

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 18th, 1946.

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 delegate whose credential had been previously received was obligated:--W. Logan, Int. Typographical Union Local 226.

The executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Delegates present:--S. Smylie, C. Herrett, G. Gee, J. Eaves, J. Stevenson, S. Shearer, W. Rigby, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Minister of Labor acknowledging receipt of resolution re one man commission, and stating that serious consideration will be given to our recommendations when commissions are being appointed. Executive recommended communication be received and filed. Recommendation adopted.

(2) Statement of proposals to modify certain benefit and contribution rates under the Unemployment Insurance Act. "On motion received and referred to the Legislative Committee for report."

(3) Minister of Finance acknowledging receipt of resolution on retaining milk subsidy. "On motion received and noted."

(4) Coordinating Committee of unions having members employed at the "Daily Province", enclosing a resolution supporting the International Typographical Union and urging that the Southam Company immediately enter into negotiations with the union and stated that until such times as this good faith on the part of the Southam Company is established the Vancouver "Daily Province" will be considered unfair to organized labor and further calling upon all trade unions to rally to the support of the brothers affected. The executive recommended endorsement. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(5) Welfare Council of Greater Vancouver announcing annual meetings to be held 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. June 28th in Hotel Vancouver. Executive recommend that the delegates be asked to take note. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(6) Canadian Seamen's Union an appeal for financial support to assist the members during their strike. The executive recommend the Council donate \$25. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(7) Vancouver May Day Committee financial statement. Executive recommend be received and left in the Council office for inspection of delegates. Recommendation adopted.

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

The executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Stevenson recommend that the following delegates whose credentials had been received be obligated and seated:--Louis Buendia, Taxi Drivers 151; Leslie Harvie, Retail Grocery and Food Clerks 1518; Joe Castle, Sadie Tomkins, Bill Patterson, John Gemmell, Wallace R. Shaw, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported having received an application for affiliation from the Vancouver Lumber and Sawmill Workers union 2968. The committee recommended that the application be accepted and the union asked to elect delegates. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Chairman of organizing committee reported also that the meetings of hairdressers are continuing and good progress being made. Urges delegates to give publicity to the fact that hairdressers are organizing and assist where they can. Committee organizing I.X.L. Laundry at present and some progress being made. "On motion committee's report adopted."

Grievance Committee, delegate George Gee reported that after interviewing the B. C. Electric Railway Company and the Transportation Committee of the City Council recommend:

1. That no further franchises be granted to private companies.
2. That a satisfactory agreement be concluded as quickly as possible for a plan of complete modernization of the transportation system between the city and the B. C. Electric Railway Company.
3. That this committee endeavor to obtain a copy of the report of the Transportation Committee of the City which will be studied and further action recommended.

Considerable discussion followed wherein delegates condemned the present transportation system and urged that action be taken to remedy the whole system providing modern transportation facilities without overcrowding. It was moved and seconded that the report include the following recommendation: That this Council go on record as being in favor of public ownership of the B. C. Electric Railway Company. Carried. The recommendation of the committee as a whole was adopted.

Secretary Gerwin reported attending a meeting of the Executive of Local 281 Int. Molders and Foundry Workers Union and the Executive of the C.I.O. Molders. Nothing was accomplished at this meeting in having the pickets removed from the shops where A. F. of L. unions hold agreements, as the C.I.O. laid down an ultimatum demanding that Local 281 cease action on application for certification, cease negotiations and cease organizing. Considerable discussion followed delegate Rigby stating that if Local 281 wants members it must show better results.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Canadian Seamen's Union, delegate Thompson reported that he felt that the Great Lakes Strike was just about coming to an close and thanked Unions for the excellent support.

U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, delegate Gordon reported his union had organized the Sooke Harbor operation two months ago, obtained certification and negotiations are proceeding.

Painters Local 138, delegate Kassian reported that his Local had donated \$50 to the I.W.A., \$25 to Canadian Seamen's Local and \$10 to the Molders Union (C.I.O.).

Sign Painters 726, delegate Clarkson thanked brother Gower of the Taxi Drivers Local 151 for the excellent manner in which he assisted the Sign Painters in having a union painter be on the job being done by taxi owners.

Jewelry Workers 42, delegate Hawken negotiating new agreement with employers and to date have been able to obtain 17¢ increase.

Fire Fighters Local 256, delegate Wisheart reported that the 48 hour week will go into effect on July 1st and that an agreement has been signed covering his members in New Westminster.

Molders 281, delegate Minot reported that contrary to what has been said Local 281 is negotiating and will continue to negotiate for the employees, members of their union. Local 281 had agreements with shops and other organizations have attempted to go in and change the certification.

NEW BUSINESS:--Delegate Hines, 138 Painters, moved that the Trades Council set up a committee to meet with the C.O.L. Council to iron out difficulties arising from the Molders dispute. The motion was seconded and carried. The chairman stated that he would refer this matter to the Grievance Committee. Some discussion followed and a show of hands was ordered, 49 being in favor, 48 against. The matter was referred to the Grievance Committee.

Delegate Sanderson, Local 452, moved that the Legislative committee be instructed to take up with the Provincial Government the question of placing a statute on the books prohibiting overcrowding of passenger-carrying vehicles. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

Bill Showler

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, July 2nd, 1946.

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 were previously received were obligated and seated:--W. G. Martin, Molders and Foundry Workers 281; Sadie Tomkins, Hotel and Res. Local 28; Leslie Harvie, Retail Grocers and Food Clerks Local 1518; L. Buendia, Taxi Drivers Local 151.

The executive reported on the meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, S. Smylie, J. Stevenson, S. Bearer, G. Herrett, R. Gerwin, J. Eaves.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Street Railwaymen Division 134, enclosing six resolutions requesting endorsement and that they be forwarded to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Convention.

1. Requesting that all monies spent for hospitalization and treatment for ill health by a legalized practitioner be deductible before taxation of net income.
The executive recommend endorsement; recommendation adopted.

2. Dealing with Old Age Pensions requesting \$50 for all citizens who have attained the age of 60 years and have been residents of Canada for 20 years and that when married persons are living together and only one is eligible for pension and the other requires social assistance the latter amount shall be not less than \$25 per month and that in each case the amount shall be adjusted should the cost of living rise 5% above that existing at the time the current income was granted.
The executive recommended endorsement. Recommendation adopted.

3. Dealing with Social Security and recommending -

1. That the Council go on record as requiring that Social Security be introduced by the Federal Government without delay; and
2. That medical Boards be set up throughout the country and that all persons be required to attend every 6 months for examination; that cases of infectious nature be subject to close scrutiny, adequate treatment and when necessary isolation.
The executive recommend that (1) be endorsed and that (2) be referred back to the Union for further consideration.
Recommendation adopted.

4. Dealing with public transportation vehicles and recommending that conveyances carrying more than 25 persons be manned by 2 employees. The executive recommended that this be referred to locals of the street railwaymen unions for consideration. Recommendation adopted.

5. Requesting that Federal and Provincial Governments be urged to broadcast all major debates.
The executive recommended endorsement. Recommendation adopted.

6. Urging Income Tax exemption for married persons up to \$2000 per year and single persons \$1000 per year. The executive recommend that \$2000 be raised to \$2400 and the resolution endorsed. Recommendation adopted.

(2) International Union of Brewery and Soft Drink Workers of America, Montreal, Local 301, pointing out that Dawes Black Horse, Frontenac and Dows Ale is on the unfair to labor list and requesting that we notify this Company of our position in the matter of people opposed to organized labor. The executive recommended endorsement and that a letter be forwarded. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(3) W. E. A. notification of the Summer School to be held at Acadia Camp August 17th to September 1st. Executive recommended delegates be asked to take note. Recommendation adopted.

(4) Local 468 Bakery and Confectionary Workers pointing out that members of this Union suffered a cut in wages as a result of appearing before the Regional War Labor Board and requesting that this Council look into the matter. The executive recommend the letter be left with the secretary to investigate. Recommendation adopted.

(5) Canadian Seamen's Union letter of appreciation for financial assistance. "On motion received and noted."

