

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 2nd, 1945.
 Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.
 Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

Delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:—D. L. Bryce, Street Railwaymen 134; S. Weir, B. C. Seamen; E. S. McLean, Aeronautical Employees 75B.

The Executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Delegates present:—Showler, Smylie, Herrett, Eaves, Neelands, Stevenson, Holmes, Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:—

(1) Electrical Workers 230 acknowledging receipt of resolution on Public Ownership of electric utilities. "On motion referred to the B. C. Executive."

(2) W. E. A. notification of classes to be held commencing January 22nd. Executive recommended that the delegates be asked to take note. Recommendation adopted.

(3) Local 360 I. B. of P. M. requesting information on National Selective Service. "On motion left with the secretary to supply information."

(4) Division 101 enclosing a resolution requesting the Council to call a meeting to discuss reasons to gain a just settlement of the dispute on behalf of the Street Railway employees as speedily as possible. The Executive recommended that a wire be sent the Minister of Labor urging the immediate setting up of a Commission to enquire into the whole dispute and that a meeting be held between the Executive of the Council and the Executive of Division 101 at the earliest possible date. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(5) M. G. Grindley enclosing a copy of a letter sent to the Canadian Legion; "On motion received and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs."

(6) Division 101, Street Railwaymen replying to a report on Special Meeting on Veterans' Seniority and pointing out that the International Constitution provides full seniority rights for the time members have served in the Armed Forces. "On motion received and noted."

(7) Local 513 Brotherhood of Carpenters, notifying the Council that the Local had endorsed the resolution on veterans' seniority. "On motion received and noted."

(8) Office of the Prime Minister notification that the representations of the motion presented on the Greek situation have been duly noted. "On motion received and noted."

(9) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(10) B. C. Seamen's Union, a resolution quoting Article 2, Section 1 of the Constitution as grounds for a protest against the seating of another seamen's organization in the Council. The Executive recommended that the communication be received, filed and copies sent to the American Federation of Labor and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(11) T. Dunlop, Chairman Political Action Committee, tendering his resignation. The executive recommended that the resignation be received with regret and that delegate Jackson, who is a member of the Committee be asked to take over the chairmanship. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(12) B. C. Seamen's Union enclosing a resolution urging the abolition of National Selective Service as it is now constituted. The executive recommended concurrence. An amendment was moved and seconded that the matter be referred back to the Executive for further consideration. The amendment carried.

The Executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:—Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported for this Committee and recommended the following delegates credentials be accepted:—Sam Medigovitch, William Calder, Building Laborers 602; Chas. Wren, Engineers Local 115; Mabel Lukas, Emily Watts, Hotel and Restaurant Employees 28; Ada Halloran, Thomas O. Ramsay, Garment Workers 190; H. Fishman, Machinists 692; W. C. Cleaver, S. Stewart, Ironworkers 97;

W. M. Brown, A. Webster, J. McFadden, General Truck Drivers 31; George Bogerd, Harry Sipes, G. H. Taylor, Harry Davis, R. P. Shawaga, J. M. Smith, Canadian Seamen's Union, West Coast District; P. C. Hurley, George Gilbert, William M. Black, Margaret McGregor, John M. Taylor, Alexander Paterson, Mrs. Lucy McLuskie, Vancouver General Hospital Employees. The report of the committee on motion was adopted.

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported progress in the Dry Cleaning and Laundry organizing drive aslo organizing one of the paper bag plants in the City. Some of the Laundry Workers agreements before the Regional War Labor Board.

At this time the President introduced Brother Bill Page, International Organizer for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Brother Page greeted the members and extended best wishes for the New Year.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:—Building Laborers 602, delegate James reported that the City Council had taken no action on amending the bylaws to provide for proper cement floors in the construction of new homes.

Street Railwaymen 101, report by Stewart that the Regional War Labor Board had handed down a decision of 4 1/2 an hour. This was unsatisfactory and the Union appealed to the National War Labor Board.

Considered finding of National Board an insult to every trade union in B. C. and has left no other course than to take strike action. Regrets this deeply but unless demands are met will not operate after Tuesday, January 9th.

Street Railwaymen 134, delegate Cormack agreed with Stewart and expressed the opinion that the National Board was set up to protect employers. Wants support from the Council delegates even if they have to walk to work.

Machinists 692, delegate Foster reported that he was reminded of a "no strike" pledge resolution passed by this Council to which he objected at the time but was glad to see that the carmen would make a fight for their rights.

Engineers 963, delegate Berger reported his Union have been negotiating over a long period with the School Board for an agreement and finally reached one on the 19th of December. This he believes is the first of its kind in Vancouver.

Civic Employees 28, delegate Rees reported they have had a most successful year organizing for membership.

Typographical Local 226, delegate reported that he had enquired re ballots printed for Civic Elections and found that since the job had been given to a union shop they had left the label off as they felt some of the people who used the ballots would not be particular about having the label. In future the label will appear on work.

B. C. Seamen, delegate Weir reported that balloting had ended on the park ships this week and they expected to be counted next month. Now have 4 agreements with steamship operators out of this port. Forced to move out of their hall and wished the Street Railwaymen success in their endeavor.

Hotel and Res. 28, delegate Ansell reported 2 weeks ago a letter sent out to all Unions affiliated notifying them of the Local's campaign, only 3 unions have replied to date. Urges delegates to take this up in the Local and act on the letter.

NEW BUSINESS:—Delegate James rose to point out that the City Council had not taken action on the request for a Bylaw requiring a reasonable thickness of cement in the floors of newly constructed homes and requested that this matter be again taken up with the City Council.

Mrs. Ansell Local 28 requested a letter of introduction and was referred to the Secretary.

Moved and seconded we adjourn.

Delegate Cormack rose to ask if the meeting could be adjourned before the order of business is completed. President replied that a motion to adjourn was always in order.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

R.K.GERVIN, Secretary.

But Showler.
 President

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council, held on Tuesday, January 16, 1945.

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

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

Delegates whose credentials had previously been accepted were obligated and seated:—Mrs. Emily Watts, Hotel and Restaurant Workers 28; G. Bogard, Harry Sipes, G. H. Taylor, Harry Davis, R.P. Shawaga, J. M. Smith, Canadian Seamen's Union; Sam Medigovitch, Building Laborers 602; W. M. Brown, A. Webster, G. V. McFadden, Truck Drivers 31; Wm. Bradbury, Building Service Employees 244.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. The following delegates were present:—Showler, Smylic, Eaves, Herrett, Stevenson, Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Aeronautical 756 enclosing a resolution requesting that the Legislative Committee of the Council convene a conference of all affiliations of Labor in the district to meet prior to the opening of the Provincial Legislature for the purpose of laying out labor's program for the year 1945, and with a representative delegation be dispatched to the Cabinet by the Legislative Committee and that the Council recommend to Local Unions that they be prepared to elect delegates to proceed to the Capital City to provide necessary support behind labor's demands. The Executive recommended that an explanation be given by the Chairman of the Provincial Executive and the communication be received and filed. At a request from the floor the letter was left over until after the report of the Provincial Executive.

(2) Provincial Secretary enclosing a copy of a letter sent to the secretary of Local 18177 regarding a disturbance recently at the Girls' Industrial School. "On motion the communication was received and noted."

(3) Taxi Drivers 151 reply to report of Special Meeting on Veterans' seniority. "On motion received and noted."

(4) United Garment Workers 232 reply to a report on Veterans' seniority. "On motion received and noted."

(5) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council minutes. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

The following resolution referred to the Executive from a previous meeting was read:

Therefore be it resolved, that this Council request the abolition at the cessation of hostilities of the office of National Selective Service as it is now constituted and its replacement by some other Government Agency operated and managed by equal representation of Labor with others.

And be it further resolved, that every effort be made to protect the right of organized workers to hire through their own hiring halls, without interference from government agencies, which are influenced by the employers of labor.

"On motion the recommendation of the Executive that this resolution be adopted was concurred in."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:—Credential Committee, delegate Smylic reported the committee had dealt with the following credentials and recommended that the proposed delegates be seated in the Council:—Alex McPherson, Ironworkers Local 97, John H. Mossop, Railway Carmen 58; N. Cismus, N. Laing, E. B. Arton, G. Baird, Aeronautical Lodge 756; J. H. Leslie, A. E. McManus, R. McEwan, Projectionists Local 348; T. W. Roberts, Taxi Drivers 151. "On motion recommendation of the committee was adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported that a meeting had been held for the employees of the Bemis Bag January 5th. All employees attending the meeting except 2 signed applications. Met Laundry Workers January 8th and represented that union before the Regional War Labor Board on the 9th. Regional Board suggested that representatives of Union and employers meet and endeavor to agree on a wage rate.

Secretary Gerwin reported on a meeting held between the Executive of the Council and the Executive of Division 101 January 6th when it was decided to hold a meeting of secretaries and presidents of all affiliated Locals January 8th. This meeting was held in the Odd Fellows Hall when

a representative from Division 101 explained the Street Railwaymen's situation.

R.K. Gerwin, Chairman of the Provincial Executive, reported having met the Provincial Cabinet January 12th and presented a brief. The Government gave the delegation a very fair hearing informing them that some matters contained in the brief had already been approved and that other matters would be given serious consideration.

At the request of a delegate it was decided that a copy of the Brief would be sent to all affiliated Locals.

At this time a letter from Aeronautical Lodge 756 on the matter of representation before the Cabinet was raised from the Table and the Executive's recommendation, that an explanation be given by the Secretary and the communication received and filed, was adopted.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:—Division 101, Street Railwaymen, delegate Gregory reported that the strike committee at a recent meeting had decided not to put obstacles in the way of anyone getting a ride to work. Thanked the Electrical Workers and expressed the opinion that something would break soon. President requested information as to whether it was in order for workers to obtain WIT ration cards. The delegate replied that it was. The President stated that his organization would reverse their decision on the matter of hauling people on trucks to work.

Truck Drivers 31, delegate Atkinson reported his Union had refused to haul anyone in or out of the City even at the request of the employers. One employer sought and obtained permission from Division 101 to haul people. The delegate stated that he would be happy to haul everyone but that the drivers were not anxious to undertake overtime work.

Fire Fighters 256, delegate requested information on Section 2 of the report of the Special Committee on Veterans' seniority. Secretary replied to the question.

Electrical Workers 213, delegate Gee expressed satisfaction in the change of policy of the Street Railwaymen on transportation.

Railway Carmen 58, delegate Shearer reported his organization decided to permit men working in their own industry to arrange transportation for their members. Would not accept company proposals on this matter.

Aeronautical Lodge 756, delegate Parkin reported that the tie-up in the aircraft plant here would be very serious as it would mean a stoppage of work in the Seattle plant too. Buses operated by the employer will not travel past Marpole to the City.

Sheet Metal 280, delegate R. Macaulay stated that in his opinion that there should be no organized effort by the workers on transportation.

NEW BUSINESS:—It was moved, seconded that Division 101 be asked to insert a notice in the press stating their transportation policy and that this be paid for by the Trades and Labor Council after such ad has been approved by the Executive of the Council. The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that this Council take up with the City the question of government contractors erecting buildings in this City which are not inspected by the City or any other inspectors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

B. Showler

R. K. GERWIN,
Secretary.

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, February 6, 1945.

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

Delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated:--W. Black, G. Gilbert, P. C. Hurley, A. Patterson, J. N. Taylor, Hospital Employees Local 180; Ada Halloran, Garment Workers 232; T. Ramsay, Garment Workers 190; S. Davies, Firefighters 323; W. Yucho, G. Williams, Plumbers 779; A. E. McManus, Projectionists 348; H. Fishman, Machinists 692; J. M. Badger, 835; Hotel and Res. Empl.; T. W. Roberts, Taxi Drivers 151; W. Laing, N. Cismus, E. B. Arton Aeronautical Lodge 756; W. Calder, Building Laborers 602; O. H. Wren Engineers 115; G. A. Volland, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Assoc.

