

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 7th, 1947.

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 received were obligated and seated:--G. Green, N. Musgrave, Retail Meat Employees Federal Union 222; F. Doig, B. Schone, Truck Drivers 31; W. Ross, U.F.A. W.U., Vancouver Local; Bill Steele, Building Service Employees Local 24.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following delegates present:--B. Showler, S. Smylie, J. Stevenson, S. Shearer, G. Gee, J. Eaves, C. Herrett, R. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) A communication from the B. C. Electric Railway Co. informing the Council that they were unable to install directional indicators on the front end of their street cars as such were not obtainable and were they obtainable a great deal of difficulty would be experienced in maintaining them on the right hand side of the car due to automobiles and trucks driving closely to the car on the straight track. The executive recommend the communication be received and filed. An amendment was moved and seconded that the Company be written informing them that this Council does not accept their excuses for not installing directional indicators and we reiterate our demand that such indicators be installed in the interests of safety. The amendment carried.

(2) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada informing the Council that a stay of 30 days had been obtained on the deportation order of the four prisoners of war from Spain. "On motion received and noted."

(3) Trades and Labor Congress notification of a special assessment of 25¢ per member for organizational purposes. "On motion received and noted."

(4) Teamsters Joint Council, copy of a letter sent to Honorable John Hart on the liquor situation in Vancouver and the lack of interest shown by the liquor control board of the needs of the customers. "On motion received and endorsed."

(5) Local 170, Plumbers and Steamfitters, a request that the Hastings Park Forum be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of this Council until such time as Bert Murray is removed from the staff of O. Hall. "On motion referred to the Grievance Committee."

(6) Trades and Labor Congress, a circular putting forward labor's demands for a National Labor Code and stressing the need for the abolishment of Company Unions, the naming of a bargaining agency, the Union Shop and many other points to be included under such a code. Particular emphasis is placed on the necessity for such a Code to be National in scope. "On motion received and noted."

(7) Building Laborers 602, copy of a letter sent to the City Council requesting the elimination of funerals on Saturday afternoons. "On motion endorsed and taken up with the City Council."

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

The executive report as a whole was on motion adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, S. Smylie reporting for the committee recommended that the following delegates whose credentials were in order be obligated and seated:--I. Clitheroe, W. Head, Machinists Lodge 131; S. Chapman, S. Dahl, Milkmen Local 46; M. Bock, Brewery Workers 300; Alex Macintosh, Taxi Drivers 151; G. Strutt, Harry Kinnie, Bakery Salesmen 189; G. A. Soape, B. Turner, Garment Workers 190; M. H. Hadley, Boilermakers Local 359; Mabel Gavin, Jennie Windley, Jean Burrows, Kenneth Forbes, Trevor Nordland, Arthur Cooker, Laundry Workers 292; E. Crutchley, Electrical Workers 21; "On motion report adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported that an application had been received from Local 109, International Fire Fighters Union for affiliation. The committee recommend that the application be accepted and the Local advised to elect delegates.

"on motion recommendation adopted."

At this time Brother Percy R. Bengough, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and a delegate of this Council, was introduced. Brother Bengough spoke briefly on Labor matters in Canada stressing particularly the need for a National Labor Code and a strong stand by trade unions and trades councils throughout the country against the use of injunctions in trade union disputes. Brother Bengough's address was well received and he was thanked by the President on behalf of the delegates for attending the meeting.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Typographical Union Local 226, delegate Gouthro thanked the unions for the support given Local 226 in their struggle with the Vancouver Daily Province and the Southam chain of newspapers. Stated that there were a limited number of subscriptions available with the union papers at the present time. Also reported that an increase of 5¢ per hour had been granted to union members by the Regional War Labor Board. Barbers Local 120, delegate C. Herrett reported that a new shop had been signed up at 802 West Pender Street.

Retail Clerks Local, delegate Johnson reported 22 stores of the Canadian Window Bakeries now had been organized.