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

(7) Vancouver Metal and Chemical Workers Union, requesting endorsement of a resolution whereby all patterns and castings shipped into Greater Vancouver and New Westminster would be placed on the unfair list. The executive recommend this be referred to Local 281, Molders and Foundry Workers for consideration. Recommendation adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credentia Committee, delegate Smylie reported receiving the following credentials and the committee recommended that the delegates be obligated and seated:--C. Pitman, A. O. Shaw, W. G. Martin, John Browne, John W. O'Neill, Molders and Foundry Workers Local 281; A. W. Scott, Engineers Local 115; E. Goudy, Lathers 207; J. P. O. Muir, Lloyd Esler, C. E. Stewart, Street Railwaymen Div. 101. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported that I.X.L. Laundry workers organized and application for certification has been made. Interviewed Minimum Wage Board on behalf of Laundry Workers and had a 40¢ per hour minimum established. Next meeting of hairdressers will be held at 304 - 413 Granville Street, July 8th. Charter has been applied for for paint manufacturing workers, officers elected and certification applied for. "On motion report adopted."

Legislative Committee, delegate S. Shearer reported as follows: 1. We note that in "class" 0 to 4 the Unemployment Insurance obtainable is not sufficient to maintain a decent standard of living, although we believe that these classes are mostly part time workers and pensioners who are not receiving full wages.

2. We are in favor of the recommendation brought forward by the organizing committee on March 14th to wit, that the Federal Government assume full responsibility to extend benefits and to assure the workers that when their period is exhausted they will be carried until suitable employment is given.

3. We favor that the present scale be increased by 10% as a means of meeting the increased cost of living. Note a ten per cent increase would give the following benefits to persons from I to Class 8 which is a new class that has been proposed by the Insurance Committee. Class I now receive \$4.80 increase to \$5.20 per week, it being noted that this class only receive an average of \$5.40 to \$7.49 weekly, even when employed. It was noted that classes 5, 6, 7, provide over 91% of those contributing to the Insurance and 63% come from Class 7 alone. We recommend that these classes be raised to approximately \$20 weekly.

4. It is further recommended that the waiting period be eliminated,

5. Branch offices be opened to provide more efficient service to those who have to wait for their Insurance.

6. We commend the upward revision of employers contribution, and urge the retention of present employees' contribution in Class 0 - 5. "On motion report adopted."

President Showler reported Blue Cross Hospital Association had held another meeting and under the circumstances found it necessary to increase the dues to \$2 per month for a family and \$1 per month for single persons. The reason for the increase is because of hospitals having raised rates. This not necessarily because of increased rates to employees as they are also raising the rates for services. President suggested that the Provincial Secretary be asked to look into the necessity for raising such rates. New rates will go into effect September 1st.

President pointed out that many people going from the 48 to 44 hour week have had wages cut. He suggests that immediate application should be made to the Regional War Labor Board for the difference between the 48 and 44 hours.

At this time President introduced John Bruce, Int. Representative, Plumbers and Steamfitters Union. Brother Bruce gave a very interesting talk on conditions throughout the country pointing out that the Government in his opinion had failed to redeem their wartime promises to labor. Brother Bruce's talk was well received by all delegates. The speaker was thanked by the President.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Typographical Local 226, delegate Gouthro reported that the Province had been placed on the non-patronage list and that it has become evident that the Southam Co. would like to divorce the workers from the International Union. All employees have been circularized by the Canadian Federation of Labor telling them what good things they can do for them. There are only 44 members in this organization and it is readily seen who is putting out such propaganda.

Truck Drivers 31, delegate Atkinson reported one of his drivers had been stopped on Powell street with a load of manilla rope by a picket from a foundry. His men now have instructions to go through picket lines and deliver goods until such time as his union declares them unfair. He further declared that all machine shops to his union were fair.

Machinists Lodge 692, delegate Osman reported 450 men out of work and 300 of these because of pickets which are illegal. Machinists who broke picket line today at Sumner Iron Works were non-union men. Delegate pointed out that the O.I.O. molders regardless of what had been said were not fighting a battle for the machinists. The machinists have their own agreements and will do their own negotiating. The real sore spot is the fact that the O.I.O. pickets machine shops in Vancouver and allow Heaps Engineering to operate where United Steelworkers have agreements.

Plumbers Local 170, delegate Carlisle reported his union negotiating for 4 or 5 weeks. Employers have stated that they must oppose increase and that the Union must now take a strike vote before further progress can be made.

Bakers Local 468, delegate Kemmis reported negotiations in Vancouver now completed. Five day, 40 hour week included in the agreement, \$2.50 per week increase for all covered by the agreement except jobbers who were raised from \$6.25 to \$8 per day. Commended delegate Shearer on his address to the Council for Guidance of Handicapped.

Typographical Local 226, delegate Neelands gave a brief review of the situation leading up to the present conditions in the Province newspaper. Also pointed out that opposition is not to wages or conditions but to the Typographical Union. Regardless of the fact that the Province suggested the condition was brought about by foreign domination, members of this Local took a secret ballot, only 2 voted against while 176 voted to take such action. The Southam Co. are members of the American Newspaper Publishers Association with headquarters in Chicago.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received, were obligated and seated: Div. 101 Street Railwaymen, for C. M. Stewart, and L. Easler; Div. 134 Street Railwaymen, N. Roche; Molders Local 281, J. W. O'Neill, A. A. Shaw, O. Pitman; Engineers Local 882, for H. Berger.

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening, the following members being present: B. Showler, J. Eaves, S. Shearer, C. Herrett, J. Stevenson and R. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Local 452 Carpenters, asking that measures be taken to organize the employees of David Spencers Limited. Executive recommended this be referred to the Organizing Committee. "On motion carried."
- (2) United Textile Workers of America requesting financial assistance in their struggle in Montreal. Executive recommended that \$10.00 be donated. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (3) Community Chest requesting appointment of representative to the Honorary Campaign Committee. Executive recommended W. J. Bartlett. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (4) Association Ukrainian Canadians requesting financial assistance to send a delegation to a Western Canada Festival in Edmonton. Executive recommended the communication be received and filed. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (5) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received and filed for future reference."
- (6) Lodge 151 I. A. of Machinists, enclosing a resolution requesting that the Trades Congress convention take necessary steps to apply the B. C. Provincial Law to all employees on Trans Continental railroads operating in B. C. Executive recommend endorsement and that the resolution be made to include all railroad workers not covered by collective agreements. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (7) Div. 134, amending a resolution previously submitted. "On motion amended resolution was adopted."
- (8) Canadian Legion being notification that Branch 168 favor appealing to the Attorney General to waive the Blue Laws to allow sports, for which there is no charge, on Sundays, and asking the opinion of labor on this question. Executive recommend that this communication lay on the table until next meeting and that Unions be notified. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (9) Div. 101, enclosing resolution asking that all patterns and casting shipped into greater Vancouver and New Westminster be placed on the "Unfair" list. The Executive recommend that this be referred to Local 281 Molders for consideration. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(10) Division 101, informing the Council that a resolution dealing with the manning of passenger carrying vehicles submitted by Division 134 had been approved by their Local. Executive recommend endorsement of the resolution. "On motion recommendation adopted."

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; The Trades & Labor Congress of Canada Executive be urged to lay plans at the earliest moment for such a demonstration, such plans to be fully supported by this Council.

Executive recommended that the Communication be received and filed. Considerable discussion followed and the recommendation of the Executive was not concurred in.

An amendment was moved and seconded that this Council recommend that the Trades and Labor Congress oppose by all possible means, the Franco regime in Spain and further the establishment of a People's Government. "Upon motion the amendment carried."

(12) B. C. Association of Fire Fighters, thanking the Council for support in their obtaining the 48 hour week and expressing the hope that they will be returning to the Council in the near future. "on motion received and noted."

(13) Victoria Trades and Labor Council enclosing a resolution on the lifting of Price Ceilings and removal of subsidies. Executive recommend that as this matter was dealt with at the previous meeting the communication be received and noted. "On motion Executive recommendation adopted."

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Executive recommended the adoption of the following resolution:
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in future a fee of one dollar be charged for each resolution submitted and be it further resolved that a registration fee of one dollar be charged for each delegate attending the convention. "On motion adopted."

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REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES: Credential Committee--Delegate J. Stevenson reported and recommended that the following delegates' (see below) credentials be received, accepted and the delegates notified to attend for obligation. "On motion recommendation of Committee adopted."

Organizing Committee: Delegate Herrett reported a Charter had been issued for Paint and Varnish Makers; good progress being made and organization growing. Furniture Workers also had been organized under a Charter and good progress being made in this Local. Laundry Workers making progress and it is expected that a full time Business Agent and Organizer will be appointed in the near future.

Delegate Herrett also reported that an application for affiliation had been received from Local 2533 Furniture Workers and that Committee recommend the application be accepted and the Union asked to appoint delegates. Also application received from Paint & Varnish Workers Local 1550. Committee recommends application be accepted and Local asked to appoint delegates. "On motion recommendations of Committee adopted."

