

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, January 15, 1941.

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

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

Delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated:--J. Murray, Barbers Local 120; T. Spargo, A. T. Alsbury, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers Assoc.; J. A. McCarthy, Machinists 392; E. Atkinson, Local 28 Hotel and Res. Empl.; J. S. Thomson, Canadian Seaman's Union; E. A. Knight, Electrical Workers 213; S. Schofield, National Assoc. of Marine Engineers; R. T. Holm, B. C. Projectionists 348.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening. The following members were present:--B. Showler, T. Parkin, J. Eaves, J. Stevenson, S. Smylie, E. Holmes, H. Neelands, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Dr. G. M. Shrum, U.B.C., stating he would be pleased to address the members of the Council on February 5th on the subject of the Atomic Bomb. "On motion received with thanks."
- (2) Children's Jubilee Summer Camp Committee, enclosing 2 books of raffle tickets. The executive recommended that the Council purchase the 2 books of tickets. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (3) Embalmers and Undertakers Assn. 23574 informing the Council they have written members of Parliament re the 40 hour week, retirement at 60 with pensions. "On motion received and noted."
- (4) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."
- (5) Shipyard General Workers Federation Call to a Conference on employment for Wednesday, January 23rd. Executive recommended that delegate Parkin be asked to represent the Council. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (6) Labor Progressive Party dealing with the housing situation and their campaign for better housing immediately in Vancouver. Executive recommended communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (7) National Council for Canadian Soviet Friendship informing delegates that Raymond A. Davies will speak at the Boilermakers' Hall on Thursday, January 31st at 8 p.m. on Russia's Aims in the Peace-time World. Executive recommended delegates be asked to take note. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (8) Division 134, Street Railwaymen enclosing 2 resolutions.
 1. Therefore Be It Resolved that this Trades and Labor Council go on record in requesting the Federal and Provincial Governments for legislation requiring that all busses and street cars be manned by an operator or motorman and a conductor. This will be the means of creating more jobs as well as giving better and safer service to the traveling public. Executive recommended endorsement. "On motion recommendation adopted."
 2. Therefore Be It Resolved that this Council go on record as being in favor of requesting the Compensation Board to remove from its list all Doctors who fail to comply with the Workmen's Compensation Act in putting in their reports. Executive recommended endorsement. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (9) Secretary Laundry Workers Local 292 thanking the Council, Secretary Gerwin and Delegate Herrett for cooperation and assistance in organizing that Local. "On motion received and noted."
- (10) United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union enclosing following resolution:

Therefore Be It Resolved that this meeting of the Shoreworkers' Local of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union go on record as deploring this attitude of unconcern demonstrated by the C.P.R. and that we urge that the Federal Government take immediate steps to have this hotel made available to the City as an emergency shelter; and,
 Be It Further Resolved that we urge the Federal Government to undertake a program of low-rental home construction throughout the Dominion of Canada that will meet the needs of our Nation.
 Executive recommended endorsement. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(11) Sheet Metal Workers 314 requesting information re safety doors on street cars and Busses. The executive recommended this matter be left with the secretary to take up with the Transportation Co. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(12) Canadian Vocational Training requesting that we appoint a representative to an advisory committee to represent organized labor. Executive recommended brother J. Stevenson, Local 452, represent the Council. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(13) Vancouver Secondary School Teachers Association, a resolution the resolve of which is as follows: Therefore Be It Resolved that prior to final consideration of resolutions calling for an action, the success of which is dependent upon the fullest support of all the affiliated locals' membership and involve vital matters of policy such as political or strike action, due notice of the proposed change in policy shall be given to the affiliated locals in order that their delegates may be instructed and so express the considered opinion of the membership of their organization.

The executive recommended the communication be received and noted and replied to drawing attention to Section 16 of the Constitution and also to the fact that this Council has no authority to call a strike of affiliated unions. Recommendation adopted.

(14) Division 101 enclosing the following resolution: Division 101 of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America, Vancouver, B. C. hereby goes on record as being prepared to take any action deemed necessary by the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council or the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada that will facilitate the enactment of legislation inaugurating the 40 hour week without reduction in take-home pay.

A motion was moved seconded and carried "that the above motion be forwarded to the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council with the request that a similar resolution be referred to all affiliated locals for endorsement."

A further motion was moved, seconded and carried "that the Trades and Labor Council call a Conference of all affiliated locals to formulate plans for implementing the 40 hour week and labor's program as laid down by the B. C. Conference."

The executive recommended that this communication be forwarded to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and to the Provincial Executive for Action. An amendment was moved and seconded that the resolution be sent to all affiliated locals for their consideration. An amendment to the amendment was moved and seconded that a special council meeting be called to deal with this question. The amendment to the amendment was lost. The amendment was on motion carried.

(15) Mr. Gray Ferguson commending president Birt Showler on the excellent work and assistance when he proceeded to Paris to attend the I.L.O. Conference as advisor to the workers' delegate. "On motion received with appreciation."

(16) U. F. and A. W. U. enclosing the following resolution: Whereas many charges of alleged discrimination by Trade Unions against veterans have been made publicly and through the press; and, Whereas such charges constitute a dangerous threat against organized labor since they serve to create a rift between veterans and unions thus serving those interests desirous of creating such a split; and,

Whereas prompt examination by responsible and concerned parties of all such charges with adequate press releases, etc., is necessary if this present campaign of slander against the Unions is to be rendered ineffective.

Therefore Be It Resolved that a permanent committee to deal with all such charges or cases be set up: this committee to be composed of both A. F. of L. and C. C. L. representatives along with representative of the Canadian Legion, the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, and any other veterans' groups who are desirous of representation; and, Be It Further Resolved that since the present situation constitutes an emergency, this committee be set up immediately.

The executive recommended that the communication be received and filed. The executive recommendation was on motion lost. It was moved, seconded and carried that the secretary of this Council communicate with all veterans organizations and other labor organizations with a view to setting up a committee to deal with the matters outlined in the resolution.

(17) F. T. Fairry, superintendent of Education, requesting a delegate to a meeting to be held on Friday, February 1st to discuss Coordination of Youth Training Programs. The executive recommended that delegate Gates of the Teachers' Association be asked to attend. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The executive recommended the following resolution: Whereas the Dominion Dept. of Labor caused advertisements to be inserted in the press under date of September 15, 1945, stating that all employers must reinstate employees in their previous employment subject to certain minor regulations; and, Whereas the Civil Service Commission has now ruled that employees who were working for the Government prior to enlistment, and who had not been appointed to the permanent staff, are out, unless they have had overseas service; and, Whereas many young Canadians volunteered for service anywhere after being in the Civil Service; and,

Whereas they are now barred from employment in the Postoffice and other Government agencies. Therefore Be It Resolved that this Council protest this ruling of the Civil Service Commission and ask that it be repealed immediately and that President Brough of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada be asked to take this up with the Government at Ottawa as soon as possible.

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

President Showler introduced brother Percy Brough, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada who gave a very enlightening talk on the relationships that exist between the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the Federal Government and how they have improved in the past 2 years. Dealt with the history of the proposed strait-jacket legislation and how the Congress had successfully combated this proposal. Pointed out that the Atomic Bomb had brought the war to a very earlier conclusion than anticipated by the Government whose plans for conversion were thrown badly out of schedule. President Brough expressed appreciation at being able to attend this Council and wished the Council every success. President Showler thanked President Brough for his talk on behalf of the delegates assembled.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:-- Credentials Committee, delegate Bayliff reported the committee dealt with the following credentials and recommended that the delegates be seated:--Ernest Tait, Allan Yelland, M. E. Grievie, W. S. Churchill, R. B. Richey, Building Truck Drivers; T. H. Baxton, E. G. Emery, J. H. Craig, Bakery Salesmen 189; John E. Malick, Main, of Hwy 107; B. J. Bradley, Machinists 151; T. A. Smith, Taxi Drivers 151; Margaret McDuffee, Alice B. Smith, Ladies Garment Workers 276; M. G. Wilson, A. S. Holmes, J. A. Richardson, B. O. Hollis, C. Johnson, R. Tomkinson, Auto Workers 1857, I.A. of M.; J. F. Johnson, J. Battle, J. Josephson, K. C. Moffatt, J. Johnson, Building Laborers Local 502; M. McHale, C. Bradley, Alex Gunn, J. Elliott, Civil Employees Local 23; Alice Sumner, Aime Hitchcock, Albert G. Smith, Geo. Gay, W. Shearer, Frank R. Devie, Distillery Workers 92; C. G. Gilmore, Miss Evaline Scott, B. M. Cooper, New Westminster Teachers' Association; Alex McLeod, Ken Hämiger, Aeronautical Lodge 750; G. G. G. Electrical Workers 213. "On motion recommendation of the committee adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Gervin reported the committee dealt with an application from the Distillery, Rectifying and Wine Workers International Union Local 92. Recommended that the application be accepted and credentials forwarded for the delegates. "On motion recommendation adopted."

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Delegate Gerwin reported that a delegation proceeded to Victoria as instructed to meet the Government on the question of wages paid under contracts let by the Provincial Government. The delegation recommended that specifications for public works and also those let by the Power Commission contain a schedule of wages which the contractor must pay. The Government promised to give this matter consideration, at the same time pointing out that there was protective clauses in both the contracts let by the Public Works and the Power Commission Act. The delegate pointed out the looseness of these clauses and pressed for their original demands.

Secretary also reported on the employment committee which meets at the City Hall periodically and the matters investigated by that committee. Pointed out that good work was being done by the committee and good possibilities for future success.

Deleg to Barton reported for the committee on the expulsion of Courtney D. Ward. Committee recommended that this Council write the Cleveland Federation of Labor urging a fair trial in accordance with the laws of the American Federation of Labor for Courtney D. Ward or any other member or deleg to before expulsion. "On motion recommendation of committee adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:-- Plumbers Local 170, delegate Christie reported that his Union finds that home owners are suffering losses by reason of the fact that they obtain services of non-registered plumbers. While they may have a license, this is not an efficiency card and they proceed to get their own material and install it. When the City Inspector condemns such work and it must be removed and done over by a registered plumber this in the deleg to's opinion is faulty economy.

Canadian Seaman's Union, delegate Thompson reported that that union had certification for the Pacific Coyle Navigation Co., Harpole Towing Co., Vancouver Barge and Transportation and Victoria Tug. Negotiations will commence and they hope to have these companies signed up in the near future.

