capitalist paper or other was responsible for this effusion; most certainly none would expect that a labor paper published by a Trades and Labor Council would dish up such nonsense for intelligent working men,

especially for union men who have had some experience with employers "who are willing to be just." This was taken from the columns of the "Union Record," published by the central body of Seattle, and is it any wonder that organized labor is not in good shape in that city when workers are expected to swallow such guff? Either every strike that occurs is an indication of wrong-doing on the part of the workers, who deserve to be shot down by the militia, or the editor of the Record is a hypocrite. Which?

### Leather Workers Local No. 115.

Business is good in our line and all our members are working. The action of the Trades and Labor Council in passing the Resolution requiring all vehicles taking part in any parade under the auspices of the Council to have Harness bearing our Union Stamp is a step in the right direction.

Another step, one of vital importance, not alone to the Leather Workers, but to the entire movement, is the formation of a good live, Teamster's Union, and we hope that the Council will take the matter up. We have, during the past week, signed an agreement with the Vancouver Harness Company, 338 Carrall street and there fore have one snap in Vancouver where a set of harness bearing the Union Stamp can be purchased.

That helps some, but we want all the shops and without an organized demand for our Shop Card and Stamp, it is going to be an uphill fight. So let us get busy with the Teamsters.

A house painter in the city of New York last week, whose family was penniless and destitute, offered one of his children for sale. There were no purchasers, and the man in his desperation who through poverty was compelled to offer his own flesh and blood for sale, was branded by our respectable citizenship as a dehumanized brute. Glorious civilization!

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### SOUND DOCTRINE.

Our International Notes this month tell of the struggle between capitalist parties in Germany over the new taxes required for army and navy. In England this problem is equally acute, and even in America it is discussed at great length in the daily press. Without a doubt the burden of taxation is growing heavier in all the great capitalist countries. How to adjust this burden is a serious problem, for the politicians and the capitalists. Revenue laws are powerful to enrich favored capitalists at the expense of those not favored. But the man with nothing to lose but his chains may as well stop worrying about tariffs. If his cost of living goes up, his wages will go up, provided his union is strong enough to force a raise. And if the cost of living goes down, his wages will fall farther still, unless he is strong enough to keep them up. Without organization, our standard of living will inevitably be pressed down and ever down. With organization, the world is ours.—Editorial in the August International Socialist Review.

### A PLAIN STORY.

J. B. McLachlan, district secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers' Union, writing from Glace Bay to the Eastern Labor News, tells the following story of the treatment accorded members of the working class by the capitalists and their hired thugs. The temper of the miners is being seriously misjudged or else there were more than four ruffians in the immediate vicinity:

"The strike situation at Glace Bay is in every way looking bright for a successful issue for the miners. The Dominion Coal Company is resorting to the tactics not only of a defeated foe, but of an unscrupulous and desperate enemy.

On Friday evening, July 30th, in the town of Dominion No. 4, the military and police force of the Dominion Coal Company drove Joseph Peters away from his wife and five small children at the point of the bayonet. Peters lived in row of shacks which border on a wood away from the main street. After Peters was driven away no one was allowed within fifty yards of the shack where the woman was imprisoned. The officials of the Coal Company nailed up the door from the outside, and for fifteen long hours this lonely woman was handed over to the tender mercies of four strange men. After dark no one outside the soldiers' line of march could even see the shack or the men who kept guard on account of the black background. If ever there was an attempt to hand over a woman to the lusts of men, it happened at Dominion No. 4 on July 30th. This story was not told to me by anyone. I spoke to Peters on the street while a soldier walked with a naked knife on his gun between him and his wife, and the men who were around her house at the instigation of the Coal Company. The law? There is no law for striking miners in Glace Bay. This is the Coal Company that is horrified at the miners joining a "foreign trade union."

While John Moffat is going around among the miners hypocritically whining about the "sacredness" of their contract with the Dominion Coal Company, the most sacred relationship of husband and wife is being torn asunder by one of the blackest crimes that was ever attempted.

Can the people of Canada believe it, that on July 30th, at the instigation of the Dominion Coal Company, Joseph Peters was driven from his home, wife and children at the point of the bayonet, that his terror-stricken wife was handed over to the tender mercies of two soldiers and two special policemen of the Dominion Coal Company, that no one could get nearer the house where the men and imprisoned woman were than fifty yards, that after dark no one outside the soldiers' line of march could even see the shack, that that woman was forced to remain alone with her five helpless children with these strange men from five o'clock on Friday evening, July 30th, until eight o'clock Saturday morning. Had that happened in Russia we would have all thrown up our hands in horror. It has happened to a man whose only crime is of being on strike.

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### "Dead Ones."

Because of failure to notify the Post Office Department or this office of changes of address, papers addressed as under were not delivered, and the names have been removed from the list:

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Haley, W., 1172 Howe St.  
Hawley, E. W., 2747 Sophia St.  
Hutchings, H., 1016 McLean Drive.  
Hart, E., 2747 Sophia St.  
Lake, J., 936 Harris St.  
McDonald, J. W., 517 Jackson Ave.  
McLean, Jno., 332 Keefer St.  
Mitchell, T. L., 2747 Sophia St.  
Threadkeel, F., 147 Cordova St.  
Thompson, as., 466 Barnard St.  
Wheadon, R. F., 1077 Homer St.

### Time to Change.

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The girl, tossing her head and snorting, answered:

"You'd like to be a woman! Oh, yes! Just try it for a day! Fasten a blanket and counterpane round your legs; buckle a strap round your waist so tight you can't draw a full breath or eat a hearty meal; have your hair all loose and fluffy, so that it keeps tickling your ears and getting into your eyes; wear high-heeled shoes and gloves a size too small for you; cover your face with a veil full of spots, that make you squint; fix a huge hat on with pins, so that every time the wind blows it pulls your hair out by the roots; and then, without any pockets, and with a three-inch square of lace to blow your nose with, go for a walk and enjoy yourself. You would like it."

The program for Labor Day will be found in this issue.

**CENTRALIZATION.**

The organization of a new labor union to embrace the 2,500,000 union employees on 70,000 miles of railway was completed in Chicago last week, by the merger of twenty-five unions of American, Canadian and Mexican railroad men or unions affiliated with railway employees.

It will be known as the Railroad Employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, and though affiliated with the A. F. of L., will be conducted as a separate governing body.

The principal organizations represented at the meeting were: International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers, Brotherhood of Railroad Clerks, Switchmen's union of North America, International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, International Association of Steamfitters of America, Order of Railway Telegraphers, International Freight Handlers' union, Brotherhood of Boiler Makers and Iron Shipbuilders of America, International Association of Car Workers, and the International Association of Machinists.

The delegates represented one-third of the members of the American Federation of Labor. The object of the association, to bring all the railway workers on the American continent into one organization, was first suggested at the convention of the American Federation of Labor in Denver last November.

At that time the plan was discussed only perfunctorily. At later meetings the various unions represented formally affiliated with the new central body and temporary officers were elected.