Hotel and Res. Local 28, delegate Watts reported that the industry under the jurisdiction of that local were taking into employ members from other local unions. Some of these members were not taking out cards in Local 28 and stated that they were acting on instructions of the secretary of the local union to which they previously belonged. Delegate feels that as president of that local that since they must bargain for such employees it is only right that they become members of the union. Delegate stated that employees coming from the Teamsters Union in all cases reported to the union office and took out cards before going to work. However in some of the other locals particularly the Fishermen employees had endeavored to retain membership in the former union. Excellent progress being made in the Hotels in the City. 24 now organized which covers the majority of the better class hotels. Restaurants also making good progress.

U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, delegate Gordon suggested that the delegate making the previous report should contact the Fishermen's office and they would cooperate with her in the transfer of members from that union.

Bakers Local 468, delegate requested that the Montreal Bakery be removed from the non-patronage list of this Council. Also reported that the Canadian Window Bakeries had been organized as well as the Woman's Bakery. Some of these bakeries have been on the non-patronage list for a long period of time and it was most gratifying that they could now be removed.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS:--President, Birt Showler; Vice President, J. Eaves, S. Smylie; General Secretary-Treasurer, R. K. Gervin; Warden, J. Stevenson; Statistician, J. Eaves, J. Barton; Organizing Committee, C. E. Herrett; Legislative Committee, S. Shearer, R. Cormack; Press Committee, W. Rigby, T. Alsbury; Grievance Committee, T. Alty, G. Gee, J. Ross. Nominations will be opened at the next meeting and the elections held.

NEW BUSINESS:--Delegate Alex Gordon, U. F. A. W. U., presented the following resolution:

Whereas the Vancouver and District Trades and Labor Council along with several affiliated Locals and other labor organizations in the City of Vancouver have presented resolutions to the Vancouver City Council demanding that the B. C. Electric Franchise be presented to the people of the City for acceptance or rejection by popular vote; and,

Whereas brother R. K. Gervin, secretary of the Vancouver and District Trades and Labor Council and alderman elected as a United Labor Candidate, in 1945 publicly disassociated himself from the aforementioned resolutions passed by the main labor organizations including the organization of which he is secretary-treasurer and in repudiating which resolution he spoke more strongly against the proposed plebiscite than any other of the 1946 alderman.

Therefore Be It Resolved that Mr. R. K. Gervin, secretary-treasurer of this central labor organization of Vancouver and alderman of the City of Vancouver be censured for his action in supporting a policy opposite

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to that proposed and demanded by organized labor in this City.

And Be It Further Resolved that this Trades and Labor Council condemn the action of the 1946 City Council in signing the B. C. Electric franchise without reference to public vote.

Considerable discussion followed the presentation of the resolution by delegates for and against. The secretary was given the opportunity of replying to the resolution. In his remarks he stated that while he was thoroughly cognizant of the fact that the Trades and Labor Council had passed a resolution demanding a plebiscite that under the circumstances a plebiscite was a waste of the citizens money and the City Council's time inasmuch as no change could be made in the present situation until the year 1950. An agreement signed in 1901 remains in existence until that date. The City Council has given the right to the B. C. Electric to operate for 20 years but the Provincial or Civic Government may take over at any time at 5 year periods and consequently have only extended the existing agreement by one year. At that time a plebiscite could be taken as to whether or not the citizens are desirous of taking control of the utilities under public ownership.

The motion was lost by 82 to 43.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Bert 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, January 21, 1947.

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

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

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:—J. Windly, M. Gavin, J. Forbes, J. A. Cooper, J. Boroughs, Laundry Workers Local 292; O. B. Sadler, Building Service Employees Local 244; M. Principi, A. W. Patrick, Barbers Local 120; J. Maskill, W. Matthews, Canadian Seamen's Union; D. Nolan, J. Deslauriers, Truck Drivers Local 212; M. Rendell, B. C. Library Association; A. MacIntosh, Taxi Drivers Local 151; S. Hubbell, J. Reekin, Grocery and Food Clerks, Local 1518; W. T. Clipperton, E. Baker, A. H. Goddard, Retail Meat Employees Local 222; S. E. Chapman, Milkmen Local 464; W. O. Bell, Shingle Weavers Local 2602; D. King, J. Horn, Truck Drivers 31; R. M. Forsythe, Engineers Local 963.