Hospital Employees 189, reported by delegate Patterson that union signed an agreement with the Board of Directors. Good adjustments in wage scale and maintenance of membership clause. 95% of employees in Union.

Electrical Workers 213, delegate Knight reported good progress being made. Union now has certification for West Kootenay Light and Power Co. as well as other interior municipalities.

Hotel and Res. Empl. 28, delegate Watts reported that union now have 2 hotels under certification, the Castle and Empress. Negotiations will commence immediately and several more hotels in the process of organization.

Home Service Employees 215, delegate Hallock thanked the Trades and Labor Council for assistance. Reported that at their first meeting of the year held recently, officers were elected. It is a small union but every member is a real trade unionist. Would like to continue this organization and asked the support of the men in organizing unorganized workers in this line of endeavor.

Bakers Local 408, delegate Koznis reported his union has received certification for Disher Specialties. Employer has obtained the services of Walter Owen for negotiations. Employees are almost 100% organized. Delegate was glad to report that the difficulty with Brown Bros. has been cleared up and an agreement signed. Pointed out that Division 101 gave assistance when they refused to buy Brown Bros. Goods because the agreement had not been signed. His Union is again going to the Regional War Labor Board for a 48 hour week and 2 weeks annual vacation after 2 years' service. 6 members unemployed at present and applications coming in daily for work.

NOMINATIONS:-- President, B. Showler Milkmen 464; Vice President, S. Wolfe, Plumbers Local 170; R. Cornsack, St. Railwaymen Division 134; Secretary, R. K. Gerwin, Street Railwaymen 101; Warden, J. Stevenson, Carpenters Local 452; Statistician, J. Eaves, Painters 138; J. Barton, Plumbers Local 170; G. Taylor, Millers Local 70; Chairman of Organizing Committee, C. E. H. Brett, Barbers 120; E. Watts, Hotel and Res. Empl. 28; Chairman Grievance Committee, E. Holmes, Bakery Salesmen; Legislative Committee, W. Rigby, United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union; H. Neelands, Typographical Local 226; S. Shearer, Railway Carmen 58, R. Osman, Machinists Local 692; Press Committee Chairman, T. Perkin, Lodge 756; J. Irving, Machinists Lodge 692; W. Rigby, United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union.

RES. BUSINESS:-- Moved and seconded that this Council support veterans organizations in a protest against the commutation of sentence to life imprisonment of Kurt Meyer. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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Executive recommended that the nomination and election of officers take place at 8:45 p.m. Recommendation adopted.

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(3) Greater Vancouver Veterans Memorial Center requesting support of a public to assist in building a memorial center. "On motion resolved adopted."

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The Executive Report as a whole was on motion adopted.

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(1) United Nations Society formerly the League of Nations Society pointing out the necessity of finding a solution to the problems, economic political and cultural, arising following World War 2, inviting membership in this Society. In view of the fact that all unions have received a copy of this letter the Executive recommended the communication be received and contents noted. Recommendation adopted.

(2) Joint Housing Conference, a call to a Conference on Tuesday, February 19th to deal with the housing situation in this City. The executive recommended that this communication be referred to the Building Trades Council. Recommendation adopted.

(3) Sixteen affiliated unions replying to a circular letter sent out dealing with the 40 hour week. It was moved, seconded and carried that these letters be left over to another meeting when it is anticipated more unions will have been heard from.

(4) Delegate Herrett, Chairman Organizing Committee recommending R. McCulloch, Milk Salesmen 464; E. A. Jamieson, Musicians Local 145; G. Bengough, Carpenters Local 452; E. Holmes, Bakery Salesmen 189; F. Carlisle, Plumbers Local 170; R. Gervin, Division 101, St. Ryman; R. Stevenson, Painters Local 158 as members of the Committee. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(5) Delegate Shearer, Chairman Legislative Committee, recommending the following delegates as members of the committee:

T. Parkin, United Fishermen & Allied Workers Union, Shoreworkers Local
L. Imber, Railway Carmen 58
F. Alty, Gas Workers Local 376
C. Oates, Vancouver, Secondary School Teachers Local
A. Will, St. Railwaymen Division 101
W. Wear, Plumbers Local 170
R. Lenfesty, Truck Drivers Local 31
T. Black, Hospital Employees Local 180
J. N. Ross, Electrical Workers Local 213

"On motion recommendation adopted!"

(6) Delegate Rigby, Chairman Press Committee, recommending the following members to the committee:

R. McCulloch, Milk Salesmen 464 A. Padgham, Rly. Clerks 626
J. Thompson, Canadian Seaman's Union G. Bengough, Carpenters Local 452
A. Dettman, G. P. R. Telegraphers E. Watts, Hotel and Res. Emp. Local 28

"On motion recommendation adopted."
(7) Delegate George Gee, Chairman Grievance Committee, recommending the following delegates for this committee:

J. Henderson, Engineers 382
G. Miller, U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local
E. Cook, Ironworkers Local 97
R. Gervin, Division 101, St. Ryman

One from union affected. "On motion recommendation adopted."
(8) Chairman Credential Committee, S. Smylic, recommending the following delegates for this committee:

J. N. Ross, Electrical Workers 213
R. Atkinson, Truck Drivers Local 31
J. Stevenson, Carpenters Local 452

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

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Chairman Press Committee:--Delegate Parkin, Lodge 756, I. A. of M., J. H. Irving, Machinists Lodge 692, W. Rigby, U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, were nominated. Delegate Parkin declined. The ballot taken showed Rigby 124, J. H. Irving, 76. Chairman declared delegate Rigby elected.

Nominations were called for a representative on the Board of Management of the W. E. A. Delegates F. Carlisle, Plumbers 170, O. R. Hannah, U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, E. Holmes, Bakery Salesmen 189 were nominated. All delegates declined. The president stated this matter would be left over to the next regular meeting.

Delegate Bartlett took the chair and obligated the new elected officers of the Council.

Delegate Showler reported briefly on the meeting of the Vancouver Diamond Jubilee Committee. Point out that delegate Jamieson a member of this Council had been appointed manager for the Committee and that it was expected that there would be 2 weeks' celebration during the month of July.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Bud Showler
President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylie, Chairman, reported receiving credentials for the following delegates and recommended the delegates be seated and obligated:--T. Parkin, Mary Ashton, Shore Workers Local, U. F. and A. W. U.; Edward Gilchrist, Papermakers Local 456; William Johnson, George Knox, J. A. Stephens, Thomas Hetherington, Street Railwaymen Division 134; H. Irvine, University Workers 116; Wm. McDerment, Gilbert L. Coleman, T. R. McGill, Trevor McMullen, J. Latimer, Beverage Dispensers Local 676; Lars Pearson, Carpenters Local 452. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported receiving an application for affiliation from Local 1518, Retail Grocery and Food Clerks Union. The committee recommended that the application be accepted and the union asked to appoint delegates. Chairman also reported an application for affiliation from the Retail Meat Employees Federal Union 222. The committee recommended that the application for affiliation be accepted and the union asked to appoint delegates. "On motion committee's recommendations adopted."

Secretary Gerwin reported that a Labor-Veteran Relations Committee had been formed at a meeting held recently when representatives of Labor and Veterans met. A most friendly meeting was held when matters pertaining to Labor and Veteran affairs were discussed and many difficulties disposed of. Regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Delegate Stevenson and Gerwin were appointed to represent the Trades Council on this Committee.

Secretary reported that he and delegate Stevenson had obtained satisfactory information concerning the people who are endeavoring to obtain the Sea Island Boeing Plant for industry and had wired Ottawa urging that the Plant be made available for the use of industry.

Delegate Showler reported there were a number of reports of the National Employment Service for the year 1945 available to delegates interested.

Delegate E. Watts, Local 28 Hotel and Res. Empl., reported still attending public relations committee at the Welfare Council and as the matters dealt with at the meetings to date are more or less routine will make a report when there is something outstanding. Feels that the door should be kept open for Labor with these organizations.

Deleg to Stevenson reported on the Advisory Building Committee stating that this committee had done nothing in the 9 months of existence. Committee has not advanced and no meetings held recently. "On motion report accepted."

President Showler at this time introduced Dr. Shrum of the University of British Columbia who spoke for an hour on Atomic Energy. Dr. Shrum illustrated his remarks on the blackboard giving some of the history leading to the finding of atomic energy. The lecture was very well received by all delegates and Dr. Shrum was sincerely thanked for his time and trouble in appearing before this meeting by the President. The president pointed out that this talk would long be remembered by himself and he felt also that it would be remembered by all delegates present.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Bakers Local 468, delegate Bell reported that the Union is stalemated in their attempts to obtain a union contract with Dishar Specialties. 95% of the employees are signed up and a conciliation officer has been appointed to investigate the dispute.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:--Nominations were called for a representative to the Board of Management to the W. E. A. Delegate O. R. Hannah of the U. F. and A. W. U. and delegate W. Wear of the Plumbers Local 170 were nominated. Delegate W. Wear declined. President declared delegate O. R. Hannah elected.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved, seconded that the Grievance Committee be instructed to report at the next meeting on the matter of the Leckie Shoe Co. referred to that committee at a previous meeting. During discussion delegate Erves stated that the Grievance Committee had met twice on this matter and are prepared to meet again. The motion was carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE:--President Showler drew attention of the delegates to the derogatory remarks made concerning unions by one Walter Owen who represents and has represented employers on conciliation boards. President pointed out that a man in his position should not stoop to such tactics.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin
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, February 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 were obligated:--J. T. Kierstead, Shingle Weavers 2802; P. E. Gilchrist, Paper Makers 456; G. Knox, T. Hetherington, Street Railwaymen Division 134; J. E. A. Richardson, A. Holmes, Vancouver Auto Workers Local 1857; T. R. McGill, Beverage Dispensers Local 676; J. Malok, Main. of Way 167; A. Farrell, Railway Clerks 630.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening the following members being present; B. Showler, S. Smylie, W. Rigby, S. Shearer, C. Herrett, G. Gee, J. Stevenson, J. Eaves, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada asking support for the Winnipeg Typographical Union in their struggle for better conditions. The Executive recommended that this Council donate \$10 and that the Locals affiliated give this matter earnest consideration. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(2) Canadian Legion, Britannia Branch, enclosing a resolution thanking organized labor for their assistance and support. Executive recommended the communication be received with thanks. Recommendation adopted.

