

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, January 4, 1949.
 Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.
 Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--D. Guiso, A. McDermid, C. Sanderson, Civic Employees 28; F. A. Polle, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers Assoc.; C. Jones, Office Employees Local 15; C. Nott, J. Gammon, Railway and Steamship Clerks 630; A. Loon, Electrical Workers 213; B. Belliveau, Plumbers 170; U. Kay, Canadian Seamen's Union; L. Wilson, Retail Meat Employees Local 222.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening the following members present:--B. Showler, R. Cormack, J. Stevenson, H. Bird, C. Herrett, J. Eaves, T. Alsbury, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:--

(1) Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association enclosing a resolution calling upon the City to make it compulsory that a sawdust bin capable of holding 200 cubic feet be installed at each dispatch point whereby the inspector of weights and measures may inspect the number of sacks or loads of sawdust at any time and that the number of sacks required to give 200 cubic feet be stamped on the truck or delivery license. The executive recommend endorsement of the principle of a better inspection system of sawdust delivery by the City. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Civic Employees Local 28 enclosing a resolution whereby this Council will inform the mayor and City Council that organized labor favors an amendment to the City Charter making it possible for the City to grant union security to civic workers thus placing such workers on an equal footing with other union workers. The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend endorsement of the following resolution:

Whereas there exists a widespread public demand for the extension of the franchise in civic elections; and,
 Whereas every affirmative vote for Question 3 was also a vote in favor of question 2 in the recent plebiscite on the franchise; and,
 Whereas the combined votes in favor of Questions 2 and 3 exceeded 50% of the total votes cast; and,
 Whereas this indicates that a majority of the citizens are in favor of the extension of the franchise to the group covered by Question 2 of the plebiscite, the spouses of property owners;
 Therefore Be It Resolved that this Vancouver, New Westminster and District Council strongly urge the incoming City Council to take steps to implement the expressed wishes of the electorate in this regard.

"On motion executive recommendation adopted."

It was moved, seconded that the executive report as a whole be adopted. Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate T. Alsbury reported for this committee recommending that the following delegates whose credentials were in order be seated and requested to attend the next meeting for obligation:--Rodney M. Miller, Bakery Salesmen 189; Florence Foster, Beryl Watchorn, R. A. Myers, Walter Hawkins, Robert Harris, Marie Alma, Theatre Employees Local B-72; Lily LeChance, Myra David, Rose L. Firth, Anne Byford, Annie Erickson, United Garment Workers 232. "On motion committees report adopted."

Grievance Committee, delegate R. Cormack reported progress on the matter referred to the committee concerning the dispute between the Building Laborers and a Peat Company. An application for a conciliation officer had been made and the committee will take no further steps until such time as a further report is made by the Local Union.

On the question referred concerning a dispute between the Guarantee Cleaners and Local 292, Laundry Workers where a strike is in progress, meetings were held at which time the employer offered to sign the old agreement. This

is not satisfactory to the organization and the committee recommend that they be given power to act placing this firm on the non-patronage list if no agreement is reached. The committee further recommend that the delegates urge their locals to give financial assistance to the Laundry Workers if possible.

Secretary R. Gerwin reported the building of the new labor temple proceeding as well as can be expected. It was stressed however that unions must purchase more shares if the temple is to be completed in the expected time. Some unions not doing their share in this respect and the labor temple is something that serves all of labor and whether a union is having office space or not is no reason why there should be any hesitancy on the part of that local to purchase shares and assist in erecting a building of which labor may be proud.

Delegate H. Neelands reported that the new labor temple is costing considerably more than had first been anticipated due to increased wages and materials. Stated that there is no question but that money could be borrowed on the market but the Directors feel that the unions should provide the money rather than going to the public.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Civic Employees 28, delegate J. Phillips reported his union would approach the City Council for a new agreement embodying a 25% per hour wage increase, an adjustment of rates over and above a blanket increase for skilled tradesmen, a union shop and an increase in the City's contribution to the Health plan. The delegate stated that the position of his union on the recent wage schedule and classification prepared by the personnel department was that the union would present their demands at the time the present agreement expired and all matters would be dealt with through negotiations between the union and the employer.

Delegate R. Macaulay, Sheet Metal Local 280, asked delegate J. Phillips what position his union would take should they be successful in obtaining a closed shop agreement with regard to the members of other trades employed by the City or by a contractor doing work for the City, when it was found these men were members of a craft organization.

Delegate J. Phillips replied that should any such problem arise he expected it would be settled to the mutual satisfaction of both organizations.

Typographical Local 226, delegate A. Bevis reminded delegates members of his union were still on the picket line around the Province Building, a strike which is 32 months old. He thanked the delegates and officers for their efforts in keeping the issue before the public and particularly the union men and women of this Province. Believes the campaign carried on to inform the public resulted in a drop of 3000 in the subscription list of that paper. He appealed to the delegates to keep the issue before their membership and expressed himself as being confident that the fight would soon be won.

Laundry Workers Local 232, delegate J. Irving reported his members previously employed by the Guarantee Cleaners were still on the picket line, men and women. Very bad weather conditions for picketing but the morale of the members concerned is high and they intend to see the fight through. Delegate appealed for financial assistance to keep the pickets around the plant in question.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:

President B. Showler read the qualifications required under the Constitution by delegates aspiring to office. He pointed out that election speeches would not be permitted and that any one naming a delegate who was not present at the meeting would require written consent of the nominee before such a nomination would be accepted.

PRESIDENT

B. Showler, Milk Salesmen 464
 H. D. Foster, Machinists Lodge 692

A. T. Alsbury, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association

VICE PRESIDENT

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W. Rigby, United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, Vancouver Local.

GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER R. K. Gerwin, Street Railwaymen Division 101

WARDEN J. Stevenson, Carpenters Local 452

STATISTICIAN J. Eaves, Painters Local 138

Chairman, Organizing Committee C. E. Herrett, Barbers Local 120

Chairman, Legislative Committee T. Parkin, U.F.A.W.U., Vancouver Local

Press Committee J. H. Irving, Laundry Workers 292

Grievance Committee H. Bird, Fire Fighters Local 18

R. Cormack, Street Railwaymen 134

G. Gee, Electrical Workers 213

A. J. Wybrew, Building Service Employees 244

The chairman declared nominations closed to be opened at the next regular meeting when elections will be held.

GOOD AND WELFARE:--Delegate F. Ryan, Building Service Employees 244, pointed out that considerable difficulty in obtaining payments on time of Unemployment Insurance Benefits is being experienced by many unemployed workers at the present time. He stated that red tape hinders supervisors from short cutting many of the difficulties and this extends the time. Delegate further stated that sometimes five weeks elapse before the unemployed worker obtains his insurance which creates considerable hardship upon men out of work.

The President suggested that if the delegate had specific cases he should hand them to the secretary and president who would take the question up immediately. He pointed out, however, that in some instances the people moving from one section of the country to another leaving their books behind, causes delay.

Delegate E. Stewart, Hotel and Res. Employees 28, remarked on the slogans appearing in the meeting hall regarding purchasing union made goods. The delegate pointed out that if some union men would inform their wives of what the situation is a great deal of good would result in this direction.

W. Rigby, U.F.A.W.U., related the experience of one of his members who applied for Unemployment Insurance placing his name on November 1st and receiving a letter on November 7th to which he replied giving further information and to which no reply has been received to date. This man was not out of British Columbia and delegate W. Rigby suggests that there should be a fund provided from which unemployed workers may receive benefit while claims are being examined.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Birt Showler
President

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.



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The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--B.L. Watchorn, F. Foster, M. Aime, R. Harris, Theatre Employees 872; D. Reid, Sign Painters 726; L. Nelson, U.F.A.W.U., Vancouver Local; W. M. Goble, Projectionists 348; R. Firth, L. LeChance, M. David, Garment Workers 232; H. Sharp, Canadian Seamen's Union; J. McKay, Fire Fighters 901; E. Rees, Gas Workers 225; V. Molsberry, F. Logan, Furniture Workers Local 2533.

The President introduced Joseph Henderson, Vice President of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, and Sven Jonsen, Vice President of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union of America.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, S. Shearer, J. Stevenson, R. Cormack, H. Bird, C. Herrett, J. Eaves, T. Alsbury, R. Gerwin.

The executive recommend that nominations be opened and elections held at 8:50 p.m. Recommendation of the executive was on motion adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Superintendent of Schools in reply to a communication setting out this Council's policy re the Vancouver Vocational Institute and promising every cooperation with this organization by the Board of School Trustees and its officials. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) International Association of Machinists 692 enclosing a resolution calling upon the Council to support the introduction of the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in the Province of B. C. and that the Provincial Legislature be urged to legalize the manufacture and sale of this product at the earliest possible date. Executive recommend that this question be referred to the Legislative Committee in order that they might hear unions interested and report. An amendment was moved and seconded that the resolution be endorsed. The amendment was carried.

(3) G. R. Bengough, member of the Educational Committee enclosing a report on the activities of that group to date and pointing out that anyone interested may still join the public speaking class if they so desire. The fee is \$5 for the season and members may join by leaving their names in the office of the Trades Council. The executive recommend that those interested be asked to take note and register. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(4) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. The executive recommend they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Labor Relations Board, B.C., enclosing a summary of activities for the week ending January 8th. This summary shows the appointment of 5 Conciliation officers; reports of 2 conciliation officers; appointment of 1 conciliation board; reports of 2 conciliation boards; and 11 unions certified. Executive recommend the information be received. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the executive report as amended be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate T. Alsbury reported for this committee which recommended that the following delegates whose credentials were in order be seated and asked to appear at the next meeting for obligations:--R. Keeton, Railway Carmen 58; Charles McDermott, James W. Field, Peter Sokulsky, Laundry Workers 292; Guy W. Marshall, Machinists 692; W. Warke, Film Exchange Employees 871; Robert Stevens, Burnaby Civic Employees 23; H. M. Goble, Projectionists 348; H. McKie, W. Penfold, National Assoc. of Marine Engineers; S. Durgan, F. Maltby, W. E. Robert, T. McCarthy, Auto Workers 1857; H. Berger, Engineers 882. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Horrett reported to the effect that an application had been received from the Shipwrights, Boatbuilders, Joiners and Caulkers Local Union 506 for affiliation with this Council. The committee recommend that the application for affiliation be accepted and the union requested to appoint delegates. "On motion the committee's recommendation adopted."

Delegate H. Bird reported for the Special Committee set up to assist the Typographical Union in their dispute at the Vancouver Daily Province. The committee recommend:

1. That affiliated locals be written to again urging that they send in their mailing list.
2. That the Trades Council in other cities where there are Southam papers concerned in the dispute be written to informing them of the action taken by this Council and asking what action they have taken.
3. That this Council sponsor a 15 minute broadcast with 20 flashes preceding at the total cost of approximately \$135. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

The President draw attention of delegates to the fact that a dodger had been printed for the T. Eaton Company by the Southam paper at Winnipeg.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:--The president appointed W. Clarkson, H. Wallmsley, M. McCulloch, C. Gates, G. Bengough Tellers. There was a total of 245 delegates reported by the Warden.

Nominations were responded and elections held for the following positions with the results indicated:

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	T. Alsbury, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers Association	<u>DECLINED</u>	
	H. Foster, I. A. of Machinists Local 692		106 votes
	B. Showler, Milkmen 464		128 votes <u>ELECTED</u>
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>	T. Alsbury, V. S. S. Teachers Association		152 votes <u>ELECTED</u>
	W. Rigby, U.F.A.W.U., Vancouver Local	<u>DECLINED</u>	
	J. Thompson, Canadian Seaman's Union		58 votes
<u>GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER</u>	R. K. Gerwin, Street Railwaymen Division 101	<u>ACCLAMATION</u>	
<u>WARDEN</u>	J. Stevenson, U.B. of Carpenters and Joiners Local 452	<u>ACCLAMATION</u>	
<u>STATISTICIAN</u>	J. Eaves, Printers Local 138	<u>ELECTED</u>	127 votes
	F. Carlisle, Plumbers 170		111 votes
<u>Chairman, Organizing Committee</u>	C. Horrett, Barbers Local 120		115 votes
	T. Parkin, U.F.A.W.U., Vancouver Local		125 votes <u>ELECTED</u>
<u>Chairman, Legislative Committee</u>	On First Ballot		
	J. Irving, Laundry Workers 292		26 votes
	S. Shearer, Railway Carmen 58		119 votes
	J. Henderson, Engineers Local 882		93 votes
(No majority, delegate J. Irving dropped)			
	S. Shearer, Railway Carmen 58	<u>ELECTED</u>	134 votes
	J. Henderson, Engineers 882		98 votes
<u>Chairman, Press Committee</u>	H. Bird, Fire Fighters Local 18	<u>ACCLAMATION</u>	
<u>Chairman, Grievance Committee</u>	E. Cormack, St. Railwaymen 134	<u>ELECTED</u>	123 votes
	G. Gee, Electrical Workers 213		104 votes
	A.J. Wybrew, Building Service Employees 244		<u>DECLINED</u>

Delegate H. Neelands, Past President, of the Council installed the officers.

President B. Showler thanked the delegates for their cooperation stating that in his opinion they had elected a very good Board for the coming year. Reminded the delegates that the 60th Anniversary of the Council would be celebrated in the coming year and he would consult with the executive on the setting up of a committee to form plans for a celebration, also suggested a public relations committee.

The president further pointed out that it was the duty of every delegate and union member to uphold the name of the officers they have elected. Rumors and derogatory remarks very often set afoot by people without proper knowledge and without foundation.

Delegate Bengough pointed out that the Council might celebrate their 60th Anniversary in the new labor temple.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin, Secretary.

B. Showler
President

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(1) International Association of Machinists 692 expressing concern over the situation existing in the shipbuilding industry and pointing out that if the Government unback on a naval building program this province should be assured of a fair share of available work. The communication suggests a committee be set up to look into the question. The executive recommend that R. Gerwin, A. Dyer, W. Watts be a committee of three to enquire into the question with power to add to the committee. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Laundry Workers Local 232 informing the Council that the following organizations have made contributions to that Local to assist financially during the strike:--National Association of Marine Engineers; Furniture Workers, Bakery and Confectionery Local 468; Painters Union Local 726; United Fishermen and Allied Workers; Truck Drivers Local 31; Burnaby Fire Fighters Association Local 323; B. C. Projectionists Local 348; Plumbers Local 170; International Union of Operating Engineers; Pile Drivers Union 2404; Red Carriers and Laborers Union 602; Building Material Construction and Fuel Truck Drivers Local 213; Painters Union Local 136; Sheet Metal Workers Local 280; Vancouver Hospital Employees 180. Executive returned the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(3) Laundry Workers International Union enclosing a resolution resolving that the officers and members of this Council give every assistance to the laundry workers Union in its effort to organize laundry and dry cleaning workers and further that Federal Charters not be issued in this Province while the Laundry Workers International Union is in the field. The executive recommend this communication be received and forwarded to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

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(5) U.B.C. Open House Committee inviting delegates to attend the University during the Open House March 5th, 1949. The executive recommend the delegates take note. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the meeting of January 19th. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(7) Labor Relations Board weekly summary of activities for the weeks January 9th to 15th and January 16th to 22nd. Recommendation that they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

It was pointed out that any union who is not presently receiving the weekly summary from the Labor Relations Board should apply to the Registrar, Mr. R.H.B. Gault at Victoria, B. C. to have their union placed on the mailing list.

(8) Vancouver Peace Council announcing a public meeting Thursday, February 3rd at 339 West Pender Street to hear Dr. James G. Endicott on the subject "Asia and World Peace". It was moved, seconded and carried that the delegates be asked to take note.

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Secretary R. K. Gerwin reported the affiliation of seven new unions during the year 1948, which made an increase in membership of 2712 in local unions affiliated.

Secretary also reported the Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress had met the Lieutenant Governor in Council on January 17th putting forward Labor's proposals for amendments to existing and new legislation at the forthcoming session. Matters dealt with were the I. C. A. Act, Workmen's Compensation, Injunctions, Hours of Work, Minimum Wage, Housing, Old Age Pensions, as well as others. The delegation which included International Representatives urged upon the Government the appointment of a committee with a directive to meet the representatives of organized labor to analyze and give the time to the study of this Act which it deserves in order that the Act be amended to meet the needs of labor. This is a progress report and a further report will be made when the committee meets the representatives of the Government again.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Retail Meat Employees 222, Delegate G. Johnston reported the retail meat employees had recently signed an agreement with the Safeway Stores for \$1.14 per hour. Members of the same union employed in the Superior Stores are working for 91¢ per hour and have been negotiating some time for the standard rate of \$1.14. It appears that the Superior Stores will force the Union to apply for a strike vote.

Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers 433; delegate O. Braten reported his union had signed an agreement with Smith, Davidson and Wright, the second one in 13 months. Remarkable changes made in the working conditions and wages of these employees since organizing. The union has obtained a degree of union security, holidays and payment for Statutory holidays as well as increases in wages.

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Secretary R. K. Gerwin reported the affiliation of seven new unions during the year 1948, which made an increase in membership of 2712 in local unions affiliated.

Secretary also reported the Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress had met the Lieutenant Governor in Council on January 17th putting forward Labor's proposals for amendments to existing and new legislation at the forthcoming session. Matters dealt with were the I. C. A. Act, Workmen's Compensation, Injunctions, Hours of Work, Minimum Wage, Housing, Old Age Pensions, as well as others. The delegation which included International Representatives urged upon the Government the appointment of a committee with a directive to meet the representatives of organized labor to analyze and give the time to the study of this Act which it deserves in order that the Act be amended to meet the needs of labor. This is a progress report and a further report will be made when the committee meets the representatives of the Government again.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Retail Meat Employees 222, Delegate G. Johnston reported the retail meat employees had recently signed an agreement with the Safeway Stores for \$1.14 per hour. Members of the same union employed in the Superior Stores are working for 91¢ per hour and have been negotiating some time for the standard rate of \$1.14. It appears that the Superior Stores will force the Union to apply for a strike vote.

Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers 433; delegate O. Braaten reported his union had signed an agreement with Smith, Davidson and Wright, the second one in 13 months. Remarkable changes made in the working conditions and wages of these employees since organizing. The union has obtained a degree of union security, holidays and payment for Statutory holidays as well as increases in wages.

Laundry Workers 292, delegate H. Irving reported the strike at the Guarantee Dry Cleaners was ended January 17th and all employees returned to work, the union having gained its objective.

Bricklayers Local 1, delegate G. Hardock reported a dispute with the Dominion Construction Company for their non union activity on Vancouver Island.

Hospital Employees 180, delegate W. G. Black reported having received certification as bargaining representative in the Royal Columbia Hospital, North Vancouver, also had completed negotiations for a new agreement in the Vancouver General Hospital.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

R. K. Garvin,
Secretary.

B. Showler
President

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty St.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, February 15, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President B. Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--W. Stewart, A. B. Kidd, Commercial Telegraphers C.P.R. Div. 1; F. H. Maltby, Vancouver Auto Workers 1857; J. Field, Laundry Workers 292; T. Wilson, E. H. McArthur, Shipwrights, Caulkers Local 506; F. Callaghan, Glass Workers and Glaziers 1527; D. Armstrong, University Workers Local 116; F. Cusack, Carpenters 452;

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following present:-- B. Showler, T. Parkin, R. Cormack, J. Eaves, T. Alsbury, R. Garvin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada reporting the excellent work accomplished and made possible through the 25% voluntary assessment in the past and appealing to affiliates to again make such an assessment. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Appeal of the Congress be complied with.