Secretary reported taking up a matter with the Regional Board wherein Local 468 Bakers, complained that when an application had been placed before the Board some wage rates were actually reduced. Representatives of the Regional Board pointed out that Disher's Limited, had been paying wages which were not authorized by the Board and when the application came before them the Board had approved the Union scale.

Legislative Committee:--Delegate Shearer reported on a meeting held July 10th, to deal with the matter of Domestic Workers and recommend:

1. Minimum wage for all domestic workers of fifty cents per hour.
2. Domestic workers to be covered by the Workmen's Compensation Act and Unemployment Insurance Act.
3. Maximum 48 hour work week with a clear 24 hour period off work.

"On motion recommendations of the Committee were adopted."
Dealing with the question of transportation the Committee were unable to form an opinion in view of the possibility of imposing a hardship on workers who had to use such transportation.

The Committee was also divided on the question of the Twenty Year franchise. "Upon motion the report of the Committee as a whole adopted."

Labor Day Sports Committee:--Delegate McCulloch reported finances coming in well, tickets would soon be ready and he asked Unions who had not already sent in their checks to do so.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:

Moulders 281, Delegate McCormack, pointed out that this Local had been in existence for 55 years in this City. The C.O.L. organized in 1939 with a nucleus of suspended members from Local 281. Most men regularly employed are members of Local 281. The C.O.L. method of organizing is unethical and unorthodox. Endeavors in the past for joint agreements unacceptable as was the agreement drawn by the C.O.L. Delegate pointed out that while Local 281 were negotiating an agreement in May this year, the C.I.O. pulled a strike. This has worked a considerable hardship on all the moulders and no reasonable solution has been found in view of the attitude of the C.I.O.

Barbers 120, Del. Herrett reported his Union making good progress on 44 hour week with same take-home pay. Union shop card installed in C.P.R. Depot barber shop; shop at 2215 Granville St., and at 3150 Cambie.

Jewelry Workers 42, Del. Hawkins reported a joint application on behalf of his members has been made to the Regional Board for increases in pay to employees. Employers ready to pay as soon as application approved.

Credential Committee: Engineers 115 for Hugh Grant and Albert Norman, replacing F. Hunt and Geo. Parkinson; **Embalmers** for G.S. Jennings and D. Evens, replacing A. Nunn & J. Dougall; **Ironworkers 97,** J. McDonald, S. Stewart, D.A. McDonald, C.G. Newman; **Molders 281,** for D.B. McCormack replacing J. Brown, Paint & Varnish Makers 1550 for D.W. Weese and Arthur E. Potts.

Carpenters Local 452: Del. G. Bengough reported receiving a Direction of the Regional Board for increases in carpenters rates, making an hourly rate of \$1.25 for journeymen and \$1.41 for foremen.

Retail Clerks, Delegate Johnston reported his Union certified 2 years ago with the Hudson Bay Company in Victoria. That the Company fought in an endeavor to make it necessary for the Union to apply for certification on a National basis. The Company also tried to set up Company Unions. Two weeks ago an agreement was signed with the Retail Clerks, the first of its kind in Canada.

In Woodwards Meat Department the employees have been organized for eight years; have been under agreement for two years and have now obtained a Union security clause and \$4.00 increase per week.

Spencers' Meat Department in Victoria organized and application for Certification made. Application for certification in Rays Limited had also been applied for.

Carpenters #1251, Del. Bannan reported a new Local had been organized in Mission and good progress being made.

Painters #138, Del. Eaves reported his Union had negotiated a new contract containing the Union shop clause and 13 cents per hour. The first time this Union has had a Union shop contract.

Pulp & Sulphite Local 433, Del. McDermott asked if the State Theatre was still on the Non Patronage list. Secretary replied that the State Theatre had not been placed on the Non Patronage list.

Truck Drivers 213, Del. Solomon reported his Union had signed an agreement with Diethers Ltd., which is the first agreement signed with any branch of the Evans, Coleman, Evans group. Good progress being made.

United Fishermen, Del. Miller reported his Union has concluded an agreement for Tuna fishing off this coast. The Pilohard and Herring agreement under negotiation and no boats will leave until an agreement is signed. **Brewery Workers #300,** del. reported good progress being made in negotiating a new agreement.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE TRADES & LABOR CONGRESS OF CANADA CONVENTION

The following were nominated: R. Osman, Machinists 692; R. McCulloch, Milk-salesmen 464; W. Rigby, Fishermen 44; R. Cormack, St. Rlwy. Div. 134; T. Parkin, Fishermen 44; G.J. Oates, Van. Secondary Teachers; J. Stevenson, 452 Carpenters; G. Bengough, 452 Carpenters.

Delegates Parkin, Oates, Stevenson and Bengough declined.

President appointed delegates Herrett, Kerstead and Morrison as Tellers. On the first ballot del. McCulloch received 57; Rigby 47; Cormack 26 and Osman 15. Del. Osman was dropped and on the second ballot, McCulloch received 71; Rigby 54 and Cormack 19. Del. Cormack was dropped. Next ballot, McCulloch received 85 votes and Rigby 65. Delegate McCulloch was declared elected.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council now go into a Committee of the whole to hear a report on the strike at the Vancouver Daily Province. The report was heard and it was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee rise and report. "On motion report adopted."

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Bill Showler

R. K. Gervin, Secretary.

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

Minutes of the special meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, July 24, 1946.

Meeting called to order by President Showler at 8:10 p.m.

Secretary reported that a committee appointed at the last regular meeting to obtain legal advice on the Council's position under the injunction brought against Typographical Union 226 were ready to report.

A letter was read from Farris and Co. wherein they point out that the Typographical Union being a member of the Trades and Labor Council, officers of that Council should not be a party to the picketing at the Vancouver Province as they would be termed as acting on behalf of the striking union and so violate the existing injunction.

The committee recommended that a letter protesting the injunction be forwarded to the Attorney-General of the Province. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Committee further recommended that a wire be sent to the Federal Minister of Labor demanding that he bring the principal officers of the International Typographical Union and of the Southam Company Ltd. together for the purpose of resuming their discussions with a view to reconciling their differences and that a copy be sent to Brother Bengough, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, with the request that he use his office to impress upon the Minister of Labor the necessity of immediate action. The committee's recommendation was adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Trades and Labor Council retain the services of Farris and Co. to hold a watching brief when the injunction comes before the Court.

The following resolution was moved, seconded and carried:

Resolved that this Council elect a Committee of seven with authority to utilize every possible means of publicity and action to inform and enlist the general public on the side of organized labor in their fight against the present Court injunction,

And Be It Further Resolved that this Committee utilize the Press and Radio, public meetings, resolutions to members of parliament, etc., to the fullest extent, in order that Labor's right to picket without Court interference may be restored.

President called for nominations for the Committee. Delegate Shearer, Miller, Alsbury, Ross, Osman, Cozmack, Parkin, Gervin, Stewart, Ainsley, Showler, Watts, Wells, Herrett, nominated. Delegates Parkin, Ainsley, Wells, Herrett, and Shearer declined. The committee stood as nominated.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive take under consideration the possibility of establishing a fund for members of affiliated unions who were arrested while picketing the Daily Province.

Moved, seconded and carried that a committee of 5 be elected to organize and regulate pickets at the Province. Delegates Parkin, Imber, Thompson, Wybrew and Hawkin, being the only nominees the committee stood.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

R. K. Gervin
 President

R. K. Gervin,
 Secretary.

Minutes of a special meeting held in the Labor Temple, 529 Beatty Street, Friday, August 16th, 1946.

Meeting called to order at 8 p.m. President Showler in the Chair.