Before adjournment it was also arranged to hold another meeting in Chicago in August, when the temporary officers will be made permanent, and the engineers, conductors, trainmen and firemen will decide whether they will affiliate with the body.

The temporary officers are: H. B. Perham, of the Telegraphers' union, president, and D. W. Roderick, of the Machinists, secretary-treasurer.

**"Turn the Other Cheek."**

The clergy at one of the prisons in Germany are on strike for a raise in pay. None of their class have scabbed, but their strike has served to prove how well they can be got along without. A great pity a few hundred of them would not strike in Canada.

**The Majesty of the Law.**

Because a working man had but 65 cents and a job to go to on the following morning, he was arrested by a "fly cop" as a suspicious character. Magistrate Williams, in sentencing him to 60 days, remarked: "Any working man who has not got more than 65 cents should go to jail." The man had a job when arrested, and got 60 days, had no job when his time expired and maybe not the 65 cents. Should the man be kept imprisoned until the 65 cents grows to 65 dollars, or should Williams be thrown off the bench?

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3. "The Communist Manifesto," 10c.
4. Simon's "Class Struggles in America," 10c.
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6. Marx's "Value, Price and Profit," 10c.
7. Simon's "The American Farmer," 50c.
8. Lewis' "Evolution, Social and Organic," 50c.
9. Moore's "The Universal Kinship," \$1.00.
10. Trigg's "The Changing Order," \$1.00.
11. Marx' "Capital," 3 vols., \$2.00 each.

**A Vicious Circle.**

The Japanese are buying human bones from the Chinese. These bones are those of soldiers killed in the battles with Russia. They go to make up a new powerful explosive. First of all the bosses set the wage slave soldiers at work killing each other. Then they take the bones of those killed and prepare for the killing of more wage slaves.

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### LABOR DAY.

Just why the workers of America celebrate the first Monday in September, instead of May 1st, the international Labor Day of Europe, is not understood, except perhaps by the law-makers, who thought to keep the working class of America separate and distinct from the workers of the older countries, by setting aside, by process of law a date far removed from that celebrated by labor generally throughout the world.

In season and out of season the labor press will be found urging the necessity of fittingly and properly celebrating the one day of the calendar year dedicated to labor, the editors of the old school still advocating the organization of large parades consisting of workers marching by crafts and proudly exhibiting specimens of their handicraft to the admiring populace. The younger generation of trade unionists, however, recognize the futility of parades of the kind referred to and prefer to celebrate more quietly by holding picnics and the usual accompanying amusements, concluding the day's sport by listening to speakers, picked because of their ability to deliver the true message to the working class.

Year by year, as the workers become more enlightened, the parade feature is being discarded by union men, and comparatively few cities will this year witness the hollow sham so long considered a display of strength.

A growing sentiment in favor of displaying the forces of labor on election day is very noticeable and while still badly divided and in a chaotic state, capitalists are forcing the workers to

action by the iron hand of oppression, a method that will inevitably bring results, either in the form of ballots or bullets.

May each succeeding celebration of labor's forces mark another great uplift in the intelligence of the toiling masses, until at last they will, by means of the ballot, allot to themselves that which they have produced but are unable to buy back.

Locally, there will be no celebration this year, New Westminster Trades and Labor Council having undertaken to fittingly celebrate the day.

The Vancouver Council has promised the support and co-operation of local Unionists and we trust as many as possible will turn out and make the occasion one that will long be remembered in New Westminster.

### TREATMENT OF JUVENILES.

Those who had the pleasure of listening to Judge Lindsay, of international fame as a commonsense disciplinarian of children, could not but feel the necessity of changing the present method of dealing with precocious youths who fall into bad company and worse ways.

The knowledge that the human family, freed from a struggle for existence through the devious paths of the present system of society, is naturally of a law abiding and peaceful disposition, seems to be the underlying reason for the methods used by Judge Lindsay, who, instead of penalizing children because of lack of proper home influences, attempts to create the necessary environment for the growth of a healthy body and mind.

Those in the audience who were in a position to compare the suggestions of the speaker with the methods used by Magistrate Williams must have made comparisons by no means favorable to the latter.

With a full knowledge that Judge Lindsay, Juvenile Protective Associations and others interested, are dealing with effects only and that no great or permanent results can be accomplished, still, we hope that the children will soon be removed from the power of inhuman monsters in charge of police courts and jails, and a trial given Judge Lindsay's practical, homelike ways of correcting the children.

### MOLLOY REWARDED.

The working class of Canada has lost another decoy by the appointment of Thos. M. Molloy, ex-president of the Regina Trades & Labor Council as

Fair Wage Officer for the province of Saskatchewan.

During Mr. Molloy's time in the Regina labor movement, he was by no means backward in imputing ulterior motives to the activities of men who differed politically from him, at the same time vehemently protesting his whole-souled devotion to the cause of labor.

Apparently while attempting to blacken the reputation of others he was demonstrating his true worth to the Liberal Government of Saskatchewan and his whole-souled devotion to his own material interests is made plain by recent development. We trust the members of organized labor in Regina have not suffered an irreparable injury; every Trades & Labor Council in Canada has had like experiences at different times in their histories and the recovery has always been rapid.

Men who desert the working class movement for the purpose of becoming tools of capitalist governments are compelled to render service according to the value of the position desired and it must be conceded that the workers gain in experience, even if the Government is not materially strengthened by acquisitions secured in this manner.

Every incident of this kind should serve to strengthen the workers distrust of men who attempt to use their influence in trade unions to further their own ambitions for political reward and the time will come when membership in the old political parties will be considered cause for refusal to elect men to positions of trust in labor organizations.

### RECOGNIZE A GOOD THING.

That the employers of the United States are favorably impressed by the advantages gained by their Canadian brethren through the provisions of the Lemieux Act is borne out by a second visit from Dr. Victor S. Clark of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor.

About eighteen months ago he visited every part of Canada where investigations under the Act had been held, and at the same time interviewed employers of labor and representatives of the organizations affected, his conclusions being afterwards published in the bi-monthly publication of the Department to which he is attached. In the report was included the statements of the Canadian Department of Labor which were apparently prepared with the view of justifying the enactment of the Lemieux Act, rather than of giv-

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ing the people a true report of the actual results.

Nearly every employer consulted was in favor of the legislation, according to the report, while the more progressive organizations of workers were opposed to the Act on the grounds that it was an attempt to coerce the men and interfere with their right to take advantage of favorable opportunities to increase the market price of their labor power.

The present investigation, Dr. Clark informed us, was for the purpose of ascertaining if the feeling toward the Act had changed, and if so, to what extent, his government desiring to be up to date at all time on legislation affecting labor.

His impressions were that the employers are as strongly in favor of the legislation as formerly and that a number of the railway brotherhoods appear to be changing their opinions, more especially the locomotive engineers, who now agree that the legislation is a success. The miners, machinists and others however, are more strongly opposed than ever, and for reasons they had no hesitation in giving.