President Showler reported the death of delegate G. Gibson who was killed in an accident recently. The delegates stood in silence for three minutes as a tribute to his memory.

Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following delegates being present:--Showler, Smylie, Irving, Eaves, Herrett, Neelands, Holmes, Stevenson, Gerwin.

The executive recommended that the Street Railwaymen's Union's dispute be held as a special order of business at 8:30 p.m. The recommendation of the Executive was adopted.

The executive recommended that the President and Secretary be instructed to form a delegation to proceed to Victoria at the most opportune time during the forthcoming session of the Provincial Legislature to bring every pressure possible on the Government to enact or amend legislation in accordance with labor's demands. That Local Unions financially able to do so be urged to send at least one representative with the delegation. "On motion the executive's recommendation was adopted."

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) United Fishermen's Federal Union of B. C. extending an invitation to officers of the Council to attend the 1945 Convention on Tuesday, March 13th. "On motion received with thanks".
- (2) Building Department, City Hall, informing the Council that the remedy for inferior materials and workmanship in buildings lies with the prospective builder or purchaser. "On motion left with the secretary to take up with the Unions affected."
- (3) Labor Arts Guild requesting the Council to send a delegate to act on the executive of that body. "On motion received and filed."
- (4) F. E. Harrison, Department of Labor notification of radio broadcasts by C.E. Goldenberg on Labor Management Production committee, during the week of February 11th, 1945 over all B.O. stations. "On motion received and noted."
- (5) Vancouver Public Library requesting the Council to send a delegate to an organizing meeting of the "Friends of the Vancouver Public Library". The executive recommended that delegate Holmes be asked to attend. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."
- (6) MacTaggart, Corporation Council, City of Vancouver, informing the Council that where buildings are considered to be the property of the Crown they are not bound by the provisions of any Statute unless it is so provided in the Statute. Consequently the City is powerless to compel the inspection of any building the Government might be erecting. The executive recommended that the communication be received and noted. It was moved, seconded and carried that the communication be referred to the Medical Health Department.
- (7) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."
- (8) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada informing the Council that the Report of the standing committee on post war rehabilitation and reconstruction is now printed and ready for distribution. The executive recommended that the Council purchase 250 copies for distribution to the delegates. Recommendation adopted.

The executive recommended that a special committee be set up to study Wages Control Order 9384, 1727 and bring recommendations for amendments to the next regular meeting. The committee R.K. Gerwin, Secretary of the Council; T. Dunlop, Division 101; J. McMillan, Machinists 692; J. Walker, Sheet Metal 280; G. Taylor, Millers 70.

The secretary read a communication from Division 101 requesting a special meeting of the Council to go into this Union's dispute with the R.W.L.B., the N.W.L.B. and the B. C. Electric Railway Company. The secretary reported that a special meeting of the Executive of the Council had been held Thursday, February 1st with the Advisory Board of the Street Railwaymen's Union following which wires had been sent to the Honorable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor and George S. Pearson, memorandum handed to Street Railwaymen's representatives January 17th. A reply was received from Honorable Humphrey Mitchell stating that these promises had been implemented. Delegate Stewart at this time came to the platform and reported at length the procedure which the Union had followed in their endeavor to obtain an increase in pay for the membership. Considerable discussion followed from the delegates wherein the Order in Council and the Regional War Labor Board were criticized. It was also pointed out that the responsibility could not be placed on individual members of the Board and particularly labor members inasmuch as we have asked repeatedly to have labor men placed on the Board. It was also pointed out by delegate Alty that labor might suffer were wages and prices controls not maintained during the period in which the war ends. The executive's recommendation was unanimously adopted.

A resolution presented by Brother Stewart requesting that all possible influence be brought to bear on the Federal Department of Labor in an endeavor to give the necessary power to the R.W.L.B. to fulfill the implied promises of the Federal Labor Department officers and grant the increase of 6¢ per hour, and that a copy of the minimum demands of the Union together with Mr. Harrison's memorandum be sent to all Trades Councils with a request that they take similar action and also seek changes in the Wage Control Order to allow Regional Boards to grant reasonable increases was unanimously adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd):

(9) Taxi Drivers 151 forwarding suggestions on wages and cost of living bonuses as it affects the standard of living at the present time. "On motion referred to the Special Committee on Order in Council P.C. 9384."

Brother S. Herbst, International Representative of the I.L.G.W.U. was introduced by the President and spoke briefly pointing out that he was here to negotiate an agreement in the Jantzen Knitting Mills and with a view to organizing plants in the City. Brother Herbst was thanked by the President.

Secretary announced that there would be a film shown by Brother Box, National Film Board representative, Wednesday, February 7th at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Hall 3. All business agents, secretaries and delegates were invited.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Bert Showler
President

R. K. GERWIN,
Secretary.

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, February 20th, 1945.
 Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.
 Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been accepted were obligated and seated:--Mrs. M. McGregor, Hospital Employees 180; J. Brown, G. Ashton, Retail Clerks Local 279; V.I. McOrne, Ruth Ward, Office Employees Local 18177; E. Boyko, Taxi Drivers 151; J. Roberts, Sign Painters 726; A. McPherson, Ironworkers 97; G. W. Baird, Aeronautical Employees 756.

The executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Delegates present:--Showler, Smylie, Neelands, Stevenson, Eaves, Holmes, Herrett, Irving, Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Labor Progressive Party informing the Council of a Bazaar being held at 339 West Pender, March 15th, 16th and 17th at 2 p.m. daily, inviting delegates to attend and look around. "On motion received and delegates asked to take note."

(2) Labor Arts Guild referring to a letter dealt with at the last regular meeting requesting a member from this Council on the Executive of that body. The letter states that in the opinion of the writer insufficient consideration was given to the previous letter due to important special business and urges that the Council reconsider its decision. The executive recommended that the communication be received and filed. The executive's recommendation was adopted.

(3) City Health Officer informing the Council that his Department has taken steps to see that installations by Federal Departments comply with Civic Bylaws. "On motion received and noted."

(4) Secretary Local 249 Boot and Shoe Workers Union, Montreal, informing the Council that the Eagle Shoe Co. and the Slater Shoe Co. no longer have contacts with the Union and requesting that we contact these companies in an endeavor to have them place the Union Label on their goods. "Motion adopted that the request be complied with and this letter referred to the Union Label Council."

(5) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(6) Canadian Red Cross Society requesting endorsement of the 6th National Appeal commencing March 5th. The executive recommended that the Appeal be endorsed. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(7) International Association of Machinists 692 notifying the Council that the Local has petitioned the Minister of Labour to have Labor members of the National and Regional Boards submit minority reports.

Lodge 756 a similar notification was received. The executive recommended that the two communications be received and noted as this matter was included in the report of the Special Committee on P.O. 9384. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(8) B. C. Federation of Labor (C.O.L.) copy of a Brief submitted to the Provincial Government by B. C. Industry opposing statutory sanction of the check-off system. "On motion received and noted. "On motion report of executive as a whole was adopted."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylie recommended the following delegates whose credentials were found to be in order be seated and notified to attend the next meeting for obligation. "On motion recommendation adopted."
 Harry Hendrickson, Dorothy Halsall, Glove Workers 104; R. A. McCormick, Percy E. Govier, New Westminster Teachers' Association; J. E. Bruce, J. B. Mitchell, W. E. Fletcher, University Workers Local 116; Sidney Jacques, Roy Hattie, Retail Clerks 279; Edward Nielsen, Bakers 468; Albert Bleakley, R. J. Adamson, Garment Workers 190; Bert Stevens, George E. Dancy, Garment Workers 276.

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported making good progress with the Bemis Bag Co. One department applied for certification. Interviewed management of Nelson and Peerless Laundry and Empire Dry Cleaners as suggested by Regional Board with a view to arriving at a joint agreement. Have not been successful to date. Have held meetings

of Sanitary Dry Cleaners employees. Some progress. Had a mass meeting for Hotel and Restaurant employees. Making good progress with numerous contacts in the City. "On motion report received."

Showler reported Associated Hospitals held an annual meeting and at December 31st, 1944, had 15,000 members with 17,000 dependents. All loans have now been paid back and in January this year there were 4,000 new subscribers. Association steadily growing.

Audit Committee, delegate Atkinson stated that the Audit Committee had examined the books and found them to be correct and in good order. A signed statement by the committee could be seen at the secretary's office by interested delegates.

Press Committee, delegate Irving recommended that a letter be sent out to all affiliated unions requesting that representatives of the Press Committee be permitted to address the meeting with a view to having subscriptions increased. Subscriptions now stand at approximately 2700. New unions subscribing are as follows:--Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers Union of Ocean Falls, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association, Film Exchange Employees, Office Employees Local 18177, United Garment Workers 190.

Secretary Gervin reported that the matter of poor workmanship and material in buildings presently being constructed is being taken up by a committee with the Building Department of the City Council.

Secretary Gervin also reported for the Special Committee set up to study Order in Council P.O. 9384. The following recommendations by the Committee were adopted:

Sub-Section 4 of Section 2 - Committee recommends that provision be made for sittings of the National Board to be held periodically in all provinces of the Dominion.

That all meetings of the National or Regional War Labor Boards, where decisions affecting the wages of workers are made, be open to the public.

Sub-Section 5 of Section 2 - changed whereby it would be necessary for all members of the National Board as it is presently constituted to be present before dealing with any matter within its jurisdiction.

Sub-Section 6 of Section 2 - The National War Labor Board must bring down a decision on any case within 60 days of being submitted.

That where decisions of the National or Regional War Labor Boards are not unanimous a majority and minority report must be submitted in writing signed by the member or members.

That the Regional War Labor Boards be placed on full time in order that findings and directions can be brought down in the shortest possible time after applications have been submitted.

That where employers and employees have reached an agreement on wages, approval of the National and Regional War Labor Boards be automatic.

That Sub-Paragraph "B" Sub-Section I of Section 20 be eliminated.

That sub-section 2 of Section 20 be eliminated down to last sentence.

Section 23 - Provincial Minimum Wage Legislation - In the fifth line change the words "35¢ per hour" to "50¢ per hour".

Your committee recommends that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada be requested to demand of the Federal Government the revision of the present cost of living index published monthly in the "Labor Gazette" to give true expression of the expenditures and costs of the average worker. Further, that regional cost of living indices be established to show the true cost of living in all parts of the country and that figures on which the cost of living is computed be published in detail in the "Labor Gazette".

When a true cost of living index is established a cost of living bonus of 25¢ per week for each 1 point rise in the cost of living index shall be paid to all workers regardless of age, sex, or present wages.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the word "gross" be stricken from Section 20 of the Order. The committee's report as a whole was adopted.

Secretary Gerwin reported that a meeting had been arranged with the Provincial Cabinet for Friday, February 23rd, and that all unions sending delegates had been notified to have the delegates attend a meeting on Thursday, February 22nd, in the Labor Temple, Government and Broughton Streets, Victoria. Delegate Rigby asked the reason for arranging a separate meeting. The secretary replied that at the last meeting a motion had been passed instructing the officers to arrange a labor delegation to Victoria to bring all possible pressure on the Government.

It was moved and seconded that the officers of this Council invite the Officers of the C. O. L. Council to accompany them on the delegation. President Showler ruled this motion out of order.

Delegate Irving while discussing the report of the Secretary was ruled out of order by the President and asked to resume his seat. Delegate Irving retired.

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

REPORTS OF UNIONS:-- Embalmers and Undertakers' Assistants' 23374, delegate Bougall reported that an agreement has been signed between the Embalmers Union and the Bell Funeral Home, a closed shop agreement, 48 hour week, 8 hour day. Representatives of his union have asked Industrial Relations Board to investigate the hours of work. A committee has been set up of employees and employers to go into this matter. Asks support of other unions for union funeral parlor.