The President read the following communication which under the Constitution was his reason for calling a special meeting:

529 Beatty St.,
 Vancouver, B. C.
 August 8th, 1946.

President,
 Vancouver, New Westminster and District
 Trades & Labor Council,
 Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

We the undersigned delegates to the Vancouver, New Westminster, and District Trades and Labor Council representing the undersigned Unions, request that a special meeting of the above Council be called for August 13th, 1946 at 8:00 PM, in Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, in order to discuss recent decisions of the Regional War Labor Board for British Columbia.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter, we remain,

Yours fraternally,

Signed

"E. G. COOK"	International Association of Bridge Structural and Ornamental Ironworkers, Local 97
Delegate for:	Local Union 692, International Association of Machinists.
"R. OSMAN"	Pile drivers, Bridge, Wharf and Dock Builders Local 2404.
Delegate for:	International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 115
"S. C. ALLAN"	International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 882
Delegate for:	Bakery & Confectionary Workers, International Union of America, Local 468.
"A. W. SCOTT"	United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters, Local 170
Delegate for:	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local B213
"J. HENDERSON"	Brotherhood of Painters & Decorators and Paper-hangers of America, Local 138
Delegate for:	International Building and Common Laborers, Local 602
"MELVIN J. KEMMIS"	United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union
Delegate for:	Canadian Seamen's Union, Pacific Coast District.
"E. CARLISLE"	Office Employees International Union, Local 15.
Delegate for:	Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway & Motor Coach Employees of America, Div. 101
"J. N. ROSS"	Vancouver, Victoria, Gasworkers, Local Union #225.
Delegate for:	
"U. BAVES"	
Delegate for:	
"W. J. BASKERVILLE"	
Delegate for:	
"GEORGE NORTH"	
Delegate for:	
"JAMES S. THOMPSON"	
Delegate for:	
"W. WILLIAMS"	
Delegate for:	
"F. R. ALTY"	
Delegate for:	
"C. M. STEWART"	
Delegate for:	

The following resolution was carried:

This meeting expresses its gratification that as a result of the strong protest action of organized labor, The R.W.L.B. has announced that its declared policy of limiting wage increases to 10% per hr. will be reconsidered.

We call upon all affiliated bodies to stand prepared to oppose with all means at their disposal, any indication that the R.W.L.B. might seek to restore the discredited policy of recent weeks.

We reaffirm the position of the Trades and Labor Congress that joint

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applications to the R.W.L.B. should not be subject to amendment by the board.

We consider that labor representatives on such boards who oppose such applications should be withdrawn as incapable of representing labor's viewpoint and labor representatives who find themselves in a minority on an issue of such importance should resign in protest.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 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 above Council held on Tuesday, September 3, 1946.

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

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

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:—J. Newman, Ironworkers 97; H. Grant, Engineers Local 115; H. Jorgenson, Typographical Local 226; D. A. McDonald, Ironworkers Local 97; S. M. Scott, Carpenters Local 452; J. P. C. Muir, St. Railwaymen Div. 101.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following delegates being present:—Showler, Stevenson, Herrett, Smylie, W. Rigby, Shearer, Gerwin.

RESPONSES:

(1) Vancouver Typographical Union Local 226 pointing out that they wish to protest against Printing Pressmen whom they feel are seriously handicapping them in their efforts to combat the lockout of the Vancouver Daily Province, and asking for impeachment of the Local Pressmen's Union. The executive recommend that a trial committee of 3 be appointed in accordance with Section 2, Article 8 of the Trades and Labor Council Constitution, the committee to consist of R.K.Gerwin, Chairman, J. Stevenson, Carpenters, Local 452; W. Rigby, U.F.A.W.U., Vancouver Local. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(2) B. G. Federation of Labor enclosing a resolution passed by their convention condemning the City Council for extending the franchise of the B. C. Electric Railway for another twenty years. The executive recommend that O. E. Thompson, Chairman of the Civic Utilities Committee be requested to attend a future meeting of the Council to make a report on this subject. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) E. W. Harold, Secretary Coordinating Committee Allied Printing Trades, informing the Council that the International Pressmen's Union delegate to that body had been suspended for apparent reasons. Executive recommended the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(4) Local 1843, U.B. of C.J. drawing attention to the critical lumber situation suggesting that this Council do what they can and report the cause of the shortage. "On motion left with the secretary to take up and report to the Union."

(5) Local 138, Painters and Decorators enclosing a resolution condemning the Regional War Labor Board and demanding the resignation of the Labor members. The executive recommend that this letter be left in the hands of the President to deal with. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(6) National Film Board outlining their plans for future information films to be shown to members of Trade Unions. President Showler reported that he had attended a meeting called by that organization where an agreement arrived at between the Projectionists Local 348 and the National Film Board had been presented. The agreement was not satisfactory to the Projectionists Local and it was suggested that a committee of three be appointed to review the situation. The President appointed H. Leslie, Projectionists Local 348; George Bengough, Carpenters Local 452; and R. Osman, Machinists 692. "On motion report adopted."

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

(8) Percy R. Bengough, enclosing reprint of an editorial in the July issue of the Trades and Labor Congress Journal with a request that it be read at the regular meeting. The executive recommend that this Council write President Wm. Green urging that he bend every effort to return the machinists to the ranks of the A. F. of L. "On motion was adopted."

It was moved and seconded that this Council go on record as favoring the retention in affiliation with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada the International Association of Machinists. Carried.

(9) Dealing with a letter that was received in July the secretary reported that 13 unions in favor of entertainment and sports on Sundays.

Opposition was voiced by the Musicians and Projectionists Locals. The executive recommend that this Council endorse the principle of sports and recreation on Sundays. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

In view of the fact that many delegates will be absent from the City for a period of time, to attend the Congress Convention the executive recommend that the regular meetings of this Council scheduled for September 17th and October 1st be cancelled and two meetings held in October if found necessary. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

The executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:—**Credential Committee**, delegate Smylie reporting for the credential committee recommended that following applicants whose credentials had been received and were found to be in order, be obligated and seated:—**Jessie Williams, J. H. Irving, Laundry Workers Local 292; Henry Berger, Engineers 882; W. Eaton, Gus Hult, Painters and Decorators Local 138; Mrs. Hilda Burday, M. E. Strack, Mrs. Ivy Laverick, D. S. Young, Furniture Workers Local 2533; J. Molsekin, Bakers Local 468.** "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported good progress in the organizing drive for hairdressers. Next meeting on September 6th in Room 304, Williams Building. Paint and Varnish workers newly formed local now negotiating wage scale. Laundry Workers have now a full-time organizer and secretary in the field. Making good progress. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary reported the following donations received for the Defense Fund:—**Civic Employees Local 28, \$25; Lathers 207, \$10; Plumbers 170, \$50; Taxi Drivers 151, \$10; Machinists 692, \$10; Sheet Metal 314, \$5; Carpenters 1251, \$10; Bricklayers Local, \$10; St. Railwaymen 134, \$10; Building Service Employees Union, \$5; National Assoc. of Marine Engineers, \$25; Hotel and Res. Employees Union Local 28, \$5; Painters and Decorators, \$25; Distillery Workers Local 92, \$10; Engineers Local 115, \$10; Printing Pressmen 69, \$25; Joint Council of Retail Employees, \$10; Plumbers Local 571, \$10; St. Railwaymen 101, \$100; Teamsters Joint Council No. 36, \$1000.**

Secretary reported during his absence from the City some dissatisfaction had been expressed by some of the members of affiliated unions who were arrested during the Province disturbance with the legal counsel obtained by the Trades Council. The secretary met with the members of the unions and the legal advisor and this difficulty had been satisfactorily settled.

Secretary drew attention of the Council to a misstatement in the "OUF News" of August 22nd wherein the following article appeared:

"The fact that two special meetings of the Vancouver and New Westminster Trades and Labor Council have been called in the last month by the demand of affiliates and over the reluctance of table officers indicates that rank and file sentiment is stirring in A. F. L. circles these days"

Secretary pointed out that the statement was untrue as he had personally called the first special meeting and knew that there had been no reluctance on his own part or expressed by anyone else at the request for the second special meeting.

Secretary drew attention of the delegates to a newspaper statement of an attack on A. F. of L. unions by C.C.L. unions in their Council meeting. Secretary pointed out that a united labor movement in Canada is not far distant and will be brought about by the rank and file moving to the A. F. of L. unions who have provided leadership for the Canadian workers over a period of years giving first consideration to the economic welfare of these workers.

President Showler reported he had a request for a delegate to act on the Board of the Canadian Cancer Society. Delegate A. Patterson, Local 180, volunteered to attend.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:—**Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28**, delegate E. Watts reported that her union had signed the first master agreement covering hotels in Vancouver that had ever been signed in the Dominion. Increases in wages have been agreed to and will be placed before the Regional War Labor Board. Should these wages be approved they will be

among the highest for this type of work in Canada. Membership of Local is growing with increasing number of male members taking out membership.

Secretary reported that a special meeting called by Labor Headquarters was held on August 28th to discuss the question of financing a new Labor Temple on the present site. A committee of 15 volunteers are undertaking the work and will approach the unions in the near future to seek their assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Paul Showler
President

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, October 15, 1946.