(2) Provincial Secretary acknowledging receipt of resolution relative to Sales Tax and stating it would be placed before the Executive Council. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) A. D. Ling, Executive Chairman, Allied Trades and Labor Association, Ottawa, thanking the Council for their communication dealing with the Southan dispute. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Bakery and Confectionery Workers 468, an invitation to have a representative at the annual dinner meeting of the 12th District Council. The Executive recommend the secretary attend. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Dr. Stuart Murray, Medical Health Officer, informing the Council that the Mobile X-ray unit for testing for tuberculosis will be stationed in the 100 Block West Pender Street from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., February 24th, and anyone interested is invited to take advantage of this opportunity to have a test made. The executive recommend the communication be received and anyone wishing to take advantage of this opportunity be requested to do so. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the regular meeting of February 2nd. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(7) Lathers International Union, Local 207, enclosing a resolution the resolve of which would strongly censure the Federal Minister of Labor for his statements of February 10th. The executive recommend adoption of the resolution with the deletion of the resolve and with the substitution of the following: Therefore Be It Resolved that the question of unemployment be taken up immediately with the Federal Government by wire and the Trades and Labor Congress and that A. McInnis, M.P., be acquainted with action taken by this Council. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(8) Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers 433, enclosing a proposed amendment to Article 5 Section 3 of the Constitution. The amendment would make it compulsory for the General Secretary-Treasurer of the Council to mail a copy of the Financial Statement of the Council to each affiliated Local each six months. The executive recommend non-concurrence and that the secretary forward a letter of explanation to all affiliated unions and point out that a statement is on file in the Council office and available for perusal by delegates of affiliated unions. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive recommendation be adopted.

NOTE: A financial statement covering the period July 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948, audited by the Auditing Committee is on file in the Council office and can now be seen by any delegate of an affiliated union.

(9) Cooperative Commonwealth Federation Civic Affairs Council informing this organization of a meeting to be held in the Mayfair Room of the Hotel Vancouver, February 23rd at 8 p.m. to protest the move by the Park

Board to change the enterprize known as The Theatre Under the Stars from its present municipal ownership to a group of citizens who will have complete control. The executive recommend that delegate T. Parkin represent the Council and as many delegates as possible attend. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the executive report as a whole be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES--Delegate B. Showler reported attending a meeting in Victoria of the Blue Cross Hospital Association. He pointed out that E. Leary of the Vancouver Labor Council and himself and one Doctor were the only representatives other than those of the Hospitals on the Board. They have paid out \$1,410,000 since the beginning in bills for hospitalization. 93.2% of every dollar taken out was paid out for the purpose. This will probably be the last meeting. It was reported that there were no beds available in any hospital in the Province at the time of the meeting. \$90,000 have been set up to meet outstanding bills before the Board concludes operations. Delegate requested information as to whether or not the Blue Cross Hospital Association included medical services. The president replied that it did not but that they did supply an anesthetist. This means \$10 or \$15 to the individual hospitalized, and those men have now pulled out of the hospitals and you pay for this service extra.

Delegate Maltby asked if the President could give the sentiments of this Council towards the B. C. Hospitalization Act and what action is being taken on it. Delegate pointed out that he had refused to pay and notified Victoria accordingly.

Delegate pointed out that many people had benefited from the Hospitalization Act and although not perfect it could be built to benefit many of the citizens.

Secretary R. Gerwin explained the position of the delegates to the Conference held in December which was that the Act should be amended and that it was a step in the right direction. Several delegates expressed their opinions on the Hospital Act.

Delegate B. Showler reported that the Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada would meet in Ottawa, Monday, February 21st.

Organizing Committee, delegate T. Parkin reported the committee had met in Labor Headquarters and were of the opinion that if satisfactory results would be obtained more than a casual approach to the problem of organizing must be made. The committee submitted the following proposals for consideration:

1. To properly determine where organizational weaknesses exist, a survey be made of all affiliated unions, inviting them to make available to this Council a picture of the organizational problems within their jurisdiction.
2. Upon completion of this survey, a campaign to be worked out in conjunction with the union or unions effected to bring about the maximum degree of organization. To this end your committee requests the cooperation of all full time union officials whenever possible.
3. The Organizing Committee to set as an early objective, the task of bringing into direct affiliation with this Council, those groups already organized but not yet affiliated.
4. That all unions be kept posted on any organizing drives that may be undertaken, in order that all members may become involved in the campaign.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee's recommendation be adopted.

Secretary R. Gerwin reported that the Provincial Executive of the Congress would meet the Labor Relations Board in Victoria, Thursday, February 17th to discuss amendments to the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act.

The Board had been appointed by the Minister to meet the Executive at the request of the Executive. The secretary moved and it was duly seconded the President B. Showler and delegate H. Bird accompany the Provincial Executive. Motion carried.

Secretary R. Gerwin reported several meetings had been held by the committee and information obtained on the question of shipbuilding. The committee are not in a position to report but will continue their work.

Secretary R. Gerwin further reported in the neighborhood of 8000 letters sent out to individual union members on the I.T.U. situation. The committee felt that this was a very effective method of approaching the question and that it would be continued. Unions are now responding to the appeal for the list of names and addresses of members and cooperating to the fullest extent.

Delegate F. Mills, Beverage Dispensers 676, stated that he lived in a new district called Wellington Heights where there were many veterans and that he had reports from these residents of the fact that the letter had done a great deal of good there as many of them were not aware of the situation until having received the letter.

Delegate W. Black pointed out that the Province is circulating throughout some of the smaller interior towns and that in a hospital in Chilliwack it is the only paper circulated. Delegate A. Devis pointed out the difficulty in covering every individual. His union has spent almost a million dollars to date but the appeal against circulation is being felt. The letter into the private home leaves no excuse for the purchase of the Province and although the Province still have 94,000 friends who do not see labor's point of view labor should see that the Province get no more.

Delegate T. Parkin reported a large number of papers going into Shaughnessy Hospital. He suggests a contact be made with the Veterans' organization by which means this matter could be cleared up.

Delegate B. Stewart, Hotel and Res. Employees 28, expressed the opinion that it was inexcusable for any woman or man to purchase the Province paper and that the names of people who do should be turned into the secretary.

Delegate Rockandel pointed out that the question of subsidizing shipbuilding was under discussion in the House of Commons and it might be well to obtain information at this time.

REPORTS OF UNIONS--Bakers Local 468, delegate W. Bell reported the 12th District Council of The Bakery and Confectionery Workers will meet in Vancouver February 21st, 22nd and 23rd. With the cooperation of some of the employers a display of union label made goods will be put in the Georgia Hotel. Also a display of every union label under the American Federation of Labor. This Convention will be representative of delegates from all over Canada.

U.F.A.W.U., Vancouver Local, delegate A. Gordon reported for the past 6 weeks their negotiating committee have been drafting agreements for 1949. The union is asking 15% increase in take home pay, an increase in the board rate of \$20 per month. This rate was written into the contract in 1932. It is a very low rate and has been used against the union in bargaining, making it necessary for the union to ask that the rate be increased. The proposals of the union will bring men in the plants on a comparative rate with labor in the district.

Hospital Employees 180, delegate W. Black reported his union had concluded a contract with the General Hospital including a union shop and raising the low paid workers to a reasonable level \$17 a month across the Board. The situation is different with the hospitals in outside points where they have been forced to go to Conciliation. Hospitals Boards outside the City are most reluctant to place employees on a decent standard. Delegates can be assured that when they go to the General Hospital they will be treated by union employees.

Delegate Stewart asked the question if the Hospital Commissioner had sent out a letter telling hospitals not to raise salaries of the employees. Delegate Black replied that a letter had been sent out telling them not to raise salaries beyond \$15 per month but this had later been withdrawn on pressure from the Union.

Vancouver Auto Workers 1857, delegate Maltby reported his union in conciliation with the Company. The Company say they cannot raise pay rates because they can not raise the rates to customers although they have already raised the price to customers.

Building Service Employees Local 244, delegate Ryan reported his union had completed negotiations on one contract increasing wages from \$14 to \$25 per month. Wages in the past four years have been increased approximately \$42. The new contract calls for pay on statutory holidays, two weeks' annual vacation but their union was unable to obtain the union shop. The employers agreed to 50% of hospital scheme and overall insurance.

Beverage Dispensers 676, delegate F. Mills reported his union negotiating for 40 hour week with the same take home pay. Up to the present time Hotels Association had refused any increase and when asked if they would bypass conciliation and go to arbitration they agreed but later when asked to put it in writing refused to reply. However, it is reported today that they will answer the letter by calling another meeting.

Bakers 468, delegate W. Bell asked delegates if they would be interested in seeing a film on the union label of the American Federation of Labor. The matter was left in the hands of the delegate and secretary R. Gerwin to arrange for display.

NEW BUSINESS:--The following resolution was moved by delegate C. Stewart, St. Railwaymen's Div. 101:

Whereas during recent years the working men and women in the province of Quebec have taken great strides forward in the field of trade union organization, a fact which has directly reflected itself in an improved standard of living comparable to that enjoyed in other provinces; and,

Whereas organized reaction in the Province of Quebec, aided and abetted by the Duplessis government, have used every means to stop trade union organization but without success. As a last resort the Duplessis government has brought forward a so-called Labor Code every section of which is mirrored in the slave labor laws of Nazi Germany, Italy and Japan; and,

Whereas if this slave Bill is allowed to pass, trade unions in the province of Quebec will be completely destroyed, and Quebec will again become the sweat shop of Canada, competing against the living standards of workers in every province.

Therefore Be It Resolved that every effort be made through the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to stop the passing of this anti-labor Legislation.

And Further Be It Resolved that if, in spite of every effort to stop the passing of this Bill and it becomes law, we earnestly petition the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to organize its affiliated membership to refuse to purchase any goods produced in the province of Quebec until the Act is repealed.

Copies of this Resolution to be forwarded to the Quebec Federation of Labor the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

"On motion resolution adopted."

Delegate J. Hallock asked if there was any report from the delegates to the United Nations Association. President replied there was not.

It was moved, seconded and carried that all delegates go back to their local unions and make a fresh appeal to support the Labor Temple by purchasing shares.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Birt Showler
President

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.



VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, March 1, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to the Affiliated Unions.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--W. Anderson, Shipwrights, Caulkers Local 506; M. A. McCoy, University Workers 116; A. E. Young, Fire Fighters 18; A. D. Clark, E. B. Clark, New Westminster Teachers' Association; J. A. Dillabough, R. McWhinney, Plumbers Local 170; H. Fedrini, E. McHugh, J. S. Jackson, T. Logan, Beverage Dispensers 676; L. Shaw, Machinists 692; A. Marshall, B. Lee, J. Stewart, Garment Workers 276;

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, S. Shearer, R. Cormack, J. Eaves, J. Stevenson, T. Alsbury, T. Parkin, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) A. MacInnis, M.P., acknowledging receipt of letter on unemployment in this locality stating that he will obtain further information when the Honorable R.W. Mayhew has reported from his investigation. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Honorable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor, acknowledging receipt of telegram on the unemployment situation in this area, and stating that an investigation is under way. The executive recommend that the communication be received and filed. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Union Label Council enclosing a resolution requesting the Congress to make plans for a permanent committee or department and that the Congress call a meeting as soon as possible and appoint representatives of union label councils in Canada with officials of the Congress to set up a permanent union label department. The executive recommend concurrence. "On motion the executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Workers' Educational Association informing the Council that the affiliation fee is due. The executive recommend the affiliation be continued. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(5) International Association of Master Plumbers requesting endorsement of a resolution which requests the enactment of a Provincial Plumbing Code to provide regulations in the unorganized areas of this Province and for the organized areas where the present regulations do not meet the standards of the proposed Provincial Plumbing Code. The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6.) Windsor and District Trades and Labor Council enclosing a copy of a letter sent to members of the Federal Cabinet dealing with the unemployment situation in Windsor, Ontario and the reported plans of Canadian Construction Association to import skilled workers to this country. The executive recommend that this matter be endorsed and referred to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada with the suggestion that the matter be taken up with the British Trade Union Congress in order that workers of other countries may be informed of the facts before coming to Canada. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(7) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada informing the Council that it is not the intention to issue charters to those workers employed in laundries in the Dominion. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(8) B. C. Cooperative Union inviting the Council to have a delegate participate in the Annual meeting of that organization. The executive recommend the delegates be asked to take note. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(9) Winnipeg and District Trades and Labor Council stating that they are in agreement with the campaign against the unfair newspapers in this City and are contemplating similar action in their own case. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(10) Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks 46 enclosing a copy of a letter to the Honorable C. D. Howe, J. Mackinnon and the Rt. Honorable St. Laurent protesting the retention in Canada of four French Collaborators. The executive recommend this matter be referred to the Legislative Committee for report. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(11) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the meeting of February 16th. The executive recommend they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

Moved, seconded and carried that the executive report as a whole be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate T. Alsbury reported having dealt with the following applications:--F. Cusack, Carpenters 452; F. Russell, W. J. Wilson, Gas Workers 225; M. P. MacDonnell, Furniture Workers 2533; Fred Branter, Bernice G. Kopperud, Shore Workers Local; Lawrence Strick, Film Exchange Employees P-71; John T. Davis, E. R. Hawken, Frank Stephens, Jewelry Workers 42; the committee recommend the credentials be received, delegates accepted and invited to attend the next meeting for obligation. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Delegate B. Showler reported on the meeting of the Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress held in Ottawa, February 21st. Vice President, T. Alsbury, took the chair.

Delegate B. Showler reported that a committee headed by President F. Bengough proceeded to Florida to meet with the Executive Board of the American Federation of Labor. The American Federation of Labor had discharged the Coordinating Committee without consulting the Congress. The Coordinating Committee had been set up previously to discuss any differences that may arise between the A. F. of L. and the Trades and Labor Congress.

When the committee arrived at Florida they were kept waiting four days by the A. F. of L. Executive. Frank Hall presented a Brief, 29 pages long, to the American Federation of Labor and this brief had never been seen by President Bengough until they met with the A. F. of L. President Bengough had 20 minutes to reply and refused to make comment on the brief until such times as he had the opportunity of studying same.

The American Federation of Labor issued a public statement February 8th dealing with the situation.

Delegate B. Showler stated that the International Unions reported that some might withdraw from Congress. He emphatically stated that Congress was not chartered by the American Federation of Labor, that the Trades and Labor Congress deplored the situation but refused to be dominated by a trade union organization of another country. The Constitution of all Internationals guarantee Local autonomy. He pointed out that the A. F. of L. suggested that the Congress turn over all Federal Unions in Canada to the A. F. of L. On February 22nd the Trades and Labor Congress issued a statement to the press. Both statements will be printed and forwarded to affiliates.

The executive will meet again next month when representations will be made to the Government on Labor's demands. Following that meeting the executive will meet with representatives of the International Unions to see if the differences can be resolved. The A. F. of L. recommended that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Constitution be amended to enable the International Representatives to vote on the basis of the membership of his union.

Some International Unions have refused to pay per capita tax to the Congress on Canadian membership stating that the per capita will be held in escrow until such times as the dispute is settled. President Showler suggested that delegates particularly from the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union recommend strongly to their head office that the per capita tax be paid to Congress in order to relieve them of the embarrassment of being suspended.

Delegate Showler reported that the President of the C.C.L. had issued a statement in the public press inviting unions to join with the C.C.L. and get away from the red dominated Trades and Labor Congress. He further reported that the executive council of the Congress is solid on their decision and that after the next meeting in March he will be in a better position to give further information.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be received.

At this time a motion picture covering the work and progress of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union was shown. The picture was well received and the bakers and projectionists thanked for their interest in showing such a picture.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved, seconded and carried that a committee be appointed to meet with the Compensation Board to ascertain the attitude of that Board on the question of accident prevention and the administration of the Electrical Inspection Act and the Boiler Inspection Act under the Public Works Department. The President appointed delegates R. Gervin, G. Gee, J. Stevenson, F. Carlisle.

GOOD AND WELFARE:--Delegate T. Dunlop, Street Railwaymen Division 101 reported his organization had applied for certification of ticket clerks in the barns and garages throughout the city transportation system. After some two or three months the application had not been acted upon by the Labor Relations Board when the company submitted a letter stating that these men could not be certified as they were not employees under the meaning of the Act inasmuch as the company had given them the power to fire. Delegate T. Dunlop stated this was a ridiculous situation, that the men concerned were anxious to become members of a union in an endeavor to better their conditions as they are in many cases working for as low as \$115 per month and that the matter is simply a means found by the company of evading the laws.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

B. Showler
President

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, March 15, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President B. Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--J. Morrison, Beverage Dispensers 676; F. Brantner, United Fishermen and Allied Workers (Shoreworkers); Bernice O. Kopperud, Shoreworkers; E. L. White, Firefighters 18; A. R. Keeton, Railway Carman 53; C. McDermott, Laundry Workers 292; M. F. MacDonnell, Furniture Workers 2534; John Dunn, 468, Bakery and Confectionery Workers; R. Stevens, Civic Employees 23; James Greig, Commercial Telegraphers Union C.P.R. Div. 1; F. Russell, Gas Workers 225.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, R. Cormack, T. Alsbury, S. Shearer, J. Stevenson, J. Eaves, T. Parkin, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) United Association of Plumbers 170 enclosing resolution requesting the Council to prevail upon the proper authorities to have sprinkler systems installed in all public buildings where there may be a danger to loss of life through fire. The executive recommended concurrence. On motion recommendation adopted.

(2) Vancouver Auto Workers 1857, enclosing a resolution urging this Council to enter a strong protest with the Department of Labor and the Labor Relations Board against the present practice of appointing lawyers to act on Conciliation Boards and that the matter be again taken up with the Labor Relations Board immediately with a view to getting relief from this unfair practice pending amendments to the I. C. A. Act. The executive recommend this matter be taken up with the Labor Relations Board. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, enclosing a resolution drawing attention to what they consider a recent attempt by the A. F. L. to dominate the Trades and Labor Congress and that this represents an outrageous attack on Free Canadian Trade Unions and threatens the unity and sovereignty of our Canadian Congress. The fishermen believe in the right of the membership of any union to democratically elect its officers and delegates without interference from any outside source including the executive of foreign trade union bodies. The Vancouver Local went on record as strongly supporting the Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress for a free trade union center representing the aims and aspirations of Canadian workers and that they are unalterably opposed to discrimination against any member delegate or officer of the trade union movement on the grounds of race, religion or political opinions. "The resolution was on motion received and noted."

(4) Division 101, Street Railwaymen informing the Council of a decision handed down by the Labor Relations Board which refused certification of that organization as the bargaining representative for ticket clerks employed in garages and railway depots throughout the City. The application was made in November and after several months the Company placed a letter before the board stating that the ticket clerks had been given the power to dismiss other employees and were therefore not employees within the meaning of the I.C.A. Act. On this basis the Labor Relations Board refused the application of the Street Railwaymen for certification. The Union request that this Council protest this matter to the Minister of Labor and endeavor to have the issue brought on the floor of the Legislature. The executive recommend concurrence. "On motion the executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Secretary to the Prime Minister acknowledging receipt of a resolution by the Windsor Trades Council and endorsed by this Council concerning immigration of tradesmen to Canada, and stating that this matter had been brought to the attention of the Minister of Labor and the Minister of Mines and Resources. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) Premier of British Columbia acknowledging receipt of a resolution from this Council with reference to a Plumbing Code and assuring that the views of this organization will be given every consideration. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(7) A. R. MacDougall, M.L.A. acknowledging a letter from the Secretary having to do with an amendment to the Vancouver Incorporation Act which would give the City the right to sign an agreement with Civic Employees containing a union security clause. The M.L.A. states that the matter is being given careful consideration. "On motion communication received and noted."

