

# ROUSING LABOR UNION MEETING

Vancouver, Feb. 1, 1912.

Regular meeting Vancouver Trades and Labor Council convened this evening at 8 o'clock.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

## Credentials.

Glass Workers—A. Hunter, G. Fox, and R. Morgeziensky.

Typos—R. P. Pettipiece, W. R. Trotter, H. C. Benson, G. W. Palmer, W. Armstrong, G. Bartley.

Sheet Metal Workers.—A. H. Coulter, Jas. Shelding, S. Scarlett.

Credentials received and delegates obligated.

## Communications.

From C. I. Fagan, secretary B. C. Anti-Tuberculosis Society, Victoria, re donation. Received and filed.

From John Findlay, secretary North Vancouver Brotherhood of Carpenters in re affiliation. Referred to organization committee.

Statement from Charles Ogilvie in re conditions at Industrial School, Point Grey, as follows:

Vancouver, B. C., January 22nd, 1912.  
**Scandalous Conditions at Industrial School, Point Grey.**

(Statement by Charles G. M. Ogilvie.)  
I witnessed a flogging delivered to two boys named William Wigman and Donald McNaughton by the 1st Assistant Master, Mr. Forsyth, and supervised by the Superintendent, Mr. D. Donaldson.

William Wigman came first, he was commanded to lie between the legs of a chair turned upside down on the floor. Mr. Forsyth then took the strap, consisting of a piece of harness tug 2 ft. long and delivered blows as hard as he possibly could, making long, red, puffed up weals and black and blue marks at every stroke. After about the fifth stroke, the boy, to suppress all sound, sunk his head in his breast and folded his arms tightly about him and made a deep, harsh sound.

The next boy, Donald McNaughton then came forward and was served in the same way, one blow he received removing a piece of the skin of his privates. McNaughton, being a more nervous lad than Wigman, could not get courage to get back over the chair after the fifth blow but simply knelt down on all fours and at every blow he would bounce up like a rubber ball clear off the ground and would say, "O Jesus, O Jesus, O God, O God," at which utterance Mr. McDonaldson said "You ought to have prayed on Saturday before you ran away."

The flogging in my judgment seemed brutal, and I determined at all costs to see that it and any future flogging of the kind would be stopped. But I knew the futility of making an appeal at that time, so I determined to make an appeal to the outside public in the shape of the local Ministerial body. I laid awake at night not being able to sleep for thinking about it, and next morning, knowing that an official would be absent whose place I was accustomed to fill, I went to my work and saw that everything was all right, then I left at 8 o'clock to make my protest.

The boys got 15 blows each and Mr. McDonaldson said it was the first installment as the punishment for running away was 25 blows. The boys were brought out to the stairs landing all nude but for a night shirt which was lifted when the flogging was administered.

Other events which occurred during the year but which I did not witness were corroborated either by an official or by a great majority of the boys.

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correctly reported in recent issue of B. C. Federationist.

Civic Employees—Del. Trainor reported that Central Labor Body committee had waited upon civic authorities in re new wage scale of \$3 minimum for 1912. Request was referred to city engineer. Membership of Union increasing.

Bricklayers—Del. Pipes reported that a resolution had been passed as follows:

"The Bricklayers' Union of Vancouver views with depreciation the drastic measures which have recently been taken to suppress free speech in this city; we consider it an outrage on the liberty of Canadian citizens."

## New Business.

Del. McMillan introduced the following resolution:

"Whereas: A contract has been let for the construction of an examining warehouse in the City of Vancouver, at a cost of \$324,435.00 to the firm of J. McDiarmid Ltd. of Winnipeg, Man., by the administration at Ottawa, Ont., on June 20th, 1911.

"Whereas, the 'fair wage schedule' inserted in this contract stipulates that: Carpenters' wages shall be 50c per hour, Bricklayers 68½c, Painters and Glaziers 50c and electricians 50c.

"Whereas: the minimum wage for the above mentioned trades is: 53½, 75, 56¼ and 62½ cents per hour for an eight-hour day, 44 hour week.

"Therefore be it resolved: That the Secretary be, and is hereby instructed to advise the Dominion Government, that the 'fair wage schedule' inserted in this contract is less than the recognized minimum wage for Carpenters, Bricklayers, Painters and Glaziers, and Electricians, in the City of Vancouver, and vicinity, and that we, the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council demand that it be stricken out; and that copies be sent to The Hon. R. L. Borden Premier, the Hon. the Minister of Labor, H. H. Stevens, M.P. for Vancouver and the Executive Committee of The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada be requested to assist in amending the conditions under which this contract was let."

Upon motion, unanimously concurred in.

## Report of Delegates to B. C. Federation of Labor.

Dels. Midgley and Pettipiece reviewed the proceedings of the second annual convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor, held at Victoria last week. Received.

## Unemployed and Free Speech.

Del. McVety introduced the following resolution:

"Be It Resolved: That this Council condemn the action of Mayor Findlay and the Board of Police Commissioners for permitting the insensate brutality exhibited by the members of the Vancouver Police Force in attacking an inoffensive crowd which had assembled on the Powell Street grounds to hear the report of the interview with the Provincial Government in connection with the large number of unemployed in the City, and that our delegates to the Trades and Labor Council be instructed to bring this matter before that body at their next meeting and that the delegates bring this matter before the Unions and ask that the Unions assist by buying photos of the charge of the police into the crowd at the Powell Street grounds."