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

The executive recommended that the elections be held at 8:30 p.m. as a special order of business. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Joint Council of Retail Employees requesting that this Council reiterate their endorsement of the 5 day week in the retail industry and urge affiliated unions to actively support the campaign for the continuation of the 5 day week. Executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(2) Delegate J. Henderson, notification that he is prepared to stand if nominated as chairman of the Legislative Committee. Executive recommended communication be received and noted. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(3) Local 276 Ladies Garment Workers Union informing the Council of the forthcoming 10th Anniversary Celebration commemorating the organization of that Local. Also suggesting that the Council take space in the souvenir book which will be printed for the occasion. The executive recommended that this Council take a quarter page space. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(4) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. Executive recommend that they be received with appreciation and filed for reference. A communication attached from the Commissioner of Police for the Province addressed to the Secretary of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council dealing with the high accident rate was read to the delegates. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(5) Workers' Educational Association informing the delegates of the spring program of trade union classes. The executive recommend that the delegates take note. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(6) Local 138 Painters, and Local 170 Plumbers and Steamfitters dealing with a National Labor Code were dealt with. The executive recommend that a special committee be set up comprising the following: S. Shearer, R. Gervin, C. Oates. Delegate Ross drew attention to the fact that there was not a representative from the Building Trades on the committee. President replied that this can be arranged by adding a representative. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend that this Council urge that a full and open hearing be given the police officers before any demotions or disciplinary action is taken. The executive's recommendation was unanimously adopted.

Executive report as a whole was adopted.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:—President stated that nominations would now be reopened and the elections held. W. Clarkson, R. McCulloch, R. Foster, F. Carlisle were appointed tellers.

<u>President</u>	<u>Birt Showler, Milkmen Local 464, being the only nominee, declared elected by acclamation.</u>
<u>Vice President</u>	<u>S. Smylie, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 170, J. Eaves, Painters Local 138 nominated. J. Eaves declined. S. Smylie, being the only nominee was declared elected by acclamation.</u>
<u>Gen. Secretary-Treasurer</u>	<u>R. K. Gerwin, Street Railwaymen Division 101, being the only nominee declared elected by acclamation.</u>
<u>Warden</u>	<u>J. Stevenson, Carpenters Local 452, being the only nominee was declared elected by acclamation.</u>
<u>Statistician</u>	<u>J. Eaves, Painters, Local 138; J. Barton, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 170; J. Hallock, Home Service Employees Local 211, nominated. A ballot was taken showing J. Eaves, 114; J. Barton, 67; J. Hallock, 34; Delegate Eaves having a clear majority of all votes cast was declared elected.</u>
<u>Chairman, Organizing Committee</u>	<u>O. Herrett, Barbers Local 120, being the only nominee declared elected by acclamation.</u>
<u>Chairman, Legislative Committee</u>	<u>S. Shearer, Railway Carmen Local 58, R. Cormack, St. Railwaymen Division 134, nominated. A ballot was taken with the following results: Shearer, 138; Cormack, 74. Delegate Shearer having a clear majority of all votes cast was declared elected.</u>
<u>Chairman, Press Committee</u>	<u>W. Rigby, United Fishermen and Allied Workers Local; T. Alsbury, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers Association, nominated. A ballot was taken with the following results: W. Rigby, 73; T. Alsbury, 142. Delegate T. Alsbury having a clear majority was declared elected.</u>
<u>Chairman, Grievance Committee</u>	<u>F. Alty, Gas Workers Local 225, George Gee, Electrical Workers Local 213, J. Ross, Electrical Workers 211, J. McMillan, Machinists Local 592, nominated. Delegates Ross and McMillan declined. A ballot was taken with the following results: F. Alty, 108, G. Gee, 109. G. Gee having a majority of all votes cast was declared elected.</u>