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

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

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:—G. Hult, Painters Local 138; J. McMeekin, Bakers Local 468; Bert Wals, Mailers Local 70; G. S. Jennings, Embalmers and Undertakers Assts. 23374.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. Members present:—B. Showler, S. Smylie, J. Stevenson, W. Rigby, J. Eaves, G. Gee, R. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Community Chest and Council requesting that this Council appoint a delegate to the Family and Child Welfare Division of the Community Chest. The executive recommend that Mrs. Hallock represent the Council. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(2) Vancouver Labor Council requesting that delegates be appointed to a committee to deal with Health Insurance. The executive recommend that this matter be referred to the Legislative Committee for consideration and report. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(3) Workers' Educational Association requesting financial assistance in meeting the bills incurred during the last session of the Summer School and pointing out that the debts incurred were the responsibility of the Council and affiliated Unions as much as the Association. The executive recommend that Brother Hannah be asked for a report on the letter and whether or not he supported the motion for such expense. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(4) Building Service Employees Local 244 requesting assistance in meeting the problem facing the news vendors section of that Local when the papers sent out to the vendors have been reduced by as much as 80% due to a dispute at the Daily Province and the fact that the vendors refuse to sell this paper. The executive recommend that this matter be taken up with Congress with a view to having the quota of paper allowed to the Vancouver Sun and News-Herald increased. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(5) Old Age Pensioners Organization, a lengthy communication dealing with old age pensions. The executive recommend that the matter be referred to the Legislative Committee for study and report. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(6) Building Service Employees International Union Local 244 a communication dealing with a jurisdictional dispute between that Local and Local 676 Beverage Dispensers. The executive recommend that this communication be received and the Local advised that this is a matter for the International Offices. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(7) Workers' Educational Association Minutes of the last Convention. Also a ballot for the delegates to record their opinion of a date for the next Convention. "On motion referred to delegate R. Hannah."

(8) Vancouver Board of Trade enclosing a resolution urging the Government, Trade Unions and employers to take action on a new labor code which would among other things demand that the Government supervise strike votes and the Department of Labor conduct secret poll of employees entitled to vote. Executive recommend the communication be received and filed. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(9) Labor Headquarters Ltd. requesting that the Council endorse a policy of raising finances for a new Labor Temple by assessing members of Local Unions \$1 a month for a period of six months. The executive recommend that this suggestion be forwarded to all affiliated Locals for consideration and request that locals forward any suggestions for financing such a project to the Council office. "On motion recommendation adopted."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:—Credential Committee, delegate Smylie recommended that the following delegates whose credentials were in order be seated and obligated:—O. K. Sherry, E. S. McLean, Sheet Metal Workers Local 280; Robert King, Machinists Local 182; John Sederman, R. E. Guthrie,

Wm. Page, Carpenters Local 452; John H. Parker, Painters Local 138; Harry Rusell, Robt. Forsythe, Engineers Local 953; Patrick J. Ryan, Building Service Employees' Int. 244; Gerald J. McGill, Hotel and Res. Employees 28; "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, Secretary Gervin reported having received application for affiliation from the B. C. Library Association. The committee recommended that the application be accepted and the Local requested to appoint delegates. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Delegate McCulloch reported that the business of the Annual Picnic and Sports Day had been wound up and was pleased to report that the committee had obtained sufficient funds from the Local Unions to pay all expenses except \$9.

Delegate Gervin reported that of the five members of affiliated unions for which the Council had supplied defense all but one had been acquitted.

Report of the Trial Committee appointed at the regular meeting of September 3rd to deal with a request from Local 226, Vancouver Typographical Union, requesting the suspension of Local 69 Printing Pressmen's Union from this Council

Your committee felt that if there was a possibility of assisting the Typographical Union that every avenue to this end should be explored before arriving at a final decision on the question which they were instructed to deal with. The committee, therefore, attended the regular meeting of Local 69 Printing Pressmen on September 10th and discussed the pressmen's situation with the membership as a whole. The following day the Printing Pressmen wrote me as follows:

"At our regular meeting held last night (Sept 10th) the following resolution was passed, by a vote of 65 to 25.

"That No. 69 instruct the Province Pressmen to report to work, but that they refuse to handle "Hot Plates" and also refuse to send papers to an unfair mailing room."

Considerable pressure was brought to bear by the International President, Mr. Berry, who wired the President of the Local instructing him to order the men back to work.

On Friday the 13th the Pressmen's Union again met and refused to handle the plates again by a bigger majority than the previous meeting. Following this meeting each member of the Local received an individual wire from the International President instructing him to return to work.

On Monday the 16th at a further special meeting a secret ballot was again taken and the majority at that election decided to return to work.

Your committee cannot too strongly condemn the action of International President Berry for the pressure brought against the Local members to report to a strike bound plant.

Your committee also condemn the actions of the Local members who saw fit to return to work and pass through the picket line of a Union affiliated with this Council.

Your committee recommend that a copy of this report be sent to International President Berry, also to the Trades Councils and Typographical Unions in the four cities affected.

Your committee further recommend that a letter be sent to all affiliated Locals to this Council urging that they check with their membership in an endeavor to ascertain if there are any subscribers to the Province.

This is a report of progress only and if adopted your committee will continue to act and probably bring a final report before the next meeting of the Council.

"On motion report adopted unanimously."

Delegate Gerwin submitted a full report on the Trades and Labor Congress Convention. This report will be published in a future issue of the "Labor Statesman".

President Showler reported that the Council Executive had attended a luncheon with Sir Godfrey Ince, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labor for the United Kingdom.

President also reported attending a meeting of the Canadian Club giving a talk on "Where Labor is Going". The talk was well received by the members of that organization.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Bakers Local 468, delegate Bell reported his organization had signed an agreement with Foran's Bakery, New Westminster.

Milksalesmen Local 464, delegate McCulloch reported his Union had signed an agreement with the Guernsey Breeders Association.

Canadian Seamen's Union, delegate Thompson reported his union had signed an agreement with ship owners covering all deep sea ships. The agreement includes an increase of \$15 per month as well as having the war bonus consolidated with the basic wage. Also increased overtime rates considerably.

Gas Workers 225, delegate Alty reported his Union had signed an agreement with the B. C. Electric covering Gas workers which meant an increase of 10¢ per hour as well as a welfare scheme and a considerable reduction in hours for most workers. Drew attention to the fact that the gas workers had made remarkable progress since organized a short time ago.

Typographical Local 226, delegate Neelands expressed appreciation for assistance to his Union and pointed out that no appeal for financial assistance had been made as yet. Considerable difficulty being experienced in placing the union's side of the picture before the public in as much as two papers had refused to accept advertising of the Union. The union plans on putting out a small publication in the near future.

Laundry Workers Local 292, delegate Irving reported signing up many agreements with plants in this City. Many more being organized. Reported his union had received good cooperation from the Regional War Labor Board. Would appreciate hearing from any delegate having contacts in laundries in the City.

Refrigeration Workers 516, delegate Campbell reported his union had received approval of 20¢ per hour increase for all members.

A. F. L. Organizer, W. Wilson, reported agreements had been signed with many of the Glass Shops in Vancouver including the 40 hour week, pay for holidays, and an increase of 12¢ per hour as well as the maintenance of membership.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28, delegate Ansell reported an attempt at the Belle Bar Cafe to establish a company union and obtain certification for same. The application through the efforts of the Union had now been withdrawn and the way is open for organization. Considerable difficulty experienced in dealing with the Sylvia Court Hotel. New management, Biltmore Cafe, proving difficult to negotiate with.

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved, seconded and carried that the secretary enquire as to who the official timekeeper may be at the Hastings Park Forum for the forthcoming hockey season.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin
President

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Room 200, 529 Beatty Street, Labor Headquarters

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, November 5th, 1946.
Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.
Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to the affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been accepted were obligated and seated:--R. D. King, Machinists Local 162; G. McGill, J. Gemmell, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28; P. Ryan, Building Service Employees Local 244; J. H. Parker, W. Eaton, Painters Local 138; D. S. Young, Furniture Workers 2533; O. K. Sherry, Sheet Metal Local 280; D. W. Weese, Paint and Varnish Workers Local 1550.

President Showler announced the death of a former delegate and trade unionist of long standing, Alex Ross, member of the Railway Carmen's Union. Delegates stood in silence in respect to the memory of the late brother.

Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following delegates being present:--Showler, C. Herrett, S. Shearer, J. Stevenson, J. Eaves, G. Gee, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Vancouver Typographical Union 226 expressing appreciation to the Council and affiliated unions for the excellent support given Local 226. Further pointing out that unions should beware of propaganda to the effect that the Province is operating under union conditions. International Unions, Stereotypers, Mailers and Typographical members are still locked out and the Province is not worthy of the patronage of real union men and women. "On motion communication received and the delegates asked to take note."

(2) Hotel and Restaurant employees Local 28 enclosing a resolution urging that the monthly pension for widows under the Compensation Act be increased to \$60 per month. The executive recommend endorsement and referred the matter to the Provincial Executive. Recommendation adopted.

(3) Building Service Employees Local Union 244 drawing attention to the fact that an appeal had been allowed employers against an increase of 10¢ per hour to the membership of the local and that unless negotiations presently being conducted with employers are successful drastic action will be taken by the Local to enforce their demands. The executive recommend that this Council endorse the endeavors of the Local union to better the conditions of its members. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(4) Navy League of Canada, an appeal for funds to carry on the work of that organization. Executive recommend endorsement of the appeal and refer to the Local Unions. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(5) Workers' Educational Association enclosing 24 books of tickets to be sold to raise funds to carry on the work of the Association. "On motion left in the hands of the Secretary."

(6) Building Service Employees Union Local 244 further information re dispute between Local 676 and Local 244 on the beer parlor employees and requesting that the Executive of the Council use its influence in bringing both parties together. The executive recommend that the letter be received and the Local advised that this is a matter for their respective international offices. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(7) Mt. Seymour Park Promotion Committee requesting a letter be forwarded to the Hon. E. T. Kenny endorsing the development of this Park. Executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(8) Local 226, Vancouver Typographical Union informing the Council that their members had voted unanimously to support the new Labor Temple Fund by assessment of \$6 per member. "On motion received and noted."

(9) Teamsters Joint Council advising with regret that they are unable to recommend the proposed assessment of \$6 per member for the purpose of a new labor temple. "On motion received and noted."

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

(11) Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 170 protesting against Vancouver Police and Firemen working at other occupations during their off-shift hours. The executive recommend that the Local 170 be requested to supply specific information. Recommendation adopted.

(12) Vancouver Canucks Hockey Club informing the Council that the official timekeeper for the Pacific Coast Hockey League games at the forum is Mr. "Doc" Murray. "On motion letter received."

The executive recommend that in view of the heavy financial demands made upon our unions during the year no action be taken in nominating candidates in the forthcoming civic election. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(13) Division 101, Street Railwaymen enclosing a resolution regarding increase in freight rates. The executive recommend that this resolution be left with the secretary to take up with the Local Union. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

On motion the executive's report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:-- Credential Committee, delegate Stevenson reporting for this Committee, recommended that the following delegates whose credentials had been received and found to be in order be obligated and seated:--Annie Green, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association; James Watson, Street Railwaymen 134; Leonard E. Butler, Vancouver Auto Workers 1857; Eric Thorpe, Wm. Blaine, Bookbinders Local 105. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported several meetings of hairdressers had been held and good progress has been made in organizing this group. Progress also being made in organizing the First Aid Attendants and assisting them in ironing out the difficulties that arise in their occupation. Considerable assistance being given the Laundry Workers who are making good progress. New Shop cards have been installed at 1490 Marine Drive, West Vancouver; C. P. R. Depot; 2904 West Broadway; 2215 Granville; 73 Lonsdale Ave., North Vancouver. Delegate further reported that an application for affiliation had been received from Local 2534 Furniture Workers. The committee recommend that the application be received and the Local asked to appoint delegates. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Legislative Committee, delegate Shearer reported dealing with a request from the Vancouver Labor Council for a joint committee to study Health Insurance. Your Committee recommend that the Chairman of the Legislative Committee with four others be appointed to act on such a joint committee.

Your committee further recommend that the Legislative Committee act in a consultative capacity. "on motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Dealing with a resolution from Old Age Pensioners your committee recommend:

1. That all citizens who have been resident in any part of Canada for 15 years be granted Old Age Pension of not less than \$50 per month.
2. That the means test be abolished.
3. That no charge be made against the estate of a pensioner.
4. Add the word "discretionary power" so that the Pension authorities would be given power to accept evidence of age of applicant from relatives or others.
5. Delete time limit when a pensioner may be allowed outside Canada.

The committee pointed out that they are of the opinion that it is criminal negligence on the part of the Government not to increase pensions in the same manner as wages and other salaries. If the \$1 has shrunk to 50¢ the pension of today is worth only \$15. We ask the delegates to give serious consideration to these proposals and make it one of their demands in all elections and struggles for better conditions.

further recommend that Old Age Pensioners be informed of our action and that Labor is behind them in their struggle for a decent standard of living. "On motion committee's report adopted."

Press Committee, delegate Rigby reported holding a meeting of the Press Committee when consideration was given to the question of improving the Labor Statesman. The committee recommend that the unions be circularized asking them to express opinions as to the best method of improving the paper and to provide articles. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Delegate Hannah, W. E. A. representative, pointed out that the letter received at the previous meeting was requesting funds for the purpose of meeting financial obligations incurred in operating the Summer School. Further pointed out that while the Summer School was a failure financially the W. E. A. was not heavily in debt. Delegate made it quite clear in his report that he had not involved this Trades Council financially nor convey the idea that he had such authority. Delegate also pointed to the apathy of most local unions and the Council to the work the W. E. A. is doing. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary Gervin reported on a letter received from the Blind Retail Merchants Association requesting assistance of unions in setting up tobacco stalls and canteens in plants and establishments where union members are employed. The executive recommend that this matter be given favorable consideration by the Locals where possible. Delegate Bartlett moved an amendment that this be referred to the Blind Institute. Delegate Shearer moved an amendment to the amendment, that was duly seconded, that the secretary ascertain what connection these people have with the Blind Institute. The amendment to the amendment was carried.

Secretary reported placing Labor's recommendations for amendments to the Elections Act before the Elections Committee which met in the Court House October 31st. "On motion report received."

Reporting for the Trial Committee, the committee point out that at this time they are able to report progress only as they find it may be necessary to again meet with the unions concerned. "On motion report adopted."

Chairman made the following announcement, that Mr. Harris of San Francisco who spent 15 years in the Anglican Ministry has left the pulpit and will give an address under the auspices of the Council of Canadian Soviet Friendship at 1550 West 10th Ave. Saturday, November 9.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Hotel and Res. Empl. 28; delegate May Ansell reported an agreement had been signed with the Esquire Cafe and difficulties had been cleared up. There is still some trouble with the Biltmore, the manager refusing to sign the agreement. The matter is now before the Department of Labor. The local has certification in 23 hotels and their membership doubled in the past year.

Typographical Local 226, delegate Neelands expressed appreciation of his organization for assistance. Pointed out that voluntary subscriptions had been received from many locals. Southams still putting out propaganda to the effect that they are now union. Delegate points out that this is a non union paper and has been since the 5th of June when their members were locked out.

Building Service Employees 244, delegate Ryan reported negotiations continuing in the Dominion Building, Birks Building and Shelly Building. Expect an increase for the employees in these buildings. Chairman of the newspaper section has gone to Victoria to obtain an interpretation from Department of Labor. The union has attempted to negotiate with the Vancouver Sun for the newsboys and difficulty has arisen on the certification.

Refrigeration Workers 516, delegate Campbell reported his union had endorsed the new building and agreed to the assessment of \$6 per member for the Fund.

New Business:--Moved, seconded and carried that this Council ask the Vancouver Canucks Hockey Club to relieve Doc Murray of his position as official timekeeper at the Forum.

Moved and seconded that this Council endorse the request of the Barbers Local 120 for a reasonable increase in price for barbering service in Canada and that the Wartime Prices and Trade Board be notified accordingly. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

B. K. Showler
President

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, November 19, 1946.

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 and accepted were obligated and seated:--L. Cummings, Shingle Weavers, 2802; W. Blaine, Bookbinders Local 105.