(8) Trades and Labor Congress acknowledging receipt of a resolution condemning the action of the Government in Quebec on the proposed labor code and pointing out that the proposed code has been withdrawn and given a 12 month moratorium due to combined opposition of organized labor in Quebec and the Dominion. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(9) Premier of British Columbia acknowledging receipt of a letter from the secretary opposing any extension of the poll tax. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(10) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada acknowledging receipt of a resolution from this Council wherein it was suggested that Unemployment Insurance benefits be continued after an unemployed person had used up his full benefit under the Act because of a serious unemployment situation in this City. Congress pointed out that this would require revision of the Act and as it is a question relative to the solvency of the fund the amendment would require a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Finance. P.R. Bangough is a member of this Committee. The consensus of opinion of the Executive Council was that while they realize the seriousness of the situation it would be inadvisable to disturb the solvency of the Insurance fund to which employer and employee contribute. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(11) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the meeting of March 2nd. Executive recommend they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(12) Trades and Labor Congress, statement issued by the Executive Council after considering a statement issued in Miami by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor. The executive recommend that this matter be laid over the next meeting in order that unions may have the opportunity of perusing same. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend that in view of the fact there probably will be a Provincial Election this year and also a new Provincial Voters' List that affiliated unions make a special effort to see that all members have their names placed on the voters' list. Executive recommendation on motion adopted.

Moved, seconded and carried that the executive report as a whole be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate T. Alsbury reported having received the following credentials:--H. Carvell, J. Dunn, Gordon Hadden, Bakery and Confectionery Workers 468; Fred Beckers, L. R. Wintle, D. D. Forrester, Refrigeration Workers 516; David Kirkwood, Molders Local 281; C. H. Holcomb, Hospital Employees Local 186; Edward E. Sturgeon, Street Railwaymen Division 101; the committee recommend that the delegates be seated and invited to attend the next regular meeting for obligation. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

President B. Showler reported that under the Hospital Act the Government had set up a board and it is found now that the hospital rates will be \$9 per day at St. Paul's, \$10.25 per day at Royal Columbian and \$13 a day at the Vancouver General Hospital. President states this as most serious as it may be that workers would have to pay this rate for members of their family. The Compensation Board will be compelled to pay the same rates and this will be reflected on compensation payments by industry. At a recent meeting of the Unemployment Advisory Committee, the Wm. Marcer Co. presented a brief drawn by experts and it is found that a group insurance of \$1000 for which the employee pays 60¢ at 25 years of age cost is 63¢ which means the employer pays only 3¢. At 55 however, the employee pays 60¢ and the employer pays \$1.39. It is reported that employers hesitate to support pension fund arrangements because small business cannot stand the cost. Unless an employee is more than 40 years with one employer, the pension is very small and does not reflect favorably on the employers business. It was interesting to note that in the U.S. when Social Security was introduced the number of annuities purchased soared considerably.

Legislative Committee, delegate S. Shearer reporting for the committee stated the committee had a discussion on sawdust sales and the complaints of overcharge. It was reported to the committee that the City

Council has no right to control the price of sawdust only the weight and measure. He reported he had written to the Public Utilities Commission to obtain information as it is the committee opinion ways and means must be found to meet this situation before next winter. The committee recommend that all M.L.A.'s be circularized by the Council to ascertain their reaction to the submission of the Provincial Executive for amendments to the I.C.A. Act before the next provincial election. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Secretary reported for a special committee appointed to enquire into the possibility of obtaining commercial shipbuilding for this area.

Your committee met with Mr. Wardell of the Burrard Drydock and it was pointed out by him that his Company had tendered for ships in various parts of the world but due to high cost, the tender was not successful and the work done in other countries.

We discussed the matter also with the past President of the Board of Trade who stated that in his opinion it was not economically practical to build ships in this port under the present high costs.

We discussed the whole situation with the Mayor of the City who in turn discussed it with Mr. Mayhew, when he was on the West Coast to investigate the reasons for unemployment.

The Mayor expressed concern over the employment situation and pointed out the matter of shipbuilding was having a very bad effect on industry in the area such as foundries and machine shops. He pointed to the high freight rate differential as one reason why British Columbia ship builders were unable to compete successfully with Eastern firms.

It may be pointed out that the Eastern yards work 47 hours a week and there is a difference in the wages of 30¢ to 40¢ per hour in the journeymen trades and the unskilled workers have a proportionate difference. Within the classifications they also have a wage spread of 10¢ per hour for mechanics and a greater spread for unskilled workers. As an example the laborers and helpers wages range from 65¢ to 84¢ per hour.

Your committee find that there is serious competition in shipbuilding from Great Britain, Scandinavian Countries, Italy, and now Japan. Considering all factors your committee is of the opinion that the only solution to the problem would be by meeting the high cost by a Government subsidy.

We would therefore recommend that this matter be taken up with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada with the request that they place our case before the proper governmental authority.

"On motion report adopted."

The Secretary also reported the Provincial Executive together with Vice President B. Showler had met the Labor Relations Board on February 17th and 18th and a full discussion was held on amendments to the I.C.A. Act. The Board stated they would take our representations under consideration. We later met the Minister and he pointed out that in his opinion the Act should not be opened this year and merely patched up but that when a Minister was appointed the Act should be redrafted. The committee felt that they had persuaded the Minister to open the Act. However, since that time the Minister has made it clear in the house that the Act will not be opened this year. "On motion report received."

Delegate J. Stevenson stated that the unions should continue to pressure the Government for amendments this year particularly the Holidays with Pay Act which is most important to the Building Trades as they do not at present get justice under the Act.

Delegat W. Rigby stated that the Shoreworkers did overcome the difficulty experienced under the Holidays with Pay Act by having an arrangement in the agreement whereby the employer would pay 2% of wages for holiday pay.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Hospital Employees Local 180, delegate W. Black reported his union had reached agreement with the Chilliwack Hospital which included 20% increase in wages, holiday, overtime and sick pay. The union is now negotiating with the North Vancouver Hospital. Delegate Black stated that the members of Local 180 were annoyed at the statement to the effect that \$13 a day for rates in the hospital was out of line. He stated that it had taken his organization a long time to get wages up to something near normal and they do not like to be compared with a non union hospital such as St. Paul's.

He emphatically stated that there was no Board of Experts who would toll people to get out of the General Hospital and no one has to pay the cost of hospital himself. The General has 80 internes, St. Paul's, 6. The Royal Columbian contract has recently been concluded with the union and in the delegate's opinion the rates will have to be increased there. One delegate asked the question as to how the wage rates compared today with a year ago. Delegate Black stated that the wages had increased approximately \$22.50 per month. Delegate Black pointed out that the General Hospital has hundreds of thousands of dollars out that they will never collect.

Civic Employees Local 28, delegate J. Phillips reported that the 1600 members of his union had decided to accept the agreement proposed after negotiations with the Council. The delegate stated that the press had suggested that this was a moral victory for the personnel department of the City. The union will accept the increase in pay at any time as long as it merely looks like a moral victory for the Personnel Department. The question of union shop will be decided by the Provincial Legislature soon. The delegate pointed out that all clauses of the I.C.A. Act apply to Civic Employees except the one whereby union security can be granted to civic employees. Excellent progress has been made by Local 28 in the year 1948-49. In the year 1948 the 40 hour week was obtained after 15 years struggle, the clothing allowance granted and a hospital plan.

Truck Drivers 213, delegate H. Bonnell reported that it is possible for residents of this city to obtain sawdust, coal and oil delivered by union drivers. Should they look up the ad placed in the Newsherald by the Teamsters Joint Council they can select from among the firms listed there knowing they will be guaranteed a union driver and honest delivery.

Laundry Workers 292, delegate J. Irving pointed out that he had written all unions some time ago reminding them that the Spotless Cleaners was not a union shop. This shop is a particularly bad one and employees who speak of a union are called in and are told they must desist. He reported that he was stationed near this plant and he had noticed several union men doing business in the establishment. Drew attention to the fact that these same men belong to a union that expect considerable assistance from this Council but do not return the courtesy.

Delegate R. Gervin remarked that the conditions outlined by delegate Irving were far too prevalent among the trade union movement today. And it was time that the officers of the unions and the delegates to this Council took cognizance of the fact and did something within the locals to rectify this situation. It is not good enough to have unions and union members who think only of their own welfare and do not consider other workers.

Barbers Local 120, delegate C. Herratt reported his organization had been successful in organizing two union shops one at 1433 Commercial Drive, and the other at 5670 Victoria Drive.

Electrical Workers 213, delegate G. Gee reported his union had signed an agreement with the Cemco Electric. This company had been doing business with an independent Association for some years.

Reported also that in company with the President and the Secretary they had taken up the question of changes to the Electrical Inspection Act in Victoria and feel that good progress had been made.

Firefighters 18, delegate H. Foster reported his union had concluded negotiations on wages with the City and were quite happy with the whole situation. He stated that the City Council were a very agreeable body to deal with and that his union had come in the past few years from the lowest to the highest paid in Canada.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved, seconded and carried that all affiliated locals be urged to protest to the Government and the Minister of Labor against their decision to refuse the opening of the I.C.A. Act this session of the Legislature and that disapproval should be registered.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

B. Showler
President

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, April 5, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to the affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--A. D. Sampson, Firefighters 18; J. F. Davis, Jewelry Workers 42; E. Sturgeon, St. Railwaymen Division 101; G. P. Hadden, Bakers 468; D. Kirkwood, Molders 291.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, S. Shearer, R. Cormack, H. Bird, J. Stevenson, T. Parkin, T. Alsbury, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Minister of Labor stating that before tradesmen were brought in from European Countries the matter would have to be discussed with him and we can rest assured that our views would be given consideration. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Street Railwaymen Division 101, asking endorsement of opposition by that union to the passage of the Laeroix Bill in the House of Commons. Executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Musicians Local 145 stating that they had received information that a Mr. W. Adams and his orchestra are soliciting engagements as members of the Musicians Union and stating emphatically that these persons are not members of Local 145. The executive recommend that the delegates take note of this report. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Labor Headquarters Limited enclosing a copy of a letter informing the affiliated unions that the Trades and Labor Council will not be collecting rents for the Halls in the new temple. The executive recommend that a committee of three delegates; namely, H. Bird, J. Stevenson, R. Cormack, be appointed to meet with the Directors of Labor Headquarters to discuss this matter. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Painters 138 drawing attention to the fact that the phosphorus powder contained in Fluorescent lamps is a deadly poison when breathed in or entering open cuts or wounds. The executive recommend that the communication be received with thanks and the matter taken up with the School Board and the Workmen's Compensation Board. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) Allied Printing Trades Council stating that the continued absence of the printing trades council union label on Red Cross printed matter forces the printing trades to continue their recommendation of non-support of the current Red Cross Drive. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(7) Jewelry Workers Local 42 informing the Council of a strike in progress against the Geo. H. Hewitt Co. 732 Homer Street, and asking for full recognition of the Jewelry Workers picket line around these premises. The executive recommend the matter be referred to the Grievance Committee. "On motion the recommendation adopted."

(8) Calgary Trades and Labor Council requesting information as to what this Council is doing in the matter of adult education. The executive recommend that the communication be replied to giving the information requested. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(9) Painters 138 informing the Council that they have endorsed the stand taken by the Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in the present dispute with the American Federation of Labor. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(10) Building Service Employees Local 244 enclosing a copy of a communication to the Secretary of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada for the information of the delegates to the Council. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(11) Division 101 Street Railwaymen, enclosing a resolution adopted by the meetings supporting the stand taken by the Trades and Labor Congress Executive in their dispute with the American Federation of Labor. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(12) City Clerk of Vancouver informing the Council that a Vancouver Industrial Coordinating Committee has been set up and inviting this Council to send a representative to participate. The executive recommend delegate H. Bird represent the Council on this Committee. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(13) Secretary Trades and Labor Congress of Canada informing the Council that the question of advertisements being displayed in Great Britain to induce emigration to Canada has been taken up with the Deputy Minister of Labor and when a reply has been received from him we will be notified. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(14) Secretary of Local 25, Vancouver Newspaper Printing Pressmen's Union, informing this Council that the Newspaper Pressmen formerly members of Local 69, Vancouver Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union have received a charter to form their own Local in Vancouver. The membership is composed of all the newspaper pressmen employed by the three Vancouver daily papers and as they have members employed at the Vancouver Daily Province they will not send delegates to the Trades Council at this time knowing the ruling of the Council affecting them. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(15) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the meeting of March 16th. Executive recommend they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(16) Conquer Cancer Campaign urging financial assistance to enable the Provincial Society to carry on and intensify its program of public education, specialized training of doctors and nurses in the treatment of cancer and care of cancer patients, clinical and fundamental research and assistance to needy cancer patients. The executive recommend the cooperation of affiliated unions in this campaign and that the Council donate \$25. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(17) School Board replying to a letter offering assistance and suggestions on the setting up of a central committee of control for the vocational school. The executive recommend the communication be received with thanks. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The secretary reported that he had been appointed by the Federal Government on recommendation from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada as the workers' delegate to a meeting of the Membership States of the International Labor Organization in Montevideo, Uruguay, April 25th. The meeting will take approximately three weeks. The executive recommend that leave be granted the secretary and delegate H. Bird act as secretary. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

On motion the executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--President B. Showler reported on a meeting of the Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and that a Brief had been prepared and presented to the Federal Government on labor's demands for legislation beneficial to the workers. The Brief contained those matters put forward and adopted as Congress policy by the Victoria Convention in 1948. A copy of the Memorandum will be printed in the next issue of the Labor Statesman.

Delegate B. Showler further reported that a committee had been set up of representatives of the International Unions and the Executive of the Congress to discuss the dispute between the Congress and the American Federation of Labor. In the meantime it was agreed there would be no publicity or comment.

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

Delegate Shearer stated that it was time labor took a firm stand on social security and old age pensions, that making representation to the government year after year was not enough.

Delegate Cormack agreed with the delegate stating that there were too many resolutions but that this year the people would have a chance as there was an election and they could remedy the situation at that time.

"On motion the report was now carried."

Credential Committee, delegate T. Alsbury reported for this committee recommending that the following delegates whose credentials were in order be obligated and seated:--Blanche Rennie, Film Exchange Employees F71; F. J. Bristow, T. Boudreau, Theatre Employees B72; C. Gildea, J. Haubrich, Gas Workers Local 225; George E. Leach, Clifford W. Evans, Musicians Local 145; Edna Shone, G. Wilson, Hospital Employees Local 180. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate T. Parkin reported progress in organizing during the past two or three weeks. Delegate also reported an application for affiliation had been received from the Amalgamated Mx. Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America 212. The committee recommend the application be accepted and the organization notified to appoint delegates. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Canadian Seaman's Union, delegate J. Thompson reported that the East Coast section of the Union was now on strike and felt that the press had not given a clear picture of the real issue. The C.S.U. have been in negotiations since October 15 last. A Conciliation Board brought down a recommendation which could not be accepted by the union inasmuch as it lowered the conditions and wages of the workers. The recommendation was turned down. A strike vote took place. Following the taking of a strike vote the negotiating committee together with brother Bengough went into Ottawa to discuss the formula for settlement. After a formula had been arrived at the employers stated that they had signed an agreement with the Seafarers' International Union. The S.I.U. have endeavored to place men on these ships and the C.S.U. have tied the ships up. There are 28 vessels in all parts of the world at the present time that are strike bound. Two of these are on the West Coast. Picket lines have been established and as the East Coast ships reach port they will be struck. The delegate asked unions for their support and those having business on the waterfront to recognize the picket lines of the C.S.U.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved and seconded that this Council again take up with Congress the question of obtaining a reduction in the Income Tax imposed on a widower who is forced to maintain a domestic establishment. Motion carried.

Delegate W. Eaton rose to ask the question of whether or not there was anything that could be done in the City to clear blind corners by removing hedges, stone walls and such like obstruction. The President suggested he confer with the Traffic Committee of the City Council.

Delegate J. Hallock asked for information concerning an employment bureau presently charging a fee for referring individuals to employment. The President stated that this was illegal and suggested the matter be further discussed with the secretary.

The question was asked whether or not at the time of the C.S.U. strike the S.I.U. had certification covering the firms on strike. The answer was no that the C.S.U. had maintained a hiring hall for the past two years.

It was moved and seconded that this Council request the Provincial Government to undertake the financing of the Cancer program from the Social Security tax. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, April 19, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President B. Showler in the Chair. Minutes of the regular previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to affiliated locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--D. Stevenson, Fire Fighters 18; E. Shone, C. Halcomb, Hospital Employees 180; B. Rennie, Film Exchange Empl. F71; F. Bristow, F. Boudreau, Theatre Employees B72; J. Haubrich, Gas Workers 225; D. Eastwood, Engineers Local B82.

The President reported credentials had been received from J. Todd, W. Leitch, E. Coester, C. Stratton of the Seafarers' International Union. It was moved, seconded and carried that these credentials be referred back to the Credential Committee for investigation and report.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, S. Shearer, R. Cormack, H. Bird, J. Stevenson, T. Parkin, T. Alsbury, R. Gerwin.

The executive recommend that the Grievance Committee be asked to call a special meeting to hear representatives of the International Seafarers' Union and the Canadian Seaman's Union in order to ascertain the facts surrounding the present dispute, and to take action necessary to assist the workers in obtaining their just rights. The executive recommendation was on motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Vancouver Labor Council stating that organization has protested against the attempted union breaking activities of the Canadian Shipping Companies and lack of action of the Federal Government in the present Seamen's Dispute and that the organization stands prepared to go further to assist in any action that doesn't contravene the Constitution. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Board of School Trustees acknowledging receipt of information on fluorescent lamp tubes forwarded by this Council. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Division 101, Street Railwaymen stating that the membership of that Local were behaving as good trade unionists in their purchase of various goods and services and they felt that they should not be singled out for criticism because one or two out of a membership of 3000 may patronize non union firms. They also state that the membership has been informed of the views expressed by the Council and they hope that other affiliates will have attention drawn to the policy of the Council respecting non union firms. Executive recommend it be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Civic Employees 28 informing the Council that union had invested \$500 in the new labor temple and that this was done with a view to assisting to build a united trade union center. Executive recommend the communication be received with thanks. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Civic Employees 28 enclosing a resolution stating that union holds that it is the right of the membership of that or any union to freely elect its officers and delegates without interference from any outside source, and that the Union supports the stand taken by the Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada for a free trade union center representing the aims and aspirations of its Canadian members and that they will continue to abide by the Constitution which does not permit discrimination against any member for his political convictions. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) Salvation Army requesting endorsement of an endeavor to raise \$250,000 for the erection of a new building presently under construction. The executive recommend endorsement. Delegate H. Bonnell, Truck Drivers 213, reported that the excavation for this building was being done by non union firm and non union men. Secretary pointed out that he had enquired and found that the contract had been let to the B. C. Bridge and Dredging Company which holds agreements with the Building Trades Council. The secretary

moved an amendment and it was duly seconded that the matter be left in the hands of the secretary to take up with the Salvation Army. Amendment carried.