(3) Division 134 Street Railwaymen enclosing 2 resolutions the first dealing with Old Age Pensions, the second dealing with Ex-service personnel unable to follow their pre-war occupations. The executive recommended these resolutions be referred to the Legislative Committee. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(4) Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Association a letter pointing out facts regarding a resolution dealt with by this Council. The facts as stated are as follows:

1. The resolution was duly presented to the Council by the Secretary of this Association, not by the President of the CCF as stated by the Pacific Advocate.

2. The resolution originated at, and was endorsed unanimously by, a General Meeting of this Association and therefore represents the considered opinion of the Association. It was not "an attempt of CCF unionists to weaken the authority of the Council" as stated by the Pacific Advocate. On the contrary, any changes in Council policy, referred to the Locals and approved by them, would strengthen the position of the Council.

The executive recommended that this communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(5) Children's Jubilee Summer Camp Committee informing the Council that the draw to raise funds for this group will take place on February 28th in Room 106, 413 Granville Street. The Association urges that all receipts and ticket stubs be in the hands of the committee on or before Tuesday, February 26th. Executive recommend that the delegates be asked to take note. Recommendation adopted.

(6) Division 101 enclosing the following resolution: Therefore be it resolved that this Council go on record as favoring an immediate investigation into the circumstances and cause of the recent disturbances at the B. C. Penitentiary. The executive recommend that this resolution be endorsed and forwarded to the Minister of Justice. Recommendation adopted.

(7) Division 101 Street Railwaymen enclosing the following resolution: Therefore be it resolved that this Council strongly urge the Government to refrain from lifting the ceiling prices on any further articles until such times as goods become more plentiful and the threat of raising prices is removed. The executive recommend this resolution be referred to the Legislative committee for consideration and report. Recommendation adopted.

(8) Canadian Forestry Association requesting the Council to renew their subscription for 1946. The executive recommend the Council renew their subscription. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(9) Vancouver Labor Council requesting endorsement of a resolution passed by that Council endorsing the demands of the International Woodworkers of America for 25¢ per hour increase in wages, a 40 hour week, union shop and check off. The executive recommend that this Council endorse the spirit of this resolution. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(10) Vancouver Housing Association call to a Conference on March 1st in Vancouver Hotel. The executive recommend that J. Stevenson attend. "On motion recommendation adopted."

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

(12) Beverage Dispensers Local 676 enclosing 2 resolutions dealing with placing an embargo on exports of malt and alcoholic beverages and the issuing of additional licenses in this province particularly Vancouver. The executive recommend these resolutions be referred to the Legislative Committee for report. Recommendation adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported for this committee recommending that the following applicants whose credentials had been received be obligated and seated:--Margaret Paul, Allan Martindale, William Robertson, Bakers Local 468; J. Hawthorne, A. T. Lyons, R. Ireland, H. J. Bay, W. Williams, J. W. Peers, James Buchanan, Civic Employees 28; R. Watson, Plumbers Local 170; W. G. Lewis, Jewelry Workers Local 42; Mrs. Olive Wilkinson, Home Service Employees 211. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee:--delegate Herrett reported working agreement with the Royal City Laundry containing a progressive increase in wages, 1 week's holiday with pay after the first year and 2 weeks after the 2nd year, 10 minute rest period morning and afternoon. A new agreement is being negotiated at the Family Laundry and the Empire Dry Cleaners. Had several meetings with theatre managers regarding organizing. Glass glaziers have been organized and a charter installed. "On motion committee's report adopted."

Secretary Garvin reported 27 letters received and all but one endorsed the 40 hour week.

Secretary also pointed out that the Labor Lobby will meet in Victoria February 24th at 4 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 602 Broughton Street, corner of Government. Unions are urged to send every delegate possible. It is anticipated that accommodation will be found for all.

Secretary reported a meeting held between the Executive of the Council and the Board of Directors of Labor Headquarters Ltd. Legitimate complaints about the building were acknowledged and it was thought that the only remedy would be a new building. Plans presently being drawn and unions will be canvassed and given the opportunity to subscribe.

Secretary reported on membership of the Council for the period July 1, to December 31st, 1945, approximate membership at June 30th, 23,975; approximate membership at December 31st 23,464, a drop of 511; four new locals affiliated in that period with a combined membership of 570. The reason that approximate figures are given is because of the fact that some unions do not report on the full membership.

Grievance Committee, delegate George Gee reported on the Lockie Shoe Co. The committee examined the resolution passed by the Council and the demand to remove this firm from the non-patronage list. The committee at this stage can only report progress. The committee recommends that a meeting be held between representatives of all unions affected by the We Do Not Patronize List and this committee when the whole question will be reviewed. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Mr. Ronald Liversedge addressed the meeting at this time requesting support and assistance of this Council in having the veterans of the MacKenzie Papineau Battalion recognized by the Dominion Government and Department of Veterans Affairs and that these veterans be given their full rights under this Department. The chairman thanked Mr. Liversedge on behalf of the Council for his splendid talk.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Gas Workers 376, delegate Alty reported that his Union had decided to take out a charter in the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. This union had previously been chartered by the United Brotherhood of Plumbers and Steamfitters of America. Friendly relations exist between the two unions and it is felt that the present charter will give more freedom to the Gas Workers in organizing.

Barbers Local 120, delegate Herrett reported that a shop has been signed up at Port Alberni, Williams Lake, and the shop of J. F. Tolman, 4473 West 10th.

Refrigeration Workers 516, delegate Campbell reported his union has signed up the Dominion Canadian Refrigeration.

United Fishermen and Allied Workers Local, delegate Rigby reported his union is sending 6 delegates to Victoria to lobby as they are particularly interested in compensation for fishermen. The Fishermen's Annual Convention will be held on March 16th. Negotiating committee at Prince Rupert found that operators had refused to negotiate wages unless the union shop clause was dropped. In future no halibut boat will be handled by union men unless it is covered by agreement.

Teamsters Local 213, delegate Solem reported Gilly Bros. at New Westminster had been organized after some difficulty.

Painters Local 138, delegate reported his union sending 5 delegates to Victoria to lobby.

Hotel and Res. Empl. 28, delegate Emily Watts reported that after going to conciliation an agreement had been reached with the Pacific Cafe at New Westminster. This is the first union house in the City. Delegate asked support for this house.

Milkmen 464, delegate McCulloch reported he had received several calls requesting information on union dairies and pointed out that any delegate wishing to can obtain a list of union dairies from the Milk Salesmen's office. Delegates to Victoria should keep in mind that the Palm, Northwestern and Island Dairies are union firms.

Street Railwaymen Division 101, delegate Morrison reported his union has met the manager of Neville Stages to negotiate. Also pointed out that in 1944 the men were signed up and this company dismissed several. The union now has a majority but the employer stated that he would rather go out of business than sign an agreement. The delegate thanked the building construction workers for their assistance. A conciliation officer has been appointed to assist in this dispute.

Home Service Employees 211, delegate J. Hallock reported that union sending 2 delegates to Victoria for the Lobby as they are deeply interested in workmen's compensation and minimum wage. Pointed out that a rate of 50¢ per hour had been established for service workers and that some employers are holding back until such times as this rate is reduced.

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved, seconded and carried that this Council write the Honorable Ian MacKenzie urging that members of the MacKenzie Papineau Battalion be recognized as veterans and given rights in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Chairman of the Legislative Committee attend the Victoria Labor Lobby on behalf of this Council. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

S. G. Smylie
Vice. 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, March 5th, 1946.
Meeting opened at 8 p.m. Vice President S. Smylie in the chair.
Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--L. Pearson, Carpenters Local 452; R. Watson, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 170; E. Scott, New Westminster Teachers Association; J. Hawthorne, J. Buchanan, R. J. Williams, Civilian Employees Local 28; T. K. Buxton, Bakery Driver Local 189; Mrs. O. Wilkinson, Home Service Employees Local 211; W. McDermont, Beverage Dispensers Local 676.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28 requesting endorsement of the enclosed agreement. Executive recommended agreement be endorsed. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (2) Building Service Employees Local 244 requesting endorsement of an enclosed agreement. Executive recommended the agreement be endorsed. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (3) Pile Drivers Local 2404 requesting that this Council go on record as being opposed to any plan which might bring about daylight saving. The executive recommend that this Council reiterate its previous opposition to daylight saving. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (4) Fire Fighters Local 256 requesting endorsement of a resolution protesting the suggestion that the Civilian Corps of Canadian Fire Fighters should pay income tax on wages received while serving overseas. "On motion resolution endorsed."
- (5) Greater Vancouver Unemployment Organizing requesting financial assistance. The executive recommend that this communication be referred to the organizing committee for investigation. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."
- (6) Jewelry Workers Local 42 informing the Council that Parsons of the Press Metal Shop is no longer a union shop. "On motion delegate asked to take note."
- (7) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."
- (8) Kinsmen-Lions Paralysis Foundation requesting a list of affiliated Unions and assistance in their work. "On motion endorsed and information forwarded."
- (9) Canadian Red Cross Society informing this Council of a Drive for new members and asking endorsement and support. The executive recommended the Drive be endorsed and the delegates asked to take note. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."
- (10) Association of Ukrainian Canadians requesting financial assistance in sending a representative to Edmonton to take part in a festival July 27th. The executive recommend the communication be received and filed. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."
- (11) Printing Pressmen #69 informing the Council that they favor the 40 hour week. "On motion received and noted."
- (12) Canadian Legion extending an invitation to this Council to have a representative present at the opening of the Provincial Convention March 18th. The executive recommend that the secretary represent the Council. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."
- (13) Brewery Workers Local 300 requesting endorsement of a resolution urging that single persons with an income up to \$1500 and a married person with an income up to \$2400 per annum be tax free. The executive recommend endorsement of the resolution and that it be forwarded to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."
- (14) Roy G. Hattie requesting a speaker from the Norway Teen Age Group be given the opportunity to address this Council. The executive recommended that the speaker be given a hearing at the next regular meeting. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(15) Workers Educational Association inviting the Council to endorse their Brief submitted to the Premier of B. C. requesting a grant of \$10,000 for educational purposes. The executive recommend this communication be left with the secretary to reply. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(16) W. E. A. notification of a meeting on Sunday, March 10th at 2 p.m. when union security, increased pay and the 40 hour week will be discussed. The executive recommend that delegate R. Hannah be requested to attend representing this Council. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(17) Children's Jubilee Summer Camp Committee results of Draw conducted by the Association. "On motion received with thanks.
"On motion executive's report as a whole was adopted."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate J. Stevenson reported the following delegates whose credentials had been received should be notified to appear at the next meeting and be obligated and seated:--Gordon P. Smith, Machinists Lodge 692; T. Cavanagh, Civilian Employees Local 28; Harry Osovsky, Garment Workers Local 232; Olga Rush, Winnie Williams, Jean McKenna, Office Employees Local 15. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Legislative Committee, delegate S. Shearer, reported dealing with resolutions referred from the last meeting. Old Age Pensions, committee recommended the following as a substitute resolution; whereas the present Old Age Pension regulations tend to penalize thrift and persons in receipt of small superannuation allowances and other sources of income. Therefore be it resolved that the Old Age Pension be paid to all persons with requisite age and residential qualifications.

