

## UNITIES OF VICTORIA TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

binning a great number of men, of very divergent views on political matters, but who, it was hoped, could accomplish a substantial betterment in their condition and yet remain neutral among themselves and to all parties in matters of policy and party support. This was a natural thing for them to

do twenty-five years ago. In fact, it was all that was needful for the Imperial Capital was then in the throes of competition within its own ranks and had not entered politics to the same extent it has now. But what have we today? Industries covering whole continents, governed by an international system that provides for tariff charges,

whether by railroads or customs regulations. In Canada today there is a great railroad development plan being carried out by the federal as well as the various provincial governments. These large works cannot be carried out without labor, and hard labor at that. The contractor and other employers of labor clamor for a plentiful

supply, and who do they go to? To the labor unions? Well, not exactly. They go to the government and demand a vigorous immigration policy. They are not satisfied with a man for each job they have; they want competition among the workers. Are the governments non-partisan? Do they turn deaf ears to the contractors' demands for a supply of labor that ensures com-

petition for jobs, and guarantees the boss big profits? Well, they say nothing; but they instruct their immigration agents in foreign countries and then abrogate their own regulations, ostensibly invented for the benefit of the workers, and let the bars of the Alien Labor Act down by an order of the immigration rules. Seeing that

ten this is the way the game is played against the worker, I claim that the worker should enter the game in his own defence.

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**Moving Picture Operators**

Ten proprietors of the moving picture shows in Vancouver have served notice on the operators of the ma-

chines that they must either resign their membership in the union or their jobs. Ten theatres are affected. The trouble started in the engagement by one of the theatres of a man who had resigned his membership in the union. The union proclaimed a boycott, and the employers are taking up the challenge—as they put it; but to

the man in the street it looks as if  
the boot is on the other foot.

**J. HAVELOCK WILSON**  
**ADDRESSES MASS MEETING**  
**IN LABOR TEMPLE HALL.**  
**President of Greet Seamen's Un.**

**ion Reviews Events of the  
World-wide Movement**

J. Havelock Wilson, ex-M. P., gave an hour's address last Saturday evening in the Labor Temple. In the opening J. H. McVety stated that Mr. Wilson had been invited to come to

Vancouver by the Trades and Labor Council, the Seamen's Union and the 'Longshoremen. He has been a most successful worker among the transport workers throughout Great Britain. Mr. Wilson is on his way east after an interesting tour of the land of the Southern Cross. He is not in the best of health, but would confine his re-

marks to trades unionism as president of the International Seamen's Union of the World.


Mr. Wilson on rising was greeted with the applause of some 500 listeners. He said that he was not a stranger here, as he had met several friends and supporters. One had said to him, "Hello! Wilson. The last time I saw you was at New York. The

I saw you was at New York." This friend had helped in his contest at Middlesboro. "I would like to give an address that would be useful to trades unionism," he said. "Political workers must get together, or if they do not they can do nothing. He had been for 33 years a trades unionist, and for 25 years had been the head of the Seamen's Union of Great Britain. About


Class distinction should die out and make for common cause. This movement created quite a boon to labor. Wages had been increased 25 and 50

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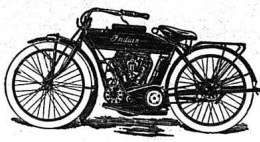
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# THE URGENT NEED OF AN EDUCATIONAL LABOR PRESS

By G. H. LOCKWOOD.

The people are not fools—the trouble with them is that they know a lot of things that ARE NOT SO.

Right now the most important work to do is to DESTROY CONFIDENCE IN THE CAPITALIST PRESS.

The capitalist press has already started the job in good shape. There are hundreds of thousands of people who no longer believe what they read in the "other side" of the coin.

But there are still hundreds of thousands, who believe every blessed thing they read in the capitalist papers, even the falsity of the statements are so glaring that the slightest knowledge of the real facts would prove them so.

The trouble is that so many people take only one paper, or "side" of papers, that have little opportunity to get the "other side" of the coin; or, very, or even to know there is a contrary view.

THE WORKING CLASS MUST BE WEANED FROM THE CAPITALIST PRESS!

Millions of working men are still "listening to their master's voice" through these mouthpieces of the wage system, and they get constantly MISLED and MISINFORMED on questions of vital importance to the working class.

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indicating their disapproval and forcing upon them the necessity of putting them out of business if they do not.

When they take sides with the employer class, then the informed members of the working class—those who are growing in numbers daily—cannot get their point of view across in any small paper to make things decidedly unpleasant, to say the least; besides the withdrawal of the working class press is quite as serious as the withdrawal of the employer class press.

These papers are in just the same position as the preacher who has members of the working class in his church. His attitude on any question that vitally affects the class is not a "straddle"—that is unless he has a courage to stand for the truth regardless of criticism or censure, and very few have.

Now here is the fact—HE WHO IS NOT FOR US IS AGAINST US.

In this transition period, while the working class is becoming conscious of its own interests, it is not possible for the capitalist press to number to destroy the capitalist press. It is not wise for them to boycott it, as in this way they are able to keep it funded.

Following are the officers for 1912: President, H. J. Smith; financial secretary, H. J. Smith; recording secretary, W. Bayley; sergeant-at-arms, Woodbury. The executive board comprises E. Kins, C. Bayley, J. McKinnon.

The union meets the second Wednesday in each month at the Labor Temple.

MUSICIANS' UNION.

The Musicians' Mutual Protective Union, Local No. 145, A. M. U. of A., was formally organized on May 25, 1901. The charter members were: F. W. Dyke, C. Frey, J. H. Smith, Horace W. Harper, W. H. Harper, C. P. Howe, C. P. Howe, C. P. Howe.

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STREET RAILWAYMEN.

Division No. 124, Street Railway Employees, was granted a Charter Jan. 19, 1912. The charter members were: J. H. Smith, H. J. Smith, H. J. Smith.

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# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS, NO. 182.

This union has been in continuous existence since May 27, 1891, the charter members of which were: Geo. Taylor, G. Skelington, W. J. Beer, S. P. Fraser, J. Hurliman, W. Davies, John Flett, P. H. Godde, W. Hal-dane, Chas. Hainbury, Alex. Wilson, H. P. Farrell, Chas. McFarlane, John Morrisett, F. Rathgeber.

The international body, with which Chas. Hainbury is secretary, has a strike and monetary benefits to the membership. The names of the present officers are: Matt, Thomson, president; C. Mattinson, vice-president; J. Brooks, secretary-treasurer; J. H. McVety, financial secretary. The union meets in room 301, Labor Temple.

# STEREOTYPERS AND ELECTRO-TYPERS.

Vancover Union, No. 88, was organized on July 15, 1907, with the following charter members: C. Honywood, R. Crawford, C. Bayley, J. McKinnon, W. Bayley and J. Honywood.

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Their views are broadened by the influence that surround every progressive agitation. Though often subjected to abuse from those whom they indirectly and even directly benefit, they are not deterred by criticism and continue in their way to help along the social evolution of the age.

Union Forces Federating.

In accordance with the decision of the Atlanta convention of the A. F. of L., the Amalgamated Woodworkers have fused with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and have thus gone out of existence as an independent body.

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