Electrical Workers 217, delegate Rose reported his Local had donated to the "Crazy Fund". He thinks it is a very worthy fund.

Truck Drivers 21, delegate Atkinson reported an agreement signed between his Union and the Polya Co. at New Westminster.

Canadian Seamen, delegate reported they have received certification as bargaining representatives on 52 Park Avenue on this Coast. Now working on agreements.

Garment Workers 276, delegate reported that International Representative Herbet had signed an agreement for three years with the Jantzen Knitting Mills obtaining closed shop clause. His union is donating a day's wages to war relief purposes and the members have now joined the Hospital Association.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

But Showler
President

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, March 6/45. Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated: J. Bruce, Local 116 University Empl. Local 23 Civic Employees, R. E. O'Brien and J. Massey; Marine Engineers J. F. Parker; Bakers Local 466, E. Nielsen, Civic Employees 28, A. Lyons, J. Sheridan; Ladies Garment Wkrs. 276, A. G. Stevens; Retail Clerks 279 S. E. Jacques, R. G. Hattie; Glove Workers #104, Dorothy Halsall and E. Gaston; Molders 281, James Hailley.

President Showler introduced the visiting delegation from the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council, consisting of Brothers G. A. Wilkinson, F. Davison, C. W. Marshall, F. J. Bevis, H. Rowland & U. Caird.

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening, the following members being present: Delegates Showler, Smylie, Neelands, Irving, Eaves, Stevenson, Herrett, Holmes and Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:--

(1) Victoria Trades & Labor Council stating that body was dissatisfied with the attitude of the Government regarding the proposals for Labor legislation at this Session. They feel there should be further pressure put on the Government and with that object in view request a hearing of a delegation at the next meeting.

The Executive recommended that the delegation be heard and that this Council go into a Committee of the Whole at 9 p.m. for this purpose. "On motion recommendation of the Executive was adopted."

(2) Local Union 2346 informing the Council that the Shinglers Union which was well organized in 1942 and 43, now find that a great deal of roofing work is being done by Non Union workers. The Union points out that Union men can be called upon for this work who carry a regular paid up card in the Shinglers Local 2346 and wear the Union button. Executive recommended that the delegates be asked to take note and that all possible publicity be given to this communication. "On motion endorsed."

(3) Local 13177 Office Employees, informing the Council that owing to financial difficulties they were unable to send a delegation to Victoria. "On motion received and noted."

(4) Minister of Labor pointing out that representations made to the affiliated Trades Councils by this organization might upset the support of members of Labor organizations of the wage stabilization policy of the Government and enclosing telegrams exchanged between the President and Secretary of this Council and the Minister. "On motion received and filed."

(5) Lodge 756 Int. Assoc. Machinists enclosing 2 recommendations to the Council. 1. That when delegations are planned dealing with matters affecting Labor that the Council will adopt the principle of joint action with other bona fide affiliations of labor. 2. That when briefs are required dealing with amendments to legislation the Council will request the Provincial Executive to give Locals the opportunity of participating in the formulation of briefs. Executive recommended that this communication be referred to the Provincial Executive. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(6) Local 882 Operating Engineers, proposing that the Council request the Minister of Pensions and National Health to appoint a suitable Western representative to the Veterans' Pension Board. Also a communication from Local 882 recommending Brother Jack Henderson as a representative to the Veterans' Pension Board. "On motion communications received and endorsed."

(7) Div. 134 Street Railwaymen, enclosing a resolution requesting the Council to go on record as favoring the broadcasting of all parliamentary debates and that we petition all Trades Councils in Canada for support. Executive recommended that this communication be held over until further information is obtained. "On motion recommendation adopted."

It was moved, seconded and carried that the word "gross" be stricken from Section 20 of the Order. The committee's report as a whole was adopted.

Secretary Gerwin reported that a meeting had been arranged with the Provincial Cabinet for Friday, February 23rd, and that all unions sending delegates had been notified to have the delegates attend a meeting on Thursday, February 22nd, in the Labor Temple, Government and Broughton Streets, Victoria. Delegate Rigby asked the reason for arranging a separate meeting. The secretary replied that at the last meeting a motion had been passed instructing the officers to arrange a labor delegation to Victoria to bring all possible pressure on the Government.

It was moved and seconded that the officers of this Council invite the Officers of the C. O. L. Council to accompany them on the delegation. President Showler ruled this motion out of order.

Delegate Irving while discussing the report of the Secretary was ruled out of order by the President and asked to resume his seat. Delegate Irving retired.

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

REPORTS OF UNIONS:-- Embalmers and Undertakers' Assistants' 23374, delegate Bougall reported that an agreement has been signed between the Embalmers Union and the Bell Funeral Home, a closed shop agreement, 48 hour week, 8 hour day. Representatives of his union have asked Industrial Relations Board to investigate the hours of work. A committee has been set up of employees and employers to go into this matter. Asks support of other unions for union funeral parlor.

Electrical Workers 217, delegate Rose reported his Local had donated to the "Crazy Fund". He thinks it is a very worthy fund.

Truck Drivers 21, delegate Atkinson reported an agreement signed between his Union and the Polya Co. at New Westminster.

Canadian Seamen, delegate reported they have received certification as bargaining representatives on 52 Park Avenue on this Coast. Now working on agreements.

Garment Workers 276, delegate reported that International Representative Herbet had signed an agreement for three years with the Jantzen Knitting Mills obtaining closed shop clause. His union is donating a day's wages to war relief purposes and the members have now joined the Hospital Association.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

But 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 Council held on Tuesday, March 6/45. Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated: J. Bruce, Local 116 University Empl. Local 23 Civic Employees, R. E. O'Brien and J. Massey; Marine Engineers J. F. Parker; Bakers Local 466, E. Nielsen, Civic Employees 28, A. Lyons, J. Sheridan; Ladies Garment Wks. 276, A. G. Stevens; Retail Clerks 279 S. E. Jacques, R. G. Hattie; Glove Workers #104, Dorothy Halsall and E. Gaston; Molders 281, James Hailley.

President Showler introduced the visiting delegation from the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council, consisting of Brothers G. A. Wilkinson, F. Davison, C. W. Marshall, F. J. Bevis, H. Rowland & U. Caird.

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening, the following members being present: Delegates Showler, Smylie, Neelands, Irving, Eaves, Stevenson, Herrett, Holmes and Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:--

(1) Victoria Trades & Labor Council stating that body was dissatisfied with the attitude of the Government regarding the proposals for Labor legislation at this Session. They feel there should be further pressure put on the Government and with that object in view request a hearing of a delegation at the next meeting.

The Executive recommended that the delegation be heard and that this Council go into a Committee of the Whole at 9 p.m. for this purpose. "On motion recommendation of the Executive was adopted."

(2) Local Union 2346 informing the Council that the Shinglers Union which was well organized in 1942 and 43, now find that a great deal of roofing work is being done by Non Union workers. The Union points out that Union men can be called upon for this work who carry a regular paid up card in the Shinglers Local 2346 and wear the Union button. Executive recommended that the delegates be asked to take note and that all possible publicity be given to this communication. "On motion endorsed."

(3) Local 13177 Office Employees, informing the Council that owing to financial difficulties they were unable to send a delegation to Victoria. "On motion received and noted."

(4) Minister of Labor pointing out that representations made to the affiliated Trades Councils by this organization might upset the support of members of Labor organizations of the wage stabilization policy of the Government and enclosing telegrams exchanged between the President and Secretary of this Council and the Minister. "On motion received and filed."

(5) Lodge 756 Int. Assoc. Machinists enclosing 2 recommendations to the Council. 1. That when delegations are planned dealing with matters affecting Labor that the Council will adopt the principle of joint action with other bona fide affiliations of labor. 2. That when briefs are required dealing with amendments to legislation the Council will request the Provincial Executive to give Locals the opportunity of participating in the formulation of briefs. Executive recommended that this communication be referred to the Provincial Executive. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(6) Local 882 Operating Engineers, proposing that the Council request the Minister of Pensions and National Health to appoint a suitable Western representative to the Veterans' Pension Board. Also a communication from Local 882 recommending Brother Jack Henderson as a representative to the Veterans' Pension Board. "On motion communications received and endorsed."

(7) Div. 134 Street Railwaymen, enclosing a resolution requesting the Council to go on record as favoring the broadcasting of all parliamentary debates and that we petition all Trades Councils in Canada for support. Executive recommended that this communication be held over until further information is obtained. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(8) Victoria & District Trades and Labor Council enclosing minutes of their last regular meeting. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

Executive recommended the endorsement of a resolution urging that all pressure possible be brought to bear on the proper authorities immediately to have an equalization of freight rates as between the East and the West of Canada brought about. Recommendation of the Executive was endorsed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES:

Vice President Smylie for the Credential Committee reported credentials received from E. Edwards and C. Poulter, Local 69 Int. Printing Pressmen & Assts. Committee recommended the delegates be seated. "On motion recommendation of the Committee adopted."

President Showler reported that the Executive had considered the matter of appointing a Chairman of the Political Action Committee and recommended Secretary Gerwin. "On motion recommendation adopted."

President further reported on the Regional War Labor Board that total adjustments for Cost of Living Bonus to 9,812 employees was \$147,274.68 and covered 2071 employers. Reported further that Miss Morley of N.S.S. had given a report at the Unemployment Advisory Committee's meeting to the effect that 200 girls registered for work had not reached Grade 10 in school. Delegate Reece asked if that was the full cost of living bonus. President replied this bonus amounted to 95 cents per week.

Secretary Gerwin reported meeting the Building Committee of the City Council as instructed at the previous meeting on the matter of poor workmanship and material being put into houses being built in this City. As a result of discussion with this Committee a Special Committee was set up to go further into this matter and report to the City Council.

Reporting for the Labor delegation which appeared before the Government on February 23rd, the Secretary stated there were 24 representatives from Vancouver and 4 from Victoria on the first day and that 31 representatives met the Provincial Cabinet. The proposed amendments for legislation were broken into sections and different speakers presented these sections of the brief. The necessity of action by the Government at this Session was stressed by each speaker.

During a meeting with the Minister of Labor it was suggested that a permanent Committee of representatives of Labor and Government be set up to consider the matters contained in all the briefs submitted. Your Committee informed the Minister that while this might be useful for the future we wanted action on these matters at this Session. The Minister in replying for the Government stated that on Compensation we were not far apart and that some matters proposed would be dealt with directly by the Board. The Minister stated he was not in sympathy with us in pressing for abolition of Company Unions as he felt that this matter was in the hands of the Unions. He questioned whether the check off in a Union shop could be a matter for the Province to deal with and felt that it actually should be dealt with by collective bargaining.

In concluding the report Secretary stated that in his opinion this Council should continue to press for the proposed legislation at this Session as Labor is entitled to consideration.

The Executive recommended that the Council have cards printed urging the Lieutenant Governor in Council to take immediate action to implement Labor's demands. Local Unions to be asked to purchase these cards, distribute them to members who would sign and mail. Further that Secretaries of all Local Unions be urged to write the Premier on this matter immediately. "On motion recommendation of the Executive adopted." "On motion the report of the Secretary adopted."

Organizing Committee--Chairman Herrett reported an application for affiliation had been received from the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Local at Port Alberni. The Committee recommended this application be accepted and the Local asked to elect delegates. "On motion report of the Committee adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:

B. C. Seamen, delegate Markey reported a great deal of difficulty in organizing Seamen due to raiding tactics of another Seamen's Union but good progress being made. Statement made by man organizing for another Union that he was proud to work out of a O.I.O. Hall. Victoria Trades and Labor Council had passed a motion that they would refuse to seat another Seamen's Union in their Council.