The third paragraph of the resolution is still under advisement. The fourth paragraph is endorsed. And Be It Further Resolved that the Pension be raised in keeping with the capacity of social economy to increase the output of the necessities of life, the retiring age to decrease as the available supply of younger workers make employment of older workers unnecessary and uneconomical. "On motion report adopted."

A resolution from Division 134 Street Railwaymen urging that the Government be required to make up the difference in pay where ex-service personnel owing to war disability are unable to follow their pre-war occupations. The committee recommend endorsement and that a meeting with the Labor Veterans Committee and the Chairman be arranged. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Dealing with the resolution from Division 101 regarding the lifting of price ceilings on a number of articles, the committee recommend endorsement of the resolution with the proviso that a request be made for a fact finding commission equally representative of labor and Government to further study this matter. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

In dealing with two resolutions from Local 676 Beverage Dispensers the committee recommend that the first resolution dealing with exporting malt and malt beverages be referred back to the Union concerned for further clarification. It was moved, seconded and carried that this recommendation be laid over for further study by the committee when a representative of Local 676 can be present.

Dealing with a resolution from Local 676 concerning a request for issuance of new licenses, the committee recommend the substitute resolution. It was moved, seconded and carried that this matter be laid on the table when it could be discussed by the committee when a representative from Local 676 is present.

Grievance Committee, George Gee reported that a meeting had been called of all unions affected by the non-patronage list when the whole question will be reviewed. "On motion report adopted."

Delegate Bartlett reported as representative to the Victorian Order of Nurses. Excellent work being done by this organization. 6947 patients have been taken care of in the past 12 months. Nurses are working day and night to meet the demand.

Delegate Bartlett also reported on the great and noble work being done by the Preventorium where a child is being turned out each day cured of tuberculosis. Delegate drew attention to the necessity of obtaining better support from Government for this institution.

Delegate Stevenson reported attending the Vancouver Housing Association meeting. This organization formed in 1936 and has been inactive for a few years. Meeting was addressed by Mrs. Selman and Mr. Cowley. Mr. Cowley criticized the City Council for inactivity in solving the housing problem. There were two resolutions passed one of which urged a housing ministry. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary Gerwin reported that at a meeting of the Labor Veterans Relations Committee it was decided to hold a meeting on March 29th, 1946 at 8 p.m. in the Legion Hall, 856 Seymour Street, when representatives from every trade union and every veterans organization of the City would be invited to send one (1) delegate. The object of this meeting is to have delegates from organizations present who can answer any question pertaining to their organization so that all grievances or questions that may arise to cause friction between organizations might be replied to in proper form. Unions will be notified by circular letter of the meeting. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary reported on the Lobby in Victoria, 307 delegates representing unions and veterans organizations present. The results showed 10 M.L.A.'s in full accord with labor's brief; 13 favorable with exception on some points; 16 would not commit themselves 2 definitely opposed. Attention was drawn to the exceptionally good support of Tom Uphill, M. L. A. for Fernie who assisted the Labor Lobby in every possible way. Secretary reported that all groups of labor and veterans worked as one unit during the lobby. Nothing was dealt with except matters contained in the brief and the Lobby left Victoria as fully united as when the first meeting was called. "On motion report adopted."

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council request the Attorney-General to make a full investigation into the accident and court case where several people were injured when an automobile ran into a safety zone at 7th and Main Street.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive of this Council take under advisement the holding of a Banquet and Dance during the Jubilee Celebration.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

B. 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, March 19th, 1946.

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

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--H. Osovsky, Garment Workers 232; M. Paul, W. W. Robertson, A. Martindale, Bakers Local 468.

Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members being present:--B. Showler, S. Smylie, S. Shearer, G. Gee, J. Eaves, J. Stevenson, Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Canadian Seamen's Union, a resolution urging this Council appeal to the Navy League of Canada to continue the operation of the Vancouver Seamen's Club to the end that seamen may continue to enjoy the comforts and facilities which the Club provides. "On motion resolution endorsed."

(2) Council for Guidance of Handicapped informing this Council of a Conference to be held on June 10th, 11th and 12th to publicize the objectives of that organization, asking financial assistance from this Council and affiliated unions. The executive recommend that this Council donate \$10 and the affiliated unions be asked to give this matter favorable consideration. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(3) Kingston Trades and Labor Council enclosing a resolution urging the Dominion Government to retain existing price controls until the fiscal year 1947 or to such later date as commodities are in sufficient supply to allow the normal competitive prices, to provide regulation of commodity prices. Executive recommended endorsement. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(4) New Westminster Teachers' Association enclosing a check for \$246 payable to the Ford Strike Fund. This sum is a voluntary contribution by the members of the Association. "On motion received and noted, and check forwarded."

(5) Department of Veterans Affairs notifying the Council that representations made on behalf of the members of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion will be brought to the attention of the Interdepartmental Committee which is at present studying veterans' legislation. "On motion received and noted."

(6) Lodge 756 I. A. of M. asking endorsement of suggestions: 1. to authorities responsible for the setting up of a board to give assistance to citizens physically handicapped. 2. Industry be required to reabsorb all partially permanently disabled. 3. To add a leg and an arm amputation case to the Rehabilitation Board.

4. That an International Committee composed of a leg and an arm amputation case from each country be set up to examine all advances in artificial limbs and to endorse the best for manufacturing and distribution to all amputation cases. The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(7) Workers' Educational Association call to a Convention on Friday, Saturday, April 19th and 20th. The Executive recommended that delegate Hannah be asked to represent this Council. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(8) May Day Continuation Committee expressing intention to make May Day 1946 the greatest in the history of our Province and the May Day Parade one of the most outstanding labor events ever held in Vancouver. The executive recommend that this Council donate \$10. Executive recommendation adopted.

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

(10) Painters and Decorators Local 138 requesting that more publicity be given the labor delegation to Victoria also that such members of parliament who oppose labor should be publicized to the fullest extent. Funds for this publicity to be contributed by the affiliated Local Unions. The executive recommend that this communication be received and filed. "On motion recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend that the postal authorities be requested to immediately institute 2 daily deliveries of mail in that Vancouver area thus served prior to the War. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend that the unpaid income tax found to be owing by a tax payer shall be interest free until such time as the assessment is made. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

In dealing with the matter of holding a banquet during the Jubilee Celebrations, after consideration the executive recommend that this Council strike off a committee of 5 to go into the whole question and report back. The committee to consist of R. Gerwin, R. McCulloch, S. Shearer, F. Carlisle, C. H. Williams. Recommendation on motion adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES-- Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported that credentials had been received from the following and the committee recommended that the delegates be obligated and seated:--Harvey Marchand, Ironworkers Local 97; W. E. Tracy, New Westminster Teachers Association; J. Steenberger, Firefighters 323; A. C. Hill, University Workers Local 116; J. Brown, Hospital Employees Local 180; William Stewart, Ian R. Burns, Commercial Telegraphers, C. P. R. Division No. 1. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Gerwin reported for this Committee. The organizing committee met with representatives from the Greater Vancouver Unemployment Organization. Members present:--O. Herrett, J. Stevenson, G. Bengough, R. McCulloch, E. Holmes, R. Gerwin; F. Kelly, President and D. Archibald representing the Unemployment Organization.

The representatives explained to the committee that they were desirous of obtaining labor's support of their program which was read to the last regular meeting. They also seek financial support. Your committee recommend:

1. That the Dominion, Provincial and Civic Authorities accept their responsibilities to provide jobs and to this end they should immediately begin construction of modern and good quality low cost homes and if necessary conscript materials for same, building hospitals and schools, install complete sewerage system in all municipalities, repair and improve all roads. All work to be in conformity with trade union wage scales and conditions.
 2. Immediate inauguration of the 40 hour week with progressive reduction in hours until the 30 hour week is established with no reduction in take home pay.
 3. Abolition of all non-essential overtime throughout industry.
 4. Greatly increased facilities for vocational and cultural training.
- Committee recommended this section be adopted.

In dealing with Unemployment Insurance amendments your committee recommend that the Federal Government immediately amend the Unemployment Insurance Act as follows:

- (a) The Federal Government to assume full responsibility for all social assistance to unemployed providing extended benefits for those who have exhausted the benefits due them.
 - (b) Scale of benefits now being paid to be increased consistent with the increase in the cost of living.
 - (c) Nine day waiting period to be eliminated.
 - (d) Reorganization of present Insurance payment set-up to eliminate unemployed having to line up for one or two hours to receive benefits with provision for branch offices.
- It is the committee's opinion that these matters should be submitted to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada for their consideration with the request that they be taken before the Federal Government at the earliest possible date. Committee recommended this section be adopted.

- Your committee recommend:
- (a) That the Unemployment Insurance Commission be asked to take immediate steps to institute a more efficient system of registering

- unemployed workers for jobs and insurance benefits.
- (b) All vacancies to be posted in a conspicuous place with details of job, of work required, rates of pay, hours of work and number of men required.

Committee recommended this section be adopted.

- Your committee recommend:
- (a) That the Federal Government upon demand by any unemployed worker shall return forthwith the total amount of compulsory savings due to the worker from the Government.
 - (b) Veterans' allowances to be continued until the veteran has a job.
- Committee recommended this section be adopted.

Your committee further recommend:

- (a) That this Council reiterate its previous position notifying the Federal Government that the time is long overdue for a Health Insurance Act to cover all Canadian workers.

Committee recommended this section be adopted.

Your committee is of the opinion that there is no need to grant financial assistance to the Greater Vancouver Unemployment Organization at this time but we do recommend that this question be reviewed at a future date.