(7) May Day Parade informing the Council that the May Day Parade would assemble Sunday, May 1st at 12:30 p.m. on the Georgia Viaduct. The Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(8) Vancouver Labor Council stating that they have arranged a meeting to celebrate May Day in the Hastings Auditorium for 7:30 p.m. May 1st. Trade Unionists are invited to this meeting. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(9) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the meeting of April 6th. Executive recommend they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(10) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada enclosing a communication sent from the Deputy Minister of Labor in reply to a letter forwarded through Congress to the Department on the immigration of workers from Great Britain to Canada. This Council indicated to the Department of Labor that workers were being induced to this country under false pretenses and false advertising. The Department of Labor did not agree and suggests that if there is proof of this it should be forwarded to the Department. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(11) Minister of Labor, circular, indicating the policy of the Government on immigration, particularly as it concerns the Department of Labor and the Trade Union Movement in this country. The circular has been forwarded to affiliated unions. The executive recommend it be received and noted. "On motion adopted."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the executive as a whole be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate T. Aisbary reported having received the following credentials and found them to be in order:--Bruce McKay, George Johnston, Frank Rutledge, Ruth Stenard, Douglas Hagen, James Anthony, William Edwards, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of N. A. Local 212; John Rabbit, Ironworkers 712. The committee recommend the delegates be obligated and seated. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Delegate and President B. Showler read from the Constitution the qualifications that a member of a union required to become a delegate to this Council.

Legislative Committee, delegate S. Shearer reported for this committee. The committee recommend a letter be sent to all candidates in the forthcoming election to ascertain whether or not they will support Labor in amending the R. C. A. Act. The questions enumerated are:

1. Mandatory union shop where majority of employees vote for same.
2. Elimination of Government supervision of strike vote.
3. Unions being used as legal entities.
4. Lawyers sitting on Conciliation Boards and appearing before such boards.

"The recommendation of the committee was on motion adopted."

The committee submitted the following resolution dealing with the seaman's question:

Whereas existing labor legislation is based upon the assumption that a company shall recognize and negotiate with the union to which a majority of such company employees belong; and,

Whereas a departure from this principle which allows a company to bargain and sign agreements with a union which has no membership among the employees of the company concerned, would undermine existing legislation, would provide a particularly vicious way for companies to attack unions, and would to this extent weaken the whole Canadian Trade Union Movement; and,

Whereas there are unions in existence, sufficiently unscrupulous to avail themselves of offers made by companies dissatisfied with the Union organized among their employees.

Therefore Be It Resolved that we strongly condemn certain Eastern Canadian Shipping Companies for signing agreements with the Seafarers' International Union, when employees of those companies are members of the Canadian Seamen's Union and that we also strongly criticize the Federal Government for allowing such a flagrant attack upon one of the Fundamentals of Canadian Labor Legislation.

Be It Further Resolved that this Council ask the Federal Government to pass legislation providing strong penalties, to prevent any Company or Corporation having signed agreements with a Trade Union, from signing an agreement with any other organization except where it is proven by the process of certification or ballot, properly conducted, that the employees concerned desire to change their affiliation or bargaining agency, and that all Federal Members of Parliament from British Columbia be requested to support such legislation.

That copies of this resolution be sent to all Trades Councils affiliated to the Trades and Labor Congress, with the request that such Councils take whatever action is possible in their area to implement the intent of this resolution.

That a copy be sent to President Bangough with a covering letter commending him for his actions to date in regard to the Canadian Seaman's dispute and pledging our support.

That in addition, copies of the Resolution be sent also to the Honorable Humphrey Mitchell, Harry Lundberg, and to William Green.

Considerable discussion followed the reading of the resolution after which the President recommend that the resolution be laid on the table in order that the decision to have the Grievance Committee examine the whole situation be implemented. The motion to lay on the table was lost. The resolution was adopted.

Grievance Committee, delegate R. Cormack reported stating that the committee had met with the owner of the Geo. Hewitt Company and his lawyer. They had agreed to present their demands to the company in writing and this is now being done. The report was received as progress.

Delegate H. Bird reported for the special committee which was appointed to meet the Board of Directors of Labor Headquarters to discuss the reasons for taking the rentals from the Trades and Labor Council and placing them in the hands of an individual union. The Directors stated that Labor Headquarters were now going to collect the rents themselves and that the building was going to be operated on the basis of earning income for the unions who had invested in the Company rather than a service to the Trade Unions. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

B. K. Showler
President

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Auditorium, 307 West Broadway, Labor Headquarters

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, May 3rd, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the regular meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--J. Rabbit, Ironworkers 712; D. Hatch, J. Anthony, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen Local 212; D. Stelp, Pulp and Sulphite Workers 433; H. Wintle, Refrigeration Workers 516.

The President, Birt Showler, welcomed a group of young visitors from Grandview Commercial.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--Birt Showler, H. Bird, T. Parkin, R. Cormack, J. Stevenson, T. Alsbury, J. Eaves.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 433 enclosing the following resolution:

Whereas Federal and Provincial Elections are to be held in the near future; and,

Whereas Unions affiliated to this Council have had reasons to doubt the sympathies of many of our present Federal and Provincial Legislators; and,

Whereas Unions affiliated to this Council possess no specific guide as to the record of these Legislators where their record is of concern to organized labor.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Chairman of the Legislative Committee of this Council be placed on full or part time until Elections are concluded, to prepare such a guide and so assist Trade Unionists in this area in the wiser exercise of the franchise.

And Be It Further Resolved the question, if any, of an assistant or assistants to the Chairman be left to the discretion of this Council.

The executive recommend that it be received and noted and left in the hands of the secretary to engage further help if necessary in this work. Discussion followed the reading of the recommendation of the executive. The recommendation was lost. "On motion resolution was adopted."

(2) Painters, Local 138 informing the Council that that Local went on record against the S.I.U. action of crossing the C.S.U. picket line.

Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers 433 and Street Railwaymen Division 101 re the unseating of delegates from the S.I.U. Executive recommend that an unseating of delegates of S.I.U. was contrary to the Constitution and Bylaws of this Council that these communications be received and contents noted. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that these communications re the S.I.U. situation lay on the table until Grievance Committee report.

(3) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council meeting of April 20th. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(4) Distiller Workers Local 92, informing the Council that their Local had gone on record giving every support to the Typographical Union by not purchasing the Daily Province, also that a motion was passed at their regular meeting asking that all unions affiliated with the Trades and Labor Council to absolutely boycott the Daily Province. Executive recommend that this be approved. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) H. N. MacCorkindale, Superintendent of Schools advising that information received from the Council re fluorescent tubes will be sent to the City authorities suggesting a bylaw in regard to the disposal of disused fluorescent tubes. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On Executive recommendation adopted."

(6) Saskatoon Trades and Labor Council enclosing a copy of a letter sent to Percy R. Bengough, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada wherein they requested President Bengough to make a tour of Western Canada in the very near future in order to get a clearer picture of the differences between the American Federation of Labor and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and also a clearer picture of the matters pertaining to the dispute. Executive recommend concurrence. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(7) Labor Relations Board informing the Council that the Board wishes it to be known that, after studying the matter exhaustively, it finally concluded, that for the purpose of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, the term "group" in subsection (3) of Section 2 means one or more employees,

Also that they had amended their regulations respecting supervised votes. The amendment eliminates the provision for the presence of an employer's representative when these votes are being taken. The effect will be to take such a vote without permitting the employer to have a representative present. "On motion received and noted."

(8) Harry Davis, a telegram requesting that a telegram be sent to the Prime Minister and Percy Bengough protesting the police action in the C.S.U. strike. "On motion telegram to be sent to Prime Minister and President Percy R. Bengough protesting Police Action most bitterly." Motion carried.

(9) John S. Burton, barrister, informing the Council that the Workmen's Compensation Act now provides that an injured workman may avail himself of the services of a Chiropractor under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act and the cost of such service will be a proper charge under the said Act provided that the consent of a physician is first obtained. Executive recommend that this communication be received and contents noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

The executive report as a whole was adopted as amended.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate T. Alsbury reported for this committee, recommending that the following credential be accepted and the delegate asked to attend the next meeting of the Council: A. H. Zimmer, Carpenters Local 452. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Grievance Committee, delegate R. Cormack reported that a meeting had been held with officials of the Geo. H. Hewitt Co. whose employees are still on strike. A further meeting is trying to be arranged in an effort to settle the strike. This report received as progress.

Chairman, reported on the meeting of the committee with representatives of the C.S.U. and S.I.U. and recommended that this matter be referred to the governing body in Canada, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and request this matter be dealt with without any further delay. "On motion report accepted but that the Council does not concur with committee's recommendations." Motion carried.

Considerable discussion ensued re the C.S.U. and S.I.U. situation. It was moved, seconded and carried that the intent of the resolutions from unions of unseating S.I.U. delegates from the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council be carried out as quickly as possible.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Percy Bengough, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada be notified of action taken by Council in regard to the S.I.U. delegates.

GOOD AND WELFARE:--Delegate George Bengough, asked on behalf of the Building Committee that delegates to observe the no smoking rule in the auditorium, so as not to damage canvas on floor and asked for cooperation in maintaining and looking after new building.

President Showler also asked all delegates not to mark up washrooms and to take pride in the new building.

Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Birt Showler
 President

H. S. Bird,
 Acting Secretary.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, May 17, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to the affiliated unions.

Delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--F. Rutledge, W. Edwards, Amalgamated Meat Cutters 212; A. H. Zimmer, Carpenters 452.

Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, R. Cornack, H. Bird, S. Shearer, T. Parkin, J. Bayes, T. Alsbury, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Past President, Lions Gate Branch Canadian Legion requesting financial assistance in publicizing a program presented to the Province by the Canadian Alaska Railway Co. The executive recommend the matter lay on the table in order that the secretary may obtain further information. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Farris, Stultz, Bull and Farris giving a legal opinion that the Trades and Labor Council has no authority under its charter to refuse to seat delegates of a member union. The Council being chartered by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the American Federation of Labor must be guided by Section 8 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the American Federation of Labor and Article 12, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Both sections require charges to be brought against individual delegates and before delegates are unseated they must be given a fair trial. There is no provision for the disaffiliation of unions as such. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Vancouver Auto Workers enclosing a resolution which points out that the Trades Congress of Canada at a previous convention had recognized the Canadian Seaman's Union as the only organization having jurisdiction over seamen in Canada, and that the Seafarers' International Union is openly collaborating with the employer and indulging in strike breaking tactics and scabbery as well as other acts of violence against the Canadian Seaman's Union and that as such actions on the part of the S.I.U. can only be construed as deliberate and planned collaboration with the employer and the government to support the C.S.U. against the anti-union employers and strongly condemn the actions of the S.I.U. They concur in the sentiments expressed in the last meeting of the Council regarding S.I.U. delegates holding credentials and seats in the Council. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) C.S.U. requesting financial assistance from the Legal Defense Fund in their legal action to have the injunction against their union removed. The executive recommend approval of the request and that the secretary discuss with delegate J. Thompson the amount of money required. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) American Federation of Labor enclosing a copy of a letter by Wm. Green, President, to the President of the International Typographical Union supporting the I.T.U. in Chicago. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) International Association of Machinists Lodge 692 enclosing the following resolution referring to an article in the S.I.U. Tribune which referred to President Bengough in an uncomplimentary manner. The resolution asked that the delegates of the S.I.U. to the Trades Council be asked by the Council to retract the said statement, which the I.A.M. considers defamatory in character and contrary to the rules of the Council. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(7) Labor Headquarters Limited call to the annual meeting of shareholders May 30th at 8 p.m. Recommendation of executive that the secretary be appointed to represent the Trades Council. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(8) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the meeting of May 4th. The executive recommend they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(9) Winnipeg and District Trades and Labor Council replying to a communication from this organization supporting the C.S.U. strike and brother Bengough in his actions. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(10) Canadian Paraplegic Association requesting that the Council appoint a representative to the Board of Directors of that organization. Delegate P. Daum, of Local 280, Sheet Metal Workers volunteered to represent the Council.

(11) North of 53 Trades and Labor Council acknowledging receipt of a letter from this Council on the C.S.U. situation and supporting the actions of President Bengough. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(12) Nelson and District Trades and Labor Council enclosing a resolution whereby fines levied against municipal Councils for infractions of the I.C.A. Act must be paid from the pockets of the Council members rather than the City Treasury. The executive recommend this matter be referred to the Provincial Executive. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(13) Taxicab, Stage and Bus Drivers requesting that the Suburban Cabs Ltd. operating the Marpole Taxi, Kerrisdale Taxi and MacKenzie Heights Taxi be placed on the We Do Not Patronize list of the Council. The executive recommend the matter be referred to the Grievance Committee. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(14) Vancouver Labor Council enclosing a resolution which would urge the government to extend Order-in-Council PC 5933 to include men over 30 years of age and university and pre-university training and that the two merchant navy veterans in Vancouver who applied for training and were refused be granted said training without delay. The executive recommend the resolution be endorsed in principle and the secretary investigate the charges that two seamen were denied training. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(15) C.S.U. copy of a letter by the secretary to the Honorable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor stating the facts surrounding the C.S.U. strike. "On motion executive recommendation that it be received and noted, adopted."

(16) C. A. Gower, secretary of Taxicab Drivers Local 151 enclosing a resolution which was endorsed by Barbers 129, Milkalesmen 464, Bakery Drivers 189, Retail Clerks, Fishermen, Hotel and Restaurant Employees, Auto Workers, Int. Garment Workers, Meat Cutters. The resolution deals with the ruling of the courts that workers on commission basis are not entitled to vacations under the Annual Holidays Act and urge the Council to take this matter up with the Government immediately. The executive recommend endorsement of the resolution and that the secretary be instructed to arrange a meeting at the earliest possible date with the Premier of the Province. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(17) Port William Trades and Labor Council enclosing a resolution demanding that police be instructed to maintain a policy of fair neutrality in any labor dispute and limit their activities to the protection of public and private property and the maintenance of law and order. The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(18) Port William Trades and Labor Council enclosing a resolution demanding that the Federal Government and the Provincial Departments of Labor affected take immediate steps to force a just settlement of the C.S.U. - S.I.U. dispute. The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The executive recommended that the resolution passed at the last regular meeting whereby the Chairman of the Legislative Committee would be placed on full time with the Council until the elections are concluded to prepare a guide and assist trade unionists in the wiser exercise of the franchise be rescinded. It was moved and seconded to concur in the executive recommendation. After considerable discussion the motion to adopt the executive recommendation was lost.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the executive report as a whole be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate T. Alsbury reported for this committee recommending that the credential of E. Foote, Ironworkers 97 be accepted and delegate invited to appear at the next meeting for initiation. Moved, seconded and carried that the report of the committee be adopted.

Grievance Committee, delegate R. Cormack, reported that the committee had met with Mr. Owen, Solicitor, and Mr. McKelvie, Director, for the G. Hewitt Co. with whom the jewelry workers union have a dispute and have been on strike for some time. The discussion was based on a settlement of the strike. The committee left the meeting with the understanding that the other directors of the company would discuss the matter with a view to settlement. As time went on and there was no word from the directors, Mr. Owen was contacted and the Labor Relations Board through Mr. Smolts arranged a meeting with the manager, Mr. Cherry and Mr. Owen and the committee of the Council. It was pointed out that we were anxious for a settlement but that we could not forego the inclusion of the closed shop clause in the agreement. The company contended that they had too many employees which was discovered since the strike began and they can not take all the employees back if a settlement was reached. It was agreed that if the Company had any basis for settlement they would contact the secretary of the Council before May 17th. They finally notified the secretary that they could not settle the strike on the basis laid down by the Grievance Committee. The committee recommend that the G. Hewitt Company be placed on the We Do Not Patronize List of this Council and that all affiliated Locals, the Vancouver Labor Council the City Council and the Provincial Government as well as other parties obtaining goods from this firm be notified, and that the Council give every assistance to the employees now on strike and that a donation be made at this time. The chairman made an appeal to affiliated unions to assist the jewelry workers union financially. It was moved and seconded that the report of the committee be adopted. "Motion carried."

Delegate T. Alsbury reported that he has during the past two years tried to build the Labor Statesman into a real union paper. Pointed out the difficulties since it is a parttime job, only a monthly paper and the fact that he is not a newspaper man. He stated that the paper is starved for news and appealed to the unions to bring in any material they may have that would be useful. He had attended several union meetings but it was impossible to get to them all. He stated that unions could easily appoint someone as a correspondent or reporter who would be responsible to forward information to the "Statesman". He stated that he thought that this Council should go on the air and had discussed the matter with a representative of a broadcasting station and would have further information to report. Moved, seconded and carried that the report be received and accepted with thanks.

Delegate G. Bengough reported for Labor Headquarters stating that an official opening had been arranged for May 31st in the afternoon and that the building would be opened in the evening for visitors and friends of the delegates and their families to view the new offices and halls.

Delegate J. Hallock reported that for some time she had attended the Family Welfare as a delegate from this Council. The annual meeting will be held in the near future and Mrs. Hallock had been appointed to the budget committee for the forthcoming year. If anyone desired information who would be very happy to provide same on request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:--delegate P. Ryan rose to ask regarding the credentials presented by the S.L.U. at the previous meeting which had not been dealt with. The secretary reported that the credentials had been refused at the meeting previously, that he had issued cards and credentials to the S.L.U. as requested since this was done regularly and had been done on many previous occasions when unions requested delegates to be permitted to attend a particular meeting. Delegates must have credentials accepted first and if accepted are then seated.

NEW BUSINESS:••Delegate T. Alsbury submitted the following resolution:

Whereas a majority of the Vancouver Park Board recently dismissed a wellknown music teacher, Mr. John Goss, for his leftist opinions, and because of publicity he received as a result of being picked up by the Immigration Authorities on unspecified charges while attending a left-wing cultural conference in New York; and,

Whereas this constitutes a serious threat to civil liberties; and,

Whereas the right to dismiss employees merely because they hold opinions un-

acceptable to their employers would be a dangerous weapon in the hands of the latter; and,

Whereas the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has recorded its opposition to communism and to the activities of communists within the trade unions; and

Whereas defence of the civil rights of the individual is not an endorsement of communism.

Therefore Be It Resolved that while endorsing the stand of the Trades and Labor Congress opposing communism, this Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council condemns the action of the majority of the Vancouver Park Board in dismissing Mr. Goss as a serious attack on civil liberties.

After discussion the resolution was on motion adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a committee of 5 be elected to work with the C.S.U. to assist in breaking the present injunction against picketing and in other matters during the strike where possible.

Nominations for the committee were opened. Delegates J. Barton, Plumbers, Local 170 and delegate A. Gordon, Shoreworkers Union declined.