Questioned as to the reasons for the change on the part of the engineers, Dr. Clark stated that they had gained a few favorable decisions in disputes submitted to Boards, but were not well informed, nor able to advance any reason for their change of heart, except that the decisions had been favorable to them.

Speaking of the situation in Nova Scotia in connection with the strike of miners, Dr. Clark stated that a great deal of hard feeling existed owing to foolish and unwarranted statements of mine owners, who on several occasions had openly stated that Conciliation Board Chairmen had been chosen from men who were friendly to them; a fight had to come, continued Dr. Clark, in order to decide whether the miners were to continue in the Provincial Workmen's Association, or belong to the United Mine Workers, but the conditions would be materially improved no matter which side won the present struggle. Conditions in the mines were very bad and the men were receiving about \$1.00 per day less than paid to the same class of labor in the United States. He thought the Provincial Workmen's Association would disappear very soon and would be supplanted by the International Union, the employers having become so strong as to make this action absolutely necessary if lasting peace is to result.

To the suggestion that the U. S. Con-

gress were likely to amend the Erdman Act to conform to the Canadian legislation, Dr. Clark was unable to give any definite information, not being gifted with prophetic vision; he pointed out, however, that even if the Act was adopted it could only be made applicable to interstate commerce, each state having autonomy as far as the regulation of other industries is concerned.

#### OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY.

Before the close of 1909 the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council will have passed its twentieth birthday, and not unlike all organizations in new countries, not a single delegate who attended the inaugural meetings is now a member of that body. In business for themselves, left the country or passed to the great unknown, has been the fortune of the enthusiasts who twenty years ago, when the city had a population of only 10,000, brought the Trades Council into existence.

Many organizations have come and gone during the life of the council, but all of the organizations responsible for its birth are still in the field and their delegates taking part in the great forward movement of labor. Many mistakes have been made, but much real progress remains to prove the value of organizing men of vastly

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Changes of delegates and changing opinions have done a great deal towards unifying the members of the Council and today we find the majority weaned from their old political affiliations and determined to prevent the Council being used as a tool to further the interests of any political party. Financially, the central body has also made excellent progress, partly through judicious investments and through a phenomenal increase in real estate values. The present Labor Hall and site, bought in 1899 for \$7,500 is estimated to be worth in the neighborhood of \$45,000 at this time and believing that the time has arrived for the erection of a Labor Hall that will accommodate all the unions and be at the same time a credit to labor, a committee has been appointed to investigate and report at an early date.

Lack of space prevents us from attempting a history of the labor movement in this city or even a list of

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delegates who have taken an important part during the past 20 years, but we give the names of those who have filled the office of President and the year in which they served.

The second table shows the names of the Unions from which Presidents have been chosen, the names of the delegates and the number of times elected, together with the total number of terms the delegates from each union have held the office.

The following are the Presidents who have served since the inception of the Council:

- 1890—Jos. Dixon; Geo. Irvine.
- 1891—Jos. Dixon, W. Fleming; Geb. Bartley.
- 1892—Geo. Bartley; C. R. Monck.
- 1893—C. R. Monck.
- 1894—W. Towler, D. O'Dwyer.
- 1895—Thos. Graham, Chas. Boardman.
- 1896—Chas. Boardman.
- 1897—Geo. Bartley.
- 1898—Geo. Bartley, J. H. Watson.
- 1899—Harry Cowan, J. Jeffry, John Pearey.
- 1900—Jos. Dixon.
- 1901—Jos. Dixon, John Crow.
- 1902—W. J. Lamrick.
- 1903—W. J. Lamrick.
- 1904—Geo. Dobbin, C. N. Lee.
- 1905—W. George, W. H. Higgins.
- 1906—J. H. McVety.
- 1907—M. A. Beach; J. H. McVety.
- 1908—J. H. McVety; R. P. Pettipiece...
- 1909—J. H. McVety; W. W. Sayers; H. Sellars.

Names of Unions, names of Presidents, number of terms of each President and total for each Union.

- Machinists—C. Boardman, (3); J. H. McVety, (5)..... 8
- Printers—G. Bartley, (5); H. Cowan, (1); R. P. Pettipiece, (1)..... 7
- Carpenters (Amalgamated)—J. Dixon (5) Fleming (1) ..... 6
- Carpenters (Brotherhood)—C. R. Monck (3); Dobbin (1); W. H. Higgins (1)..... 5
- Retail Clerks Assoc.—W. J. Lamrick 4
- Bricklayers and Masons—J. Jeffries (1); Fowler (1); W. Sayers (1)... 3
- Street Railwaymen—J. Peary (1); M. Beach (1) ..... 2
- Painters—D. M. O'Dwyer ..... 1
- Laundry Workers—J. Lee ..... 1
- Civic Employees—Wm. George .... 1
- Bcilmakers—Joseph Watson .... 1
- Cigarmakers—J. Crowe ..... 1
- Builders Laborers—H. Sellars .... 1
- Plasterers—J. Irvine ..... 1

Plain Talk from a Nova Scotia Coal Baron.

"The Coal company will not yield anything. Their policy was agreed upon long ago and they will stand by it. They are GOING IN FOR THE OPEN SHOP and they will have it. The whole industrial push in this province are bound to clear the field of any union that is able to dictate terms, and they consider it good business if it takes years to accomplish it. They don't mind small unions, they are useful and a convenience, but they look upon an international union as too much of a good thing. Unless the U.M.W. can close up every mine of the Coal company and keep them closed, THERE WILL BE NO FLAG OF TRUCE held out by the company."

We don't care where you spend eternity, but where will you spend Labor Day?

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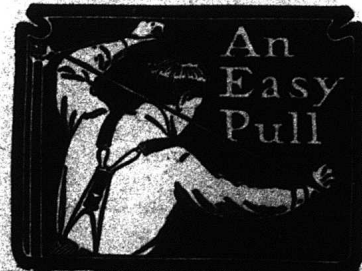
The Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, with 152 delegates present, unanimously endorsed the work of the Socialist members in the State Legislature, not, as one of the delegates explained, because the Union delegates present were all Socialists, but because anyone could see that the Socialist members were the only real representatives of labor in the House.

Organizer Young is Here.

C. O. Young, organizer for the American Federation of Labor, is in town, having received instructions from Secretary Frank Morrison to proceed to this territory. This is the result of the central body's persistent efforts to have an organizer put in the field here. Organizer Young is busy getting acquainted with central body and union officers, and getting a line on the local situation. With the hearty cooperation and support of the central body Organizer Young's mission in Vancouver should be productive of good results from a trades union standpoint. There is much to be done in this city to keep pace with its tremendous industrial growth, and Organizer Young's arrival comes at an opportune moment.

We expect to retain him in this vicinity for a considerable time and his services will be given to any organization in the adjustment of matters requiring independent advice, but we trust that no attempt will be made to monopolize his time with petty questions properly belonging to the jurisdiction of local officers.