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

Legislative Committee, delegate Shearer reported the committee dealt with resolutions submitted from Local 676 Beverage Dispensers Union and recommended adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved we go on record demanding that a number of additional licenses be issued in the Province of British Columbia and especially in the City of Vancouver where the growth of population has greatly increased in recent years, as the Liquor Control Board may deem fit, and that the seating capacity of such licensed premises be limited in numbers, the better to enforce the regulations of the Liquor Act.

And Be It Further Resolved that more Government Liquor stores be opened in suburban shopping areas to fill the same need.

And Be It Further Resolved that the hours of sale in licensed premises revert to pre-war levels, and the quota of malt beverages be removed.

"On motion recommendation adopted."

The committee recommend that the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council petition the Dominion and Provincial Governments to ask that the Dominion Government will on petition of the Provincial Government place an embargo on the shipment of malt and alcoholic beverages immediately until such times as we have sufficient for the needs of the citizens of this country. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Grievance Committee, George Gee reported on a meeting of the Grievance Committee held recently. The committee recommend that the Reliance Fuel Co. and the Eden Cafe, Peter Pan Cafe, and White Lunches be removed from the non-patronage list of this Council. "On motion recommendation adopted."

In dealing with the Leckie Shoe Co. the committee recommend that this matter be laid over until June 1st in order to give the International Boot and Shoe Workers' Union an opportunity to state their case. "On motion recommendation adopted."

The committee recommend that the Trades and Labor Council write all Locals asking support for the Union Label Council. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Your committee recommend that the Chairman of the Grievance Committee and the secretary of the Council be instructed to investigate ways and means of advertising firms who hold agreements with affiliated Locals. "On motion recommendation adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS-- Retail Clerks Local 279, delegate Johnston reported that his Local had been certified 19 months ago with the Hudson Bay Store in Victoria. The company immediately hired W. Owen, K.O. to represent them and negotiations had been stalled since that time.

The conciliation board had been postponed 5 times in previous months. The Board finally met and recommended in favor of the organization. The company representatives pointed out that the Hudson Bay Co. charter supersedes provincial law. The company have done everything possible to upset certification but this has been upheld. Recently a serious attempt was made to form a company union by representatives of the management approaching the employees and asking them to sign a card requesting an association. The Union called a meeting last Sunday and invited these representatives to state their case. No one appeared. Those interested in forming a company union are holding a meeting Wednesday to elect bargaining representatives. It is our intention to attend.

National Association of Marine Engineers, delegate Slater reported good progress made during the past months. Has received an award covering the O. P. R. and C. N. R. and the Canadian Barge. The award was not large but brings these groups in line with other workers. Have been successful in doing away with the 2 shift watch system in the Yukon. Have had discussions with the Union Co. and are presently awaiting an award from the Regional Board. Have withdrawn threat of strike on this Company in view of the fact the matter is being dealt with by the Board. The Hudson Bay Co. with whom we are negotiating and to date have not met our terms will get no engineers until they meet the terms which have been agreed upon with the White Pass Co.

Machinists 692, delegate Osman reported his organization had signed an agreement with the Sterling Shipyards containing a maintenance of membership clause. This agreement will be reopened in 4 months' time. The Local has also taken over Neon Employees Assoc., 98 out of 104 employees coming into Lodge 692. Delegate Osman stated that these employees came into Lodge 692 for one reason because they can see that the time had arrived when such an association was useless and that only a bonafide union could serve them to advantage.

Bakers Local 468, delegate Kemmis reported his Local is still trying to negotiate with Dishar Specialties. Stalling tactics being used and employer seems to have disappeared, and the lawyer does not have the necessary authority to negotiate. Employees have definitely decided that a strike will follow if the agreement is not signed. Naturally we intend to go through conciliation and take all other necessary steps. Have application before the Regional War Labor Board for 44 hour week not 40 hour as stated in the press. Another factory has been organized and now ready to sign the union agreement.

Railway Carmen 58, delegate S. Shearer reported Division 4 have asked for wage increases and have been turned down by the employer. This matter is now before the National War Labor Board.

Hotel and Res. Local 28, delegate May Ansell reported Local 28 had signed up the Carlton Coffee Bar, 5989 Fraser Ave. Also reported that the Pacific Cafe at New Westminster has signed the agreement. No card in the window as yet. The employer has to be convinced that the card displayed will be to his advantage. Delegate suggests that union members using this Cafe talk to the girls and convince them that they should all be in the Union. Delegate Ansell also pointed out that there was possibility of trouble in the Trocadero and Rex Cafes. In the Trocadero girls have taken their buttons off and suggested pressure on the employer to bring about better conditions in this Cafe. Difficulty in the Rex over uniforms and employer taking very obstinate position.

President Showler asked delegate Neclands if there was anything to report in the way of progress on the new building. Delegate Neclands replied that architects have been contacted and are going into this matter. President suggested that it might be a good idea to ask delegates present to draw plans for a new building and see what the results would be.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

B. E. Hercules
President *his term*

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, April 2, 1946.
Meeting opened at 8 p.m. Delegate C. E. Herrett in the Chair.
Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--J. Brown, Local 180 Hospital Employees; W. Stewart, Commercial Telegraphers, O.P.R. Division 1; W. G. Lewis, Local 42 Jewelry Workers; H. Marchand Local 97 Ironworkers; H. J. Dawn, Local 28, Civic Employees; Winnie Williams, Office Employees Int. Union 15;

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members being present, C. E. Herrett, S. Shearer, J. Eaves, W. Rigby, G. Gee, R. Gervin.

In the absence of President Showler and Vice President Smylie, it was moved, seconded and carried that delegate Herrett take the chair for this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) International Union of Operating Engineers requesting a representative at the Annual Banquet to be held Friday, April 12th. The executive recommended that delegate Shearer attend. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(2) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada informing the Council that a resolution received regarding income tax will be placed before the Executive Council for action. "On motion received and noted."

(3) Office of Attorney-General, British Columbia, informing the Council that the Crown has an appeal only on a question of Law in such cases as was brought to their attention by this Council; namely, that of Rex Vs. Englebeen, and as there is no question of law involved in the decision handed down there is no appeal to the Crown. The executive recommended that the communication be received and noted. An amendment was moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to write the Attorney-General's Department demanding an investigation into this case. The amendment was carried.

(4) Office of the Prime Minister of Canada acknowledging receipt of a letter concerning the payment of income tax by members of the Canadian Corps of Civilian Fire Fighters and informing the Council that this will be brought to the attention of the Minister of National Revenue. "On motion received and noted."

(5) Vancouver Board of Trade requesting endorsement of the establishment of a bus building industry in this City. "On motion endorsed in principle and left with the secretary for further investigation."

(6) Office of the Premier of British Columbia acknowledging receipt of resolutions with respect to malt and other alcoholic beverages and informing the Council that representations made will be given every consideration. "On motion received and noted."

(7) Division 101 Street Railwaymen enclosing the following resolution: "that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada be urged to call a wage conference of all affiliated unions as soon as possible." The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(8) Local 120 Barbers, requesting that Johnny Clark Barber Shop be removed from the non-patronage list of this Council as the owner has now joined the organization and this is a 100% union shop. The Grievance Committee dealt with this question and recommend that this shop be removed from the list and the owner so notified. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Delegate Gervin reported for the Credentialed Committee. The committee recommended that the following delegates whose credentials have been received should be obligated and seated: George Johnston, Clarence Willander, Retail Meat Employees Federal Union Local 222; Sidney Jacques, Lawrence Marshall, James Reekie, Local 1518 Retail Grocery and Food Clerks; W. W. McLean, Shinglers Local 2346;

John Allison, W. R. McArthur, Charles W. Backus, Film Exchange Employees Local 71; R. L. Holm, J. C. Lowdon, Projectionists Local 348; William E. Watts, Brewery Workers Local 500; Harry Bonnell, Building Material, Construction and Fuel Truck Drivers Local 213; Jack L. Godding, Nelson P. Murphy, Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 433. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Delegate Gervin reported for a special committee set up to investigate the question of a Banquet during the Diamond Jubilee Celebration and wished to recommend that a Banquet and Dance be held on Friday, July 5th. The committee's recommendation was on motion adopted. The committee also recommended that 3 lady delegates, namely, Miss Ann Hitchcock, Distillery Workers Local 92; Mrs. J. Hallock, Home Service Employees Local 211; Mrs. E. Watts, Local 28 Hotel and Restaurant Empl. be added to the Committee. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Delegate Hannah reported attending a Conference sponsored by the Workers' Educational Association. The discussion centered around the subject of how best workers could attain their goal of a high standard of living with shorter hours. An interesting address was given by Florence James of Seattle on Political Action. Also an address by Bruce York, B.A. of Victoria on Economic Facts. The delegate felt that the Association could be of great help to the Trade Union Movement from an educational point of view and should be supported enthusiastically both financially and morally. "On motion report adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--United Fishermen and Allied Workers Local, delegate Gordon reported on the stoppage of work by netmen calling attention to the ads in the paper where the operators called this cessation an illegal strike. A letter has been sent out to each local union giving the background of this stoppage. The delegate pointed out that any charge of irresponsibility must be laid at the door of the operators and not the netmen. For 2 years negotiations have been stalled. Last year they were stalled until the men had gone out to the fishing grounds and there was no hope of taking action to enforce the signing of an agreement. This year the operators broke off negotiations but the men are determined that an agreement should be signed before operations commence. Delegate appealed for the support of all Local Unions for the net men.

Home Service Employees 211, Delegate Josephine Hallock reported her union had sent out a letter to Local Unions stating the position of domestic workers, asking moral and financial support. Urges that delegates talk union and interest those people coming under the Local's jurisdiction. Have received splendid support from Local 692 Machinists Union. The union has done excellent work for the membership to date.

National Association of Marine Engineers, delegate Slater agreed with delegate Gordon and urges the help of all unions for the net men. Pointed out his Local had a similar case where they were forced to give 7 days notice. The notice was withdrawn when the union received a promise of a finding from the Board in 7 days. The decision was in favor of the Union.

Bakers Local 468, delegate Kemmis reported their union had opened negotiations for an new agreement and the Union is making progress. Are seeking \$1 per hour on a 40 hour week. Delegate points out that some employers are inclined to drift back to night work in spite of a 15¢ per hour penalty on night work. The union are now asking 25¢ penalty on this work in an endeavor to have night work stopped altogether. Union attempted to organize National System of Baking. Were faced with a company union. Three members joined Local 468, one a lady of 58 years of age. Management suggested that these people seek work from the Union as union people were not wanted in that shop. The matter has been taken up with the Department of Labor and at present is hanging fire. If no action is taken the union will seek Council's assistance. One of the ladies dismissed has been placed with another employer who has today signed a closed shop agreement. The Maple Leaf Biscuit Company is the employer concerned.