Delegates T. Farkin, H. Bird, O. Braaten and J. Phillips were nominated. There being no further nominations it was moved, seconded and carried that nominations close and the committee of four stand.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Bill Shepherd
President

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Auditorium, Labor Headquarters, 307 W. Broadway

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, June 7, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to the affiliated unions.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, J. Stevenson, T. Parkin, H. Bird, R. Cormack, J. Eaves, T. Alsbury, R. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Salvation Army requesting a donation to assist in the erection of a new citadel and men's hostel. Executive recommend the Council donate \$10. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) London Trades and Labor Council enclosing a resolution demanding that the Federal Government enact legislation implementing a Dominion wide social security plan on a contributory basis for all citizens regardless of income. The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion adopted."

(3) Trades Union Research Bureau informing the Council that they are engaged in an extensive study of working conditions and they plan to publish a series of monographs and request permission to address the executive to state their plan. The secretary reported that the Council had a full time Statistician who is making a survey of wages and conditions of affiliated unions and filing same for the benefit of Council affiliates. As well work is being done in compiling data for the unions requiring same. In view of this the executive recommend that the communication be left with the secretary to meet with the Trade Union Research Bureau and inform them of the situation. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Provincial Secretary, Honorable G. S. Pearson, informing the Council he had no knowledge of the proposals referred to in a letter from Mr. Rose regarding the building of an Alaska Railway through British Columbia. The executive recommend that this matter be laid on the table until information is obtained from the Premier of the Province. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(5) City Clerk informing this Council that the City Council has dealt with the subject of discarded fluorescent tubes and the matter will be taken up with the National Health Minister for action. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(6) J. Thompson, Deputy Minister of Labor, stating that the Minister is out of town as well as many other members of the Executive Council and it would be difficult to have a meeting prior to the election on the question of an amendment to the Annual Holidays Act. The executive recommend the matter be left with the secretary to take up with the Provincial Government at the earliest possible date. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(7) Children's Jubilee Summer Camp requesting that a delegate be permitted to speak to the Council at the next regular meeting. The secretary reported he had written the secretary of the C.J.S.C. Association requesting information as to the subject to be discussed, and was informed that the matter was with regard to the contribution. In view of this the executive recommend the Council donate \$25. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(8) Division 101, Street Railwaymen enclosing a resolution demanding that the order of the courts be rescinded which had granted injunctions against the seamen picketing ships in this harbor and copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transport, Minister of Justice, Attorney-General. Executive recommended endorsement. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(9) Library Association, a resolution whereby that organization goes on record as supporting the Congress and urging us to cultivate cooperation with the American Federation of Labor but to resist any domination whatever. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(10) S. Shearer, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, informing the Council that it will be impossible to fulfill the appointment at the last meeting re the election campaign as he had been promoted to a new position and could not take leave at this time. Pointed out that he would assist wherever possible and that it was with regret that he was not available for full time job. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(11) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of June 1st. Executive recommend that they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(12) P. R. Bengough, President, Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, a wire informing the Council that since the Canadian Seaman's Union has been suspended by the Congress it is automatically suspended from chartered organizations. The president advises this Council to ~~unseat~~ both S. I. U. and C.S.U. delegates. The executive recommend the telegram be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the executive report as a whole be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate T. Alsbury reported that this committee had received the following credentials: Ian Sutherland, L. C. Auvaque, Rae Martell, Fire Fighters 323; Bob Annala, Hotel and Res. Empl. 23; Albert Dettman, F. Stephens, K. B. Fawcett, Commercial Telegraphers C.P.R. Division 1; C. Farrow, H. Hudson, Typographical Local 226; F. J. Dunston, Ada Hayman, J. P. McKay, University Workers 116. The committee recommend that the credentials be received and the delegates invited to attend the next meeting for obligation. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Delegate T. Parkin reported as chairman of the Organizing Committee, stating the committee are having some success in organizing new groups. Recently met with a group where 60 people are employed and it was felt that they had a majority and will apply for certification. Chairman reported he will be out of the City for several weeks. "On motion report received."

Delegate T. Parkin reported as chairman of the Special Committee appointed to assist the Canadian Seaman's Union. The committee met with the Vancouver Sun and Vancouver News Herald editors to request more favorable publicity for the Canadian Seaman's Union and clarification of issues involved. It was felt that after the conversation with these representatives that better publicity will go forward.

The committee also arranged a meeting with all Business Agents and representatives of affiliated unions when the Liberal candidates for the Federal Election were also present. At this meeting delegate Rockandel of the Canadian Seaman's Union gave an outline of the situation to date. The candidates asked that the report be mimeographed and forwarded to them. This was agreed to. It was agreed at this meeting that we send a wire to Honorable Humphrey Mitchell urging that he make every effort to bring the parties to the dispute together with a view to a peaceful settlement. The candidates were asked to use their influence with the Federal Minister of Labor to take action.

The committee met Monday, June 6th, to consider press reports of the suspension of the Canadian Seaman's Union by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. The committee recommend that a protest be forwarded to the Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress against the suspension of the Canadian Seaman's Union and that this Council circularize all other Councils in Canada to take similar action. It was further recommended pending clarification by the Congress Convention that affiliated unions be asked to respect C.S.U. picket lines and continue to give what assistance possible. "On motion committee's recommendations adopted."

Delegate F. Cunack, Carpenters Local 452, voted against the recommendation and desired to be recorded accordingly.

Secretary R. K. Gervin reported for Grievance Committee stating that the committee had met and considered the application of Taxi Drivers 151, to have the Suburban Cabs Ltd. placed on the non-patronage list. The committee recommend that the Suburban Cabs Ltd. be placed on the non-patronage list of this Council. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Secretary R.K. Gervin reported an application had been received from Local 46, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks for affiliation with this Council. It was moved and seconded that the application for affiliation be accepted and the Local asked to appoint delegates. Considerable discussion followed the motion and an amendment was moved and seconded that this matter lay on the table in order that the Organizing Committee might investigate.

The secretary pointed out that this Local had every right to affiliation and that to lay the matter on the table would simply delay affiliation. The amendment to the motion was lost and the motion carried.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Laundry Workers Local 292, delegate J. Irving reported that in two issues of the Labor Statesman the I.X.L. and the Sterling Laundry have been reported as union firms. They are not union firms and his organization wishes a retraction. The delegate reported that the Uneda Towel and Linen had been organized. He also reported he was making progress in Nelsons and that he believed there were members of the families of delegates employed there.

Delegate T. Abbury rose and stated that as editor of the Labor Statesman that there was one ad drawn to his attention that should not have been placed in the Statesman. He will investigate immediately and take action on the others.

Beverage Dispensers 676, delegate F. Mills asked as to whether or not the Dominion and Honor Laundries were union. It was reported that the Dominion is part of the Cascade and the union had no fault to find in that particular case.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved and seconded that the wire from President Bengough re the suspension of the Canadian Seaman's Union be not accepted as official and cannot be considered as an official document. The president ruled the motion out of order. Delegate E.E. Sturgeon, St. Railwaymen Div. 101, challenged the ruling of the chair. The motion shall the ruling of the chair be sustained was then put, 79 in favor, 85 against.

It was moved and seconded that the Canadian Seaman's Union be allowed full voice and vote until such time as official notification signed and sealed is obtained from the Congress, such notification to inform us of said suspension. The motion carried 78 in favor, 55 against.

Delegate Thompson rose at this time and said that suspension of no suspension the Canadian Seaman's Union strike goes on and he would like to have the opportunity to speak at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Birt Showler
President

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, June 21, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to affiliated unions.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--A. Dettman, F. Stephens, K. Fawcett, Commercial Telegraphers Local C.P.R. Div. 1; C. Farrow, H. Hudson, Typographical Local 226.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following delegates present:--Birt Showler, J. Stevenson, J. Hayes, H. Bird, T. Alsbury, R. Cormack, R. Gorvin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, a letter quoting the day letter forwarded June 7th regarding the suspension of the C.S.U. from the Congress.

Also from the President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada a further letter informing the Council that the Canadian Seaman's Union have been suspended by that body.

It was moved, seconded and carried that copies of the letters be forwarded to all affiliated Locals.

Several delegates asked questions. The secretary explained the position of the Council and the fact that the Council is chartered by the American Federation of Labor and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. It was pointed out that the Canadian Seaman's Union being chartered only by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada the Council has no alternative than to abide by the decision of the Executive of the Congress. On the other hand since the Seafarers' International Union is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and not with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Congress cannot order the suspension of that union. Many delegates attempted to obtain the floor but the President ruled that discussion on the subject was out of order and that there was no appeal on Constitutional matters.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn. The motion was lost.

(2) James Thompson, Vice President, Canadian Seaman's Union, informing the Council that he was aware of the suspension of the Canadian Seaman's Union and that he would not question that fact but in view of the splendid support of affiliated unions would appreciate the opportunity of placing the position before the delegates at the Council. The executive stated that inasmuch as the union was suspended the Vice President would not be permitted to speak.

(3) Painters and Decorators 138 informing the Council that they have requested Labor Headquarters Ltd. to instal a recreation room in the Temple and request the support of the delegates in this matter. The executive recommended the question be referred to Labor Headquarters Limited. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 170 informing the Council of an accident to one of their members reported at the last regular meeting wherein a man had arrived at the General Hospital at 8:30 a.m. and waited until 2 p.m. before receiving treatment. They urge the Council to press Provincial Government for a hospital set up by the Workmen's Compensation Board to handle such cases. The executive recommended the communication be received and that we reiterate our demand for a central hospital under Workmen's Compensation Act. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Cities of Edmonton, Calgary, and Victoria acknowledging receipt of notice from this Council that the Geo. H. Howitt Company is on the non-patronage list. The executive recommended the communications be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) Civic Employees Local 28 enclosing a resolution extending greetings to the striking workers of Asbestos and Thetford, Quebec, and urging that a protest be sent the Duplessis Government pointing out that their efforts should be inclined towards bringing parties together rather than bringing in scabs to smash picket lines. The executive recommended endorsement. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(7) Toronto Allied Printing Trades Council informing the membership that McLeans Magazine, Canadian Homes and Gardens, Printing and Decorating Contractor, Canadian Automotive Trade, Canadian Shipping and Marine News, Bus and Truck Transport, Mayfair, The Financial Post, Canadian Printer and Publisher, Chatelaine, Styewear, Canadian Aviation, Canadian Hotel Review, emanate from a non-union shop. The executive recommended the delegates be asked

to take note. "On motion the executive recommendation adopted."

(8) Labor Headquarters Limited informing the Council that the final cost of the Labor Temple is \$155,643.05 and that the balance to be met is \$51,391.56. Shares can be obtained at \$10 each or debentures at \$50, \$100 and \$500, paying 3% and that unions and members are urged to support the fund by the purchase of shares or debentures. The executive recommend the appeal be endorsed. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(9) War Amputations of Canada appealing for funds to erect a new building. The executive recommend this organization be notified with regret that we are unable to assist due to the fact that we are presently in need of funds to complete our own building. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(10) Royal Columbian Hospital requesting the Council to assist in raising \$72,000 to furnish a new wing. The executive recommend that this organization be notified with regret that we are unable to assist at this time as we are engaged in obtaining funds for our own building. "Executive recommendation on motion adopted."

(11) Assistant Director, Industrial Relations, McGill University, informing the Council that Mr. Cohen of that Department will be in Vancouver seeking information on Arbitration Boards established under the terms of an agreement and asking assistance for Mr. Cohen wherever possible. The executive recommend that delegates having such information supply it to the secretary. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(12) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council Minutes of the meeting of June 15th. Executive recommend they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend that the regular Council Meetings of July 19th and August 2nd be cancelled, and a special meeting if necessary be called.
"On motion executive recommendation adopted."

"On motion executive report as a whole was adopted."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credentia Committee, delegate T. Alsbury reported having received the following credentials and as they are in order the committee recommend the delegates be accepted and invited to attend the next meeting for obligation:--C.F. Viser, R.C. Anderson, Elevator Constructors Local 82; T. E. Foley, Projectionists 348; May Culling, Ladies Garment Workers 276; Gordon A. Wiles, B.C. Provincial Government Employees Association. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Secretary R.K. Gervin reported discussing the amendment to the Annual Holidays Act with the Deputy Minister of Labor which became necessary when a court ruling was handed down which excluded workers on piece work basis, or commission basis from benefit under the Act. The secretary has endeavored to have the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council under Section 14 make a regulation which would bring these workers under the Act. Failing this the Act will have to be amended at the next sitting of the Legislature.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the secretary report on the I.L.O. meeting at Montevideo at the next meeting at 9 p.m.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Milkmen 464, delegate R. McCulloch reported the Arctic Ice Cream Co. is 100% organized and picnic parties can now obtain union made ice cream.

Bakers Local 468, delegate M. Kemmis reported his organization had organized employees of Scott-Bathgate almost 100% and applied for certification when the Company suddenly found that they were short of material and laid off 35 of the 50 employees. The union went to the Department of Labor in an attempt to lay charges and place the facts before the Labor Relations Board. The Chairman stated that the union had no jurisdiction and they would not accept the representation. The union representatives pleaded to have action taken but the Board refused. Delegate M. Kemmis stated that it would take more than a month to have anything done through the courts and people earning the meagre wages paid by this firm could not hold out that long. The Union asked the Board to hold an investigation and force the company to take the employees back and the Board said charges would have to be laid and the employer taken into court. Under such conditions as this delegate Kemmis stated that it was becoming impossible to organize. He further stated that his union had made application for a small company where only six employees were concerned and

it took 24 days for the Board to grant certification. In the case of the Scott-Bathgate Company it took the Board only 2 days to say the union could not represent the employees. In such cases the Act is as good as worthless.

Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen 212, delegate G. Johnston reported his union signed a contract with Woodward's Company, also with the Co-Workers Coop. A contract has also been signed with the B & K stores covering meat cutters which stores have recently been purchased by the George Weston interests. While they had organized all employees of the meat departments the Labor Relations Board had excluded the key person in each department from the certification. In four markets only one person is employed for the whole meat department. Previously the union have always had these people as members and if the Board insists on excluding such people it will mean placing our organization in jeopardy, and reducing the bargaining strength to a very minimum. Have obtained a good contract in these stores with increases as high as \$13 per week, a union shop, and generally good conditions. The union will display a card in markets with whom they hold agreements.

Jewelry Workers Local 42, Delegate Hawken reported no attlement in sight at the Geo. H. Hewitt Company. It is a straight held out. We believe production has been reduced by 60%. We thank the labor movement for their support and donations would be appreciated as the expenses are heavy during this strike. Delegate further reported that the City of Vancouver had placed an order with this firm since the strike began, but since they waited so long to have the order filled it is not likely they will repeat. Delegate suggests that pressure be brought upon the City to force them to purchase from fair firms.

U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, delegate W. Rigby reported that the large number of agreements held by his union keeps the officers in constant negotiations. This year the employers painted a very gloomy picture suggesting that the price crash was just around the corner. In the cold storage plants the conciliation board recommend an increase of 5¢ per hour. This was rejected by the members who took a strike vote. Before a strike was called the union and the employers met and reached an agreement on the basis of 8¢ per hour for men and 6¢ per hour for women, four statutory holidays and increased overtime. On cannery proposals made by the employers, a vote is presently being taken of the members. This proposal provides an increase for all members. The Board charged our members has been increased from \$30 to \$40 by agreement. Salmon agreement has been fairly well settled and fishing will commence tomorrow at 8 a.m. Three days were lost while negotiations were under way. The employers are agreed to setting up a welfare fund in the salmon fishing industry similar to that in the herring industry which provides \$50 to fishermen losing their personal belongings, and \$500 to a widow and \$100 to each child in the case of a death of a worker.

Civic Employees Local 28, delegate Phillips asked as to whether or not a letter had been sent to the City of Vancouver regarding the Geo. H. Hewitt Company. The secretary replied a letter had been sent.

Delegate Oates asked if note had been made of the Income Tax amendments making union dues taxable. The President replied that this matter was before the Congress and that we should await a legal decision before taking action.

It was moved, and seconded that this Council view with alarm an amendment to the Income Tax Act and urge the Trades and Labor Congress to press for the right of union members to deduct the amount of union dues from their taxable income. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that we bring to the attention of the City of Vancouver the bad traffic hazard created by blind corners throughout the City, specifically mention the one at Ontario and 19th Avenue. The motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Bill Showler
President

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Auditorium, Labor Headquarters, 307 W. Broadway

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, July 5, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The Executive recommended that in future the credentials committee report on credentials received prior to new delegates being obligated. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

Credential Committee:--Delegate T. Alsbury, Chairman of the Credential Committee reported having received the following credentials and the committee recommend that the credentials be received and the delegates invited to attend the next meeting for obligation:--R. J. Mineary, W. W. Turple, J. A. MacDonald, John Etchells, Leonard Ramsey, Railway and Steamship Clerks Lodge 46, George Tozer, V. Galbraith, Building Service Employees Local 244. "On motion committee recommendation adopted."

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--E. Foote, Ironworkers 97; C. F. Vinor, R. C. Anderson, Elevator Constructors Local 82; G. Wiles, B. C. Provincial Government Employees Assoc.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, T. Alsbury, H. Bird, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Brotherhood of Railway Carmen 58, informing the Council that a resolution almost unanimously adopted required that the Local disaffiliate as from June 30th. The executive recommend that the notification be received with regret and that since delegate Shearer of Local 58 is a member of the Executive that elections for a Chairman of the Legislative Committee be held at the meeting of August 16th. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(2) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Call to the 64th Annual Convention to open in Calgary, September 15th. The executive recommend that President Percy R. Bengough and Secretary R. K. Gerwin attend and that one delegate be elected at the meeting of August 16th. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Taxi, Stage and Bus Drivers' Union 151 informing the Council of the Union Taxicab Companies operating in the City. "On motion received and noted."

(4) Edmonton Trades and Labor Council stating that the regular meeting had adopted a resolution endorsing the action of the Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress in the suspension of the Canadian Seamen's Union. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The executive reported having received an application for affiliation from the North Vancouver Teachers' Association. Executive recommend that the application be accepted and the Association asked to elect delegates. "On motion Executive recommendation adopted."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive report as a whole be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Secretary R. Gerwin reported having taken up the question of an amendment to the Holidays Act with the Deputy Minister of Labor. Also with the Attorney General and information received now is to the effect that any regulation brought down by the Executive Council would be of no value inasmuch as the question could again be taken into court and contested and it is felt that such a case would not stand up in court since the Magistrate's ruling that workers on commission or piece work were not covered under the Act had not been challenged by an appeal from his decision in the police court. It would be just as speedy to have an amendment brought down at the next sitting of the Legislature. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be adopted.

Secretary R. Gerwin reported on a meeting of the I.L.O. as follows:

The Fourth Regional Conference of American Member States of the International Labor Organization convened in the Hotel Miramar in Carrasco, Montevideo, Uruguay, April 25th under the Chairmanship of Fernando Farina, Minister of Commerce and Labor for Uruguay.

The Canadian Delegation was composed of:

Mr. W. Chipman, K.C. Canadian Ambassador to the Argentine
W. C. Stark First Secretary at the Canadian Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
(representing the Government)

Harry Taylor, Toronto Employers' Representative

and the writer as workers' representative. Also present were two advisors to the Government Representatives, Mr. D. Cochran, Deputy Minister of Labor at New Brunswick and Mr. H. Taber of the Department of Labor, Ottawa.

The Conference was opened by Mr. L. B. Barros, the President of Uruguay. The four matters slated to come before the Conference were:

1. The Director-Generals Report
2. The conditions of life and work of the indigenous populations of American Countries.
3. The Conditions of employment of Agricultural workers
4. The adjustment of Labor Disputes.