"And be it further Resolved: That the Council ask the Provincial Government to appoint a Commission to investigate the administration of the Vancouver Police Department."

The mover dwelt at some length with the local situation regarding the disgraceful tactics of the police and civic authorities last Sunday. Foxcroft, McMillan, Beattie, Pettipiece, Trotter, Gow, Midgley, Butterley, Roberts, Kavanagh, and other delegates indulged in caustic comment anent Mayor Findlay's high-handed action. Carried unanimously.

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David O'Hise was caught by the throat by West Donaldson and got into a surly mood a few days later he made his escape with three other boys, he was recaptured but was so ugly that he was sent to the penitentiary, to finish his sentence. One boy of the four is still at large.

Fred Jeffries ran away after being abused by Mr. McLean, and is still at large. William Wigman and Donald McNaughton ran away in sympathy with him. Three other smaller boys also ran away previous to the last three, making six in one week.

I am prepared to make an affidavit that all of the above statements are true. Referred to executive committee true. CHARLES OGILVIE.

#### Executive's Report.

with power to act.

Executive committee report adopted clause by clause.

Appeal from Trades and Labor Congress is re Kruz case. Upon motion the sum of \$10 was voted.

#### Standing Committees Named.

Organization—W. Manson, chairman, with power to select other two.

Parliamentary Committee—G. W. Palmer, chairman; Dels. Freckleton, Mowat, Haddon, Beasley, Pipes Roberts Betcon, Trainor, Hutchings, Cottrell.

Label Committee—L. H. Buenham, chairman; Dels. Craig, Graham, with power to add to number.

Executive instructed to write Labor Department, Ottawa, and H. H. Stevens, M.P., in re Labor Gazette correspondent, protesting against appointment of W. H. Youhill.

#### "Free Speech" Fight.

Committee named to co-operate with committee from Socialist Party and the I. W. W. in fight for free speech and work for the unemployed.

#### Auditors' Report.

Report of audit committee received and accepted. Report to be printed and circulated among affiliated unions.

The Wellington theatre again came up for some criticism, respecting its attitude towards organized labor. Placed on unfair list.

#### Reports of Unions.

Builders' Laborers.—Del. Butterly reported World Building unfair. Membership of 280 members, not 93, as in-

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Beattie-Beasley: "In consideration of spring coming, when there will be hundreds of immigrants dumped into the City and Province, this council appoint a committee to communicate with every central labor body in Great Britain and Pacific Northwest and also send photos of 'Bloody Sunday' in Vancouver on the 28th inst." Carried.

#### Roll Call.

Amalgamated Carpenters—J. W. Wilkinson, J. A. Key, W. Manson, W. West.

Brotherhood Carpenters—Ed Lothian, A. McDonald, G. Williams, L. H. Burnham, E. H. Sistrerton, W. G. Milne, J. Campbell, S. Kernighan.

Bricklayers—G. W. Judge A. Goodwin, W. J. Pipes, S. Gow.

Builders' Laborers—J. Roberts, J. Swift, G. Morrison, M. Butterby.

Barbers—C. F. Burkhart.

Building Trades Council—J. Kavanagh, V. R. Midgley.

Bartenders—A. McDonald, J. A. Fraser.

Bakers and Confectioners—W. Sellings, B. Hutchings.

Bookbinders—Geo. Mowat.

Cigar Makers—R. Craig, M. Nugent, J. C. Peuser.

Cooks—Grant Redmond, W. E. Walker.

Electrical Workers, 213—A. R. Rhodes, C. L. Hardy, H.W. Wilson.

Electrical Workers, 621—F. Estinghausen.

Glass Workers—G. Fox, R. Worzezenaky.

Iron-Moulders—F. H. Donaldson, J. Lanigan, H. Partridge.

Letter Carriers—John Cass.

Lathers—A. Roberts.

Machinists—Jas. H. McVety, J. L. Haddon, A. Beasley.

Plumbers—Bro. Holmes.

Western Federation of Miners—A. C. Webb, F. Blumberg.

Painters—J. McMillan, J. Freckleton, C. Jorjkinson.

Street Railway Employees—J. Fletcher, F. A. Hoover, W. E. Beattie, F. Blows, W. N. Cottrell, F. Haigh, G. Rennie.

Typographical—R. P. Pettipiece, G. W. Palmer, W. Armstrong, G. Bartley.

Tailors—M. Williams, A. A. Parnau, A. Harvey, F. Holler.

Tile Layers—W. Johnson.

Pattern Makers—Robt. Oswell.

Waitresses—Mrs. R. L. Gardner.

Waiters—Fred C. Lewis, W. T. Lines, A. Graham.

Civic Employees—E. Trainer, G. Gibson, J. Jefferys, G. Harrison.

Sign Painters—E. A. Meyer.

Total number delegates present, 79.

Adjourned 11 p. m.

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