

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY

Freedom of Press Will Be Topic at Pender Hall

Council of Workers Hears Unemployed Situation Getting Worse

At a meeting of the Council of Workers, held on Tuesday night, it was announced that the unemployed situation was getting worse in South Vancouver, more men being unemployed and less getting relief.

A delegate from the Canadian Union of ex-Service Men, reported that a committee had been appointed by that organization to interview the candidates for the Dominion parliament, with a view of finding out their views on the providing of employment for the unemployed. The only candidate that had been interviewed to date was the Hon. H. H. Stevens, who stated that he would give the committee a written reply.

One delegate who saw the minister of trade and commerce at a later date, was informed that the government would give forty cents on the dollar up to a million and a quarter to the Provincial government, and pay half the added cost of work done in the winter, which is usually done in the summer months.

The committee appointed to devise ways and means of organizing the unemployed recommended that the following letter be sent to all Labor organizations in the city:

The Workers' Council desires to bring to your attention the fact that the workers of Greater Van-

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cover are being faced with an unemployment situation which to all appearances, will be of a much more serious character than that which we experienced last winter.

In view of this acute state of unemployment, it behooves the members of organized Labor to take steps to see that something is done to take care of those of our fellow workers who are unemployed, and facing starvation. It is almost superfluous to point out the fact that no help will be forthcoming to the unemployed except some pressure is brought to bear on the authorities to compel them to grant relief.

"In the past, when asking for relief, the unemployed have only asked for doles or "soup kitchens," and the result of this can be seen by our ever-decreasing standard of living. The employers have only been too ready to reduce the wages of those who were working by taking advantage of the number of unemployed who were accepting doles barely sufficient to maintain life.

"In order to prevent our wages from being again reduced, it is absolutely essential that we uphold in every way possible way the demand of the unemployed workers for work at union wages, or full maintenance. For the purpose of discussing this question, a mass meet-

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The greatest assistance that the readers of The Federationist can render us at this time, is by securing a new subscriber. By doing so, you spread the news of the working class movement and assist us

ing of workers will be held in the Pender hall, corner of Pender and Howe streets, on Friday, Nov. 11, at 8 p. m. At this meeting the whole question can be fully discussed by the workers themselves, and plans can be formulated for putting into execution such action as they may determine is necessary."

A discussion arose over what constitutes full maintenance, and a committee was struck off to obtain the actual cost of sustenance of a family of five.

The prosecution of the Federationist was raised, and it was decided to hold a mass meeting in the Pender hall, on Sunday next, Nov. 6, to discuss the freedom of the press, a collection to be taken towards the costs of the Federationist defense.

The famine relief committee was instructed to obtain two theatres for the purpose of holding meetings on Sunday, Nov. 13, when Joe Knight, who has recently returned from Soviet Russia, will speak on behalf of the famine relief committee.

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