Other important resolutions originated in the workers' group meetings among which was the resolution on violation of Trade Union rights condemning the actions of the Governments of Peru and Venezuela against their respective Labor Federations and the arrest and persecution of trade union leaders. The resolution adopted recommended the governing body of the I.L.O. continue its effort to establish machinery for the investigation of violations of trade union rights and asks that the Director-General continue gathering information on the violations brought forward by the workers' group at the Conference.

The resolution carried with 40 voting in favor and none against, although Canada, Argentine and several other Government representatives abstained from voting as did several employer representatives.

Considerable time was given to the resolution on Labor Disputes. The Latin American Countries favor the Labor Courts as a means of settling disputes while the United States and Canada delegates felt that Conciliation with Arbitration by agreement were the proper means. The committee appointed to deal with this matter finally agreed to submit two resolutions, the first one to solve disputes by conciliation or arbitration where disputes pertained to the application of collective agreements and second, by Labor Courts where the disputes are of a legal character.

The Latin American Countries having adopted Labor Courts and having found this method in accordance with their traditions and legal practices to be satisfactory it was felt by the delegates the system should not be upset.

The resolution on living and working conditions of the indigenous populations stressed the need for equal treatment of all workers regardless of their racial or national origin and suggested ways and means by reaffirming the principle of equality of rights and opportunities without distinction of race or nationality, and requested the governing body of the I.L.O. to recommend that Governments take steps to put into effect legislation adapted to the real needs of the special characteristics of life and work of the respective indigenous populations concerning:

1. equal pay for equal work
2. regulation of the activities of private recruiting agents
3. adequate housing, medical, hospital, pharmaceutical care as an obligation to be established by contracts of employment
4. recognition of the family as an economical unit in the extension of social service benefits and other forms of social assistance
5. inclusion of indigenous workers in plans for land settlements.
6. education and technical training of workers as a means to insure their integration into the social and economical life of their country.

The Conference agreed that in agriculture there should be kept on the land an adequate population to meet the needs of an expanding economy and the required production for adequate nutrition, clothing and housing and to establish a sound balance between agriculture and industry, to ensure that the manpower for agriculture production does not become depleted. To this end a resolution was adopted drawing attention to the need of making agriculture a part of the national program for the full and efficient use of production resources and laid down the principle of vocational training for all types of farm workers, the necessity of regulating the hours of work, holidays with pay, minimum wage and the need for inspection of labor in agriculture and the extension of social security schemes as well as the right of association for such workers.

A very long resolution was submitted to the Conference on the industrialization of Latin America which was referred to the Governing body for study. The resolution dealt with the problems arising from efforts to expand and develop industrially, considering the question of manpower, vocational and technical training, foreign investments and the mobilization of national capital.

Many long and brilliant speeches were made by delegates complimenting the Director-General, David A. Morse, on his excellent report. (Copy of this report is available in Secretary's office).

I believe the Fourth Regional Conference of the American States being held as it was in South America will do a great deal to assist that Country. It was obvious to me that to reach any measure of success the standard of living of the workers must be increased, the markets expanded for the goods produced, and the consumption of the masses raised by improved incomes.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be received.

REPORTS OF UNIONS: ••Pulp and Sulphite Workers 453, delegate O. Branton reported his organization had renewed agreements with Pacific Mills and Canadian Boxes Ltd. The agreements included an increase of 2 Statutory holidays making 6 in all and 2 weeks' annual holiday after three years instead of 5 years and a 40 hour week after December 1st, with an overall increase of 6¢ per hour. The wage rates range now from 85¢ to \$1 per hour and this in all likelihood will set the pattern for negotiations in that industry throughout the City.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Bird Showler
President

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.



VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Auditorium, Labor Headquarters, 307 W. Broadway

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, August 16, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The Credential Committee reported having received the following credentials. As these were in order the committee recommended that the delegates be obligated and seated:--A. E. Corbett, United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 1251; Arthur Brewer, Pile Drivers Local 2404; W. G. Broatch, J. R. McDonald, Robert E. Guthrie, Carpenters Local 452; D. Gooding, E. Fenton, Sheet Metal Workers Local 280; J. L. Wilcox, Bonnie B. Sochosky, Floorlayers Local 1541; E. R. Kennedy, J. K. Williams, Painters Local 138; Lorraine Powers, David A. Wade, John G. Patterson, Retail Clerks Local 1518; Jas. Cause, William Carson, W. M. Combs, Barbers Local 120; Frank Smith, Civic Employees Local 28; Frank Collins, Ernest Lawrence, W. J. McLaughlin, Sleeping Car Porters; T. D. Jagoe, J. R. Roberts, R. D. Williams, O. Salvaag, D. Bremner, W. Anderson, J. Penfold, I. Hemingston, Seafarers' International Union; A. McDiarmid, T. S. Houston, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 213.

The credential of M. Burgoyne from Local 1518 Retail Clerks was not accepted as it was not stated whether or not the delegate was a member of the Local Union. The credential will be referred back to the local union. The credential of A. S. O'Keefe, Electrical Workers Local 213 was referred back as the date member joined the union was not included. The credential of Ronald Jones, Glaziers and Glass Workers, was rejected for the reason that the date the member had joined the union was not included.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee's recommendation be adopted.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--J. R. McDonald, Carpenters Local 452; Lorraine Powers, N. M. Combs, Barbers Local 120; W. Holodin, Laborers Local 602; L. Auvache, R. Martell, Burnaby Firefighters Local 323; W. Turple, Railway and Steamship Clerks Lodge 46; R. D. Williams, D. Bremner, W. Anderson, I. Hemingston, J. R. Roberts, O. Salvaag, T. D. Jagoe, J. Penfold, Seafarers' International Union; W. G. Broatch, Carpenters Local 452; G. Tozer, Building Service Employees Local 244; E. R. Kennedy, J. K. Williams, Painters Local 138; A. Hayman, University Employees Local 116; A. McDiarmid, Electrical Workers Local 213.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, H. Bird, J. Stevenson, J. Eaves, T. Alsbury, R. Cormack, R. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Laundry Workers International Union enclosing the resolution informing the Council that the Monastery Laundry is in competition with other laundries in the city and is not covered by the Unemployment Insurance Act. The resolution requests the Council to take this matter up with the proper authorities. The Executive recommend that the matter be left with the Secretary to investigate and take up with the proper authorities. "On motion Executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Victoria District Trades and Labor Council enclosing a resolution placed before the Congress Convention urging that legislation be enacted to compel all employers to bring their employees under the Industrial, Conciliation and Arbitration Act of this Province as some municipal employers feel that the I. C. A. Act does not apply to municipal employees. The Executive recommend endorsement of the resolution. "On motion Executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Street Railway Employees, Division 161 requesting support of the Council in that Union's protest against the recent action of the Attorney General's Department requiring all class "A" bus operators to take a re-test every year. The Executive recommend adoption of the following motion:--"Inasmuch as we are strongly opposed to workers being compelled to lose wages as well as being required to pay for periodic tests, and as we are not satisfied that drivers' tests alone are the solution to the accident problem, we therefore urge that the Provincial

Government set up a commission to study the accident problem in this Province and to make recommendations beneficial to the public generally." "On motion Executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Community Chest and Council requesting endorsement of the forthcoming Red Feather drive. The Executive recommend endorsement. "On motion Executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Vancouver Converters, Local 433, Vancouver Labor Council (C.C.L.) asking this Council to go on record in opposition to the 10-cent street car fare. The Executive recommend that this Trades and Labor Council protest the action of the Public Utilities Commission in granting an increase in street car fares without first holding a public hearing and urges that a public hearing be held forthwith. It was moved and seconded that the Executive recommendation be adopted. An amendment was moved and seconded that this Council go on record as condemning the 10-cent fare. On a show of hands 81 voted for the amendment, 94 against. The amendment was lost. The Executive recommendation was on motion adopted.

(6) Civic Employees' Union, Local 28, opposing the proposed increase in telephone rates. The Executive recommend that this Council oppose any increase in rates until justified by a public hearing which should be held at the earliest possible date. "On motion Executive recommendation adopted."

(7) Civic Employees' Union, Local 28, enclosing a letter sent to the Building Trades Council explaining the position of that Union regarding the Tradesman's wages of members employed by the Exhibition Board. The Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion Executive recommendation adopted."

(8) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the meeting of August 3rd. The Executive recommend they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion Executive recommendation adopted."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive report as a whole be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: Secretary Gerwin reported having obtained information on the request by Mr. W. H. Rose for support in their endeavour to have ads placed in the daily papers acquainting the people with the project proposed by the Canadian Alaska Railway Company. Information was received from Premier Byron Johnson that it was the intention of the Province to continue the Pacific Great Eastern Railway work. The Executive recommend that the communications be received and Mr. Rose notified that this Council cannot endorse his Company's proposals. "On motion Executive recommendation adopted."

The Secretary reported having received application for affiliation from the Pattern Makers Association. It was moved, seconded and carried that the application for affiliation be received and the Union asked to appoint delegates.

The Secretary reported application for affiliation received from Vancouver and District Municipal Foremen's Union, Local 349. It was moved, seconded and carried that the application be accepted and the Union notified to appoint delegates.

The Secretary pointed out that his term as Alderman in the City of Vancouver would expire at the end of 1949. It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council endorse the candidature of R. K. Gerwin in the forthcoming Civic election.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:--It was moved, seconded and carried that the regular order of business be suspended and the elections now take place. The Chairman appointed delegates W. Clarkson, J. McMillan, F. Tompkinson and F. Franks to act as Tellers.

Nominations were called for the position of Chairman of the Legislative Committee: J. Barton, Plumbers 170; King, Truck Drivers, 31; A. Bevis, Typographical Union being nominated. A ballot was taken with the following results:-- J. Barton, 75; D. King, 20; A. Bevis, 110; A. Bevis having a majority over all nominees was declared elected.

Nominations were called for a delegate to the Trades and Labor Congress Convention. T. Alsbury, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association, O. Braaten, Vancouver Converters and E. Holmes, Bakery Salesmen were nominated. E. Holmes declined nomination. A ballot was taken with the following results: T. Alsbury, 128; O. Braaten, 73; delegate Alsbury was declared elected.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Delegate Kemmis, Bakery Workers Local 468 wished to report on a dispute concerning his Union and the Scott-Bathgate Company wherein the Labor Relations Board had made certain rulings. President ruled this matter out of order as it is presently before the courts. Delegate Kemmis moved and it was regularly seconded that the Council go into a Committee of the Whole to hear a report on this matter. Sixty-nine voted in favour, 79 against. The motion was declared lost.

Delegate Carlisle, Plumbers Local 170, reported his Union had received an award from a Conciliation Board which was quite unsatisfactory to the membership and rejected without delay by a vote of 330 to 8. The matter concerns wages and unless an adjustment is made, a strike vote will be taken next Tuesday.

Delegate Berger, Engineers' Local 882 reported his Union signed an Agreement with the I X L Laundry which included increases in wages of 8 and 12 dollars per week.

Delegate Irving, Laundry Workers Local 292 reported the Latysmith Laundry had been organized. An Agreement has also been signed with the French Hand Laundry. Delegate Irving anticipates he will sign an Agreement this week with the Uneda Linen with a hundred per cent Union Shop.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

But Showler
President

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, September 6, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President B. Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The Credential Committee reported having received the following credentials and as they were in order the committee recommended that the delegates be obligated and seated:--F. McCoy, Allin R. Izard, Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 433; Ernest May, Sheet Metal Workers 280; Arthur S. O'Keefe, Electrical Workers Local 213; F.W.M. Grenort, Machinists Local 692; Ben Parry, Ironworkers Local 97; Ronald V. Jones, Glaziers and Glass Workers 1527; "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

A credential was also received for James Campbell, Glaziers and Glass Workers 1527; the committee recommended that this credential be held over until the next meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee's recommendation be adopted.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--F. Smith, Civic Employees Local 28; A. R. Izard, Pulp and Sulphite Workers 433; J. L. Wilcox, Floorlayers Local 1541; A. O'Keefe, Electrical Workers Local 213; E. May, E. A. Penton, Sheet Metal Workers Local 280; J. Cause, Barber Local 120.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following delegates present:--B. Showler, T. Alsbury, J. Stevenson, R. Cormack, J. Eaver, R. K. Garvin, A. Bevis.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Civic Employees Local 28 enclosing a resolution calling for a vigorous campaign to win ownership by the public of the B. C. Electric Railway Company. The executive recommend that this Council reiterate its former position; namely, that the Provincial Government should take over the Utilities of this Province. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Civic Employees Local 28 enclosing a resolution requesting that the Legislative Committee investigate the Hospital Insurance Act and make a report to the Council at the earliest possible date. The executive recommend that this resolution be endorsed and that the Legislative Committee work in conjunction with the Provincial Executive in preparing a report. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Fire Fighters 518 enclosing a resolution requesting a Royal Commission to investigate the B. C. Hospital Act and the reason for increased ward rates in the hospitals before increase in payments becomes payable. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(4) Unemployment Insurance Commission pointing out that the Monastery Laundry of which this Council enquired is exempt under the Unemployment Insurance Act but that it is hoped that an amendment will be submitted before the next sitting of the House to correct this measure. "On motion communication received and noted."

(5) Sheet Metal Workers 280 enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Official Traffic Commission opposing the abolition of street car stops North and South on Granville Street Bridge and the hardships that the abolition of such stops were imposing on workers. The secretary reported this matter had been dealt with by the Official Traffic Commission and the street car stops will remain. "On motion received and endorsed."

(6) United Steelworkers of America enclosing a copy of a letter to the B. C. Electric Railway wherein they request bus stops on Granville Bridge. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(7) Alaska B. C. Peace River Association requesting financial assistance to keep the Association in a position to acquaint people in the Northwestern States and the entire B.C. Northern area of their activities. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(8) United Nations Association in Canada informing the Council that they are entitled to three delegates. The executive recommend that delegates T. Alsbury, A. Bevis and R. Cormack represent the Council on this organization. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(9) Attorney General, re Class "A" Motor License Holders stating that they will discuss our submissions further with the Inspector of Police. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(10) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the meeting of August 17th. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(11) Public Utilities Commission acknowledging receipt of letter re street car fares. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "Recommendation on motion adopted."

(12) Board of Transport Commissioners of Canada acknowledging receipt of letter re telephone rates. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(13) Delegate J. R. MacDonald requesting endorsement of this Council in an endeavor to have the public transportation continued on Marine Drive from Alma Road to Spanish Banks. It was moved, seconded and carried that this matter be taken up with the City Council by the Secretary.

(14) B. C. Federation of Labor inviting delegates to attend a meeting in the Boilermakers' Hall, September 11th. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation lost. It was moved and seconded that the matter lay over till 'Reports of Unions'. Motion carried."

(15) International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers Local 134, requesting affiliation. The executive recommend the application for affiliation be accepted and the Union asked to select delegates. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(16) Granite Cutters' International Association of America, Vancouver Branch, requesting affiliation. The executive recommend that the application for affiliation be accepted and union asked to select delegates. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend that the regular meeting of September 20th be cancelled due to many delegates being out of the city to attend the Annual Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The executive reported having participated in a round-table discussion of all members which was broadcast over CKWX. These broadcasts will go on each Tuesday evening prior to the regular executive meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried that the executive be authorized to continue such broadcasts. The next broadcast will be September 27th at 6:05 p.m. because the executive will not be able to appear on the 20th as the Trades Council meeting is cancelled. "It was moved, seconded and carried that the executive report as amended be adopted."

President B. Showler suggested that "Reports of Unions" be heard at this time.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Bakers Local 468, delegate M. Kennis reported stating that his union at the request of the Organizing Committee of this Council had taken in the majority of the employees of the Scott-Bathgate Company, certification was applied for and the Labor Relations Board refused certification on the grounds that Local 468 did not have jurisdiction over such workers. The employees said they wanted to be covered by the Union that held the contract with the National Biscuit Company. The employees insisted on their rights in belonging to the Bakers' Local and the employer discharged several of those who wore the union button. Local 468 by assessing its membership have been paying \$20 a week to all the people locked out. Local 468 claims jurisdiction as these people were manufacturing confectionery and packing biscuits. The Board stated that if the Local could satisfy them that they were manufacturing that they would grant certification. When this was done they refused to certify and they would not accept the ruling of the International office that the employees had the right to belong to that union. The employees are determined to obtain the same contract as that under which the employees of the National Biscuit Co. operated. After employees had been discharged Teamsters were reported to have gone into the plant and commenced organizing those who were not members of Local 468. Shortly after some of the employees who had been previously laid off were called back and were told by the manager that a union organizer would come in and they should join the union. During the dispute the Teamsters were certified by the Labor Relations Board and Local 468 was never notified that the Teamsters were applying.

They were certified with a minority group of the employees belonging to the Union. Delegate M. Kemmis suggested that what the Teamsters had done was their own business and would soon see the error of their ways. If this is continued the Labor Relations Board could break any certification or any union by withholding certification and he stated that it was his belief that the Company were using the Board and the Teamsters union to break down the Bakers' Local. He suggested that this Council now take up the fight and provide the finances to appeal to the higher courts. He suggested that the Teamsters should withdraw and Local 468 go in and the Grievance Committee of the Council make a decision.

Local 31, Truck Drivers, delegate C. Selem stated that his organization was organizing throughout the Okanagan Valley, Vancouver Island and in warehouses throughout the City. The employees of warehouses come under their jurisdiction and that this is most sacred to their union and they intend to hold it. They are endeavoring to equalize rates and hours in the rural area and are presently negotiating with five companies.

Typographical Union 226, delegate Davis suggested that there were warehousemen which in his opinion did not belong to the Teamsters Union and he was not prepared to permit Local 31 to suggest that they had exclusive jurisdiction in all warehouses.

Truck Drivers 213, delegate H. Bonnell, stated he was proud of the Teamsters organization and that they were going to claim their proper jurisdiction without interfering with the rights of any worker.

Milkmen 464, delegate R. McCulloch reported his union had signed an agreement with The Star Laundry and the Peerless Laundry as well as renewing a contract with the Arctic Ice Cream Co. He suggested that had the dispute between the Teamsters and 468 been properly handled through the Teamsters Joint Council the dispute would not have existed today. Such a discussion as was carried on tonight could only make fodder for the boss.

Educational Committee, delegate F. Templeton requested information at this time as to whether or not delegates are desirous of carrying on a public speaking class through the winter months. It was moved, seconded and carried that the carrying on of a Public Speaking Class be left in the hands of the Educational Committee for report.

The letter from the B. C. Federation of Labor was at this time raised from the table. It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council go on record as opposing any action on the part of the Labor Relations Board in deciding jurisdiction of Trade Unions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Birt Showler
President

Regular Council meeting of September 20th, cancelled
owing to most of delegates and officers out of
City at Calgary Convention of the Trades and Labor
Congress of Canada.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Auditorium, Labor Temple, 307 West Broadway

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on
Tuesday, October 4, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.
Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent
out to affiliated Locals.