It now being 9 o'clock the Council went into Committee of the Whole, Vice President S. Smylie being asked to take the Chair. The Press retired. Chairman explained that we were now ready to hear the delegates from Victoria.

The first speaker, Brother Wilkinson expressed appreciation to the Council for hearing his delegation. Stated he was not happy at the attitude of the Government because there was no assurance that there would be any legislation brought down this Session. His Council had joined in a Labor Lobby on February 26th. This was one of the best conducted and organized lobbies ever seen and in 2 days they had the Government hanging on the ropes. The delegate pointed out that since the Minister of Labor had stated a Committee would be set up that some sections of Labor had hailed this as a great victory. Expressed regrets that Labor had not United to bring pressure on the Government. Pointed out that this Council was sadly missed.

Del. Bevis spoke briefly stating that a block should be formed against the people who will not act on labor's behalf.

Del. Caird spoke stating that he was disappointed and not satisfied with the Government's action. He felt the Government must be forced now that the C.C.L. had a powerful lobby although they did not represent as many as the A.F. of L.

F. Davison spoke stating that he was disgusted with the Govt. The Minister of Labor had stated that the Employees must learn to sell themselves to the Govt. and Employers must learn the method of collective bargaining.

Del. Rowland stated he was prepared to go down the line with any man who wore a Union button for the good of the cause.

Del. Marshall stated the Secretary had read a long list of labor's demands but did not say which of those demands had been granted. He felt that the pressure had started the Government moving and that further pressure by this Council will bring results.

It was moved that this Council join with all Labor organizations in sending a delegation to Victoria to demand enactment of labor's proposals at this Session. Delegate Neelands spoke on the motion stating that he thought one part of the motion would defeat the whole purpose. Further stated that we could not expect M.L.A.'s. to take labor's threat seriously of placing a block against them when the groups making the threat were running candidates against them in any event. His Union is prepared to go down the line with the Trades and Labor Congress and the A.F. of L. but in as much as other groups had almost wrecked their organization they felt inclined to work with their own affiliates.

Del. Rigby appreciated the report of the delegates from Victoria and did not agree with motion as we could not take this action now without consulting other groups to find what their decision is after hearing the report of the Lobby.

Delegate Showler expressed appreciation at having delegates from Victoria present and drew attention to the fact that only 31 delegates from our affiliated locals turned out to the Victoria meeting.

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Moved in amendment that the Executive Board be authorized to send a delegation to Victoria to demand a withdrawal by the Premier of his alleged promise to the C.M.A. that Labor legislation would not be brought down at this Session and bring all possible pressure to have labor's proposals placed before the Legislature at this Session. The amendment was seconded.

Delegate Gargrave stated the Minister had promised nothing in setting up the proposed Labor Committee as the Committee would have no power. Stated that the Legislature could yet do something and suggested that all affiliated Unions send a delegate. Expressed regret that Labor should hail such vague promises as a victory. Delegate felt that results might still be achieved.

The amendment carried.

The Committee of the Whole reported and the President resumed the Chair.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

It was moved and seconded that Locals affiliated with this Council hold a picnic on Labor Day and that a Committee be set up to go into this matter. "On motion carried." President Showler appointed delegate McCulloch as Chairman of the Committee to report to the next meeting.

Delegate Atkinson expressed appreciation at seeing the delegates from Victoria present and pointed out that he would expect more time in their meeting on his next visit.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

But Showler
President

R. K. GERVIN, Secretary.

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VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 527 Beatty St.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, March 20th, 1945.

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

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

The following delegation whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seconded:--S. G. McNeal, National Assoc. of Marine Engineers; J. A. Elliott, Ship Employees 27; D. Dewar, F. E. Gowler, R. A. McCormick, New Westminster Trades and Labor Association; J. Ormenod, Canadian Seamen's Union.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Members present:--Showler, Smylie, Herrett, Stevenson, Eaves, Holmes, Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Lodge 756 requesting that the Council urge upon the Provincial Government the need for an increased grant to enable Pro-Rec to carry on their work and extend their activities. And also that the Council request affiliated Locals to make a donation to Pro-Rec to assist them to have their annual display scheduled for the month of May. "On motion left with the secretary to secure information and report to next meeting."

(2) Lodge 756 a resolution asking the Council to recommend to affiliated locals the setting up of Political Action committees and the calling of a conference of all such committees. The executive recommended that in view of the Political Action Committee's report to be received at this meeting the communication be received and filed. The executive's recommendation adopted.

(3) Operating Engineers 125 protesting the action of the B. C. Electric in purchasing \$5,000,000 worth of electric power from the U.S. and that said \$5,000,000 dollars be spent in B. C. on increasing power output thus making jobs for Canadian labor. "On motion received and noted."

(4) J. H. Irving, Chairman Press Committee, tendering his resignation. The executive recommended the resignation be accepted with regret. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(5) Canadian Seamen's Union, a resolution dealing with a national Compensation Act for seamen. The executive recommended a substitute resolution requesting the Federal Government to make provision to cover these workers by the Compensation Board operating in the Province in which they reside. It was moved and seconded that the secretary meet with the Seamen's Representative to draft a resolution covering the matter completely. The motion carried.

(6) W. E. Wear, Chairman May Day Committee, calling a meeting on March 20th at 8 p.m. in Boilermakers Hall to make preparation for the forthcoming May Day. The executive recommended the communication be received and filed. It was moved, seconded and carried that we nominate 2 delegates to represent this Council at the meeting.

(7) City Council notification of the setting up of an Advisory Building Committee to meet in the City Hall Tuesday, April 17th at 2 p.m. The executive recommended that delegate J. A. Stevenson represent the Council on this Committee. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(8) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(9) Union Label Trade Department of the Trades and Labor Congress requesting this Council to affiliate. Executive recommended that the Council affiliate. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(10) J. McKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce acknowledging receipt of resolution dealing with freight rates for this Province. "On motion received and noted."

(11) Prisoners of War Parcels committee requesting endorsement of a scheme to raise \$50,000 by sale of \$1 subscription to purchase parcels for the prisoners of war. The executive recommended that the communication be endorsed. Executive's recommendation adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported on the following credentials and recommended that delegates be seated:--Jim Ormenod, Canadian Seamen's Union; J. T. Shelley, William Martin, Bakers Local 452; J. Fishlock, H. A. Miller, J. G. Keefe, Int. Association of Machinists Lodge 182.

Secretary Gerwin reported that the officers were unable to arrange a meeting with the Premier prior to the prorogation of the present session of the Provincial Legislature. Had arranged a meeting with the Minister of Labor and discussed the matter of a promise made to the C.M.A. with him of which he expresses ignorance, stating that to his knowledge no such promise had been made. Matters contained in the Brief will be dealt with by the Labor Committee when it is set up. This committee is expected to meet immediately following this session of the Legislature. Following the discussion with the Minister of Labor the officers of the Council in view of the lack of enthusiasm shown by the Local Unions for a further delegation to Victoria decided against this action. This action was also supported by the meeting of the secretaries and business agents of affiliated locals who heard a report of the officers after meeting the Minister. Considerable discussion followed this report and it was moved, seconded and carried that the report be adopted.

Secretary Gerwin, Chairman of the Political Action Committee made the following report:

Your committee recommend political action on matters of interest to the affiliated membership, without affiliating to any particular political party, without binding ourselves to support the candidates of any particular political party, or in any way restricting the rights of any union member to individually adhere to the political party of his own choice. We recommend to our locals that they actually participate in the political life of our community our province and our Dominion.

Your committee recommend that the affiliated locals set up committees to submit matters of interest to the local union to the committee of this Council.

As it is anticipated there will be a national committee set up by the Trades and Labor Congress in the near future, your committee will await the decisions of this committee.

Any local union having matters to submit should forward same immediately.

Moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Political Action Committee be adopted.

R. McCulloch, Chairman of Sports Committee made the following report:

Meeting held of Sports Committee Tuesday, March 13th at 3 p.m. Members present:--R. McCulloch, R. Lenfesty, C. Gower, H. Box, J. Eaves, H. W. Watts, J. Irving, Gladys Ashton, F. Carlisle, R. K. Gerwin.

The committee recommend that the Trades and Labor Council hold a Sports Day and Basket Picnic at Brocton Point on Labor Day, September 3rd, 1945.

The committee recommend that the picnic be financed by the affiliated unions on the following basis:

Unions with membership up to 200	\$1.00 per month
201 to 300	2.00 " "
301 to 400	3.00 " "
401 to 600	4.00 " "
601 and over	5.00 " "

The committee recommend that in the event of rain on September 3rd a picnic and sports day be held on the first fine Sunday following.

Sub-committees were appointed:

Sports	Chairman, Harold Box
Refreshments	Chairman, R. McCulloch
Entertainment	Chairman, E. A. Jamieson

"On motion report of committee adopted as progress."

Organizing Committee:--delegate Herrett reported receiving application for affiliation from the Commercial Telegraphers' Union Division No. 1. Committee recommended the application be accepted and the local asked to appoint delegates. Also reported that the Laundry Workers application for an adjustment in wages before the Regional War Labor Board had been turned down after 5 months negotiations. Meetings presently being held to organize the U. D. L. plant at Marpole. Large number of workers signed up. Good progress made.

Gerwin reported proceeding to Victoria with the President to assist the Electrical Workers in seeking amendments to Bill 10. Also assisted International Fire Fighters in their efforts to have Bill 18 given final reading this session. "On motion report accepted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Aeronautical Lodge 756, delegate Parkin reported his Local had completed the Red Cross Drive and have raised \$11,600. This was done by the Shop Stewards and members took very little time off work for this purpose.

United Fishermen 44, delegate Miller reported the United Fishermen and the Fish Cannery and Reduction Plant Workers Union had amalgamated under a Provincial Charter from the Trades and Labor Congress. This is the longest Convention this Union has ever held. Thanked the chairman for installing the Charter. The chairman pointed out that delegate Miller was to be congratulated on his being president of this newly formed Provincial organization.

Canadian Seamen's Union, delegate Sipes reported negotiations had been completed for the Park Steamships and applications for adjustments were now before the National War Labor Board. Negotiations were satisfactory to both parties. Negotiations now being proceeded with the Union Oil Co. Certification sought for the Vancouver Tug and Barge Co.

Hotel and Res. 28, delegate May Ansell reported 2 houses signed up in Vancouver, the Niagara and the Douglas. Thanked delegate Stewart for assistance. Some difficulty has arisen in negotiations with the Oyster Bar. The manager endeavoring to contest certification. At New Westminster made application for some restaurants for certification. Receiving good cooperation from the Unions over there but feel that they could assist by concerted pressure on the employees by the members of their Locals.

Vancouver Secondary School Teachers, delegate C. J. Oates reported that he had distributed copy of a Brief of the B. C. Teachers' Federation to the commission of enquiry into Educational Finance and asked all delegates to read this Brief which outlines the teachers' situation. Pointed out there were 2200 teachers in B. C. affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress and Locals wherever possible have affiliated with Trades Councils.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:--The president declared nominations open for the position of Chairman of Press Committee. T. Parkin, R. McCulloch, R. Gormack and W. Rigby were nominated. Nominations will be opened and election held at the next regular meeting.

MAY DAY COMMITTEE:--delegates W. Wear, F. Carlisle, S. Wybourn, R. Gormack nominated. Delegates Carlisle and Wybourn declined. Delegates Wear and Gormack appointed to represent the Council. President pointed out that these delegates must report to the Council before making decisions which would commit the Council participating in any celebration.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved, seconded and carried that the question of National Health Insurance be referred to the Political Action Committee for consideration and report.

Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Birt 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 3, 1945.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President 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:--C. Poulter, Pressmen 69; J. Fishlock, Machinists 182; J. W. Anderson, Film Ex. Empl. 71; J. T. Shelly, Bakers 468; W. Martin, Bakers 468.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Members present: B. Showler, S. Smylie, H. Neelands, J. Eaves, E. Holmes, J. Stevenson, R.K.Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Secretary, Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council informing this Council that this executive acts for Vancouver and New Westminster area and has no mandate to control the affairs outside that area. Especially as a B. C. Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress was set up at the last Convention. Also protesting that the Executive officers of this Council met the Minister of Labor without consulting or meeting with Victoria representatives. The letter also asks that the Executive of this Council take a more realistic view of its scope and its responsibilities and follow a more democratic procedure in future on matters affecting organized labor. The executive recommended that this letter be left in the hands of the secretary to reply.

The secretary informed the Council at this point that the only body that could possibly be expected to appoint labor representatives to the newly formed Labor Committee under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Labor was the Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. This executive had appointed Birt Showler, Vice President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, R. K. Gerwin, Chairman, Provincial Executive, and J. Stevenson, President of the Vancouver Building Trades Council. Inasmuch as these people have been elected by the representatives of the majority of trade unions in B. C. there could be no more democratic manner of selecting representatives. The executive's recommendation was adopted.

(2) Local 213, Electrical Workers, copy of a letter sent to G. A. Wilkinson, Secretary of Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council in reply to a circular received by Local 213 from that body. The reply in part states "Insofar as this Local 213 is concerned I would suggest that in future when you have correspondence with the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council that you deal entirely with that organization and same will be dealt with in a democratic manner at the next regular meeting of the Council". The executive recommended that the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(3) J. L. Mathews, City Archivist, requesting the President to accompany a delegation to wait upon the City Council on April 10th on archival matters of concern to the City. "On motion received and noted."

(4) Community Chest requesting that a delegate from this Council be appointed to meet with the Commercial Industrial Division for the 1945 campaign. "On motion left with the chair to appoint a delegate."

(5) Local 602 Building Laborers requesting that the Ocean View Cemetery be placed on the Non-patronage list of this Council. "On motion referred to the Grievance Committee."

(6) John Russell, secretary Recreational Groups Center, informing the Council that since they have succeeded in their endeavors to start clubs for boys in this city they now feel at liberty to recess and await results. "On motion received and noted."

(7) Street Railwaymen Division 134 enclosing a resolution requesting this Council to go on record as favoring the broadcast of all parliamentary debates and that we petition Trades Councils across Canada for their support on this procedure. The executive recommended that this matter be referred to the Trades and Labor Congress. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(8) Mr. G. Dubberley, Field Representative, Canadian Vocational Training, requesting permission to address a meeting of this Council. The executive recommended that the request be granted at the first meeting in May. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(9) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

- (10) Lodge 756 Aeronautical Employees submitting two proposals.
1. That this Council urge upon the Provincial Government the need for increased grant to enable Pro-Rec to extend their activities. The executive recommended the adoption of this section. Executive's recommendation adopted.
 2. That the Council request affiliated locals to make a donation to Pro-Rec to assist them to make possible their annual display which is scheduled for May. The executive recommended that Local Unions give this consideration. Executive's recommendation adopted.
- (11) Brooks Claxton informing the President that he had received information where he had been criticized for not contacting representatives of the masses on Family Allowances when in this City and stating that he would be pleased should he receive an invitation to attend on his next visit to this City. The executive recommended that the letter be received and the writer invited to attend a meeting of this Council when he next visits this City. Executive's recommendation adopted.
- The executive's report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:-- Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported on the following credentials and recommended that the delegates be seated:--Charles Hewitt, Lithographers 44; E. Turnbull, P. Morrison, T. Lantto, A. Cartwright, Denis McKeown, B. C. Seaman's Union; W. E. Alexander, Albert Dettman, Brian C. Mortimer, Geoffrey H. Glog, Walter J. Taylor, Commercial Telegraphers. "On motion recommendation adopted."

R. K. Gervin, Chairman, Political Action Committee reported holding a meeting on Wednesday, March 28th. Members present, S. Smylie, W. Rigby, R.K. Gervin; on the matter of National Health Insurance which was referred to the Committee, the committee recommend that Local Union Political Action Committees obtain copies of the Government's proposed scheme as soon as possible, study same and forward their findings to the Political Action Committee of this Council. Due to the broad nature of this subject the committee will report at a future meeting. "On motion committee's recommendation was adopted."

The committee dealt with a letter received from the Trades and Labor Council at Prince Rupert wherein this Council was asked to endorse a complaint against Orders in Council P.C.9079, P.C.7429, P.C.9418, dealing with members of armed forces being ordered to work in industry. The committee recommend that this Council request the Trades and Labor Congress to urge the Government that such Orders in Council be constantly reviewed in order that they may be rescinded immediately an emergency which gave rise to the necessity for such Orders has passed. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

The Political Action Committee met with the Executive Officers of Lodge 58 Brotherhood of Railway Carmen. The subject was the notification received by this Union that the O.P.R. have laid plans to transfer the shopping of passenger equipment from Vancouver to Eastern points. The committee dealt with a Brief submitted by the officers of the Local and recommend the adoption of a resolution protesting the transfer of such work from this city to other parts of the country and that copies of the resolution be sent to all members of Parliament representing B. C. Constituencies, to the Junior Board of Trade, the Board of Trade, the Canadian Legion and New Veterans' organizations. The committee further recommended that the City Council's special committee on Reconversion and Layoffs be requested to meet representatives of this Council with representatives of Local 58 to consider this problem. "On motion recommendation of the committee adopted." "On motion report of the committee as a whole was adopted."

R. Cormack representative to May Day meeting reported this meeting had elected delegate Wear, Chairman, John Turner, secretary, Sam Shearer, Treasurer. It was suggested that the Treasurer be on full time for one week as this entails a lot of work. The parade will be held on April 29th. A protest should be made on the route that the parade was ordered to take last year. The committee were of the opinion that it would be unnecessary to bring speakers from other cities as there was sufficient local talent to take care of this. It is suggested that a ball be held on May 1st. It was suggested that labor should petition the Government to proclaim May 1st a statutory holiday. "It was moved and seconded that the report be received and endorsed. Motion carried."

Delegate Showler reported attending a panel discussion together with Professor Clark-Kerr, Nigel Morgan, Leo Sweeney. The subject was "The Trend in Labor Policy". A very enjoyable evening was had by the speakers and the discussion was well received by the audience.

Delegate reported he had attended the W. E. A. Conference which was a success. Good program drafted. Good representation from both Labor Councils. Urges unions to affiliate and assist in carrying on this work.

President Showler reported attending the closing meeting of the Course on Personnel Management. Suggested that this course should be extended and made available to Business Agents. It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council write the Minister of Labor on this question.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:-- Fire Fighters 256, delegate reported that Bill 18 making a 48 hour week compulsory for firemen within the province following the cessation of hostilities has passed the legislature. Thanked the President and Secretary for their assistance when they appeared before the Provincial Government.

Electrical Workers 213, delegate Ross thanked officers of Congress for their assistance in Victoria before the Government in seeking amendments to Bill 10. Delegate pointed out this was taken up on behalf of all the citizens of the Province and did not apply only to organized labor. It is most necessary in the delegate's opinion that the electrical inspection act apply to the commission set up under Bill 10.

Machinists 692, delegate reported following the recent trouble in Division 101 a letter had been sent to the Minister of Labor and a reply had been received which was the most evasive answer that this delegate had ever seen.

Division 101, St. Railwaymen, delegate Stewart reported B. C. Electric Railway have placed an order for 20 new street cars. These are all one-man cars and intended to be placed on the Grandview-4th Avc. Line. We know that better and safer service can be given by 2 man cars and that inasmuch as we have several hundred members presently serving overseas that there should be no further introduction of one man cars at this time.

Hospital Employees 180, delegate Black reported they have been successful in having the members of this Union brought under the Superannuation Act effective July 1st.

Hotel and Res. 28, delegate May Ansell expressed appreciation for assistance of the Local Unions with the dance held Friday, March 30th. Had made a reasonable sum to carry on organizing work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:-- Chairman Press Committee, delegates T. Parkin, W. Rigby, R. Cormack, R. McCulloch had been nominated at previous meeting. Delegate Taylor, Mailers 70, was nominated. Delegates Rigby, McCulloch declined nomination. President appointed, R. Lenfesty, R. Macaulay, Mrs. O'Halloran, and W. Clarkson to act as tellers. On the first ballot taken: Cormack 29, T. Parkin, 74 and R.G. Taylor, 47. No candidate having received a majority delegate R. Cormack was dropped and a 2nd ballot taken. Parkin 96, Taylor 52. Delegate T. PARKIN DECLARED ELECTED. The President called upon delegate Parkin to take the oath of office.

NEW BUSINESS:-- It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council reiterate its previous stand on the one man car question.

It was moved and seconded that this Council protest to the National Housing Director and Regional Director and the City Council the closing down of the National Housing scheme in Vancouver. An amendment was moved and seconded that this Council investigate the whole situation with a view to having National Housing reestablished in Vancouver. The amendment carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Building Committee be urged to provide hooks or hangers on the walls of Hall 1 whereby all delegates would have a place to hang their coat. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that this Council write to Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council condemning their action in circulating the affiliated Locals of this Council in an attempt to belittle the elected officers. An amendment was moved and seconded that this matter be left with the Executive. The amendment carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Bird 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 17, 1945.

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

President Showler requested the delegates to stand in silence as a mark of respect to the Late President Roosevelt.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--J. G. Keefe, H. A. Miller, Machinists Lodge 182; T. Cavanagh, Local 28 Civic Employees; W. E. Alexander, Commercial Telegraphers; C. Hewitt, Lithographers 44; J. Pallemans, Printing Pressmen 69;

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Members present:--Showler, Smylie, Herrett, Eaves, Parkin, Holmes, Stevenson, Neelands, Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Aeronautical Lodge 756 Enclosing a resolution calling for the question of housing to be taken up with the City Council. Executive recommended that this communication be received and this matter be taken up with the City Council. Recommendation adopted.

(2) St. Railwaymen Division 101 enclosing a resolution as follows: Therefore Be It Resolved, that we write to the Victoria District Trades and Labour Council to the effect that this Local union has full confidence in the manner in which the Government Labour Advisory Committee representing the three trade union centres was selected; and

Be It Further Resolved, that we write the Government of British Columbia a letter of commendation as being the first Canadian province to agree to the persistent demands of organized labour that such machinery be set up to deal with labour and social problems closely affecting the life of the peoples of this province. Executive recommended the communication be received with appreciation. Recommendation adopted.

(3) Fort William Trades and Labor Council enclosing a book of tickets which they are selling to raise funds for a new building. Executive recommended that the Unions be asked to take note and the tickets left in the secretary's office. Recommendation adopted.

(4) Minister of Transport acknowledging receipt of letter on workmen's compensation for merchant seamen stating that arrangements are practically completed whereby compensation will be provided. "On Motion received and noted."

(5) Lodge 756 enclosing copy of agreement between the Lodge and the Company on the plan for veterans' seniority. "On motion received with thanks and referred to committee on veterans' affairs."

(6) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(7) May Day Victory Committee requesting a donation to assist in financing May Day celebration. Executive recommended the Council donate \$5. An amendment was moved and seconded that the Council donate \$10. Amendment carried.

(8) Boot and Shoe Workers Union reporting that the Eagle and Slater Shoe Companies are endeavoring to form company unions and have issued a stamp "Shoe workers Association Incorporated Stamp 50". This is not recognized by the Shoe Workers Union. "On motion received and delegates asked to take note."

The executive recommended that this Trades and Labor Council go on record as favoring the continuance of the City Archives, the establishment of the necessary staff and financing. "on motion recommendation adopted."