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THE RIGHT TO WORK.

Did you ever hear the bosses talking about the right to work? When the rate of work is down to the bare cost of living, when a married workingman has all he can do not to starve on his wages and times are hard then, the worker wants to cling to his job. But in hard times many men seek work. An unmarried man may come along and offer to do the work of the married man for twenty-five per cent. less wages. The boss is delighted. He puts it up to the married worker to either take less or quit the job. If the married worker kicks against the scab worker then watch the boss foam about the right to work. The unemployed has a right to work and the employed has no right to stop him. Every man has a right to work at what pay he thinks he wants and no other worker has a right to interfere. Sacred liberty must be reserved against the attacks of labor. The scab is glorified as the incarnation of the spirit of liberty.

But should a workingman come to the same boss and demand a job the boss would frown. He would get mad and would declare he was not to be dictated to. The unemployed workingman who dared demand work instead of meekly begging for it would be kicked off the premises as a dangerous agitator.

You see, the boss's right to work is simply the right to scab. The boss does not believe that every man should have the right to work. What the boss wants is the right of one poor devil, hard pressed for food to take the job for lower wages of another poor devil. The boss wants competition among the workers. He wants to keep the workers on the jump and in dread fear of getting the sack.

But the boss is opposed to the real right to work. If men and women had the right to labor at a wage that would keep them in comfort then the days of oppression of the bosses would be over.

The bosses want the right to force men to scab. They are against the right of laborers to work.—Cotton's Weekly.

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INSTIGATING DESTRUCTION BY DYNAMITE.

"Five dollars' worth of dynamite placed under the corner stone of that Chicago University divinity school would be about the best thing that could happen for the young men of this country." Emma Goldman? Not at all. If Emma Goldman had said anything half as wicked in its suggestiveness, the newspapers and the pulpits would hiss and scream, and she would be on the way to a penitentiary. No, it was not Emma Goldman that uttered those words. The press reports of the Chicago Daily News attributed them to the Rev. John Wesley Hill, pastor of Metropolitan Temple, New York city.

The Cause of the War.

"Ginger, why don't you enlist?" asked a white soldier.  
"Well, massa," said the contraband, "did you ever see two dogs fighting for a bone?"  
"Certainly, Ginger."  
"Wall, did you ever see de bone fight?"  
"No."  
"Wall, massa, I is de bone."

LABOR DAY IN REVELSTOKE.

The Trades and Labor Council of Revelstoke, have undertaken to amuse the workers of the inland metropolis this year. A long list of games has been arranged and the boys will no doubt carry on the entertainment in their usual first-class style.

Mr. E. T. Kingsley, nominee of the Socialist Party in several elections has been invited to attend and deliver the oration of the day.

Visitors.

The last meeting of the central body was enlivened by the presence of a number of visitors from different sections of the country.

Mr. C. O. Young, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, attended in his official capacity and seemed much pleased with the way business was conducted.

James Wilks, president of the Silver Bow Trades and Labor Council, of Butte, Montana, who, by the way, is a former British Columbian, having first seen the light on Vancouver Island and later prominently represented organized labor in the Kootenays.

The president of Bellingham Central Body, Mr. Harry Wishy, who is traveling in the interests of the Stevadores' Union, also occupied a position of honor on the platform.

Luring the evening President Sellers called on the different visitors and each entertained the membership with a recital of events in their particular districts, Mr. Young remarking that he was to be with us for some time and would therefore save something for subsequent meetings.

The general opinion was that the visitors would be welcomed at any future time they could make it convenient to attend.

The docility of the working class will not last for ever. Even the worm of Labor will turn. Fancy one set of workers shooting down or jailing another set of workingmen—just because a bunch of legalized industrial robbers pay them wages to do so!—R. P. P.

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### BREAKER BOY'S STORY.

Scott Nearing, formerly secretary of the Pennsylvania child labor committee, contributes the following story of a 15-year-old "breaker boy" who has been working in the mines since he was 10, telling the story in the youngsters own language:

"What's that? What was I up to yest'day? I ain't sure I can remember it all, but I'll try.

"My days is mostly all alike when mines is workin'. Ma and me lives in that there little log shanty with little Bill and Sissy. They goes to school, but none of that for me. Never learn a thing in school, I didn't. There weren't no chance. The teacher was bum. When I went to school it was in one door and out the other.

"Yep, I'm 15 now—been a-workin' in the breaker since I was 10. Yest'day mornin' I was a-dreamin' away two-forty about our nine. We was a-play-in' the Hogtowners and they was one ahead. I goes up to the bat and soaks

her fer a homer and jest as I was gettin' around to third and the fellers was a-hollerin' to beat time I comes to and ma was a-stungin':

"Rise, Johnnie, rise, Don't you hear the bells a-ringin'? ohnnie, are you wakin'?

It's time to be alive, Early in the mornin', Continually keeps callin', Johnnie, are you wakin'? It is half-past five."

"She sings that every mornin' to get me up. Pretty good of ma to wake a feller that way, ain't it? It's a blamed sight better'n bein' hauled out by the hair like some of the kids is.

"So I gets up and puts on my clothes. That's the part I don't like fer a cent. After you once gets dirty, it don't make no difference, but it's pretty tough to get out of a decent bed and into them black mine clothes. Anyhow, I gets on my clothes, fills my lamp and goes down to breakfast.

"It was a dandy yest'day. Ma had fried eggs and taters. Ma's a swell cook and she puts the real thing into your pail. I uses the pail as belonged to pa. When the cage fell and killed him the pail he had wasn't broke at all, so somebody brung it home to ma, and when I started in I used that pail. Looks pretty rough, don't it? It's pretty much of a tin can, but it was pa's, and, besides, new pails costs fifty

cents, and that's half a day's work for me.

"So yest'day I gets me to the breaker by 7 and I gets over on the hill and has a ketch with the little kids before goin' to work. When we onct get to work there ain't much chance for baseball—its jest work all day.

"Why do I have a lamp? Well, you see I've got the bad corner. It's awful dark and the dust is bad. Us older boys mostly gets them bad places. Sometimes in sunny days I kin see to pick the slate in there; but mostly it is so dark that I uses my lamp all the time.

"No, the work ain't hard, only sometimes yer back gets sore. You don't do nothin' but bend over and pick, and fer a greenhorn it ain't no cinch. I've been there goin' on six years, now, and I never mind it. In winter it's bad on account of the cold on your hands, but mostly it ain't so worse.

"Yest'day we quit at 4. Didn't have no more cars, they said, so we all skins home, takes a wash of our face and hands and makes for the baseball. No, we don't wash all oer every day ween there's steady work. Once in a couple of days does us plenty.

"There was a good game up there yest'day. The Reds was playin' the Yankees, so us little fellers never had a show till mist 6, but we had a good one then. Played till near 8 and then we lost the ball.

"Then we takes a sneak down by the saloon, but there wasn't nothin' doin' there, so we cuts it out and goes home.