Past president E. A. Jamieson, delegate from Local 145, Musicians, was asked to administer the oath of office to the newly elected officers. All officers except delegate T. Alsbury who was not present took the oath. Newly elected officers all spoke briefly thanking the delegates for the honor extended in electing them to a position of trust and honor in this Trades and Labor Council.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported having received credentials from the following and recommended that the applicants be obligated and seated:--J. W. Corbett, W. Mattenley, T. D. Haynes, V. Sorensen, Vancouver Auto Workers, 1857; David F. Remie, Railway Carmen Local 58; Evelyn Whitford, Garment Workers 232; F. L. Kirkpatrick, W. Nicol, W. L. Ash, Civic Employees Local 28; Alfred K. Lord, Machinists Local 151; Walter Ferrier, Lathers Local 207; T. Livingstone, Railway Clerks Local 626; F. R. Lindsey, J. J. Gibbs, F. L. MacDonald, Railway Clerks 630. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported on activities during the year 1946. Stated assistance had been rendered in organizing Glaziers and Glass Workers, Furniture Workers, Hardwood Floor Manufacturers, Paint Manufacturers, Hairdressers, Laundry and Dry Cleaners, in New Westminster and Vancouver; assistance given to several established locals during the year. In all 72 meetings were attended by representatives of the Organizing Committee. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary R. Gerwin reported for the Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. A Brief was submitted to the Provincial Cabinet containing labor's minimum demands stressing need for a National Labor Code but until such is inaugurated amendments to the I.O.A. Act would be necessary. Also amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act, Minimum Wage Act, Hours of Work Act and Annual Vacations with Pay act, action on Health Insurance, old Age Pensions and Housing. Secretary stated that Mr. Pearson had made it clear he was not in favor

of a National Labor Code. He stated that certain amendments would be made to the I. O. A. Act and that labor in all probability would be given the opportunity of viewing such before action was taken by the Legislature. The secretary stated that he was not impressed with Premier Hart's attitude toward the Health Insurance Scheme. The delegation representing Labor made it clear to the Provincial Cabinet that unless the Provincial Government was prepared to carry through a scheme of National Health Insurance with the Dominion Government that they should without loss of time inaugurate their own Health Insurance Plan. The report was received as a report of progress.

At this time the President introduced Brother Bill Sands, representing the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union of the Okanagan Valley. This union recently affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

NEW BUSINESS:--Delegate J. Ross moved the following resolution:

Whereas, there have been reports that His Worship Mayor G.G. McGeer and members of the City Council are contemplating the replacement of the Local Athletic Commission; and,

Whereas, the general consensus of opinion is that the present Commission has done outstanding work in improving sports in this city; and,

Whereas this Commission has safe-guarded both the participants and general public from racketeering promoters; and,

Whereas, Vancouver Sportsmen have shown their approval of the present fair and equitable promotions maintained by the Commission by attending the events in ever-increasing numbers.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council strenuously object to any change of the personnel in the present Vancouver Athletic Commission until all the facts are investigated and made public.

The resolution was adopted.

Delegate Ryan moved, and the motion was duly seconded that this Council and affiliates go on record as endorsing the news vendor in their fight for union recognition and that the unions be asked to support by informing the publishers and the department of Labor. The motion was carried.

At this time the president reminded the newly elected chairmen of committees to present their committees to the next meeting of the Trades Council and to particularly keep in mind that there are many women delegates who should be represented on committees.

Delegate Gouthro moved and the motion was duly seconded that this Council write the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada requesting a full explanation as to why the Congress Journal carries a full page ad of the Daily Province. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Birt 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, February 4, 1947.

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.

Delegates whose credentials had been previously received and accepted were obligated and seated:--W. Mattenley, T. W. Haynes, Vancouver Auto Workers Local 1857; W. Ash, J. Kirkpatrick, W. Nicol, Civic Employees Local 28; J. J. Gibbs, T. L. Mac Donald, Railway and Steamship Clerks 50; F. Crawley, Carpenters Local 1251; W. Ferrier, Lathers Local 207; A. K. Lord, Machinists Local 151; F. Livingstone, Railway and Steamship Clerks 526; D. F. Rennie, Railway Carmen 58; G. Strutt, Bakery Drivers 189; E. Crutchley, Electrical Workers Local 213.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening the following members being present:--S. Smylie, S. Shearer, J. Eaves, G. Gee, T. Asbury, R. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) City Clerk informing the Council that a letter received regarding the Athletic Commission had on motion been received and the contents noted for future reference. Executive recommended communication be received and noted. Recommendation adopted.

(2) Board of Police Commissioners informing the Council that the communication regarding the reorganization of the police force would be placed before the next meeting of the Commission. "On motion received and noted."

