

CELEBRATE LABOUR DAY

PROTESTS ROSSING FREEING

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 18, 1912. The annual meeting of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council was held this evening at 8 p. m.

Mr. W. J. Bowser, President, presided. Mr. McVety having been called to Victoria during the afternoon in reference to the presentation of legislative bills by the B. C. Federation of Labor.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Resolutions.
Builders' Resolutions.—Frank Phillips, vice president, read a resolution regarding the "right" to free speech and assembly.

Bricklayers'—William McElroy, vice president.

Freemasons'—Malay.

Executive Committee.—Present: Dela, Campbell, Gardner, Kavanagh, McVety, Middle, Hoover, McMillan, and the secretary.

Communication from W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, Victoria, in reply to Council's letter about "free speech" in Vancouver, refusing to interfere with the edit of the police commissioners.

Proclamation.—Beattie.—That the letter be read at every meeting until a provincial election takes place. Carried.

Council to Bowser.

Hon. W. J. Bowser.

Attorney-General.

Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by Vancouver Trades and Labor Council to advise you to immediately investigate the investigation into the police commissioners in this city in connection with their attempt to throttle the right to maintain free speech upon the public square of this city.

The unionists and other wage workers of this city have no objection to the right to maintain free speech, and the continuance of the present policy of the police commissioners will only mean further trouble for all concerned.

Up to this time, be it said to the credit of peaceable working class, there has not been a solitary case of retaliation in answer to the brutality of the police.

If, however, the present methods are further pursued, I am not in a position to give you this guarantee, for I know something of the bitter feeling ranking in the minds of innocent men who have been clubbed half to death in no other cause than appearing upon the public square of this city.

I trust that you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Kindly wire me when you are prepared to take, so that I may use it to pacify numbers of inquirers.

Yours truly,

R. P. PATTICKER,

General Secretary.

Bowser to Council.

Attorney-General's Office,

Victoria, 8th February, 1912.

R. P. Patticker, Esq.,

Secretary Vancouver Trades and Labor Council.

Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., as well as a communication signed by your president of even date, in order.

connection with an investigation into the methods adopted by the police in the City of Vancouver. It could be carried on in that city.

I may say that the control of police matters in the City of Vancouver is absolutely vested in the Board of Police Commissioners, and I can see no reason why the government should interfere with the work which they are carrying on. If we attempt to do this in the City of Vancouver, we are equally agreed that we should interfere with the work of all the appointed of the government on hospital boards and other boards to which they might be appointed throughout the province.

Yours truly,

W. J. BOWSER,

Attorney-General.

From Chas. S. Hall, secretary Building Trades Central Labor Council, advising the police commissioners of the unfairness of the Bay City Manufacturing Co. and the Purpus & Latham Machine Co. Concurrence.

Accounts read and passed.

Industrial School Report.

In re-matrimonial of two boys at Industrial School: Owing to the helplessness of security anything from the attorney-general's department in connection with the case of Mr. Bowser's refusal to grant the request of Solicitor Parrie for an investigation by two medical men, we see no good purpose in a further waste of energy. Concurrence.

Suit for Damages.

Your committee recommends that an action for "unintended damages" be taken against the City of Vancouver, through its solicitor, Mr. J. W. Dell, Parrie, on behalf of Delegate Fred Blumberg, brutally assaulted by three police officers on Sunday, Feb. 11. Refers to Executive with full power to act.

Organization Committee.

The Council be asked to assume no report, as he was unable to assume the duties of the office. Resignation accepted; successor to be named by the Executive.

Parliamentary Committee.

Secretary Hall reports a fairly good meeting the previous Friday evening; but there was still much room for improvement in attendance of local union representatives.

Chairman Palmer reported that the committee to have one of their number attend all meetings of the City Council for the purpose of securing strict proceedings for the use of the Council.

The committee recommends that the Council be asked to send speakers to various locals at intervals to impress the public mind with the necessity of paying more attention to the affairs of the union.

Concluded.

The committee recommends that steps be taken to have a complete card and index directory system of the entire union membership of the city established and maintained by the Council, for use of the Parliamentary Committee. Refers to Executive Committee to inquire into expense and apportionment of the to be undertaken.

Audit Committee.

Chairman Mowat reported that the Audit Committee, under the chairmanship and himself—had examined the books and half-yearly statement of the manager of The B. C. Federation of Labor, and found them correct and in order.

BLAKE & REDDEN.

Permie, B. C., Jan. 5, 1912.

Sec. Dist. No. 6, W. F. M. C.