"Ma was a-sitting on the stoop waitin' for me. She don't like them fellers I goes with. She don't like me to stay out nights. She's alius glad when she sees me in bed of a-night. Says she knows where I am then.

"There ain't nothin' else to tell you. Oh, yes, there was a Hunkie got killed on the track to-day, but that ain't nothin'. Our days is mostly alike here when the mines is workin'. There's ma a-callin' now. I suppose she wants me to go to the store—so long."—United Mine Workers' Journal.

The Voice devotes more space to an attempted vindication of the Lemieux Act than all of the Liberal papers in Canada combined. Why?

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**THE DEAD MAN.**

John Galsworthy in the London Nation.

In the Spring of the year 1950, a lawyer and his friend were sitting over their wine and walnuts. The lawyer said: "In turning over my father's papers the other day, I came across this cutting from a journal. It is dated December, 1908. Rather a singular document. If you like I'll read it to you."

"Do," said the friend.

The lawyer began to read—

"Some sensation was caused in a London Police Court yesterday by a poorly dressed, but respectable-looking man, who applied to the magistrate for advice. We give the conversation verbatim:

"Your Worship, may I ask you a question?"

"If it is one that I can answer."

"It's just this: Am I alive?"

"Go away!"

"Your Worship, I am perfectly serious. It's a matter of vital importance to me to know; I am a chainmaker."

"Are you sane?"

"Your Worship, I am quite sane."

"Then what do you mean by coming here and asking me a question like that?"

"Your Worship, I am out of work."

"What has that to do with it?"

"Your Worship, it's like this. I've been out of work, through no fault of my own, for two months. Your Worship has heard, no doubt, that there are hundreds of thousands of us chaps."

"Well, go on!"

"Your Worship, I don't belong to a Union; as you know, there's no union to my trade."

"Yes, yes."

"Your Worship, I came to the end of my resources three weeks ago. I've done my best to get work, but I've not been successful."

"Have you applied to the Distress Committee of your district?"

"I have, your Worship; but they are full up."

"Have you been to the parish authorities?"

"Yes, your Worship; and to the parson."

"Haven't you any relations or friends to help you?"

"Half of them, your Worship, are in my condition, and I've exhausted the others."

"You've—?"

"Exhausted the others—had all they could spare."

"Have you a wife and children?"

"No, your Worship; that's against me. It makes me come in late everywhere."

"Yes, yes—well you have the Poor Law; you have the right to—"

"Your Worship, I have been in two of those places—but last night dozens of us were turned away for want of accommodation. Your Worship, I am

in need of food; have I the right to work?"

"Only under the Poor Law."

"I've told you, sir, I couldn't get in there last night. Can't I force anybody else to give me work?"

"I'm afraid not."

"Your Worship, I'm very badly in want of food; will you allow me to beg in the streets?"

"No, no; I can't. You know I can't."

"Well, your Worship, may I steal?"

"Now, now; you mustn't waste the time of the Court."

"But, your Worship, it's very serious to me; I'm literally starving, I am indeed! Will you allow me to sell my coat or trousers— Unbuttoning his coat, the applicant revealed his bare chest. "I've nothing else to—"

"You mustn't go about in an indecent state; I can't allow you to go outside the law."

"Well, sir, will you give me permission, anyway to sleep out at night, without being taken up for vagrancy?"

"Once for all, I have no power to allow you to do any of these things."

"What am I to do, sir, then? I'm telling you the truth. I want to keep within the law. Can you give me advice how to go on living without food?"

"I wish I could."

"Well, then, I ask you, sir: In the eyes of the law, am I alive at all?"

"That is a question my man, which I cannot answer. On the face of it, you appear to be alive only if you break the law; but I trust you will not do that. I'm very sorry for you; you can have a shilling from the box. Next case!"

The lawyer stopped.

"Yes," said his friend, "that is very interesting; very singular indeed. Curious state of things!"

The industrial world is just now undergoing the birth-pangs of a new civilization. To know, understand and follow the events of the next ten years is a privilege worthy the consideration of all mankind.—R. P. P.

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### Bowser's Reply.

That Magistrate Williams is serving the interests responsible for his appointment is corroborated by Attorney-General Bowser's letter to the central body, in which he tells organized labor to go to hades, though the exact terms are worded as follows: "After giving the matter (resolutions from unions and the central body) of your resolution every consideration and looking into the merits of the cases referred to, I cannot come to the conclusion that it would be in the public interest to dismiss the police magistrate and, therefore, cannot accede to your request." If the wage-earners of Vancouver have as much sense as the Creator generally provides for little geese, they will, at the very first opportunity, elect the attorney-general to stay at home.—R. P. P.

That the decisions of Magistrate Williams in sending innocent country lads to jail for six months with double leg-irons for the heinous offence of sleeping in a C. P. R. box car and allowing an imported thug strikebreaker to escape with thirty days for murderously assaulting an aged man, are satisfactory to Attorney-General Bowser and the Conservative government of this province is proven by the curt refusal to dismiss a man who is without a human sympathy and who has violated every tradition of manhood.

May the working-class of this city and province deal with the Conservative government at the next election as they would with Williams now.

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"Why, mom, he said you were ten years older than his mother, and I told him he was a liar."

"Well Tommy, I don't approve of your fighting, but under the circumstances—Here's a quarter for you, and I'll ask your papa to take you to the moving picture show to-night when he comes home."—Baltimore American.

### Helping the Hatters.

The sum of \$10,000 was voted to the striking hatters by the recent convention of the Western Federation of Miners. The Boot and Shoe Workers' convention also voted the hatters \$5,000, any other unions lesser sums. But the hatters need the money. Always demand the label when purchasing hats. In the case of the Boot and Shoe Workers this was the second \$5,000 given to the hatters since the strike began.

### Father-in-Law's Gift.

When Mark Twain married in Elmira in 1870, his father-in-law made him a present of a fine, well-furnished house in Buffalo. The present came as a surprise. Twain knew nothing of it till, amid a party of relatives and friends, he was shown over the luxurious place. Then, when they told him it was his, tears filled his eyes. But he was still the humorist, and turning to his father-in-law he said, though in a voice that trembled a little: "Mr. Langdon, whenever you're in Buffalo, if it's as much as twice a year, you are to come right here and take tea. You can stay all night, too, if you want to, and it can't cost you a cent."

Labor Day celebrations are not held for the purpose of making profits, but in order that the workers may spend an enjoyable day at a minimum cost. Go to Westminster on the 6th.

### New Westminster Trades and Labor Council.

The last meeting of the New Westminster Trades and Labor Council was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, when a number of matters of interest came up for discussion. R. E. Monteith, vice-president, occupied the chair.

A delegation from the Leather Workers' Union of Vancouver, appeared before the council asking the delegates to support a movement to have nothing but union made saddlery and harness used in the Labor Day celebration. As this was a matter closely affecting the teamsters an effort is being made to form a Teamsters Union both in Vancouver and New Westminster. District Organizer R. A. Stoney promised to take up the formation of a Teamsters' Union here and the council promised support in the matter.