(3) Local 452 carpenters enclosing resolution that the Trades and Labor Council take up with the Prime Minister and his cabinet the matter of raising the unemployment insurance rates 50%. The executive recommend that this matter be taken up with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada immediately. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(4) Division 134 St. Railwaymen enclosing a resolution that this Council instruct the secretary to take up with the proper authorities the question of the shortage of salmon in this Province and demand that a more generous supply of this home product be made available. The executive recommend endorsement of the resolution. An amendment was moved, and seconded that this Council demand an investigation of the distribution of canned salmon and whether legal prices are being paid. "On motion the amendment was adopted."

(5) Under Secretary of State informing the Council that the appeal made for the liberation of W.B. Frieson, J. Rookandel, R. Daniels now detained in Oakalla Prison Farm was recently considered and the Solicitor General was unable to advise interference with the sentence imposed by the Court. The executive recommend that this matter be taken up with the members of parliament from Vancouver. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(6) Vancouver Board of Trade requesting that a delegate from this Council sit on the sponsoring committee for a Foreign Trade Conference to be held in this City May 21st to 23rd. The executive recommend that this Council send a delegate and that Brother J. Eaves be asked to act in this capacity. The executive's recommendation was adopted.

(7) R. J. Wilson, Medical Undergraduate Society, asking support for the Medical School at the U.B.C. and pointing out that such would provide a center at which modern specialized medical services would be available to the entire province. The executive recommend endorsement and request that the unions take note and support wherever possible. An amendment was moved and seconded that the Society be offered complete support of this Council in any means they provide for the support of this project. The amendment was carried.

(8) Questionnaire Committee, Canadian Legion, enclosing questionnaires prepared by the committee asking that these be filled in to enable the committee to obtain first hand information on housing. Further drawing attention to the deplorable situation in the Tait sub-division on Lulu Island stating that the homes had been built on marshy ground of green lumber and other inferior materials. The executive recommend that this letter be referred to the Building Trades Council with the request that they study this matter and report back. Recommendation adopted.

(9) Vancouver Junior Board of Trade informing the Council that 15,000 blood donors are needed during 1947 to meet the objective of the Red Cross blood transfusion service, and seeking the support of all Labor Unions in reaching this objective. The executive recommend endorsement and strongly appeal to affiliates for support. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(10) Street Railwaymen Division 101 enclosing four resolutions.

1. That the Trades and Labor Council call a delegate conference for the purpose of organizing a one day buyers' strike and organizing protest meetings on this issue and the taking of such other action that will lend weight to the holding of what is left of the price ceiling.

The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion recommendation adopted."

2. That this Council go on record in favor of a mass labor lobby in support of labor's brief to the Provincial Government and send a call to all affiliated unions requesting that delegates be elected to convene in Victoria at a date set by the Council and that all members of parliament be circularized with Labor's brief prior to the sitting of the house.

The executive recommend that this matter be referred to the provincial executive. "A motion was moved and seconded that this Council endorse the request of a labor lobby and recommend that the Provincial Executive give favorable consideration and that the C.O.L. be invited to join the labor lobby. The amendment was on motion adopted."

3. That this Trades and Labor Council discuss the proposed suggestion re compulsory voting and formulate a policy on same for presentation to the affiliated locals.

The executive recommend that this matter be referred to the Legislative Committee. "On motion recommendation adopted."

4. That this Trades and Labor Council go on record and deny the right to any member of the Teamsters Union who is doing any manner of work in connection with the Province Paper the right to sit on the Council as a delegate.

and Further be it resolved that the above mentioned ruling shall apply to the members of any trade union who violate the Province picket line.

The executive recommend that the Council go into a Committee of the whole to discuss this question. Moved and seconded that the Council go into a committee of the whole with delegate Henderson in the chair. Motion carried.

Considerable discussion followed. Amendments were offered which the chair declined to accept during the discussion on the original resolution. The question was called for on the resolution. The resolution was lost by an overwhelming majority. It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee rise and report. Vice president Smylie resumed the chair. Moved, seconded and carried that the report of the committee of the whole be adopted.