The Credential Committee reported having received the following credentials. As these were in order the Committee recommended that the credentials be received and the delegates invited to attend the next regular meeting for obligation. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."
T. Cavinah, E. Fielding, Vancouver and District Municipal Foremen's Union 349;
James Darwood, Longshoremen's Association 38/163; Victor Smith, Walter Fedak,
Jacob Krygsveld, Furniture Workers 2554; J. K. Leslie, Donald P. Jones, Jewelry
Workers Local 42; Percy E. Rowley, B. C. P. Government Employees Association;
Frank Sunderland, John G. Gibson, Photo Engravers Local 54; A. R. Thompson,
Nick Wilson, Vancouver Auto Workers 1857; George P. Pattyn, Donald MacKirdy,
Int. Bro. Firemen and Oilers, Local 134; C. C. Moore, Elec. Workers Local 213;
E. J. Colton, Carpenters Local 452; W. T. Ferris, P. Trerise, Granite Cutters
Association; James Campbell, Glaziers and Glass Workers 1527; D. A. Merkley,
E. Westmoreland, Arthur Vicam, Pattern Makers Local 1260; T. Almas, H. Cairne,
H. H. Christian, R. L. Smith, Engineers Local 115.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--D. Wade, Retail Grocery and Food Clerks Local 1518; Nick Wilson, Vancouver Auto Workers 1857; R. Gronert, Machinists 692; C. Evans, Musicians Local 145; F. McCoy, Pulp and Sulphite Workers 433; F. Olund, Fire Fighters 256; D. J. Gooding, Sheet Metal Workers 290; G. R. Oastor, Building Laborers Local 602; V. W. Fedak, V. Smith, Furniture Workers Local 2534; F. Sunderland, J. G. Gibson, Photo Engravers 54; A. T. Drewer, File Drivers 2404; D. MacKirdy, G. Pattyn, Firemen and Oilers Local 134; E. Fielding, Vancouver and District Municipal Foremen's Union 349; D. F. Jones, Jewelry Workers 42;

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following delegates present:--B. Showler, T. Alsbury, R. Cormack, T. Parkin, J. Beaves, J. Stevenson, R. Gerwin.

Fercy R. Bengough, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada was also present at the Executive meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) United Nations Association in Canada informing the Council of a meeting October 17th in the Peter Pan Ballroom to which the public is invited to hear Dr. Hirschmanova. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted and delegates interested to attend. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28 requesting that delegates and affiliated unions take note of the fact that employers holding agreements with Local 28 complain of the lack of patronage from members of the trade unions. The executive recommend the communication be received and the delegates asked to take note. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Local 468, Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union enclosing a resolution the resolve of which reads as follows:

"That the British Columbia Provincial Cabinet be requested to instruct the Labor Relations Board (B.C.) to cease and desist from questioning jurisdiction when considering applications for certification, but instead confine themselves to the question: Have a majority of the employees involved selected the applicant union as their bargaining agency?"

And Be It Further Resolved that the Executive Committee of the Trades and Labor Council be instructed to communicate with the B. C. Federation of Labor with the purpose in mind of a joint presentation to the Cabinet on this important issue."

The executive recommend that this resolution be referred to the Legislative Committee for study and report. Some discussion followed delegate M. Kemmis making a plea to the Council to turn down the executive recommendation. A standing vote was taken with 38 voting in favor of the recommendation and 70 against.

(4) Okanagan and District Trades and Labor Council requesting information on the report of the Legislative Committee dealing with Hospital Insurance Act. The executive recommend the communication be received and the information forwarded when available. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) B. C. Library Association requesting endorsement of a Brief prepared by that organization on the question of Provincial Aid to Public Libraries within the Province of British Columbia. The executive recommend that this Council endorse and support the stand taken by the Library Association and that the Government be notified accordingly. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the meeting of September 7th. The executive recommend they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(7) The executive recommended adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas citizens called for jury duty in most cases lose regular wages and while no citizen desires to shirk his duty the loss of wages may be considerable and work a hardship; and,

Whereas the present remuneration to citizens called for this duty is far below anything that could be termed reasonable.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Provincial Executive include in their representations to the Government a demand for a substantial increase in jury fees.

"On motion resolution adopted."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the executive report as a whole be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Secretary R. Gervin reported on a meeting held with the executive of the Brick and Clay Workers Union representing the employees of the Brick plant at Kilgard. The plant burned down recently and the employer put the men to work re-building and clearing the debris away at a much lower rate of pay than that called for in the agreement and the problem the executive had was to establish their rate to the rates under the agreement. This question is being dealt with and will be reported on further.

Also reported that the CIO union had raided the United Garment Workers where they held certification for the employees of the Pacific Clothing Co. with a union shop agreement. A protest has been laid with the Labor Relations Board against certification of the CIO for those employees.

Secretary R. Gervin also reported gathering material to prepare a brief to place before the Commissioner who will be reviewing the Workmen's Compensation Act in the near future. Requested unions to place information on amendments to the Act in his hands.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the secretary's report be adopted.

Delegate T. Parkin explained that he had been absent from the City for a lengthy period as stated in the Council meeting prior to his leaving but which had inadvertently extended due to a strike in progress on the Skeena. Reported he arrived back late in August only to go in to extended negotiations in this area. He apologized to the Council for his long absence and stated that the meeting of his committee would be called next week.

Delegate T. Parkin, Organizing Committee, reported that an application for affiliation had been received from the City Policemen's Federal Union No. 12. The committee recommended that the application be accepted and the union requested to select delegates. It was moved, seconded and carried that the recommendation of the committee be adopted.

Educational Committee, delegate F. Templeton reported for the Educational Committee stating that the Public Speaking Classes will commence October 26th at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 307 West Broadway. Unions are asked to canvass their members and forward the names of any member wishing to attend to the office of the secretary of this Council. The date is Wednesday, October 26th at 8 p.m.

Delegate T. Alsbury reported three broadcasts over station CKWX up to date. Requested delegates to send in any suggestions and pointed out that these broadcasts will be continued on the first and third Tuesday, of each month at 6:05 p.m. over CKWX. Some delegates thought the hour for the broadcast might be early as many would be on their way home. The chairman pointed out that the hour was set purposely because it was felt that it was close to the dinner hour and that most people would have the time to listen. He suggested that those who had listened inform CKWX so that they would be encouraged to continue giving the free time.

Secretary R. Gervin reported on the 54th Annual Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada which met in Calgary, Thursday, September 15th. The report was signed by delegates T. Alsbury and R. Gervin. A copy of the report is on file in the Trades Council office and will be published in the Labor Statesman.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be received.

Delegate T. Alsbury added to the report briefly that he had enjoyed the Convention and that it was a good experience and he felt too much time was wasted in the early stages on routine matters such as reading long lists of delegates attending. He thought more time could be given to the resolutions which after all lay the policy of the Congress. He felt that the resolution on Communism went too far and that it was a mistake to not permit discussion on the question. He suggested that a committee be set up to formulate suggestions to overcome these difficulties in future conventions.

The Chairman introduced President Bengough who gave a short address stating that he thought the criticism of the manner in which the convention was started could be given consideration and perhaps some steps taken to overcome the delays. He said he was most anxious to expedite matters and not keep delegates away from home unnecessarily. Pointed out that the Congress had had considerable trouble through the year. The executive did not like it but they had to take action, and he felt that in the final analysis it was done in the best interests of the Labor Movement as a whole. The Congress is growing continuously and one new union has been added each week through the year. He hopes to reach the half million mark soon and points out that five or six hundred thousand union men with the addition of their wives and families making up a good portion of the population of this country. It shows that workers are interested in the Labor Movement. President Bengough pointed to the excellent progress that had been made in organization and in the legislative field in Quebec.

He pointed to the new services Congress is trying to provide and will soon be in a position to provide for the affiliated Locals. He ended by saying that there was a great deal of work to be done and the Congress needed the help of every Union member to do it.

The President's remarks were well received and he was thanked for attending.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council strongly urge that all Civic bodies purchase supplies and equipment from union firms wherever possible provided the quality, service and price are comparable.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Bill Snowdon
President

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Auditorium, Labor Temple, 307 West Broadway

Minutes of the meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, October 18, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to the affiliated Locals.

Credential Committee reported having received the following credentials and recommended that the credentials be received and the delegates invited to attend the next regular meeting for obligation:--Terrence Bullman, Mrs. Norma McLeod, Dorothy Larson, John H. Dalgleish, Mrs. M. R. McGill, Jeffrey Grestoren, North Vancouver Teachers' Association; Edward Loos, Sign Painters Local 726. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--J. G. Patterson, H. Fox, Retail Grocery and Food Clerks Local 1518; J. Colton, Carpenters 452; A. R. Thompson, Vancouver Auto Workers 1857; F. E. Foley, Projectionists 348; W. T. Ferris, T. Iperise, Granite Cutters Local; E. Loos, Sign Painters Local 726; O. C. Moore, Electrical Workers Local 213; T. Cavinah, Vancouver and District Municipal Foreman's Union 349; T. W. Almas, H. Christian, Engineers 115.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, J. Bayes, T. Parkin, H. Bird, R. Cormack, A. Bevis, T. Alsbury, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Sign Painters Local 726 informing the Council that organization went on strike October 5th to enforce demands for 25¢ per hour for journeyman and a percentage increase for the lower paid brackets and stating that the present rate ranges from \$1.35 per hour down to 50¢ per hour. The companies had offered 10¢ maximum with a percentage for the lower brackets which had been rejected by the Local. The executive recommended the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Sign Painters 726 requesting that the Signcraft Limited be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of this Council. The executive recommend this matter be referred to the Grievance Committee. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Honorable G. S. Pearson, Provincial Secretary, acknowledging receipt of a memorandum proposed by the B. C. Library Association and endorsed by this Council which was placed before the Government. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) The Canadian Union Label League impressing upon the Council the necessity of continuing a demand for union made shoes bearing the label of the International Boot and Shoe Workers Union. The executive recommend his communication be referred to the Union Label Council. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Fort William Trades Council, requesting support in their effort to have the proposed pipe line being laid by the Interprovincial Wire Line Company follow an all Canadian route to Lake Superior. The executive recommend endorsement in the principle of the request. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The Secretary reported to the executive that three Local Unions to his knowledge were not paying proper per capita tax. The unions concerned were the Street Railwaymen Division 101 who were paying on 1500 members when the membership is approximately 2800. The Electrical Workers Local 213 who had paid on 500 members until recently and are now paying on 1000 though it is believed their membership is far in excess of that number. The Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Local 452 who had been paying on 500 members until July when it was increased to 2459 and in August 2400. For the month of September this Union paid on only 1500 members. The executive took a very serious view of this situation, particularly in view of the fact that appeals have been made to the unions in the Council meetings and by letter over the months which have been ignored.

The executive therefore recommend that the three Local Unions concerned; namely, Street Railwaymen Division 101, Electrical Workers Local 213, and Local 452, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners be notified

that unless they pay per capita tax to this Council on their full membership for the month of October by the 15th day of November, said Unions will stand suspended and should they fail to pay on their full membership at any time in the future that union will be suspended forthwith.

Discussion followed the reading of the recommendation by the executive and the opinion was expressed by some delegates that the unions should pay their per capita retroactive to the date upon which they ceased reporting on their full membership.

"The executive recommendation was on motion unanimously adopted."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the executive report as a whole be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Legislative Committee, delegate A. Bevis reported stating that his committee had held two meetings on the matter referred to them from the last Council meeting by Local 468, Bakery and Confectionary Workers. The committee could not arrive at a solution and will go into the matter further and endeavor to report at the next regular meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be adopted.

Organizing Committee, delegate T. Parkin reported an application received from Local 356, Lathers. The committee recommend that the application be accepted and the union requested to select delegates. It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee's recommendation be adopted.

A general discussion was held with all members of the Committee present regarding attempts to organize certain plants. The chairman expressed concern over the jurisdictional question and stated that while the committee had not the solution to the problem he felt that with the cooperation of all unions the difficulties that arose periodically might be overcome. He cited the Scott-Bathgate case as an indication for the need of the committee to deal with such matters in future. The committee recommend that all unions file a copy of their Constitution with the Secretary of the Council. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be adopted.

Educational Committee, delegate F. Templeton reported stating that the classes on Public Speaking would commence Wednesday, October 26th at 8 p.m. in Labor Headquarters, 307 West Broadway. So far only a few have registered. He urged that unions have the names of representatives attending sent in to the Secretary's office at the earliest possible date so that the classes would start as scheduled.

Delegate R. Cormack reported as a delegate to the United Nations Association. The meeting held in McGavins Auditorium October 12th was addressed by Mrs. R. B. Crummy on the Charter of Human Rights and by Mr. R. J. Mawer on Public Opinion, in Relationship to the United Nations Association.

Mrs. Crummy dealt with discussion in the drafting of the 30 articles contained in the Charter of Human Rights pointing out that on almost every article there was some objection and changes had to be made to meet the approval of delegates. Specifically she mentioned the objection raised by South African delegates on Racial Discrimination.

Mr. Mawer expressed the belief that there should be some form of National Headquarters where authorized organizations could send resolutions and suggestions. He referred to the A. F. of L. having a delegate at Lake Success and pointed out that with a National Organization, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada along with other organizations could probably take a more active part. Delegate Cormack stated that he did not believe that any of the 30 articles if submitted to this Council would not be endorsed.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be received.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Sign Painters Local 726, delegate W. Clarkson explained the situation surrounding the strike of the Sign Painters. The companies have not made an offer that the union could seriously consider to date. No pickets were used on the firms concerned until today. Pickets went on all plants that have not signed up. The Clay Signs, Lacey Signs and Hopps Signs have signed up and settled the agreement.

The delegate pointed out that prior to the depression sign painters received \$1.10 per hour then were reduced by 20¢ and when the war came their wages were frozen at that level. It was near the end of the war before the Regional War Labor Board granted them an increase of 20¢ per hour bringing them up to the pre-depression level. Since that time there have been increases

of 10¢ and 20¢ setting the wages at \$1.35, present level. The delegate appealed to the Council to support Local 726 in their just demands.

Delegate J. Baves pointed out that the strike in which Local 726 is involved affects many women employed as silk screen operators who are only earning 65¢ per hour. Also involved are bill posters who are working for \$1.05 per hour.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council request the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to urge the Federal Government to amend the Canada Shipping Act whereby it would be compulsory that all passenger ships be fitted with fire sprinkler system.

GOOD AND WELFARE:--Delegate T. Alsbury stated that he believed the Council had made quite a victory in having the City Council adopt a resolution whereby all goods would be purchased from union firms where possible. Delegate T. Alsbury paid tribute to the Labor Aldermen for their efforts in this direction.

Delegate C. Moore, Electrical Workers 213, expressed regret that upon his first meeting as a delegate to the Council it should be suggested that his organization was chiseling on per capita tax.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:--Delegate J. Phillips, Civic Employees Local 28, requested information as to how far the Legislative Committee had proceeded in examining the B. C. Hospitals Act. Secretary replied that this matter was in the hands of the Committee and that they would report at the earliest possible date. They had made considerable study of the Act. It was felt that the committee would report in the near future.

Delegate Wm. Black, Business Agent, Hospital Employees Local, stated he would be glad to meet with the Legislative Committee when they were dealing with this subject.

Delegate Hallock asked how many delegates had heard the broadcast by the Executive this evening. Only a few replied. Delegate Hallock stated it was a good broadcast and urged delegates to endeavor to hear future broadcasts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Birt Showler
President

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Auditorium, 307 West Broadway

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, November 1st, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to affiliated locals.

The Credential committee reported having received the following credentials and recommend that the delegates be seated:--W. H. Johnson, Civic Employees Local 28; Harold Fox, Retail Grocery and Food Clerks 1518; Russell Gorow, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America Local 212. "On motion Committee's recommendation adopted."

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following delegates present:--Birt Showler, J. Stevenson, T. Alsbury, H. Bird, A. Bevis, R. Cormack, J. Baves, T. Parkin, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Electrical Workers 213 stating that they received notification of the executive's recommendation that that union be suspended if the per capita was not paid on the full membership by November 15th for the month of October, and requesting that the suspension order be lifted until a statement can be issued from the Council as to the number of delegates each local is paying per capita on and the number of delegates seated from each organization. Executive recommend the communication be received and filed. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Local 213, Electrical Workers enclosing a notice of motion for an amendment to Article 2, Section 2 of the Constitution reading as follows: "Each affiliated union shall be entitled to seat delegates as follows: 50 members or less 1 delegate; 50 to 100 members, 2 delegates; 1 additional delegate for each additional 100 members or major portion thereof."

To Article 7, Section 3 (now) and to read as follows: "A mimeographed copy of the semi-annual audit report of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be provided to all affiliated organizations, and such report shall list monthly per capita, payments of all affiliated organizations and the number of delegates each organization has seated in the Council, as well as all other information required in a financial report."

The two proposed amendments to the Constitution were accepted as the first reading of a Notice of Motion.

(3) Greater Vancouver Health League informing the delegates that a film will be shown on the subject "The Value of Industrial Health to Industry" in the Auditorium of the T.B. Institute November 13th. The executive recommend the delegates be asked to take note. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Vancouver Labor Council, a resolution protesting any move on the part of the City Council to impose civic taxation without representation. Executive recommend the matter be referred to the Teachers' delegates for consideration and recommendation. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Minister of Public Works, a reply to a letter protesting the letting of contracts for building of federal buildings to non union firms. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) Social Service Committee of the Convention of Baptists Churches, requesting a meeting with the executive to discuss ways and means of cooperating with labor in the promotion of the welfare of the working people. The executive recommend that a committee of three be appointed to meet with the organization. "On motion executive recommendation adopted." The committee appointed were, delegates A. Bevis, Local 226, Typographical Local; J. Stevenson, Carpenters Local 452; H. Bird, Firefighters Local 319.

(7) Board of School Trustees acknowledging a letter from this Council with reference to the purchasing of union made goods. "Executive recommend the communication be received and noted." "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(8) Building Laborers Local enclosing a resolution drawing attention of the Minister of Labor and Minister of Public Works to an alleged breach of the I.C.A. Act by the Campbell-Bennett Construction Company and urging that the said firm be prosecuted.

The executive recommend the communication be left with the Secretary for investigation and report. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(9) Trade Union Research Bureau informing the Council of an educational program arranged in which delegates may be interested. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(10) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the meeting of October 19th. The executive recommend that they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion adopted."

The executive recommend adoption of a resolution whereby this Council goes on record as being opposed to any deal between the Aluminum Company of Canada and the Provincial Government until such time as it can be proven that the suggested deal will not constitute a further attempt to forfeit the rights of the people in British Columbia.

"The resolution was endorsed."

The executive recommended that Dr. Kemp be invited to address the next regular meeting of the Trades Council. "On motion recommendation adopted."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report as a whole be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Legislative Committee, delegate A. Bovis reported for the committee on a resolution received from Bakery Workers Union 468 and referred to the committee for consideration and report.

In dealing with the resolution wherein the Bakery Workers recommend that the Provincial Cabinet be requested to instruct the Labor Relations Board to cease and desist from questioning jurisdiction when considering applications for certification but instead confine themselves to the question: Have the majority of the workers involved elected the applicant union as the bargaining agency?

The committee have given this matter serious and lengthy consideration. It is agreed that the Labor Relations Board should not have the right to interpret the Constitution of any Union.

Your committee therefore recommends that this Council write the Labor Relations Board urging that they do not interfere with jurisdiction of Trade Unions when dealing with applications for certification of bargaining authorities under the Act.