The executive recommended the adoption of the following resolution: Whereas, according to press reports the Vancouver City Council has deferred action on a request for approval of national legislation instituting a 40 hour week in Canada; and, Whereas, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada at the 1944 Convention went on record as favoring a 40 hour week or less when it is not sufficient to absorb the unemployed, and this Council has repeatedly requested a 6 hour day and 5 day week

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with no reduction in the workers' weekly earnings, or standard of living.

Therefore Be It Resolved that this Trades and Labor Council hereby urge the Vancouver City Council to support the policy of the shorter working week without reduction in pay.

"On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

The executive recommended the adoption of the following resolution: Whereas, organized labor has gone on record as regretting the untimely death of President F. D. Roosevelt; and,

Whereas, President Roosevelt had fought for the creation of a world peace organization as expressed by conferences of the Big 3.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that this Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council support the purpose and principle of the San Francisco Conference and urge upon the Canadian and American delegations that they carry out the objectives outlined by the late President Roosevelt so that the world may be assured a lasting peace and economic and social security.

"On motion the executive's recommendation adopted."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported receiving the following credentials and the committee recommended that the delegates be seated:--D. Steffins, Lathers 207; William H. Lewis, Hospital Employees 180; K. C. R. Owens, Jewelry Workers Local 42; R. Hutton, Aeronautical Lodge 756; E. G. Cook, Iron-Workers Local 97; W. H. Smith, R. Goucher, Bakery Drivers, 189.

"On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported having almost completed organizing of the Distillery Workers at the U.D.L. Charter applied for. Over 180 members.

Organizing progressing in Royal City Laundry in New Westminster. Majority signed up and certification applied for. Assisted Laundry Workers at Peerless and Nelsons. A recent order from the Regional War Labor Board directing one week's (1) holiday with pay for employees with one (1) year's service has been received. Under this ruling if an employee is dismissed or resigns they are entitled to holiday pay. "On motion report adopted."

Press Committee, delegate Parking reported the press committee has been very busy contacting locals speaking on behalf of the "Labor Statesman". A good response from the Locals has been received. A meeting of the committee will be held possibly next week.

May Day Committee, delegate Wear reported that the slogan will be "For Victory, Peace and Security". The parade will leave Cambie grounds and proceed to Brockton Point. The main speakers will be A. A. McLeod, M.P. and Hugh Delacy, congressman from Washington State. Major General Worthington will also speak. Both Labor Councils will be asked to have representatives present. On May 1st there will be a floor show and dance at the Boilermakers' Hall. This Council will be asked to enter the parade and supply a suitable banner. Delegate Bengough asked the question "what organization does Mr. McLeod belong to". Delegate Wear and delegate Gormack replied they did not know. "On motion the report was adopted."

Red Cross, delegate Bartlett reported a quota set at \$800,000 for B. C. amount collected to date 65% in excess of objective. This is a higher percentage over the quota of any other Province. Expenses of the Campaign were kept to the very minimum. Reported also for the Victoria Order of Nurses. This organization doing excellent work. Visits increasing in number each year. Only people who are able to pay for this service do so. "On motion report adopted."

J. Stevenson reported on a meeting at the City Hall of the committee on building materials and housing. Many organizations represented. This will be an advisory committee and should be very useful in time to come in improving the building in Vancouver. The committee will welcome any suggestions from affiliated organizations. "On motion report adopted."

Gerwin reported that the brief submitted together with the resolution adopted by this Council on the matter of the removal of work from the C.P.R. shops to Eastern points had been taken up with the City Council and that body had adopted the resolution asking the C. P. R. to reconsider its proposal, and the committee on reconversion will hear a delegation from Local 58 on Friday morning. "On motion report adopted."

Delegate Shearer reported that the press had not made clear the true situation as it affects the membership of Local 58 in Vancouver. He pointed out that this removal of work was not something that was going to be done but already had been done. It was further pointed out that men retired from the local shops had never been replaced. He extended thanks to officers of the Council for their assistance in handling this matter.

President Showler reported Blue Cross Hospital had now reached the 41,000 mark in membership. Reported also the next Victory Loan would be started before the next Council meeting and asked for the very best support from the Local Unions. Pointed out further that there were no labor members on the Committee for this Drive as there had been in the past.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Barbers Local 120, delegate Herrett reported the Local had organized shops at: 2720 Broadway West, 1077 Granville St., 346 Cambie St., 3759 West 10th, 4376 West 10th, 2215 Granville St., 5917 Fraser St., Pacific Building Barber shop at Hastings and Howe St. Delegate from the Painters asked if anything had been done on the matter of unwrapped food. President pointed out that there had been no motion made on this question and suggested that it be brought up under "New Business".

St. Railwaymen Division 101, delegate Stewart reported the Local had received two awards from the Regional War Labor Board, one adjusting the wages upwards of 6¢ per hour for Pacific Stage Drivers as well as improving conditions and an upward adjustment for ticket clerks. Also an adjustment of 10¢ per hour and holidays with pay for operators on Atkins Stage Lines.

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved, seconded and carried that the secretary be instructed to seek information from the Director on Family Allowances as to how these Allowances will be applied and the affect on income for taxation purposes.

Moved and seconded that this Council protest to the Parks Board the refusal to allow the parade to proceed through Stanley Park. carried.

Moved and seconded that this Council request information and clarification of a charge appearing in the press against a prominent labor man. The motion was lost.

Moved, seconded and carried that this Council request the American Federation of Labor to send delegates to the forthcoming Second World Trade Union Conference.

At this time President Showler introduced Mr. R. W. Crumb, Field Supervisor of the Staff of Industrial Production Cooperation Board. Mr. Crumb spoke briefly pointing out that his organization was opening offices in this district and that two field officers would be stationed here who might ask to appear before this Council in the near future and who will also contact Local Unions to fully explain their work. President thanked Mr. Crumb on behalf of the Council for his remarks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall A, Labor Headquarters, 529 Buntzy Street

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, May 1st, 1945. Meeting opened at 8 p.m. Vice President Smylie 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:--K. Owens, Jewelry Workers 42; G. Glong, O. B. Mortimer, A. Dettman, W. J. Taylor, Commercial Telegraphers; W. H. Smith, Bakery Salesmen 189.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. The following delegates were present:--Smylie, Neelands, Holmes, Parkin, Stevenson, Herrett, Eaves, Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Board of Park Commissioners informing the Council that the Board had not refused the May Day Parade permission to proceed through Stanley Park but this matter was decided by the City Council as the City has an agreement with the Bridge Co. not to close the roadway. "On motion received and noted."

(2) Local 360 International Paper Makers enclosing a book of tickets the local is selling to establish a fund to send a student to a workers' school. "On motion left in the secretary's office for sale."

(3) City of Vancouver informing the Council that our communication regarding the breakdown of the Federal Housing Administration Reconversion programme in the City had been received and filed for future reference. "On motion communication received and noted."

(4) United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners 452 requesting that the Council take action to insure more consideration being given to persons under process of eviction. The executive recommended that this matter be taken up with the proper authorities. "On motion the executive's recommendation adopted."

(5) Deputy Minister of Labor informing the Council that his Department would be glad to facilitate arrangements for the enrolment of business agents or full time secretaries of unions in the course of personnel management when they again commence. "On motion received and contents noted."

(6) Lodge 756 I. A. of M. requesting a meeting of the Chairmen of all Political Action Committees of affiliated Locals. "On motion referred to the Political Action Committee."

(7) Children's Jubilee Summer Camp requesting two delegates attend a meeting on Sunday, May 27th. Executive recommended that delegate Gervin and Delegate Eaves attend. "On motion Executive's recommendation adopted."

(8) Local 279 Retail Clerks informing the Council that they have endorsed the Picnic and Sports Day and will make a contribution as suggested by the Council. "On motion received with appreciation."

(9) Canadian National Institute for the Blind requesting nomination of a representative to serve on the Institute Board during the present fiscal year. The executive recommended that delegate Bartlett again represent the Council. The secretary drew to the attention of the delegates the numerous committees on which delegate Bartlett represented the Council and commended him on giving his time in the interests of the Council. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(10) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(11) Local 256 New Westminster Fire Fighters regretting the action taken in the formation of the A. F. of L. section of the Joint Labor Committee as it was not representative of the Province as a whole. "On motion referred to the Provincial Executive."

(12) Disabled Veterans' informing the Council that they had unanimously endorsed a resolution protesting the removal of work by the C. P. R. from this City. "On motion received and noted."

(13) Canadian Legion informing the Council that they had forwarded a resolution which had been endorsed by that organization to the C.P.R. in Vancouver. "On motion received and noted."

(14) City Council informing this Council that a telegram had been received from the C.P.R. in Montreal informing them that the Local Manager would give full particulars of the removal of work from Vancouver by that Company. "On motion received and noted."

(15) United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union informing the Council that their organization had passed a resolution welcoming the establishment of a joint government labor committee and endorsed the nominations for labor representatives made by the B. C. Provincial Executive. Also requesting that the writer be informed as soon as a date is set for the meeting of the Joint Committee in order that prior to such meeting he might consult with representatives the best means to follow to bring about complete coverage of fishermen by the Provincial Compensation Act. "On motion left in the hands of the secretary."

(16) United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union, Vancouver Local, application for affiliation. "On motion referred to the Organizing Committee."

(17) Ukrainian Farmer Labor Temple Association thanking the Council for their assistance in having the Vancouver Temple at 805 East Pender Street returned to the Ukrainians. "On motion received with appreciation."

(18) City Council informing this organization that the City Council had decided to take no action on the question of a shorter working week without reduction in pay. It was pointed out by speakers that the city council had adopted a very "weak-kneed" policy on this matter more particularly in view of the fact that the resolution originated in the City Council of Windsor, Ontario. The executive recommended that this communication be received and filed. An amendment was moved that this Council and all affiliated locals immediately protest to the City Council on their non-action in this matter. Amendment carried.

(19) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Executive Council informing this Council that in accordance with a resolution adopted at the last Convention the following National Political Action Committee had been set up: Ernest Ingles, London, Chairman; Andrew Cooper, Toronto; J. A. D'Aoust, Hull; Fred Molineux, Hamilton; A. Villeneuve, Montreal; Wm. A. Covert, Toronto. This committee will act with the understanding that the Committee may be augmented as other members are willing to act. One of the aims of the Political Action Committee is to act in an advisory capacity with a view to having candidates elected who will support the aims and aspirations of organized labor and to do everything possible to defeat candidates whose sympathies are lukewarm or hostile. A great deal depends upon the composition of the next Parliament of Canada. It will be the duty of the committee to submit to affiliated organizations information and advice as to how the support of affiliated membership should be directed. In setting up such a committee many angles had to be considered; 1. Such a non-partisan committee could not include members with definite party leanings; another factor to be considered was that the committee needs to be so comprised as to be able to contact each other without loss of time in order that decisions may be made with dispatch. "The communication was on motion received and noted."

(20) Committee on Veterans' Affairs reporting on a letter referred to them by the Council delegates which had been received from Lodge 756, I. A. of M. dealing with seniority rights for veterans. The Committee respectfully urge all unions to give consideration to discharged members of the forces when seniority clauses are being written into agreements. "On motion report adopted."

(21) Department of National Health enclosing a statement on Family Allowances as it affects the income tax by the Honorable J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Finance. The executive recommended that copies of this statement be sent to each Local. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

The executive's report as a whole was adopted.