Barbers Local 120, delegate Parliament reported his Union has signed up J. R. Jackson, Stock Exchange Building; J. Clark, 120 Kingsway; Frank Wood 2325 West 4th; Stanley Henniston, Gibson's Landing. Carpenters Local 452, delegate Sanderson reported that he had become aware of certain tactics being used where he is employed to again divide labor and suggests that all delegates to the Council be on guard against the possibility of such tactics being used to divide their Local.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council go on record as protesting the remarks made by Judge Manson regarding pickets at the Active Trading Co. establishment.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council protest to the Civic Utility Committee the disgraceful overcrowding of city streets.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 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 regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, April 16th, 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 were obligated and seated:--G. P. Smith, Machinists 692; G. Gilmore, W. E. Tracey, New Westminster Teachers' Assoc.; C. W. Backus, Film Ex. Empl. 71; J. McKenna, Office Employees Int. Local 15; S. Jacques, Local 1518, Retail Grocery and Food Clerks Local; G. Willander, Local 222, Retail Meat Employees Federal Union; H. Bonnell, Truck Drivers Local 213; W. McLean, Slingers Local 2346.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, S. Smylie, S. Shearer, J. Eaves, G. Gee, W. Rigby, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Local 464 Milk Drivers requesting that the Council take up with the City the matter of proceeding with the necessary bylaw for the pasteurization of milk since the Provincial Legislature has granted the City the necessary authority. The executive recommended endorsement. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(2) Local 300 Brewery Workers notifying this Council of the fact that there is a strike at the National Breweries of Montreal. These brewers turn out Black Horse Ale, Frontenac Ale and Dawes Ale. The executive recommended that the communication be received and the delegates asked to take note. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(3) Painters Local 138 requesting that the Council take action to have the road conditions in Vancouver remedied. The executive recommended that this matter be taken up with the City Council. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(4) Council for guidance of Handicapped enclosing tickets priced at \$2.50 each for the Conference and Banquet to be held by that Council on June 10th to 12th. The executive recommended that these tickets be left in the Council office where anyone interested may obtain same. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(5) Minister of Finance replying to a letter requesting interest be waived on the unpaid balance of income tax until assessment is made. The minister pointed out that this was standard practice and it would be fair to tax payers who did pay in full at the appointed time. "On motion letter received and filed."

(6) Vancouver Labour Council forwarding a 6 point program on Health Insurance requesting endorsement. The executive recommended that in view of the fact that the Trades and Labor Congress took this matter up very recently the letter be received and filed. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(7) Post Office Department informing the Council that there will be two deliveries by letter carrier given to districts which had this service prior to the war commencing April 15th. "On motion communication received and noted."

(8) The Provincial Secretary replying to a letter relative to the Provincial Government providing for a continuance of controlling long term credits and stating that the views of this Council would be placed before the Government. "On motion received and noted."

(9) Vancouver District Metal and Chemical Workers Union informing the Council that their demand for 25¢ per hour increase and 40 hour week have been turned down by the employer. That the membership had voted to take a strike ballot April 15th and would appreciate the support of this Council. The executive recommended that the communication be received and we express our sympathies. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(10) B. O. Junior Football Association requesting financial assistance in promoting and organizing football among teen age boys. The executive recommended the Council donate \$10. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(11) May Day Committee notifying all organizations that the Parade will leave Cambie Grounds at 1:30 p.m., proceeding to Brockton Point Oval for a Mass Rally. All unions are urged to participate in this celebration. The final conference of delegates will take place Wednesday, April 24th at 8 p.m., 339 West Pender Street. The executive recommended that

delegates be asked to take note. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(12) Street Railwaymen Division 101 enclosing the following resolution: That the Trades and Labor Council be requested to sponsor a National Campaign to eliminate Order-in-Council P.C. 9384. The executive recommended that this resolution be referred to the Legislative Committee for report. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(13) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. Secretary drew attention to a paragraph in the Minutes referring to the Labor Lobby: The paragraph reads as follows: "Referring back to the letter from the Int'l Ass'n of Machinists re the recent labor legislation, Bro. Bevis stated that he had in his possession a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Govt. Labor Committee, held Jan. 3, 1946, in which members of the steering committee had accepted the 44 hour week and 1 week holiday with pay, together with the waiving of many more Labor requests. Many delegates expressed views of disappointment and surprise at this unexpected revelation and termed the Labor Lobby a farce in view of this previous commitment by members of the steering committee. MSC the request to have the Steering Committee reconvene the Labor Lobby be endorsed and further that we circularize all unions in B.C. informing them of the actions of some of their leaders. MSC a committee be struck off to further this plan. Bros. H. Thayer, F. Bevis, W. Caird, C. Chivers, G. Wilkinson, V. Binios, F. Sims, and W. McLaughlin were appointed." Secretary also read letters from Local 2404, Pile Drivers Local, Street Railwaymen Division 134, Machinists Local 692, condemning the action of the President and Secretary of this Council in dealing with the matter of a 40 hour week at the Labor Government Committee. The executive recommended that the communications be received and filed.

Delegate Cormack speaking to the motion read portions of the Minutes of the meeting of January 3rd of the Labor Government Committee wherein a resolution was unanimously adopted whereby a 44 hour week would be recommended to the Government. Also a similar motion recommending an annual vacation with pay of one week, these recommendations to be made to the Government by the Minister of Labor. Delegate Cormack further read from the minutes a section dealing with Old Age Pensions. The delegate stated that in his opinion organized labor had been betrayed by these people who voted for such a resolution.

Delegate Kemmis spoke on the question taking a similar position to that of the previous speaker.

The secretary reported on the meeting of January 3rd pointing out that such a resolution was passed and unanimously adopted by all present in order that the Minister of Labor would make some recommendation should the Labor Lobby find they had not brought sufficient pressure on the Government whereby they would enact a 40 hour week. This also applied to the annual vacations with pay. At no time did the committee accept a 44 hour week and one week's annual vacation. The matter of Old Age Pensions while not discussed further in the committee was by no means dropped nor any other matter contained in Labor's proposals. The secretary pointed out that in his opinion this had become a matter of politics rather than a trade union issue. The President endorsed the statement made by the secretary. Considerable discussion followed and the motion to adopt the recommendation of the Executive was carried by a large majority.

The executive recommended the adoption of the following resolution: That this Trades and Labor Council go on record demanding the Federal Government continue its policy of rigid price control on all commodities which directly or indirectly affect the living costs of Canadian workers such as food, clothing, furniture and other essentials.

Delegate Ross requested that the resolution be laid over for further consideration that while he did not wish to move an amendment he felt it should be laid over as he had information he could provide the executive with. Delegate Parkin and Shearer spoke in favor of the resolution. The executive's recommendation was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylic reported this committee had dealt with the credential received from Fred Long, Cable Workers Local 104, and recommended the delegate be obligated and seated. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Delegate Showler stated that in his opinion Judges and Magistrates should not allow people who have been picked up and charged with breaking and entering or with robbery to be released on bail.

Delegate Cormack reported for the May Day Committee stating that speakers for the rally had been discussed and he had objected to expending money to bring speakers from other Districts. This matter has been referred to a committee who will make a recommendation. It was also suggested that this day be held on Saturday to permit children to attend and see this parade and rally. All arrangements have been made and there appears to be no obstacle in the way of the parade and rally.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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

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Secretary reported that the Executive had invited Mr. M. McCough, Chief Executive Officer of the Regional War Labor Board to attend this meeting to discuss Order in Council 9384. It was moved, seconded and carried that Mr. McCough be heard at 8:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Musicians' Local 145 requesting that the State Theatre be placed on the non-patronage list of this Council. "On motion referred to the Grievance Committee."

(2) Hotel and Restaurant Empl. 28 requesting the Grievance Committee to investigate the dispute between that Local and the Trocadero Cafe. "On motion referred to the Grievance Committee."

(3) Machinists Lodge 692 enclosing a resolution the resolve of which reads as follows: That this Lodge request the City Council to at once let the franchise to another company if it be impracticable to operate a Municipal Transportation System. The executive recommend that this matter be referred to the Grievance Committee to contact organizations concerned. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(4) Citizens' Diamond Jubilee Committee requesting cooperation and support in making the Jubilee Celebration a success. The letter was received and filed for information.

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Secretary reported that the Executive had invited Mr. M. McCough, Chief Executive Officer of the Regional War Labor Board to attend this meeting to discuss Order in Council 9384. It was moved, seconded and carried that Mr. McCough be heard at 8:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Musicians' Local 145 requesting that the State Theatre be placed on the non-patronage list of this Council. "On motion referred to the Grievance Committee."

(2) Hotel and Restaurant Empl. 28 requesting the Grievance Committee to investigate the dispute between that Local and the Trocadero Cafe. "On motion referred to the Grievance Committee."

(3) Machinists Lodge 592 enclosing a resolution the resolve of which reads as follows: That this Lodge request the City Council to at once let the franchise to another company if it be impracticable to operate a Municipal Transportation System. The executive recommend that this matter be referred to the Grievance Committee to contact organizations concerned. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(4) Citizens' Diamond Jubilee Committee requesting cooperation and support in making the Jubilee Celebration a success. The letter was received and filed for information.

(5) Canadian Seamen's Union enclosing a resolution demanding the 8 hour day for seamen. The executive recommended endorsement and that the resolution be forwarded. Recommendation adopted.

(6) City Clerk replying to a complaint from this Council on transportation and overcrowding of street cars and busses. The clerk pointed out that the matter had been discussed with transportation officials who stated that there were more people travelling now than at any time during the war and the condition is much aggravated by the relaxation of staggered hours. The company anticipates delivery of some busses early in May and at least 35 before the end of that month. Also further deliveries expected in August. Executive recommended the communication be received and noted. Recommendation adopted.

(7) Deputy Minister of Justice at Ottawa replying to a letter re Rex vs. Englebeen stating that Department is unable to find grounds which would call for any action on the part of the Minister of Justice. Executive recommended the communication be received and noted. Recommendation adopted.