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening, the following members being present:--B. Showler, S. Shearer, J. Stevenson, W. Rigby, G. Gee, J. Eaves, R. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Canadian Seamen's Union requesting a representative on a delegation proceeding to Victoria to interview the Attorney-General in an effort to have the men released that were sentenced to jail during the province strike. Secretary reported that arrangements had been completed to meet with the Attorney-General on this matter. The executive therefore recommend the communication be received and the President and Secretary instructed to take this matter up. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(2) Local 115, Engineers, requesting the Council to protest the Government's suggestion of returning compulsory savings in installments. The executive recommend endorsement and the matter be forwarded to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(3) Children's Aid Society requesting appointment of a delegate to the Family Work Committee. Executive recommend delegate J. Eaves represent the Council. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(4) Committee of members of Trade Unions presently attending University requesting support for the new U.B.C. War Memorial Gymnasium. The executive recommend that this Council donate \$10. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

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

(6) Communication from St. Railwaymen Division 101 which was read at the previous meeting and was left with the Secretary to discuss with the Local was dealt with at this time. The resolution contained in the communication requested a protest against an increase of freight rates. The executive recommend that this Council demand an equalization of freight rates as between East and West and that this matter also be taken up with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, Delegate Stevenson reported for Credential Committee recommending that the following delegates be obligated and seated at the next regular meeting:--Ian Price, Allan McDonald, Seafarers' Int. Union; Mrs. Margaret Brunette, Miss Mary R. ndell, Miss Mary E.P. Henderson, Vancouver Public Library Employees; John Brown, Machinists Lodge 692; Homer Stevens, U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local. "On motion committees recommendation adopted."

Legislative Committee, delegate Shearer reported that in dealing with the Home Service Employees the committee recommend that the Minimum Wage Act, The Hours of Work Act, the Annual Vacations with Pay Act, Workmen's Compensation Act be amended to include domestic workers and that the Government be asked to inaugurate a training centre for such workers giving diplomas for the different degrees of skill attained. "On motion committees recommendation adopted."

President Showler reported that commencing the first week of December there would be no delivery by the following firms on Wednesday:--Brown Bros. Bakeries Ltd.; Canadian Bakeries Ltd.; General Bakeries Ltd.; McGavin Ltd.; Mother Hubbard Bakery Ltd.; Weston's Bread and Cake (Canada) Ltd.; by agreement with the Bakery Drivers Union the drivers will have a full day off Wednesday. Delegates are asked to purchase their bread from the drivers on the Tuesday preceding.

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Secretary drew attention of the delegates to the fact that in March 1947 the Regional War Labor Boards throughout Canada will be abolished. Asked the delegates to discuss this matter in their Local Unions and be prepared at the next meeting to decide what action should be taken by the Council.

Report approved as a report of progress.

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NEW BUSINESS--moved and seconded that the question of handling of Daily Province newspapers be dealt with at the next meeting of this Council. In the meantime a meeting of unions affected with the executive of the Trades and Labor Council be held to discuss this problem. Motion carried.

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VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
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Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, December 3rd, 1946.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted with the following amendments:

1. That the amendment to the motion dealing with the holding of a plebisite to obtain the opinion of the people before a new contract is signed with the B. C. electric Railway by the City should have contained the following "and that this Council reaffirm the principle of public ownership".

2. Under reports of officers the Credential Committee reported receiving credentials from 2 delegates from the Vancouver Public Library Employees. This should have read credentials received from delegates representing British Columbia Library Association. With these corrections the Minutes were on motion adopted as sent out to the affiliated unions.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:—W. Page, Carpenters Local 452; I. Fries, Seafarers' Int. Union; L. E. Butler, 1857, Auto Mechanics, E. R. Thorpe, Bookbinders Local 105; A. Green, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Assoc.; Hilda Burday, Furniture Workers 2533; J. Brown, Machinists Lodge 692.

At this time the President drew the attention of the delegates to the fact that Walter Depford had passed away since the last meeting of the Council. The members stood in silence for a few minutes in respect of the memory of the late brother.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following delegates being present:—B. Showler, S. Smylie, O. Herrett, J. Eaves, W. Rigby, J. Stevenson, G. Gee, R. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Board of School Trustees, New Westminster, requesting support from the ratepayers of a bylaw to raise \$700,000 for the building of schools in that City. The executive recommend that delegates particularly those residing in New Westminster be asked to take note. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) National Council Canadian Soviet Friendship informing delegates of an address to be given by Wm. Kandel December 10th at Hotel Vancouver on the subject of "Is There Any Lystery about Russian Aspirations". The executive recommend that the communication be received and the delegates asked to take note. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Division 101, Street Railwaymen, requesting that efforts be made to have this Council inaugurate a broadcast of Labor News in Vancouver as soon as possible. The executive recommend that this matter be left with the secretary to obtain information on cost and time. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Wartime Prices and Trade Board replying to a request that the Barbers request for a upward revision in prices for barbering services be given consideration. The Barbers' Local having received a similar communication the executive recommend that the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Division 101, Street Railwaymen, enclosing a resolution requesting endorsement and that the Provincial Executive be urged to petition the Provincial Government for an up-to-date Provincial Code, the 40 hour week, Old Age Pensions, and a Health Insurance Act, and that this endeavor be made jointly with the Canadian Congress of Labor and the Railroad Brotherhoods. The executive recommend that the resolution be endorsed and referred to the Provincial Executive. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) Workers' Educational Association enclosing a list of classes planned for the forthcoming season. The executive recommend that the delegates be asked to take note. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(7) Lodge 692, I. A. of M. informing the Council that delegate A. T. Alsbury, who is a candidate for Mayor in the forthcoming Civic Election, had been endorsed by that Union. The executive recommend that the delegates be asked to take note. An amendment was moved and seconded that this Council endorse the candidacy of delegate Alsbury for Mayor and the candidacy of J. Henderson for School Board. The amendment carried. Delegate Osman rose and requested that delegate Macaulay also be included in the motion.

(8) John Turner, aldermanic candidate requesting endorsement of this Council in the forthcoming civic election. The executive recommend that this Council urge its members to support active trade unionists who may be candidates in the forth coming Civic election. The recommendation was on motion adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council endorse John Turner as an aldermanic candidate.

At this time Mr. Lightbody, representing the Vancouver Traffic and Safety Council, addressed the meeting on Safety. Mr. Lightbody gave a very informative address stressing the need for more safety in the home as well as in traffic and on the streets. The address was very well received and Mr. Lightbody was thanked by the President.

(9) Civic Reform Committee requesting that candidates be allowed to address the Council meeting in order to put their platform before the delegates. Executive recommend communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(10) Local 692, I. A. of M., Truck Drivers Local 213 regarding the abolition of Regional and National War Labor Boards. These letters were left over until a future meeting in order to obtain the consensus of opinion of all unions affiliated.

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

The executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:—Credential Committee, vice president S. Smylie reporting for the committee recommended that the following delegates whose credentials had been received be obligated and seated:—Miss Sylvia Hubble, Retail Grocery and Food Clerks Local 1518; Mrs. Marion Parkin, William Ross, Mrs. Elsie Pierce, Shoreworkers Local, U. E. A. W. U. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported having received a shop card for the hairdressers and beauty parlor operators. Good progress being made for this group of workers. Have given assistance to the laundry workers and this local is now in very good shape. Membership increasing and good progress being made. Asked delegates to report any contacts in any industry to the Organizing Committee.

Education and Democracy Committee, delegate Templeton reported for this committee. Dr. Shrum gave a talk at a recent meeting on adult education. The delegate explained that he was a little at a loss to tell exactly the views of the labor movement on this subject. The report was received as progress.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council set up a standing committee on Education early in the new year.

Secretary R. Gervin reporting for the Trial Committee recommended that any delegate from Local 69, Printing Pressmen's Union who is presently employed at the Vancouver Daily Province be suspended from this Council and further that no member of Local 69, Printing Pressmen's Union, who has been or may hereafter be employed by the Vancouver Daily Province during the strike of the International Typographical Union, be seated as a delegate to this Council. "On motion Trial Committee's recommendation adopted."

Moved, seconded and carried that the Trial Committee now be discharged.

Secretary R. Gervin reported as follows:—In accordance with instructions at the last regular meeting of this Council a meeting was called on Thursday, November 28th of unions affected by the handling of the Province paper.

Members of the Executive of the Trades and Labor Council present were: B. Showler, W. Rigby, J. Eaves, R. Gervin.

Members of unions invited were: J. Darwood, Int. Longshoremen's Association; G. Morrison, L. Easler, St. Railwaymen Div. 101; R. Gormack, St. Railwaymen Div. 134; G. Taylor, Mailers Local 70; Lipsett, Creelman, News Vendors Section Building Service Empl. 244; Lockwood, Smith, Machinists Lodge 692; O. Solem, Truck Drivers 213; Lenfesty, R. Atkinson, Truck Drivers 31; H. Finch, Int. Typographical Representative; F. Carlisle, Plumbers Local 170; Wells, Mailers 70; J. Ross, Electrical Workers 213; J. McMillan, Machinists 692; D. Osman, Machinists 692.