At this time the chairman introduced Mr. Dubberley, Field Representative, Department of Labor, Training Branch, who spoke at some length on Safety Instructor and Job Training. Many questions were asked and a great deal of interest shown by the delegates. Mr. Dubberley informed the meeting that he could be contacted Pacific 3736.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Stevenson reported dealing with the following credentials and recommended that the delegates be obligated and seated:--Edna Dalziel, Mrs. K. Balachanoff, Garment Workers 232. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported interviewing management of Peerless Laundry and Nelson's Laundry re working conditions, annual vacation, maintenance of membership. Two meetings of Royal City Laundry at New Westminster have been held and bargaining rights have been

applied for. Charter for Distillery, Rectifying and Wine Workers International Local 92 at U. D. L. will be installed Sunday, May 6th. "On motion report adopted."

Press Committee, delegate Parkin reported that a meeting had been called but due to unforeseen difficulties had to be cancelled.

Delegate Bartlett thanked the delegates for again nominating him to the Board of Directors of the Institute for the Blind. Pointed out that a great many of the public were aware of the good work being done. Took pleasure in announcing that \$160,000 had been subscribed for a new home for the Blind. Delegate Bartlett also represents the welfare Chest on the Family Welfare Bureau. Good work also being done by this organization and many sacrifices made for these people.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--**Embalmers and Undertakers' Assts. 23374**; delegate Dougall reported that a closed shop agreement had been signed between his Local and the Slavin's Funeral Home, Broadway and Alma Rd. The Union will appear before the Regional War Labor Board Friday on behalf of the employees in 7 Funeral Homes in Vancouver and one in New Westminster asking for payment of time and a half after 48 hours worked in any week and that the classification of undertakers' assistants be recognized and that a change be made from a monthly to a weekly salary basis.

Aeronautical Lodge 756, delegate Parkin reported Victory loan Bond Sales went off on schedule, \$85,000 being subscribed. This is a considerable increase per person over last year as there are less employees at present.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

B. K. Gerwin
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, May 15th, 1945.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President 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. H. Lewis, Hospital Employees 180; E. Edwards, Printing Pressmen; R. Coatcher, Truck Drivers 51; E. Dalziel, Blanche Balachanoff, Garment Workers 232.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Members present: Showler, Smylie, Neelands, Eaves, Herrett, Holmes, Stevenson, Parkin, Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union Local 28 enclosing copy of a resolution requesting that this Council support the Local in their petition to the necessary legislative bodies with a view to having legislation enacted compelling employers to arrange transportation and the safe conduct of female employees to their homes without cost to such employee when relieved from duty between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m. The executive recommended endorsement of this resolution. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(2) City Clerk notifying the Council that the communication re proposed shorter working week had been received and filed for reference. The executive recommended that the communication be received and filed. An amendment was moved and carried that the communication be referred to the Political Action Committee.

(3) Brotherhood of Railway Carmen 58 expressing thanks for the manner in which the Council assisted in presenting that Local's protest on the closing of the Vancouver Coach Shop. "On motion received with appreciation."

(4) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada informing the Council that a standing committee on education had been set up of which delegate C.J. Oates of this Council is chairman with the following members: H. A. H. Magnuson, Port Arthur; I. Burman, Montreal; J. B. Graham, Winnipeg; G. A. Smith, Halifax. "On motion the communication received and noted."

(5) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

The Executive recommended that this Council wire a vigorous protest to the Federal Department of Labor against sending prisoners of war into B. C. industry. Recommendation adopted unanimously.

The executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported receiving the following credentials and the committee recommended that the delegates be seated:--John J. Berry, Albert Bird, Canadian Seaman's Union; J. Pallemans, Printing Pressmen; E. Loftus, G. E. Halliday, Bricklayers Local 1. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

President Showler asked Vice President S. G. Smylie to take the chair at this point while brother Showler reported as Vice President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada for B. C. on a meeting of the Executive Council in Ottawa and the Congress submission to the Government. Delegate Showler read the presentation by Congress which was a very full submission giving complete coverage to labor's demands. Many of which had originated in this Council. Several delegates expressed complete satisfaction with the brief presented and appreciation to the President for his report. It was moved, seconded and carried that the brief be endorsed and the President thanked for his report.

Organizing Committee:--delegate Herrett reported receiving an application from United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union for affiliation with this Council. The committee recommended that the application be accepted and the Local requested to forward delegates names. "On motion report adopted." Delegate further reported that Laundry Workers had held two meetings, one of which was held in New Westminster. Good progress being made. Organizing meetings have been called of paper box companies in this building for next Friday night. Charter has now been installed for the Distillery, Rectifying and Wine Workers Local No. 92. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary Gerwin reported that up to date the affiliated locals had sold over \$600 worth of Prisoner of War Tickets.

Political Action Committee, secretary reported the committee received a letter from the Chairman of the National Political Action Committee requesting that candidates in the forthcoming election be contacted in an endeavor to learn from them their attitude towards the expressed desires of the Trade Union Movement. Your committee recommend:

1. That a special meeting of this Council be called for Tuesday, May 29th when all candidates of the four major parties in the Federal Ridings of Vancouver, North Vancouver and New Westminster will be asked to appear and state their position on Labor's demands to the Government.
2. That affiliated Locals be asked to have the members of their Political Action Committee attend the Special meeting of this Council.
3. That all candidates in the Federal election for this District be forwarded a questionnaire containing the most important of labor's demands with the request that they reply in writing stating their position on such demands.
4. That each delegate to this Council impress upon his Local Union members in as strong a manner as possible the necessity of every citizen exercising his or her franchise on election day.

"On motion recommendations of the committee adopted."

Press Committee, delegate Parkin reported:

1. the committee recommend that a letter be sent to all Locals asking further support for the Statesman in having a reporter appointed to write an article each month and that Locals be invited to send articles to "Letters to the Editor" Column.
2. That a columnist be sought to write for each edition when the photo of the columnist will appear with the article written.
3. Dealing with a letter received from Lodge 692 I. A. of M. wherein the Council was informed that all subscriptions to the Statesman had been cancelled, your committee recommend a letter be sent to Lodge 692 requesting reconsideration of their decision and that the secretary be given the opportunity to discuss this matter with the members.

"On motion recommendations of the committee adopted."

May Day Committee, delegate Wear reported 1500 in parade. Proceeded to Hoilermakers' hall where an overflow meeting was held. The day was most successful and the committee were able to pay \$140 owed from last year.

Mrs. Watt reported attending a meeting as requested by the secretary representing the Council on a committee of the Council of Social Agencies. Many questions were asked of the labor delegates as they are interested in laying plans to better acquaint the workers in the work of the agencies. They feel that the best way to meet the worker is through the unions. The report was received with much applause and appreciation express by several delegates. The chairman asked the secretary to introduce Mrs. Watt. Mrs. Watt, Vice President of Local 28 and organizer for the International Union was then introduced, the secretary pointing out the very capable manner in which the affairs of this organization are handled.

Labor Day Committee, McCulloch pointed out that many Locals had responded to the request for finances on a per capita basis but that there were still a considerable number who had not sent in their checks. Requested that Unions who had not already done so should send in their donations as further plans cannot very well be made until the committee know where they stand financially. "On motion report received with appreciation."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Embalmers and Undertakers Assns. 23374, delegate Black reported that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union had been dismissed from his employment with Nunn and Thompson Funeral Parlor after several

years service. Requests this Council to do everything in its power to assist the Local Union at this time, Chairman requested delegate to forward a letter immediately which would be referred to the Grievance Committee for report at the next meeting.

B. C. Seamen, delegate Markey reported that his Union is now waiting for certification for C.P.R. Having considerable difficulty with the crews having to switch members from other unions to the B. C. Seamen. Attempts to sabotage the efforts of the seamen in organizing have been made. Suggests that this Council should roll up its sleeves and fight its real enemy, the bosses, rather than waste time on political action.

Truck Drivers 31, delegate Atkinson reported his union had received certification as bargaining representatives for Malkin's truck drivers.

Plumbers 170, delegate Mathieson reported his Local had set up a Political Action Committee which would work in conjunction with the P.A.C. of this Council. Requested information as to why labor was not seated at the San Francisco Conference and why delegates from Canada voted against seating such delegates. Made a specific request that the secretary endeavor to obtain this information.

Mailers Local 70, reported 60% of the members of his Local had taken out membership in the Blue Cross.

Division 101 Street Railwaymen, delegate Stewart reported his Local is carrying on a stiff campaign against the further introduction of one man cars to Vancouver. The Public Utilities Commission after representation had been made have agreed to a new hearing on this subject. The delegate thanked local unions for their support and urged all members to sign the petition supporting this Local.

Retail Clerks 279, delegate Johnston reported his Local had signed an new agreement with the Ferry Meat Market and are now negotiating for a renewal of the agreement with Woodwards. Certification has been applied for by the Local for the Hudson Bay Department Store.

Bakers Local 468, delegate Kemmis reported his Union is putting on an organizing drive, the first in about 6 years. National Bakery has been organized and certification applied for. New agreement now being negotiated and the union is again asking for holidays and the elimination of Sunday work.

At this point a delegate from Lodge 756 asked if it was the intention of this Council to do anything to protect women from being replaced by men in industry. Chairman suggested that the delegate take this up with her Local.

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved and seconded that the City be written requesting the Council to hold a special meeting to discuss the one man car question with a view to having a representative of the City appear before Utilities Commission on May 28th to put forward the expressed opinion of the citizens of Vancouver; motion carried.

Moved, seconded and carried that this Council express its admiration for our Navy personnel and demand an investigation into the causes of the Halifax incident.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council protest to Prime Minister Mackenzie King on his stand at the San Francisco Conference on the demand of Argentina.

Secretary Gervin reported on a proposed plan for a Civic Center which would take in the area from Pender to Robson and from Beatty to Homer Sts. The Executive recommend that a committee be set up to study the proposed plan and report to a future meeting. The executive's recommendation was adopted and the following committee set up:--R.K. Gervin, chairman; F. Carlisle, J. Ross, J. Stevenson, F. Griffin, H. Box, R. Gouthro, J. McMillan, J. Walker, J. Eaves, F. Gust, J. Henderson, R. Atkinson, D. Reos.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

R. K. Gervin
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, June 5, 1945.

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

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

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Delegates present:--Showler, Smylic, Herrett, Holmes, Stevenson, Neelands, Parkin, Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Lodge 756 requesting that this Council take up with the Compensation Board the matter of making available to industrial amputation casualties the plan developed for overcoming phantom limb. The executive recommended the matter be left with the secretary to take up with the Board. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(2) Rehabilitation Council of Greater Vancouver enclosing 5 recommendations to the Federal Government on housing. The executive recommended endorsement. The executive's recommendation adopted.

(3) Deputy Minister of Labor informing the Council that his Department has no intention of using prisoners of war for work in this Province. Executive recommended the communication be received and noted. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(4) Trades and Labor Congress informing the Council that the reason given by the Prime Minister for not including labor representatives from Canada to the San Francisco Conference was that while the Government was sympathetic to the inclusion of labor representatives their inclusion would create a difficult situation as other groups such as employers, agriculture, veterans, with many others, etc. compelled some limitation and for that reason it had been decided to limit the delegation to elected members of the Dominion Parliament as representative of all the people. The executive recommended the letter be received and noted. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(5) Local 452, U. B. of C. and J. notifying the Council Local 452 had endorsed a resolution "that the eviction of householders should cease". The executive recommended the letter be received and noted. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(6) Union Label Trades Council requesting cooperation in support of the Union Label and urging upon all delegates to point to their membership the necessity of purchasing only goods bearing the Union Label. "On motion received and delegates asked to take note."

(7) Unemployment Insurance enclosing copy of Order in Council P.C. 2796 which replaces P.C. 246. The executive recommended that this matter be referred to the Legislative Committee for study and report. Recommendation adopted.