(8) Wartime Prices and Trade Board acknowledging a letter from this Council with regard to maintenance of price control. The writer states there is no early or sudden removal of price control contemplated. Government policy remains one of maintaining controls particularly over the more important commodities so long as shortages threaten serious and unpredictable price increases. Also urge cooperation from such bodies as the Trades and Labor Council in maintaining price control. Executive recommended the communication be received and noted. Recommendation adopted.

(9) Secretary of Board of Works, City Council replying to a letter regarding the state of disrepair of city roads and streets. The writer informs the Council that the City has taken very definite steps towards improving and rectifying the conditions complained of. "On motion communication received and noted."

At this point in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Mr. H. McGeough, Chief Executive Officer of the Regional War Labor Board was introduced. Mr. McGeough expressed appreciation at the opportunity to appear pointing out that due to President Showler's suggestion to a meeting of representatives of all Boards in Canada the officers now had authority to make public some of the work that the Boards are doing.

The speaker pointed out that the paramount duty of the War Labor Boards is to stabilize wage structure in Canada in order to maintain stability in prices and prevent increases in the cost of living. In dealing with amendments to the Order, effective February 15th, 1946, the speaker pointed out that the principle change is that of revoking gross injustice and the gross inequality provision and substitute of a comparable provision. The Board may now authorize or direct increase in wage rates which are found to be low.

Regional War Labor Boards from the date of the first wage control order to the end of December 1945 handled 110,865 applications. Of this number of applications 83% were granted in full, 9.7% were granted in part and only 6.8% were rejected. In reference to the increases granted by War Labor Boards in Canada since their institution they have granted increases across Canada to employees amounting to \$222,222,912 a year. In addition cost of living bonuses have been granted amounting to \$43,682,436 making a grand total of \$265,905,348. Seven (7) million people in Canada have had increases as a result of Regional Board decisions. As there are only 4 million working people in Canada this means that many have received more than one increase. A hearty vote of thanks was moved, seconded and carried by the delegates to Mr. McGeough for his very splendid talk on this vital subject.

(10) Canadian National Institute for Blind requesting the Council to appoint a representative to the Board of Directors of the Institute. The executive recommended that delegate W. J. Bartlett represent this Council. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted." President at this point expressed sincere appreciation to delegate Bartlett for the time and effort he has so cheerfully given on behalf of this Council.

(11) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada informing the Council that the resolution regarding the wage conference will be placed before the Executive at their next meeting. "On motion received and noted."

(12) Conquer Cancer Campaign asking cooperation and financial support. The executive recommended that this Council donate \$10. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(13) Children's jubilee Summer Camp notification of the semi-annual conference to be held on May 19th at 1.30 p.m. Executive recommended that delegate Eaves and Gerwin represent the Council. Executive recommendation adopted.

(14) Winnipeg and District Trades and Labor Council enclosing a resolution demanding that the price ceilings be re-instituted and that the policy of the Government as interpreted by both the Regional and National Labor Boards be changed in order that workers of Canada may receive what has been promised them innumerable times in the past 6 years, namely, a fuller higher standard of living. The executive recommend that the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(15) Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28 enclosing a copy of a proposed agreement with the request that it be endorsed. Executive recommend endorsement. Recommendation adopted.

(16) Pile Drivers Local 2404 pointing out that they wish it emphatically understood that there were no political stooges among its members attending the mass labor lobby at Victoria and that Local 2404 does not endorse any political party, have a political action committee, or anticipate taking any action on matters of politics. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(17) Council for Guidance of Handicapped requesting a delegate to speak at the first annual conference. Executive recommend the secretary attend. The recommendation was adopted.

(18) Victoria Trades and Labor Council Minutes. The secretary read a portion of the Minutes under "Unfinished Business" as follows:

"The secretary briefly outlined events leading up to the reasons for the Executive recommendation that further publicity on the Labor Lobby question was undesirable. During an interview with Minister of Labor Pearson, at Mr. Pearson's request, the Minister had assumed all responsibility of the Labor Govt. Committee's actions. It had been touch and go whether or not any legislation favorable to Labor would have been passed at the recent Session. The recommendations of the Labor Govt. Committee concerned the brief presented at the 1945 session. The idea of circularizing all unions in B. C. was dangerous inasmuch as company dominated groups would use such letters to blast Organized Labor. With the Vancouver Trades & Labor Council upholding their officers by an overwhelming vote - and the Vancouver Labor Council also upholding their representatives, it meant the Victoria Council was "out on the limb" again. Whether we like it or not the letter sent out paved the way for extensive criticism that this Council was acting as stooges for a political party. The committee had met as instructed, drafted a letter and circularized the Unions in B. C. Therefore the Executive had recommended that further publicity cease. MSC the secretary's report be accepted."

"On motion the Minutes were received with appreciation and filed for reference."

Executive recommended that a committee of 5 be set up to take into consideration the question of holding a picnic and sports day the 1st Monday in September. "On motion recommendation of the executive adopted."

Executive recommend that the regular meetings scheduled for the month of August be cancelled. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

Executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES--Delegate Smylie reported for the Credentialed Committee, the committee recommending that the following delegates be obligated and seated:--John Miller, J. A. King, A. D. Phillips, Building Truck Drivers Local 213; James T. Brown, N. Roach, Street Railwaymen Division 134; "On motion committees recommendation adopted."

It was moved, seconded that this Council purchase a P.A. System for No. 1 Hall. Secretary suggested that the mover of the motion amend same to permit investigation of prices and practicability of installing such a system. The mover of the motion agreed and the motion was carried as amended.

REPORTS OF UNIONS--Plumbers Local 170, delegate Carlisle reported that his union has tried to curb unauthorized plumbers and recently the inspector had one shop fined \$50 for doing work without a permit.

President Showler reported that the Teamsters Joint Council had set up a Bursary of \$250 for a scholarship for 5 years for any son or daughter of a member of the Teamsters' Unions and should this not be used by a member of the Teamsters' Unions then any son or daughter of a member of an International Trade Union may take advantage of this offer.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Bill Showler
President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, May 21, 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 were obligated and seated:--J. Brown, St. Railwaymen Division 174; J. Godding, Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 453; H. Irvine, University Workers Local 116;

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Jewelry Workers Local 42 informing the Council that they are prepared to take any action deemed necessary by the Council or the Trades and Labor Congress to facilitate enactment of legislation inaugurating the 40 hour week with no reduction in take home pay. Executive recommended the communication be received and noted. Recommendation adopted.

(2) Branch 185 Canadian Legion, requesting assistance in establishing a hall and club rooms in the Hastings East District. The executive recommend this Council donate \$10 and urge affiliated unions to give this matter consideration. Executive's recommendation adopted.

(3) Division 101 Street Railwaymen pointing out that jurisdictional disputes between labor organizations are detrimental to labor as a whole and urging that this Council and the Vancouver Labor Council get together to eliminate jurisdictional disputes. The executive recommend this resolution be endorsed and referred to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Recommendation adopted.

(4) M. M. McLean replying to resolution from this organization asking legislation for the 8 hour day for seamen. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. Recommendation adopted.

(5) Office employees Local 15 enclosing a resolution deploring the government's attitude and demanding that the subsidy on milk be returned at once. The executive recommend endorsement. Recommendation adopted.

(6) Office Employees Local 15 enclosing the following resolution: That the Unemployment Insurance Commission take under consideration the issuing of a receipt stating the number of days which a worker has to his credit in that particular year when a book is sent in for renewal by the employer. The executive recommend that the resolution be endorsed and forwarded to the Trades and Labor Congress with a request that it be taken up directly with the Unemployment Insurance Commission. Recommendation adopted.

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

(8) I. W. A. Local 1-71, enclosing a resolution demanding that the Federal Government immediately establish a Royal Commission to investigate all phases of the lumber business including the accusation of black marketing. The executive recommend endorsement. Executive recommendation adopted.

(9) Coquitlam Board of Trade informing the Council of a resolution passed at their meeting demanding that the Provincial and Federal Government take action to end the strike in the lumber industry. "On motion received and noted."

(10) Office Employees Local 15 informing the Council that the last regular meeting of that Local had gone on record in support of the I. W. A. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. Recommendation adopted.

(11) Welfare Council of Greater Vancouver requesting a delegate be appointed to the Women's Protection Committee. The executive recommend that Mrs. E. Watts Local 28, Hotel and Restaurant Employees, represent the Council. Recommendation adopted.

(12) I. W. A. District Council No. 1 requesting that a delegation be permitted to address the Council meeting on the Strike in the Lumber industry. Executive recommend that the delegation be heard at 8:30 p.m. Recommendation adopted.

The executive recommend that this Council endorse the demands of the I. W. A., namely

1. The union shop and check off
2. Increase of 25¢ per hour.
3. 40 hour week
4. Negotiation of other differences outstanding.

"On motion executive recommendation adopted."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate S. Smylie reported for this committee and recommended that the following delegates be obligated and seated:--J. Rookandcl, Canadian Seaman's Union; A. R. Keeton, Railway Carmen Lodge 58; John Staples, Fire Fighters Local 256. "On motion recommendation adopted."

The delegation from the I. W. A. appeared at this time, E. Dalskog, D. Melsness, H. Pritchett. The President introduced brother Pritchett President of District Council No. 1 who gave a brief outline of the strike situation and announced that Justice Sloan had been appointed to arbitrate on union security. The speaker pointed out that financial support is required and resolutions should be sent to the authorities asking them to take action on clearing up the strike situation. Speaker thanked the delegates for the opportunity of addressing them and urged support in this strike. It was pointed out that 70 operators had signed agreements to date and that a committee had been established to work with veterans organizations to release lumber for building homes. The speaker was thanked by the president for appearing and urged the delegates to give the matter consideration.

Reports of Officers and Committees (cont'd): Secretary Gervin reported that arrangements have been made for the Banquet and dance July 12th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 each. Dinner expected to end at 8:30 p.m. when 1 hour's entertainment will be arranged and dancing from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Secretary also reported that the cost of installing a 25 Watt P. A. System with 2 12 inch speakers would be \$274.30. The engineer giving the estimate suggested that in order to get full benefit from such an investment No. 1 hall should be insulated with proper material. In view of all the circumstances the executive recommend that this matter lay over until action is taken on a new building. Recommendation adopted.

Secretary reported on amendments to labor legislation and new legislation brought down at the last sitting of the Provincial Legislature. Attached to the Minutes is a copy of such legislation.

It was also reported that a meeting had been held with Mr. Harkrider who urged support of labor organizations in the grand spectacle to be arranged during the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. Mr. Harkrider pointed out that labor must be represented and given full recognition for their part in building this great City. Delegates were urged when this matter was brought before them to do everything they can to cooperate in making this celebration a success.