Delegate Morrison, Division 101, pointed out that the members of his union had consistently refused to carry papers and that the employer was now endeavoring to change this situation even by suggesting that legal action might be taken against that organization should they continue to refuse to handle these papers.

The delegate suggested that this Council should set a policy covering the present situation.

It was pointed out by the secretary that this Council cannot lay down a policy for the affiliated unions to follow in the case of a strike. Each union demands the right to lay down its own policy and would not stand for a general policy by the Council.

Considerable discussion followed by the delegates present. Brother Finch, International Representative of the Typographical Union, made it clear that his union would not ask another union to break a contract.

Local 226 will hold meetings with unions directly affected by the strike.

"On motion report adopted."

Secretary R. Gervin, reported having met Capt. Robinson, National Director, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, who states his organization has the matter well in hand and can only take on new concessions as the personnel are trained to take charge. They are doing this work as rapidly as possible. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary R. Gervin, reported having met the Attorney-General re three men serving time in jail for unlawful assembly arising out of the Province Strike. Attorney-General says this matter in hands of Minister of Justice. We have now taken this matter up with Minister of Justice at Ottawa. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary R. Gervin, reported attending two meetings of Local No. 1 of the City Fire Fighters. This is an independent group who withdrew from the International Union some years ago over a dispute. Secretary pointed out that efforts have been made over a period to bring these men back into the International and is now very hopeful that this will come about.

Brother Harry Finch, Int. Representative of the Typographical Union, spoke to the delegates at this time bringing them up to date on the strike against the Southam Co. in Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Hamilton and Ottawa. He pointed out that his organization is denied publicity by avenues that their adversaries have access to. Cannot even get space by paid advertising. The Federal Commission brought the heads of the Union and the Southam Co. together. As yet no report handed down. The strike is definitely not over and the Typos intend to carry on until a satisfactory settlement is made regardless of the length of time. A National Committee has been set up by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to assist the Typos in their struggle with the Southam Co. The committee consists of Brother Bengough, Chairman, H. Finch, Secretary, G. Wilkinson, Winnipeg, C. Berg, Edmonton, R. K. Gervin, Vancouver. One of the first things that this committee should do is endeavor to have a Royal Commission set up to investigate the paper shortages in this Country. The Southam Co. seem to have a plentiful supply while other newspapers cannot obtain sufficient to meet their demands.

Delegate Bonnell reported that the Province was canvassing the residential districts seeking subscriptions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

B. 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, December 17, 1946.

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

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

Delegate Cormack stated that the Minutes were incorrect inasmuch as delegate Morrison of Division 101 was incorrectly quoted in a report of a special meeting of unions on November 28th. The secretary read the report adopted at the previous meeting which was correctly reported in the Minutes. The secretary will discuss the correctness of the report of the special meeting with delegate Morrison.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--M. Parkin, H. Stevens, E. Pearce, U. F. A. W. U.; H. Russell, Engineers 963; W. Watts, Brewery Workers 300.

Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members being present:--B. Showler, S. Smylie, S. Shearer, J. Stevenson, C. Herrett, G. Gee, W. Rigby, J. Eaves, R. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) From the Director of Remission Service, Ottawa, informing the Council that representations made on behalf of the members of local unions convicted during the Province dispute were being carefully considered. "On motion received and noted."

(2) National Film Board requesting that an enclosed letter be forwarded to each affiliated Union. The executive recommend that the request be complied with. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(3) Civic Employees Local 28 requesting that the matter of signals on street cars be taken up with the B. C. Electric Railway Co. Executive recommend endorsement. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(4) Embalmers and Undertakers Assn. Union 2574 informing the Council that as far as the secretary could ascertain there are at present no members of that Local subscribing to the Daily Province. "On motion received and noted."

(5) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada informing the Council that the matter of compulsory savings will be taken before the Executive council at their next meeting. "On motion received and noted."

(6) Dulce Smith, Anti Fascist Defense Fund Committee, urging support for four Spanish deserters from Franco's Army who arrived in Vancouver November 22nd as stowaways and who will be returned to their country of origin unless some provision is made by the authorities for permission to remain in Canada. Executive recommend the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada be requested to take this matter up with the proper authorities in Ottawa immediately. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

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

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reporting for the committee recommended that the following delegates whose credentials were in order be obligated and seated:--William Olipherton, Eric Baker, Norman Kusgrave, A. Harold Goddard, Gordon Green, Retail Meat Employees Local 222; W. E. Matthews, James R. Maskell, Canadian Seaman's Union; D. King, F. Doig, J. Horne, W. Schorne, Truck Drivers Local 31; Chas. B. Sadler, Victor Galbraith, John Evans, William Steele, Building Service Empl. Int. 244. "On motion the recommendation of the Committee was adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported good progress being made with the hairdressers. Considerable work involved. Committee also assisting Laundry Workers, in organizing. "On motion report adopted."

Delegate Bengough reported for joint committee on Health Insurance. The committee have held two meetings. The first one a very enthusiastic meeting, the second only two members present. The committee plans on calling a Conference of all organizations in B. C. to support a campaign for Health Insurance.

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Delegate S. Shearer reported for joint committee on Health Insurance. Stated that the committee felt that to enable them to get Health Insurance over in B. C. it would be necessary to have the support of all organizations. The committee will organize the Conference and the Council will not be called upon to bear the cost. Such a Conference would be the start of a Provincial Campaign. "On motion report adopted."

Delegate Bartlett reported as a representative on the Board of the Victorian Order of Nurses. A great deal of sickness throughout the City, especially among the aged who presently cannot get hospitalization. The Victorian Order paid 4177 visits to sick people during the month of November; 1582 were able to pay, 2595 were unable to pay. 696 new cases reported in that period. Suggests that Health Insurance should be approached on the same basis as inaugurated in Great Britain. Under this system all workers get service free of charge. Government should be forced to undertake such a program in this country.

Secretary R. Gervin reported a complete list of radio stations times and costs was not available as yet. Further reported that out of 22 unions approached to provide funds on the basis of \$6 assessment per member of the local that 7 locals had already promised \$13,806. Some unions who had declined to participate would be approached again with the suggestion that they reconsider their decision. Prospects of obtaining sufficient support financially are good. Delegates to the Trades Council and particularly officers of unions were urged to support the scheme. Secretary felt that although a cooperative had been suggested many times that there is no more equitable way of financing a new building than by every member of affiliated unions bearing a full share of the cost and if the members will not finance on this basis there is little likelihood of them contributing under a cooperative where it would mean considerably more than \$6 a share. The report was received as progress.

Delegate Brough urged that the delegates take this matter back to the Locals and lend support to the Scheme.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Building Service Employees Local 244, delegate Ryan reported progress made on the news vendors situation. For the last two or three months that Local has tried to obtain certification as bargaining representatives for this group of workers. The employers take the position that these men who sell papers are not employees of any particular firm. The Department of Labor state that it is a borderline case and such workers could be assumed to be employers just as much as employees. This is a large section of Local 244 who have refused to handle the Daily Province and through having done so have suffered a loss collectively of \$300 weekly. Many have large families and are financially embarrassed as a result of maintaining a union principle. The union has submitted contracts and the employers hesitate to bargain hinting that this might be a breach of the Combines Act. Local 244 insist these members are workers and the Local should be certified as any other local union is. Delegate asked affiliates to do everything in their power to assist the news vendors.

Barbers Local 120, delegate Herrett reported Barbers making progress but the members only receive wages in accordance with the price of the service. Since 1941 there has been a small adjustment but not sufficient to meet the rising costs.

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved and seconded that the Secretary write the City Council urging an amendment to the Building Bylaws to provide more adequate fire protection and that wherever large bodies of people congregate sprinkler systems should be compulsory in such buildings. The motion was carried.

Moved and seconded City Council be asked to refuse to sign any agreement with the B. C. Electric granting a franchise until a vote of the citizens has been taken. The motion was carried.

Considerable discussion followed this motion and it was generally agreed that there should a vote taken before such agreement is signed.

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Moved and seconded that the question of placing the Vancouver Exhibition Association on the non-patronage list of this Council be referred to the Grievance Committee. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that this Council commend Mr. Power for the stand taken on Fascism in Quebec and that the Department of Justice be notified to that effect.

The President extended Christmas greetings to all delegates and their families and hope for a bright and prosperous New Year for all.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

B. W. Showler
President

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Secretary.