The Labor Day celebration committee reported that arrangements for this day were practically completed. The programme was read and the chairman complimented the committee on the excellent work done.

The council decided that it would be impossible this year to send a delegate to the annual Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to be held in Quebec in September.

The council decided to ask the Tailors' Union to retract the statement one of their members is alleged to have made that District Organizer R. A. Stoney wore non-union clothes.

The attention of the local unions will be drawn to the need of more householders qualifying to vote at the forthcoming municipal elections, only about 50 having done so up to the present time. Action in this regard must be taken prior to November 1.

Notice was given that at the next meeting of the council a motion will be made providing for the election of officers annually instead of semi-annually.

The council will move into the new Labor Hall on September 1.

L. Netherby, of the Typographical Union was elected a delegate to the council.

H. Schofield, treasurer, gave a statement for the six months ending June 30, which showed that the council was in a satisfactory financial condition.

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**EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW.**

The editorial writers on the daily press have been prating for years about citizenship in America being "equal" before the law, but Justice Dugro by a decision has exploded that statement so that it is hardly probable that the capitalist hireling on a daily journal will repeat that old "chestnut," that has no standing under our present glorious system of dispensing justice. A negro porter entered suit for damages, and the jury brought in a judgment for \$2,500, but Judge Dugro informed the colored man's attorney that unless the negro porter would accept \$300, he would set the verdict of the jury aside.

The negro's counsel refused to entertain the proposition made by the court and the honorable judge burst out with the statement that no such judgment of \$2,500 would stand in any court for a negro.

Continuing, the gentleman on the bench said:

"He was a porter, and while he is just as good as the President of the United States, and if he is imprisoned wrongfully he should be paid for it, it would be a bad argument to say that he is just as good in many senses. He would be hurt just as much if put in prison as every other man would be. That depends on a man's standing, what his circumstances are, and, if he is a colored man, the fact that he is a colored man is to be considered."

In one breath this learned judge declares that the "negro is just as good as the President of the United States, and if he is imprisoned wrongfully he should be paid for it," but in the next breath, he demonstrates that he is not

willing to concede the colored man the same amount of damages that he would grant to a man whom fortunate circumstances had placed at the helm of a nation. The very fact that this man who sued for damages was of a different color from the Caucasian race, is to be taken into consideration, when awarding a verdict for damages. Did this jury bring in a verdict contrary to law, and if not, by what authority does this judge set aside the damages awarded by a jury. If it is legal and in conformity with law for a judge to invalidate the findings of a jury, then why go through the farce of selecting a jury to weigh evidence and bring in a verdict, if such a verdict can be strangled to death by the dictum of a judge?

The attitude of Justice Dugro relative to this negro porter who asked that justice be accorded to him through damages sustained through unlawful imprisonment, will lower the falling estimate that is entertained for the judiciary of the country, and a time is coming, when even the race to which the negro belongs, will jeer with derision when courts are mentioned as "temples of justice." It was supposed that in the days of '61 the soil of this nation was wet with human blood, in order that the black man might be clothed in the garb of citizenship, and that the man who was torn from the slave-pen and the auction block, was the equal of the white brother "before the law."

But regardless of the fact that a million lives went out and eight billions of property and money were destroyed to make the BLACK SLAVE A MAN, a court has decreed that because a negro is a porter and of dark skin he is unworthy of being considered in the same light as other men of standing in society who can boast of a lighter complexion. Some hireling of the capitalist press should now write an editorial, and use the declaration of Justice Dugro, to prove that "there are no classes in this country."—Miners' Magazine.

The voters' list is still open. Have you registered yet?

**Learn By Experience,**

Events, especially those chronicled in connection with the strikes in France and Sweden, Pennsylvania, Cape Breton and Fort William, should add something to the knowledge of the working class of the world. The methods adopted by the capitalists and the different governments in defeating the strikers, are worthy of the earnest consideration of every worker, whether he belong to a union or not.

The close relationship between nationalism, patriotism, the militia and the employing class has been made doubly plain to many of the workers through the bullets that have found a lodgment in their poor bodies, and the employing class has made plain their intention to defeat the worker regardless of any sentiment.

The trade union movement has always expressed itself as deploring violence, except, perhaps, against those whose economic necessity, or a desire for adventure has led to take the places of strikers. The employers, however, finding themselves unable to defeat the worker, or rather, finding that the workers could be more easily defeated, have used the power of government through the courts and the armed thugs of the government who rise spectre like whenever capitalist exploitation threatened.

The unequal struggle between armed forces and unarmed working men forces the conclusion that a change of tactics is absolutely necessary if the workers are not to be ground into the mire deeper than ever. Two ways are open; the first, comparatively easy because it entails no personal danger and merely requires the worker to deposit his ballot for one of his own class on election day, thereby acquiring control of the reins of government and with it every force, whether armed with guns or judicial power.

That the working class will continue to starve and be shot and beaten by the armed minions of the law we cannot believe, as long as food and guns are to be obtained as easily as at present and while the use of force is to be deplored, because of the risk to the lives of the workers, the methods used by our capitalist masters furnishes a precedent that could with advantage be followed by workers in securing control of their industrial and political freedom.

The Vancouver Trades and Labor Council is rendering every possible assistance to make Labor Day celebration a success. Are you?

A leading politician once said: "Labor has the votes but don't know how to use them for their own good." Get your name on the list and vote at the next election.

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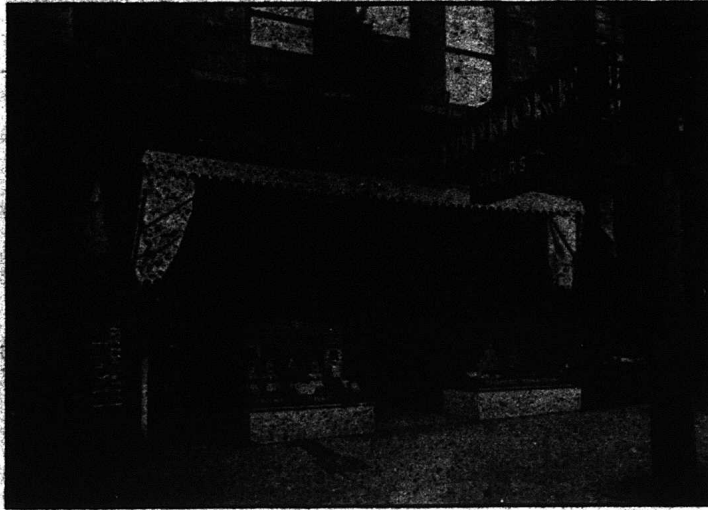
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OUR INTERESTS ARE IDENTICAL

The identity of interest between the capitalist and the workers is being clearly defined by the bayonets of the troops and the clubs of the police in connection with the strikes of the miners, street railwaymen and steel workers in Eastern Canada and the States.