Secretary reported that the executive recommend R. McCulloch, Chairman R. K. Gervin, C. Gower, E. Watts, H. Irving, W. Watts, R. Welfesty, J. Eaves, R. Osman for the Labor Day Sports Committee. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported a meeting had been held of hairdressers in the City and prospects of forming a local were very good. Those present had signed applications. Further meeting to be held Monday, May 27th, 413 Granville Street.

Local of Asbestos Workers has been organized and an agreement now being negotiated.

Assistance rendered the laundry workers and dry cleaners and a new agreement being negotiated.

Glaziers and Glass workers have been organized, a charter installed and an agreement being negotiated. "On motion reported adopted."

Grievance Committee, George Gee reported committee dealt with a resolution received from the Machinists Local 692 which had been sent to the City Council requesting that body to let a franchise to another company if it be impracticable to operate a municipal transportation system. The resolution arose from the fact that the Machinists considered the present streetcar service inadequate and deplorable with no improvement in sight. The committee recommend that the Grievance Committee from this Council take the matter up with the B. C. Electric Railway Company. Delegate Irving rose and objected to the Street Railwaymen being represented at the Grievance committee meeting and the matter was laid over to be again dealt with by the committee.

Dealing with the request from the Musicians Local 145 to place the State Theatre on the non-patronage list, the Grievance Committee met with representatives of the State Theatre on two occasions. The committee recommend that this matter be left in abeyance in view of the developments proposed by the management of this Theatre. Recommendation adopted.

The Grievance Committee dealt with the matter outstanding between Local 28, Hotel and Res. Employees, and the Trocadero Cafe. Meetings have been held and it is our opinion that an agreement will be reached on the question in dispute during the next week. "On motion the report as a whole was adopted."

Delegate Eaves, reported as representative to the Jubilee Summer Camp Association that a meeting was held Sunday, May 19th in the Y.H.C.A. with 30 delegates present, representing A. F. of L., C. O. L. and C. I. O. as well as other organizations. Brother Pears, Civic Employees Union, was in the Chair. Four Hundred Fifty-five (455) children attended camp last year. Sixty (60) children a week can now be provided for and with more assistance from organizations this can be increased to 100. All delegates were urged to do their utmost to have their organization support the Camp financially. Camp opens first Monday following school closing. "On motion report received."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Carpenters Local 452, delegate Bengough reported one of that Local's members had been refused admission to the Vancouver General Hospital. Asked that the Council investigate this matter with a view to taking it up with the proper authorities.

United Fishermen and Allied Workers Local, reported his local now in process of negotiating agreements. He feels that the local's strike has had an effect on the employers as they are making considerable more progress in less time than ever before.

Machinists Lodge 692, delegate Irving reported that due to the Molders strike many machinists have been locked out. Cannot proceed through a picket line. Expressed the opinion that if this is a molders' strike it should not affect only one union but all unions and all shops. Lodge 692 passed a resolution stating they would not handle any castings declared unfair after the strike was called.

Carpenters Local 452, delegate Sanderson stated there was a picket line out where he works but before the strike came about he had contacted I. W. A. representatives. Expressed the opinion that there was no difficulty between the organizations except possibly with one or two newer men.

Brother Showler reported that the Blue Cross Hospital Association had adopted a resolution raising the rates from 60 to 75¢ for single persons and from \$1.50 to \$1.75 for married persons. The reason for this is due to the increase in hospitalization costs.

Hotel and Res. Employees Local 28, delegate May Ansell reported her organization had organized two new houses in the City, the Sun Cafeteria in the Sun Building and the Latin Quarters on Hastings Street. It was moved seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Bill Showler

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

Minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, June 4, 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 were obligated and seated:--A. R. Keeton, Railway Carmen 58; J. Rockandel, Canadian Seamen's Union; J. R. Miller, Truck Drivers 213;

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening the following delegates being present:--Showler, Smylie, Stevenson, Shearer, Herrett, Eaves, Gee, Rigby, Gervin.

The executive recommended the adoption of the following resolution: Therefore Be It Resolved that this Council send a strong protest to the Department of Labor at Victoria and request the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to protest the action of the Federal Department of Labor in appointing one man boards to deal with labor disputes so that in all future disputes a three man board will be appointed.
Recommendation adopted.

COORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada replying to a resolution forwarded where in it was suggested that a committee of this Council and the Vancouver Labor Council be set up to deal with jurisdictional disputes. President Bengough of the Congress pointed out that under the Constitution it would be impossible for such a joint committee to arrange to give up any jurisdiction of any affiliated organization. "On motion received and noted."

(2) Local 281 Molders and Foundry Workers informing the Council of the situation regarding their lookout and urging that the Council take what action they can to have C.I.O. pickets removed from the shops where Local 281 is certified as the bargaining representatives. The executive recommend that the letter be left with the President and Secretary to take up with the unions concerned. Recommendation adopted.

(3) Vancouver Labor Council enclosing a resolution urging the Congress to serve warning on the King Government that repressive legislation will not be tolerated by the Labor Movement in Canada. "On motion resolution endorsed."

(4) Local 167 Maintenance of Way Employees enclosing a resolution whereby the Lodge offers the I.W.A. wholehearted support in their present struggle. "On motion received and noted."

(5) Secretary to minister of Reconstruction informing the Council that representations made for the establishment of a Royal Commission to enquire into the lumbering industry is receiving active attention. "on motion received and noted."

(6) Calgary Trades and Labor Council enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to the Hon. J. L. Ilesley, protesting against the withdrawal of the subsidy on milk. In view of the fact that this matter has been dealt with by the Council, the executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(7) Secretary to the Prime Minister replying to a letter requesting the establishment of a Royal Commission to enquire into the marketing of lumber in B. C. and informing the Council that the matter has been referred to the appropriate authorities for attention. "On motion received and noted."

(8) Branch 185, Canadian Legion, expressing appreciation for a donation. "On motion the communication received with appreciation."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylie, chairman, reported the committee recommend that the following delegates be obligated and seated:--Dan Sullivan, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 170; Wm. Logan, H. O. Jorgensen, Typographical Union 226. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported that an agreement had now been drawn up for the Glaziers and Glass Workers. Meetings have been held for hairdressers and good progress being made. Next organization meeting of this group will be held Monday, June 10th, in Hall 304, 413 Granville Street. Delegates are urged to support the drive for the organization of hairdressers.

Grievance Committee, delegate George Gee, chairman, reported that since the last meeting the Grievance Committee met with representatives of the Machinists Lodge 692 and Division 101 to deal with the resolution presented to May 7th meeting by Lodge 692. The Grievance Committee have gone into this question with the B. O. Electric officials and as they have not had time to discuss the matter with City officials they would offer this report as progress in order to have time to meet the City Council and when a full report is made the Council will be in a position to place the matter before the proper authorities. "Upon motion the report adopted."

Committee on the expulsion of Courtney D. Ward, J. Barton reported on January 15th the committee reported recommending this Council write the Cleveland Federation of Labor urging a fair trial in accordance with the laws of the American Federation of Labor for Courtney D. Ward, or any other member or delegate before expulsion. A letter was sent but to date no reply has been received from the Cleveland Federation of Labor. Your committee recommend that the report of January 15th be adopted as a final report and the committee dismissed. "On motion committee recommendation adopted."

Picnic and Sports Day Committee, delegate McCulloch, chairman, reported meetings have been held and delegate C. Gower of Taxi Drivers 151 has been asked to again take charge of the sports program. Your committee recommend that the picnic and sports day be financed by contributions from affiliated unions on the following basis:

Unions with a membership up to	200\$	12.00
" " " " "	500	24.00
" " " " "	1000	40.00
" " " " over	1000	50.00

Delegate McCulloch pointed out that last year only 51% of the unions donated. Secretary Gerwin stressed the importance of delegates deciding now whether or not they favor such an undertaking and if there were objections they should state them and if there were no objections delegates would be expected to support the financing on this basis when the matter comes before the Local Unions. It was pointed out by delegate Smylie that a great deal of good has been accomplished by the Trade Unions in holding this annual picnic and sports. The delegate hoped that unions would give full support. "The report of the committee was on motion adopted unanimously."

Delegate Showler at this time welcomed newer delegates and stressed the fact that a report from their unions would be very welcome also mentioned the necessity of supporting union firms and if in any doubt as to what firms are fair they should call the secretary's office.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Canadian Seamen's Union, delegate Thompson reported on the strike situation on the Great Lakes. Pointed out that for years the Canadian Seamen's Union have attempted to negotiate for an 8 hour day. Throughout the war years this matter was held in abeyance in order that seamen could give their best effort. However, at the last convention the seamen insisted that the 1946 agreement must contain the 8 hour day. It was long overdue and would assist in keeping in employment seamen returning from the war. Over 99% of the seamen voted in favor of strike action. Many men have been charged under the Canada Shipping Act and arrested without warrants. Department of Transport have instituted the 8 hour day and overtime and 2 other firms have followed suit. Seamen here are concerned over the possibility of the strike spreading and are anxious that negotiations which commence on July 1st be commenced and carried through without interruption, but unless government takes action to stop strike breaking every likelihood of the strike spreading. Thanked the Trades Council and unions for the splendid support to date.

U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, delegate Rigby reported his union are presently negotiation for an agreement on salmon prices. Progress has been made, but number of questions remain unsettled. An understanding was arrived at where prices were increased on blueback 1¢ per pound. Some increase on other varieties. Fishermen are hopeful that the agreements will be signed by the time fishing commences.

Home Service Employees 211, delegate Mrs. Hallock reported her union has had cards printed, the name of union and secretary. Asked help from Bakery Salesmen and Milk Salesmen in distributing these cards. Some little difficulty being experienced in contacting people in this line of work as they are moving about from one job to another. Have received good support from the smaller locals and would ask the larger unions to lend support where they can.

Barbers Local 120, delegate Herrett reported his union had signed up a shop at 2123 Commercial Drive.

Bakers Local 468, delegate Bell reported that Discher Specialties is now signed up with the organization after a long period of negotiations.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:--Delegate Pears requested information on the Banquet President informed him the Banquet would be held July 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Vancouver Hotel banquet room. There will be a 1 hour show following dinner and dancing from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Hotel ballroom. Tickets \$2.50 each, obtainable at the Council office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.