And the committee further recommend that Section 3, Subsection 1 of the I. C. A. Act be amended by striking out the words "in which he is eligible for membership".

"The committee's recommendation was on motion adopted."

Grievance Committee, delegate R. Cormack reported that the committee had dealt with a Request from the Sign Painters to place the Signkraft Limited on the non-patronage list of the Council. The committee recommend that the Signkraft Limited be placed on the non-patronage list of this Council. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Delegate J. Hallock reported as a delegate to the Family Welfare Division of the Community Chest. Stated that the services of the red feather would seriously be cut unless the drive for funds was more successful. Pointed out the good work done by the organizations and appealed to the delegates to lend every support to the Drive.

President Birt Showler reported the death of W. D. Mahon, International President of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric and Motor Coach Employees of America. Mr. Mahon was president of the organization from its inception and a man who was responsible for building the union from a handful of workers to the present organization representing hundreds of thousands.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen Local 212, delegate G. Johnson reported negotiations between his union and The Superior Food Stores had been going on for some time and no settlement reached. The dispute will now go to a Conciliation Board. The union is determined to carry on their fight for an adjustment in wage rates in these stores inasmuch as they are considerably below the standard set by agreements with other food stores.

Sign Painters 726, delegate J. Eaves reported, stating that the strike between that union and the sign painting firms had been settled

this week with an increase of 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 15¢ per hour to employees. Delegate Eaves thanked the Council for their support.

Provincial Government Employees Association, delegate E. O'Connor reported that the Government had recognized the formula for adjustment of salaries to meet the increase in the cost of living. Delegate stated that newspaper editorials frowning on the adjustment did not contribute to the assistance of the employees.

Hospital Employees Local 180, delegate W. Black reported that union opened negotiations with the Vancouver General Hospital, the North Vancouver General Hospital and the Royal Columbian. The delegate stated that the papers were in the habit of trying to show that wage increases were responsible for the increased hospital rates. He stated that he wanted it known now that if that were the case the rates would be going up again as the present salaries did not meet the needs of the workers. Delegate stated that there were smaller hospitals in the Province that should be placed on the non-patronage list. He pointed out that some Boards had said that they would give increases if the Government agreed.

Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association, delegate Oates reported that a Bill had been introduced in the House of Commons for Federal assistance for Education and it was worth noting that the Prime Minister would not permit the Bill to be talked out. Delegate suggested the implication there was that the Federal Assistance for Education would receive favorable consideration in the near future.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:--Delegate requested of the President if he knew whether or not a group had approached Congress for a Charter and had been turned down. The President said that to his knowledge this was not so.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Birt Showler
President

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Auditorium, Labor Temple, 307 W. Broadway

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, November 15th, 1949.
 Meeting opened at 8 p.m. Vice President T. Alsbury in the Chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to the affiliated unions.

The Credential Committee reported having received the following credential and recommended that the delegate be seated:--Miss Edith Sturdy, B. C. Library Association. Moved, seconded and carried that the committee's recommendation be adopted.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following delegates present:--T. Alsbury, H. Bird, J. Stevenson, A. Bevis, R. Cormack, T. Parkin, R. Garvin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Civic Employees Local 28 enclosing a resolution the resolve of which reads as follows:

That this Council compliment the B. C. Command of the Canadian Legion for drawing to the attention of the public the seriousness of the unemployment problem and to the members of Parliament.

And Be It Further resolved that this Council invite the B.C. Command of the Canadian Legion to meet with officers of the Council for the purpose of calling a public Conference of interested organizations, said Conference to be for the purpose of drawing attention of our Government to the need for bold constructive action in order to prevent a blight of mass unemployment.

The executive recommend that the second resolve be amended to read:

That this Council invite the B. C. Command of the Canadian Legion to meet with the officers of this Council for the purpose of drawing attention of our Government for the need of bold constructive action in order to prevent a blight of mass unemployment.

The resolve was adopted as amended.

A further resolution submitted by the executive on the same subject and reading as follows:

Therefore Be It Resolved that this Council urge the Government to immediately prepare plans of a constructive nature to take adequate care of the workers of this country and offset unemployment.

And be it further Resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all members of Parliament for this District and the Labor-Veterans Relations Committee for discussion.

"The resolution was on motion adopted."

(2) Civic Employees 28 enclosing a resolution protesting the proposed increase in rent and calling upon the Federal Government to restore rent controls at their previous level, and further calling upon the Federal Government in cooperation with Provincial and Municipal Governments to institute a program of building homes within the means of working people in the low income class of renters, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Minister of Finance and to the Federal members of Parliament for Vancouver.

The executive recommend endorsement of the resolution. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada copy of a letter sent to the Prime Minister and Cabinet members protesting the removal of the rent controls and the increase in rentals. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion adopted."

(4) Vancouver Secondary School Teachers Association informing

the Council that the Association had dealt with the resolution submitted dealing with imposition of an educational tax upon citizens who do not pay property tax within the City and stating that they have endorsed the resolution as no tax imposed in the manner referred to would be equitable. However, they do not wish it to be implied that they are opposed to all special taxes imposed for financing education. Executive recommended endorsement. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Jewish Western Bulletin requesting this Council purchase an ad of greeting in the November 24th issue. Executive recommend such an ad be purchased. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) Fort William Ladies Auxiliary requesting information as to auxiliaries in operation in this City and the names of people they might contact with a view to having such an auxiliary established. The executive recommended the communication be received and the request complied with. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(7) Musicians 145 informing the Council that the Flame Cabaret and the Gay Paroo are on the non-patronage list of Local 145. The union requests that these cabarets be placed on the non-patronage list of this Council. The executive recommend the communication be received and referred to the Grievance Committee for study and report. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(8) Local 456, Paper Makers, New Westminster, informing the Council that they are opposed and wish to unanimously protest against the increase in hospital contributions by workers. The executive recommend the communication be received and referred to the Legislative Committee when considering the Hospitals Act. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(9) Superior Stamp and Stencil Company informing the Council that this is now a union firm and they can manufacture work buttons as well as other material required. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(10) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes of the meeting of November 2nd. Executive recommend they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(11) Vancouver Typographical Union 226 copy of a bulletin informing the Council that the strike at the Vancouver Daily Province has been satisfactorily settled. The executive recommend it be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the executive as a whole be adopted.

The Chairman at this stage introduced Dr. Kemp, author of the "First Aider" who wished to speak to the Council on the question of financial support for the "First Aider" Magazine. The Dr. congratulated the Council on their new quarters and the manner in which they handle their business during the meetings. He pointed out that the "First Aider" was now bankrupt and unless financial assistance was forthcoming it would be impossible to carry on publication.

He pointed out that it was his intention to make it more or less of a family journal including articles on nutrition and a medical guide that the layman may easily understand. They now propose to publish quarterly and charge a fee of 75¢ annually. He stated that he felt that it could have good effect in restraining the Workmen's Compensation Board and claimed that the "First Aider" was responsible for the present investigation being held by Chief Justice Sloan.

He also pointed out that it was his intention to present a brief to Justice Sloan making recommendations for amendments. He stated that active opposition was good for any autocratic body such as the Board who were responsible to no one but themselves.

The Dr. pointed out that an appeal from decisions of the Compensation Board was one thing he felt most important. He pointed out upon questions being asked that it may be possible to put out the "First Aider" in the new year at 10¢ per copy and the overall of 75¢ for the annual subscription.

One delegate suggested that instead of having a medical almanac the "First Aider" should have a column devoted to the labor's problems and the Workmen's Compensation Board.

The Secretary drew attention to the fact that labor has consistently over the years opposed any appeal from decisions of the Workmen's Compensation Board on the grounds that the appeal could only be to the Courts

and consequently would eat up the workers' funds and avail very little.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Kemp for his interest and recommended that the delegates take back his message to the Local Unions.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Secretary reported that the Local unions who were asked to pay per capita on the basis of their full membership had in his opinion forwarded checks on that basis. Further pointed out that the Carpenters' representatives had drawn to his attention that a misunderstanding had arisen from a conversation with the secretary and a special committee appointed from that union when the matter was previously discussed which resulted in the Carpenters being placed in an unfavorable light. The secretary reported having attended the Carpenter's Executive meeting and explaining the situation with the result that the Carpenters were now in good standing.

Secretary reported appearing before the Labor Relations Board on behalf of the United Garment Workers 232. A situation arose where the United Garment Workers had certification and were under agreement with the Pacific Clothing Co. when the Journeymen Tailors, C.I.O. entered and were successful in organizing some members and applied for certification. The result was that the Board took a vote and the Journeymen Tailors were certified.

The secretary warned that the C.I.O. in his opinion have employees in other plants placed there for the purpose of encouraging A. F. of L. members to join the C.I.O. ranks. He pointed out that the smaller unions should endeavor by joining together to have a full time representative in order to have their agreements properly policed and maintained.

The secretary further reported that he had received notification that the S.I.U. were withdrawing as from November 15th their affiliation from this Council. Amid cheers of approval it was moved, seconded and carried that the withdrawal be accepted with pleasure.

Educational Committee, delegate F. Tompleton reported that the Public Speaking Classes are in session and there is room now for one or two more. Classes are being carried on Wednesdays, 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, and anyone wishing to attend should notify the Council office. Officers elected for the season were G. Johnston, President; R. Jofferies, Vice President; Lorraine Powers, Secretary.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Typographical Union 226, delegate A. Bevis reported that on November 5th, the Typographical Union Local 226 had reached a settlement with the Vancouver Daily Province after 3 1/2 years striking at that plant. The agreement is a complete Typographical Union agreement. All members who came out on strike are back to work with all benefits that they had prior to the strike. Further, all the Allied Printing Trades who supported the Typographical Local 226 also obtained satisfactory contracts with all men restored seniority rights. The men who were employed in the plant during the strike were properly disposed of to the satisfaction of Local 226.

Delegate A. Bevis thanked all the delegates and affiliated locals as well as the Council for the support they had received.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Vancouver Daily Province be removed from the non-patronage list of this Council.

Civic Employees Local 28, delegate J. Phillips stated he was pleased to note that the City had adopted a policy of buying from union firms. But pointed out that his union were seriously concerned over the fact that the City had let a contract for sewage work to the amount of \$365,000 to a non-union firm. He stated that the firm which got the contract are paying 90¢ an hour as against his union scale of \$1.10. He stated that he was going to see to it that his union puts up a good fight to protect the members' jobs stating that there should be provision in the City Charter for the protection of the workers in this direction.

Truck Drivers 213, delegate H. Bennell stated that he was surprised to hear that the City had given a contract to Baynes-Manning as the Building Trades Council had been fighting the same situation on the highways under construction in the Interior. He recommended that a strong stand be taken against such action.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:--Delegate J. Hallock asked whether the delegates would like an annual report of the Welfare Council given at the next meeting or whether it should be prepared and printed in the Labor Statesman.

The Chairman suggested that the report be prepared and given to the Labor Statesman and if the delegate felt inclined she could also give her report at the meeting.

Delegate W. E. Eaton, Printers Local 138, asked if it was the intention of the committee putting on the radio broadcasts to follow the same policy in future as was followed on tonight's broadcast. The Chairman pointed out that there was considerable trouble preparing broadcasts and the matter was in the hands of two members of the executive to investigate and report as to whether it could be carried on.

One delegate pointed out that they had trouble in hearing the broadcast due to the hour it came on and suggested that a record be made and put on just prior to the regular meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION:--A notice of motion submitted at the last meeting by the brotherhood of Electrical Workers 213 which would amend Article 2 Section 2 of the Constitution to read:

"That each affiliated union shall be entitled to seat delegates as follows:

50 members or less	1 delegate
50 to 100 members	2 delegates
and 1 additional delegate for each additional 100 members or major portion thereof."	

The secretary pointed out that should this course be followed unions would have such large representation that the Council would be unwieldy, that there is no scientific basis for such representation.

The secretary further pointed out that the executive had worked this proposition out in several different ways but could not in the short time at their disposal agree upon a definite proposition to submit. They therefore suggested that the whole matter be referred to a committee to investigate and report.

An amendment was moved and seconded that the matter be referred to a committee.

It was moved and seconded that the matter lay on the table. The motion to lay on the table was not carried. The amendment to refer to a committee was carried and the Chairman appointed delegates, H. Bird, Chairman; R. McGarvin, G. Gee, L. Easler, J. Stevenson, A. Bevis, W. Clarkson, G. Johnston, J. Hallock, as members of the committee.

The second Notice of Motion reads as follows:

"That a mimeographed copy of the semi-annual audited report of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be provided to all affiliated organizations and such report shall list monthly per capita payments of all affiliated organizations and the number of delegates each organization has seated in the Council as well as all other information required in a financial report."

After discussion the motion was carried.

Both notices of motion will be referred to the next regular meeting for discussion and decision.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTE:--The following delegates whose applications had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--M. McGill, D. Larson, North Vancouver Teachers Association; P. Rowley, B. C. P. Government Employees Association; W. H. Johnston, Civic Employees Local 28; D. Markley, Patternmakers' Association.

Bill Showler
President

R. E. Corvin,
Secretary.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, December 20, 1949.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President B. Showler in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were on motion adopted as sent out to affiliated unions.

The Credential Committee reported having received the following credentials:--Mary D. Rendell, University Workers Local 116; W. A. Weaver, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association; Jeannie Hills, Harriot Leithor, T. Sudawic, Verne Gaston, Laundry Workers International Union Local 292; Audrey Finlayson, J. Searle, Sidney Pickett, Georgia Kjorsvick, Mona Janson, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28; H. D. Reich, J. T. Best, J. T. Evans, C. Helms, E. B. Young, J. A. Anderson, Shipwrights Local Union No. 506; Miss Helen Hall, B. G. P. G. Empl. Assoc.; F. W. McLellan, Painters and Decorators Local 138; Lathers Local 356, R. D. Fournier, W. C. Skinner. The committee recommended that those credentials which were in order be accepted and the delegates obligated and seated. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been received were obligated and seated:--Miss H. Hall, B. C. P. G. Empl. Assoc.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present: B. Showler, H. Bird, R. Cormack, J. Stevenson, T. Parkin, T. Alsbury, A. Bevis, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) The Vancouver and District Municipal Formen's Union 349, registering disapproval of the present method of administering the Provincial Hospital Insurance. The executive recommend that this question be referred to the Provincial Executive. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."
- (2) Metal Trades Council requesting assistance in an endeavor to have the Unemployment Insurance Act changed whereby a worker on Insurance would not have a 9 day waiting period when he entered his new benefit year. The executive recommend endorsement and that the matter be taken up with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the Federal Government. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (3) Granite Cutters International Association of America requesting that the B. C. Monumental Works at 3096 Main Street be placed on the We Do Not Patronize List of this Council. The executive recommended the matter be referred to the Grievance Committee. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."
- (4) Lathers International Union Local 207 enclosing 2 resolutions, number one requesting the Council urge the Provincial Government to require that all wages be paid in cash rather than by check. The executive recommend non-concurrence, pointing out that there might be some reason for such law in connection with small firms but it was felt that it would not work in the best interests of the majority of workers as a whole. The Executive recommendation was adopted.
- Number 2 requested that the Council urge the proper authorities to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act whereby employers must grant the employees the inspection of their Insurance book every two weeks with the employees signing for a receipt of stamps placed in the book at that time. The executive recommend that the matter be taken up with the Unemployment Insurance Commission. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."
- (5) Brick and Clay Workers Federal Union Local 136 informing the Council that they have now been chartered by the United Brick and Clay Workers of America (A. F. of L.). The executive recommended the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."
- (6) Painters and Decorators of America 138 informing the Council that they favor the forwarding of the semi-annual audited report to the affiliated unions. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion adopted."
- (7) International Association of Machinists Local 692, copy of a letter sent to the Minister of Health and Welfare protesting the collection of Hospital Insurance Premiums from those not in a position to pay. Executive recommend the communication be received and referred to the Provincial Executive. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(8) Civic Employees Local 28 requesting the Council to support that union in having all public works done by the City Engineering Department where possible and that no contracts be let out except to firms employing union labor. "On motion communication received and noted and approved."

(9) Baynes and Manning informing the Council that they have agreements with the Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 452 and all other skilled trades and further that unskilled labor employed by that firm had never belonged to a union but they had no objection to them becoming union members and signing an agreement with the union providing the majority of the workers were members of the union. The executive recommend the communication be received and referred to the Laborers Union. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(10) Marine Workers and Boilermakers Industrial Union requesting that a speaker be permitted to address the Council concerning the two members of that Union who had been jailed for contempt of Court in the Kuzych case. The executive recommend that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter and report back to the Council. The executive recommendation was on motion adopted. The President appointed delegates H. Bird, R. McCulloch and G. Gee.

(11) B. C. Federation of Agriculture requesting endorsement of a resolution asking the Government of B. C. to immediately make it obligatory for all hospitals in the Province to receive and care for patients from Medical physicians, Naturopathic physicians, Osteopathic physicians, and Chiropractic physicians. The executive recommend the resolution be endorsed. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(12) Local 213, I.B.E.W., enclosing a resolution protesting the verdict in the Kuzych case against two members of the Boilermakers Union by Chief Justice Whittaker. The executive recommend that the communication be received and referred to a special committee on the subject. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(13) L. T. Sankey, thanking the Council for introducing him at the recent Anniversary Banquet as a trade union member of long standing. "On motion received with appreciation."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the executive report as a whole be adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Delegate H. Bird reported for the committee appointed to deal with an amendment to the Constitution revising the representation from affiliated unions. Considerable discussion followed the reading of the report. It was moved and seconded that the matter be referred back to the Committee with instructions that the committee report on the question of representation and per capita tax. Motion carried.

Secretary R. Gerwin reported the Executive had met with the Executive of the Provincial Command, Canadian Legion and a meeting had been called for Wednesday, December 28th in the Labor Temple of members of Parliament and M.L.A.'s and the Mayor of the City to discuss the Unemployment question.

Grievance Committee, delegate R. Cormack reported for this committee stating that the committee had met with the management of the Flame and Gay Paree Cabarets and wished to report progress at this time.

Press Committee, delegate H. Bird reported stating that the finances of the paper were in a good condition and better than at any time in 25 years, the deficit accumulated during the depression having been entirely wiped out. The subscription list shows improvement but the old difficulty of obtaining news items from local unions maintains. "On motion report received."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 433, delegate O. Branton reported a Conciliation Board had awarded his union 7 1/2 per hour for male employees and 5 1/2 per hour for female employees retroactive to August 1, 1949. The award has been accepted by the Union but the Company has not yet reported.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved and seconded that this Council forward a strong protest to the Unemployment Insurance Offices against the lack of washroom facilities in the Alvin Building on Robson Street. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that this Council send a message of sympathy to delegate W. Rigby in the recent loss of his daughter who was burned when his residence caught fire. The motion was unanimously carried.

It was moved and seconded that this Council go on record as denouncing the action of the Hudson Bay Company in opening their store on Wednesday in flagrant defiance of Provincial and Civic Bylaws. The motion was unanimously carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION:--The following notice of motion was raised from the table and given third reading:

"That a mimeographed copy of the semi-annual audited report of the secretary-treasurer shall be provided to all affiliated organizations and such report shall list monthly per capita payments of all affiliated organizations and the number of delegates each organization has seated in the Council as well as all other information required in a financial report."

The motion was carried, 79 voting for, 38 against.

The President wished all delegates a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

But Showler
President