Surprising the Doctor.

An old lady has just died at Fontainebleau. Her will, which was opened on the day of her death, contained the following clause:

"I bequeath to my doctor the entire contents of the old trunk in my dressing room, the key of which will be found in the mattress of my bed."

Great excitement among the relatives, who imagined the treasures of the deceased to be escaping from their clutches. At last the doctor is sent for: the trunk is opened and found to contain intact, and uncorrupted, all the drugs and mixtures that he had prescribed for her during the last thirty years.

True Greatness.

All agitators are despised by the generation in which they were born, but posterity honors those whose protest has not been stilled.

The Swedish strikers are receiving contributions to their campaign fund from Denmark, Norway, Finland, Germany, Roumania, and Bulgaria. This is a practical demonstration of the growing solidarity of labor.

The Glace Bay strikers are having a tough time of it. They strike against those who hold their jobs. Would it not be better if the miners were to send representatives to Halifax pledged to bring about a state of things in which the workers would own their own jobs?

It is reported that King Edward has cleaned up a million dollars from transactions on the New York stock exchange. Like any other capitalist Edward is anxious to share in the plunder taken from the workingman.

The Ogilvie and Lake of the Woods Milling Companies guarantee to hold the jobs of any militiamen sent to shoot down strikers.

Parades are only intended for trained and armed murderers and the Westminster boys have wisely cut that feature from the Labor Day program.

President Taft, a member of the Steam Shovelers Union, addressing a meeting of business men in Manila, said: "I hope you will not judge the American citizens by the soldiers you have seen here; the American soldier is the scum of society." The scum of society is, however, the bulwark upon which the entire fabric of capitalist government rests, and when the workers understand the degradation of being a soldier, the whole organization will fall to the ground.

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The General Opinion.

Samuel Landers is spoken of as an aspirant for the office of president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, to succeed Alphonse Verville, M. P., who is resigning next month. His election would not meet the wishes of organized labor in the Canadian west, and if the majority of eastern delegates were by any chance to throw down Vice-President James Simpson, it might spell disaster. The west will no longer stand for political straddle-the-fence side-steppers. Samuel Landers is not big enough for the job. Simpson is sure the choice of the west.—R. P. P.

Patriotism Defined.

What a weird and mystic emotion is patriotism. It can make a man who never owned anything in his life holler about "his" country until his throat is sore. It has the power to transform an every-day, easy-going citizen with a gentle disposition, into a raging demon, burning with thirst for the blood of his fellow-creatures. It is tenacious only when contracted by workingmen. The capitalist is only patriotic on occasions which call for the presence of newspaper reporters—never when figuring up dividends from "foreign" countries where labor is "cheap."—R. P. P.

The Liberals of Great Britain are all the time talking about abolishing the House of Lords but they never start to do it. The Liberals and Tories are both agreed that they need the Lords to keep the rabble workingmen in order.

Mrs. Ruis commits suicide because Vanderbilt quits making dates with her, and divorce court evidence is showing Mrs. Gould to be a dead game sport. However, as neither of them did it for a living, they cannot be classed as "fallen women," but could move in the best (?) society money can buy.

A number of Union Made Cigars are advertised in this issue, also a number of Cigar Stores. The stores each and all make a specialty of Union-made goods. Look them up when you require tobacco.

As the cost of living soars heavenward the working man who has accepted a reduction of wages must feel convinced that boundless prosperity has arrived.

For a small town New Westminster Trades and Labor Council makes a noise as if they meant to have a dandy celebration on Labor Day. Why not join them?

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# LABOR DAY PROGRAM

September  
6th

No. 1. 10 a. m.—Football Match, Vancouver Shamrocks vs Westminster Rovers.

First prize, cup donated by the New Westminster Trades and Labor Council; second prize, one box of Terminus cigars, donated by the Terminus Cigar Company, Vancouver.

1 p.m.—Speeches by Mayor Keary, J. D. Taylor, M.P.; Thomas Gifford, M.L.A.; R. P. Pettipiece, Western Organizer for Trades and Labor Congress of Canada; C. O. Young, Organizer American Federation of Labor.

No. 2.—100 yard race for boys under 14 years.

First Prize. Zither, value \$5.00, donated by J. Todd; second prize value \$2.00, donated by Lytton Hotel.

No. 3.—75 yard race for girls under 14 years.

First prize, pair tan shoes, value \$3.50, donated by Johnston's Big Shoe House; second prize, bottle perfume, value \$2.50, donated by Mr. H. Ryall.

No. 4.—100 yard race for boys under 10 years.

First prize, value \$2.50; second prize, value \$1.50; third prize, value \$1.00, donated by Mr. R. Ellay.

No. 5.—75 yard race for girls under 10 years.

First prize, value \$2.50; second prize, value \$1.50; third prize, value \$1.00, donated by Mr. P. Bilodeau.

No. 6.—Baby Show.

Best looking boy baby under two years, prize, value \$2.50, donated by W. Collier. Best looking girl baby under two years, prize value \$2.50 donated by W. Collier.

No. 7.—Fat Man's race, 20 yards.

First prize, box of B. C. cigars, value \$3.75, donated by the B. C. Cigar Factory; second prize, leg of mutton, value \$2.50, donated by the Fraser Valley Meat Market.

No. 8.—100 yard race for union apprentices only.

First prize, value \$3.50, donated by W. E. Sinclair, and two boxes of tea value \$3.50, donated by George Adams; second prize, sack of flour, value \$2.00, donated by C. A. Welsh, and five pounds coffee, donated by Adams & Deans.

No. 10.—Tug of War, Vancouver Trades and Labor Council vs. New Westminster Trades and Labor Council.

First prize, value \$14.00, donated by New Westminster Typographical Union; second prize, value \$5.00, donated by the Holbrook hotel.

No. 11.—220 yard race.

First prize, value \$5.00, donated by J. Chappell; second prize, box of cigars value \$3.75, donated by the Pioneer Cigar Company, Vancouver; third prize, umbrella, value \$3.50, donated by J. E. Brown.

No. 12.—Potato race, union men only.

First prize, value, \$5.00, donated by John McDonald; second prize, hat, value \$3.50, donated by M. J. Phillips; third prize, sack of potatoes.

No. 13.—100 yard race for all union men except cigar makers.

First prize, value \$5.00, donated by the Cigarmakers Union; second prize value \$3.50, donated by West End Grocery; third prize, value \$1.50, by Bentwell, Peart & Co., Vancouver

No. 14.—Obstacle race, 120 yards.

First prize, value \$5.00, donated by M. Gowan; second prize, value \$2.50, donated by Larsen & Ame; third prize value \$1.50, donated by Bentwell, Peart & Co., Vancouver.

No. 15.—Ladies' race, 50 yards.

First prize, value \$3.00, donated by Nels Nelson; second prize, value \$2.00, donated by Nels Nelson.

No. 16.—High Jump.