(8) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(9) National Political Action Committee, a statement on Government during the period of transition from Peace to War and what in their opinion is necessary during the period of transition from War to Peace. The Political Action Committee reported having dealt with this matter and reported to the Executive. A joint recommendation of the Executive with the Political Action Committee was that the letter be received and filed. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(10) G. Powell, Local 138 enclosing a resolution that the city authorities be urged to create and enforce a bylaw that will prohibit the sale of unwrapped bakery products. The executive recommended endorsement. "On motion recommendation adopted."

The executive report was on motion adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylic recommended the following delegates be seated:--William Donaldson, George Coppin, A. L. Gordon, Shoreworkers' Union, U.F.A.W.U.; William Rigby, Percy Sabin, O. R. Hannah, R. Wulff, George Miller, United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, Vancouver Local; Orville Kion, George Y. Bryce, Int. Longshoremen's Assoc. 33-163; Carl Carlson, Lawrence Hansen, Hotel, Restaurant Emp. Int. Local 697 (Port Alberni); J. W. McVety, R. Weir, Typographical Local 226. Recommendation adopted.

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported receiving an application from Shoreworkers' Local, U.F.A.W.U. for affiliation to the Council. Recommended the Local be accepted into affiliation and invited to send credentials for its delegates. "On motion report adopted."

Reported that since the committee organized the embalmers union two years ago the Local had made good progress in reducing hours in some instances by 50% and reasonable adjustments in wages. Have now a closed shop agreement with the Bell Funeral Home and the Chapel Hill. Your committee strongly urge members of organized labor and their friends to cooperate with other union members in using the service of and patronizing firms holding closed shop agreements. Organizing committee have assisted Local 433 in organizing Canadian Paper Box employees. Assisting Laundry workers in New Westminster and Vancouver and expect to have certification for the Royal City Laundry in the near future. "On motion report adopted."

Grievance Committee, delegate Holmes reported that the matter of Nunn and Thomson referred to the Grievance Committee has been investigated and due to complications will report only progress at this meeting. "On motion report adopted."

SECRETARY'S REPORT:--The first meeting of the Labor-Government committee was held in Victoria, May 18th. All delegates in attendance. Honorable George S. Pearson, Minister of Labor elected chairman. Horace Mackey, Vice Chairman. Several sub committees appointed to take up matters contained in the Brief submitted with the Departments concerned. The whole committee will meet the Workmen's Compensation Board at the earliest opportunity. Further meetings will be held approximately the middle of June when matters dealt with will be reported on and further matters taken under consideration.

Reported that investigation revealed that cottages owned by the Union Estates were rented to tenants who sub-let the cottages at any price they could obtain. Only this year the Union Estates endeavored to gain control of their cottages and have asked the rental control Board to set rates. This has not been finally dealt with by the Board.

Attended a special meeting of 136 Erick and Clay Workers at Abbotsford. Some Local disturbance between certain officers in which some had resigned. Harold Box also attended and showed pictures, presentations of the National Film Board. The meeting was a success and any difficulty that may have existed we believe has been overcome.

Attended a meeting of the City Council where the question of whether or not they should appear before the Public Utilities Commission was discussed. It was decided that the Council would appear there placing before the Commission the expression of the citizens in a plebiscite in 1942.

Your committee recommends that this Trades and Labor Council endorse the proposed Civic Center which would include the area from Beatty to the lane West of Homer from Pender to Cambie and Hastings to Hamilton on the North to Robson on the South for the following reasons:

1. That Vancouver being one of the three major cities in Canada should have a Civic Center commensurate with her standing.
2. That such a Center in the proposed area would clear up what is almost a slum condition and further enhance the beauty of our City.
3. That a Civic Center so situated would be readily accessible to all the citizens of greater Vancouver regardless of the mode of transportation used.
4. That since the Federal Government is contemplating the erecting of buildings in this City which should be in the Civic Center this proposal should be commenced without undue delay.
5. That such a scheme properly carried out would provide a great deal of employment in the post-war period which will be needed in providing a reasonable standard of living for our returning veterans and the members of our trade unions.

Those present: J. Ross, R.T.Gouthro, D. Rees, J. McMillan, F. Carlisle, F. Gust, H. Box, J. Stevenson, J. Eaves, R.K.Gervin, Chairman.

The secretary's report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Milksalesmen 464, delegate McCulloch reported his Local had been successful in signing an agreement covering the Fraser Valley Employees at Sardis.

NEW BUSINESS:--Delegate Wear moved that the Trades and Labor Council Sports Committee be dissolved and funds reserved for juvenile sports. Further that prizes left over from the Golf Tournament be turned over to the Labor Day Picnic Committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

R. K. Gervin
President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Hall 1, Labor Bldg., 528 Beatty Street

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, June 19th, 1945.

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

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:-- H. Gask, Ironworkers 97; R. Weir, Typographical Local 266.

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Delegates present: Showler, Smylie, Neelands, Ferratt, Stevenson, Gerwin, Eaves, Holmes, Parkin.

CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Local 376, Gas Workers enclosing a resolution requesting this Council to urge the Federal Government to bring in legislation whereby all statutory holidays shall be paid for by the employer and further that this matter be taken up with the Trades Councils throughout the Dominion. The executive recommended that the resolution be endorsed and forwarded to the Trades and Labor Congress. The executive's recommendation adopted.

(2) City Clerk notifying the Council that the matter of unwrapped bakery products was referred to Alderman Miller and the Medical Health Officer for consideration and report. "On motion received and noted."

(3) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada lengthy communication supporting the Trade Union Film Circuit of the National Film Board and requesting support by the Council and Local Unions. The executive recommended the communication be received and delegates asked to take note. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(4) Local 449 Typographical Local enclosing a copy of the auditor's report of the Fund raised to take their case against the Canadian Union in Calgary to the Supreme Court. "On motion received and noted."

(5) Local 452, Carpenters and Joiners, drawing attention to the Dominion Election Act and the manner in which it was interpreted in reference to the time allowance for workers to vote. The executive recommended that this section of the Elections Act be referred to the Legislative committee with the request that an amendment to the said Act be drafted and placed before the next Convention of Congress. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(6) Local 468 Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Local placing before the Council what they term a very unfair decision by the Regional War Labor Board concerning the bakers who now form Local 267 in Victoria. The executive recommended that the communication be received and noted. The executive's recommendation was adopted.

(7) City Clerk notifying the Council that the resolution regarding the proposed Civic Center was received and filed for future reference and the chairman instructed to notify this Council of the cause of the delay in the proposal of establishing a Civic Center. "On motion received and noted."

(8) Division 134, Street Railwaymen, a resolution condemning Matthew Woll, Vice President of the A. F. of L. for a statement alleged to have been made by him regarding the employing of Canadian labor on the St. Lawrence Waterway Project. The executive recommended the communication be received and noted. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(9) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."

(10) W. Green, President of the A. F. of L. enclosing a copy of a statement by the Executive Council setting forth the position of the A. F. of L. in opposition to participation in the so-called World Trade Union Conference which had been protested previously by this Council. The executive recommended the communication be received and noted. "on motion recommendation adopted."

"On motion the report of the Executive as a whole was adopted."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:-- Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported receiving credentials from the following and the committee recommended that they be seated and invited to attend the next meeting. "On motion report adopted." Adella Moody, Evelyn Atkinson, Clara Stoll, Hotel and Res. Employees Local 28; George Munro, Garment Workers Local 190; A. E. Smith, Longshoremen's Association 163; James Thomson, Gas Workers Local 376; James McCarthy, Canadian Seamen's Union; Lydia Rankin, Jack Maxwell, Shoreworkers Local, U.F.A.W.U.; Mark Galway, George North, United Fishermen and Allied Workers Local, Vancouver Local.

Organizing Committee:-- delegate Herrett reported negotiations continuing with the Laundry Workers. Good progress being made with the Dismissal workers. Good possibility of organizing in the factories making paper boxes. "On motion report adopted."

Gerwin reported taking up with the Compensation Board the request that they give consideration to the system of overcoming phantom limb as laid down by another Grew. This matter was discussed with the Board and the secretary assured that such a system is presently being used in the Compensation Board's Clinic and in fact any system which will assist injured workers to rehabilitate themselves will be adopted by the Board. It was pointed out that in the peak year for accidents in B. C. where loss of limb was suffered the total number of accidents was 21.

Secretary reported the setting up of a Royal Commission to enquire into Veterans' qualifications. This Commission will meet in Vancouver July 3rd. Secretary had previously arranged a meeting whereby one of the Local members of the Commission met with the Executive. The secretary expressed the opinion that this Council should gather all information possible from the Local Unions, compile a Brief and present it before the Royal Commission. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary reported further on the Union Estates cottages at Bowen Island. Information received wherein some instances the Union Estates had asked their tenants to increase the rent as much as 75%. It was pointed out, however that the Rental Control Board had not finally dealt with this matter and a report was expected in the very near future.

J. Stevenson, reported attending a meeting of the Building Advisory Committee. At this meeting the press had been excluded. Delegate Stevenson pointed out that regardless of this fact he would make his report while the press was present. The meeting was attended by Air Vice Marshall Stevenson who pointed out the necessity of building homes for returning service men immediately and estimated 30,000 people coming to B. C. requiring new homes and he pointed out that to say the least men who return from war and find they cannot find a home would be very short tempered. He criticized those who refused to use substitute material. It was pointed out that the building inspectors might overcome the difficulty experienced in poor material and workmanship by grading houses. This was objected to by some people as it would mean an increase in the number of inspectors and the inspector would be in a very difficult position as there would be argument as to whether or not he was fair in grading certain houses.

Delegate McCulloch reported 33 unions had sent in their contribution on a per capita basis to the Labor Day basket picnic and sports fund. Informed the Council that delegate E. Jamieson was in charge of entertainment and knew without a doubt that this would be one of the chief attractions. Ice cream and candy has been obtained, 9000 tickets printed. These can be obtained by the secretary or business agent of the Local Unions by calling at the office of the secretary.

Delegate Showler reported attending the monthly meeting of the Associated Hospitals and at June 1st the total membership was 20,476 and including dependents, 23,402. The amount of expenses paid out was \$45,886.

President reported attending a meeting of the Unemployment Advisory Committee where there were several counselors whose duty it is to receive discharged men leaving the armed forces and direct them and advise them where and how to locate employment and generally advise them on their return to civilian life. This meeting was held after it was pointed out that many of these counselors would not have knowledge of the working of the trade union movement. The president assured the counselors of cooperation in their endeavors and suggested that there should be someone who had knowledge of the labor movement associated with the counselors. The chairman expressed appreciation for the offer of cooperation.

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Mrs. Watts reported having addressed a meeting of the Telhm Sorority speaking on the history of the trade union movement, its aims and objectives. A great deal of interest was shown by the ladies as well as considerable knowledge of the movement. President informed the Council that the Welfare Council had expressed appreciation at the interest shown in that work by our delegate Mrs. Watts.

Legislative Committee, delegate Neelands reported on Order in Council 2796 replacing Order in Council 246, women excluded from this Order and other changes in the regulations affecting employment of workers. It is suggested that all unions obtain a copy of these regulations.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, Vancouver Local, delegate Miller reported his Union had been negotiating a new agreement since April and are now in the position where no fishing will start in the next few days unless an agreement is signed. Office Employees International Union 15, delegate Mrs. Macrae reported her organization had been successful in negotiating agreements in many of the union offices and are now desirous of organizing workers in other offices and requested anyone who might have a contact to notify the local and the officers will endeavor to follow up.

Delegate Bell rose at this time requesting to know who the previous speaker was. President asked the delegate to give her name and Local.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved and seconded that Mr. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction be contacted and requested to give information as to when Regional Councils will be set up and commence functioning. Delegate Perkin who moved the motion spoke briefly pointing out that Mr. Howe had promised action on this question at the last convention of the Trades and Labor Congress but up to date so far as can be ascertained little has been done on this question. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

B. J. Shouler
President

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.