Krusz vs. C. N. P. Coal Co.

Dear Sir,—I received last night the following letter from your solicitor:

"The respondents change in judicial committee's arrangements makes it impossible to force hearing in February without the respondents' consent."

That is a very disappointing indeed; but any one who understands the law's delays, especially on Appeal to the Supreme Court, will not be surprised.

Dear Sir,—I am under the impression that you are under consideration at the Privy Council whether or not there shall be ordinary sittings as distinguished from a mere supplementary list of solicitors. If there is a regular sitting we can insist on the Appeal being included, and in view of your anxiety that the case should be heard at the earliest possible moment, I am sure that you will not object to the Appeal to come on for argument in the latter part of February or early in March. When matters are definitely settled, I will advise you by cable.

Yours faithfully,

L. P. ECKSTEIN.

Permie, B. C., Jan. 10, 1912.

Krusz vs. C. N. P. Coal Co.

Dear Sir,—The enclosed copy of letter to my London agents will explain what I have to say in regard to the two matters therein referred to.

These solicitors are undoubtedly among the most reputable in the whole City of London, yet I shall not rest content until I find out whether or not they have been anything but the State of Denmark respecting their conduct in this case. I may know that the respondents were moving heaven and earth for a postponement, but I did not think it was possible for them to get the same delay in the Privy Council as upon the Court, which if that be the case, we cannot complain, no matter how disheartened we may become.

I wish it to be distinctly understood by my clients throughout your district, and District 18, that I have used every endeavor to thwart any attempt on the part of the respondents to gain delay in the Privy Council. In doing so, it is not because I have not been vigilant, even more than ordinarily expected a solicitor should be in doing so.

Yours faithfully,

L. P. ECKSTEIN.

(Copy)

London, S. W., Jan. 5, 1912.

L. P. Eckstein, Esq., Permie, B. C.

Krusz vs. C. N. P. Coal Co.

Dear Sir,—Since writing you on the 2nd inst., we are in receipt of your letter of the 18th and 19th ultimo, and I am glad to hear that there is a possibility of your not coming to London for the argument of the Appeal. I am sure that the number of similar cases awaiting the decision of the Privy Council is much to be regretted that the Court will not have the assistance of counsel who have been familiar with the case throughout.

As mentioned in our letter of the

PROVINCIAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR EARLY DATE IN APRIL

What can we do about it? There is only one thing we can do just now:

Organize and organize the working class to the end that the State and get behind the law instead of in front of them.

In the face of the violence of the police with violence would be the most foolish and suicidal thing possible.

Reports of Unions.

Clarksmen.—Del. Craig reported the passing of resolutions protesting against the methods employed by the officials: urged all union men to get their names on the list; had decided to insert label advt. in B. C. Federationist; urged unionists to act for their label.

Musicians.—Del. Evans reported that the Musicians were ready to keep their members from working in the three unfair to any portion of organized labor as a whole. The union was prepared to do likewise.

Building Trades Council.—Del. Kavanagh reported that the Council provided questions affecting the interests of the workers as an order of business. Amiliated unions were increasing in number and the prospects were improving.

Builders' Laborers.—Del. Buttery reported that the Council had been inserted by the secretary in the Federationist and World-wide workers' page, and that the connection be for the discussion.

Street Railway Employees.—Del. Hoover reported that one of their members, an old man, had been clubbed into the hospital by the police, while on his way home from work. The police commissioner, who had been stated by the secretary in the Federationist and World-wide workers' page, and that the connection be for the discussion.

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FREE SPEECH SUPPRESSION CALLED OFF

A great crowd assembled on the Powell Street grounds last Sunday to take part in and witness Friday's fourth Unpopular Circus. The sidewalks and even the roofs of adjacent houses were black with spectators, who eagerly anticipated seeing the police practice the noble art of skull-cracking. At 2 p. m. the fourth battle for free speech in Vancouver was on.

Speakers from the I. W. O. and the Socialist party were on hand and proceeded in the usual style. But nothing happened. Identically the same "rotten mob" and "rotten mob" and "rotten mob" had been there previous night. The "rotten mob" and "rotten mob" and "rotten mob" had been there previous night. The "rotten mob" and "rotten mob" and "rotten mob" had been there previous night.

Stranger to say, however, what had, the Sunday before, brought out scores of policemen and caused the shedding of much blood. The "rotten mob" and "rotten mob" and "rotten mob" had been there previous night. The "rotten mob" and "rotten mob" and "rotten mob" had been there previous night.

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