First prize value \$5.00, donated by A. G. Peters; second prize pipe, value \$2.50, donated by J. G. Gamon; third prize, box of Old Sport cigars, donated by John R. Smith, Vancouver.

No. 17.—Broad Jump.

First prize value \$5.00, donated by E. Faich; second prize pipe, value \$2.50, donated by J. G. Gamon; third prize, box Terminus cigars, donated by the Terminus Cigar Company, Vancouver.

No. 18.—Vaulting.

First prize value \$5.00, donated by J. M. Wise; second prize, box Beaver cigars, value \$3.75, donated by F. J. Lynch.

No. 19.—Sack race, union men only.

First prize value \$5.00, donated by Innis & Reid; second prize, box of Northwest cigars, value \$3.75, donated by James Feeney.

No. 20.—Half mile race.

First prize value \$5.00, donated by Thomas Freeman; second prize value \$3.50 donated by W. J. Kerr; third prize value \$2.50, donated by Van-

stone Heating and Plumbing Co.

No. 21.—Pole climbing contest, union men only.

First prize value \$10.00, donated by F. Swanson and J. Teechy; second prize value \$5.00, donated by Ed. G. W. Sait; third prize value \$3.75, box of P. & R. Cigars, donated by parson & Reynolds, Vancouver.

No. 22.—Ladies' race, 60 yards.

First prize, one dozen cabinet photos, value \$5.00, donated by Mr. Ritchie second prize, value \$2.50, donated by Vanstone Heating & Plumbing co.

No. 23.—Girls' race, 60 yards.

First prize, ladies' silver buckle, donated by W. Chamberlin; second prize, perfume, value \$2.50, donated by F. J. MacKenzie.

No. 24.—Smoking race.

First prize, pipe, value \$3.50; second prize, cigar case, value \$2.50; third prize, cigarette case, value \$1.00 donated by J. C. Blair.

No. 25.—Nail driving contest for ladies' only.

First prize value \$5.00, donated by J. A. Lee; second prize value \$4.00, donated by J. Meyers; third prize value \$3.50, donated by T. S. Annandale.

No. 26.—Committee Men's race.

First prize, shaving mirror and outfit, value \$10.00; second prize value \$5.00, donated by the Columbian Company; third prize value \$3.00, donated by the Daily News; fourth prize value \$2.00, donated by the Daily News.

No. 27.—Lacrosse match, amateur seniors, Maple Leafs of Vancouver vs. New Westminster.

First prize, trophy, value \$50.00, donated by the New Westminster Trades and Labor Council; second prize, one box of Pioneer cigars, donated by the Pioneer Cigar Company, Vancouver, and one box of P. & R. cigars donated by Parsons & Reynolds, Vancouver.

9 p.m.—Grand Ball in the skating rink, K. of P. Building; Rushton's orchestra.

Prize waltz. First prize value \$10.00, donated by the Street Railwaymen's Union of New Westminster; second prize value \$5.00, by the Bartenders' Local of Vancouver.

In events where there are three prizes no third prize will be given unless there are four entries.

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**McEwen's Amazing Doctrine.**

President Taft and a host of others lose no opportunity to tell us about the dignity of the legal profession, and what honest self-sacrificing, unprejudiced personages the judges are. It may be the popular conception of the legal profession does it great injustice, and it is possible judges "lean the other way" when trying cases in which their friends and acquaintances are involved, but we notice litigants avoid unfriendly judges. A judge may be cold, uninfluenced by his feelings, contemptuous of financial considerations, but those qualities are not what an eminent jurist says are necessary to become a successful lawyer. Listen to this from the Chicago Record-Herald:

"You must run many a cold, nervy bluff and can not afford to be numbered in the down-and-out class.

"You can not afford to be too much of a gentleman to the opposing counsel nor to deferential in a courtroom."

These were among the "Do's and Dont's" given by Judge Willard M. McEwen to the graduating class of 1909 of the Chicago Law School at a banquet held in their honor in the Egyptian room of the Auditorium Hotel last night:

"The lawyer occupies a vested position probably higher than in any other profession," the jurist said, "and in this position he has himself first to maintain and should first of all look out for No. 1.

"Why is it that you will be given business against the older practitioner? Because your client thinks he is getting the service at a smaller cost or fee. Take it and be thankful, but maintain your nerve and dignity.

"You must have experience and perhaps a little money, and you must run a cold, nervy bluff, for you can not afford to be numbered in the down-and-out class. People believe in you and that you are just a little better than others, and you must play the part. You can not play the part of the country church mouse, but must reach out for what's in sight.

"Juries are often impressed with the counsel, and all juries desire to have

some one to lean on, and nearly always select the lawyer with the best attitude. This often determines a case at law. You can not afford to give the impression that you are giving way to either court or counsel on the opposite side. I sometimes think a lawyer should be 50 per cent. better than the court.

"Study the style and mannerisms of the profession and ask yourself, 'How do I stand with this juror or with the jury?' Story books have much to do with framing the attitude of the lawyer, but you can never afford to be too much of a gentleman or too deferential in court."

We are told that judge McEwen has been a successful lawyer, and is now an eminent jurist. He is assuredly frank, for his advice to the budding Blackstones confirms the nastiest and ugliest popular conceptions of the real ethics of the legal profession. Billed down in plain English he tells them to "Lie, cheat, deceive, and, above all, look out for No. 1." His honor—how inapt the term appears in the face of that advice—probably make a bullseye, for though there were several

other speakers, not one is reported as having protested against Judge McEwen's dictum. That mere lawyers should plan their lives along such lines is not very important—it is solely an affair of the individual. When lawyers come to serve the public in various capacities it is different. We have a right to know if it is their religion to "run cold, nervy bluffs" and "first of all look out for No. 1," which is the excuse of grafters and hoodlers of all degrees. More important still, how can a man making a lifelong practice of such tactics fill the office of judge in an honest, dispassionate, unselfish manner? Probably no habits are harder to overcome than those which comprehend bluffing and "looking out for No. 1"—getting money at all hazards.

The enormity of Judge McEwen's suggestion will be better understood if the reader will endeavor to imagine what a judge would say if a labor official gave like advice to trade unionists.—Typographical Journal.

**Still One More.**

A freckled-faced girl stopped at the postoffice and yelled out:

"Anything for the Murphys?"

"No, there is not."

"Anything for Jane Murphy?"

"Nothing."

"Anything for Bob Murphy?"

"No, not a bit."

"Anything for Terry Murphy?"

"No, nor for Pat Murphy, nor Dennis Murphy, nor Pete Murphy, nor Paul Murphy, nor for any Murphy, dead, living, born or unborn, native or foreign, civilized or uncivilized, savage or barbarous, male or female, black or white, franchised or unfranchised, naturalized or otherwise. No, there is positively nothing for any if the Murphys' either individually, jointly, severally, now and forever, one and inseparable."

The girl looked at the postmaster in astonishment, and said: "Please to look if there is anything for Clarence Murphy."

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