Delegate Rigby offered the following resolution which was duly seconded:

Whereas the unions affiliated to the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council have joined together by such affiliation for cooperation and mutual help; and

Whereas we believe an injury to one is any injury to all.

Therefore be it resolved that assembled in session on February 4, 1947 we take this solemn pledge. Our local unions will not instruct and will not accept instructions from any source to cross

a picket line in a bona fide strike.

Be it further resolved that this pledge will go into effect when 75% of the affiliated locals unions in regular session have approved it.

Be it further resolved when this pledge comes into effect a memorial with the signatures of all local unions, their officers and delegates to the Council will be sent to all International Union Headquarters and to all employers holding agreements with our affiliated unions.

An amendment was moved and seconded that we notify the Congress Executive to meet with the Executive of the A. F. of L. to discuss the question of the Typographical strike immediately.

An amendment to the amendment was moved and seconded that a committee be struck off to investigate this matter thoroughly. The amendment to the resolution was withdrawn by the mover and seconder. The amendment to the amendment which then became the amendment to the motion was adopted.

The following delegates were elected to the Special Committee with power to add:--W. Rigby, U.F.A.W.U., Vancouver Local; T. Alsbury, C. Oates, V.S.S.T.A.; G. Stewart, St. Railwaymen Division 101; J. Peare, Civic Employees 28; S. Shearer, Railway Carmen 58; T. Parkin, U.F.A.W.U., Vancouver Local; L. Ainsworth, Printing Pressmen; F. Carlisle, Plumbers 170; G. Gee, Electrical Workers 213; R. McCulloch, Milksalesmen 464. It was moved, seconded and carried that nominations close and the committee stand with power to add. It was moved and seconded that the executive select a committee to represent all points of view. Motion was lost.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:-- Credential Committee, Secretary Gervin reported for the credential committee. The following credentials were received and the committee recommend that the delegates be invited to attend the next regular meeting to be obligated and seated:--E. Deane, Printing Pressmen 69; L. Ainsworth, M. Erenberg, L. Whent, Printing Pressmen 69; G. F. Foran, A. G. Grant, Firefighters Local 901; H. McInnis, M. R. MacKinnon, J. G. Johnson, E. Tournemille, Building Laborers, Local 602; W. L. Meyer, Miss A. Goss, N. R. Edge, A. L. Bell, D. J. Alexander, B.C. Dist. Commercial Telegraphers Union, C.P.R. Div. 1; Wm. Wilkinson, Bricklayers Local 1; Ed. McMillan, Anthony Mitchell, Barbers Local 120; Edward Henderson, Willis Shaparla, George Paul, Bakers Local 468; Jack Price, Painters Local 138; "On motion report of committee adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported that the following will comprise the organizing committee for the forthcoming term:--R. McCulloch, Milksalesmen 464; Geo. Bengough, Carpenters 452; Frank Carlisle, Plumbers Local 170; R. K. Gervin, St. Railwaymen Division 101; Emily Watts, Hotel and Restaurant Employees 28. "On motion committee accepted."

Legislative Committee, delegate S. Shearer reported that the following will comprise the legislative committee for the forthcoming term: R. Lenfesty, Truck Drivers 31; Mrs. J. Hallock, Home Service Employees; James Barton, Plumbers Local 170; Les. Imber, Railway Carmen 58; G. Stewart, St. Railwaymen Div. 101; C. Oates, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers; T. Parkin, U.F.A.W.U., Vancouver Local; Annie Green, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers; R.K.Gervin, St. Railwaymen 101. "On motion committee accepted."

Press Committee, delegate T. Alsbury reported that the following will comprise the Press Committee for the forthcoming term:--R. McCulloch, Milksalesmen 464; Suzanne Jackson, V. S. S. T. A.; Emily Watts, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28; George Johnson, Retail Meat Employees Federal Union 222; Geo. Bengough, Carpenters Local 452; R. H. Neelands, Typographical Local 226. "On motion committee accepted."

Grievance Committee, delegate George Gee reported that the following will comprise the grievance committee for the forthcoming term:--R.K. Gervin, St. Railwaymen Div. 101; Jack Henderson, Engineers Local 882;

George Miller, U.F.A.W.U., Vancouver Local; May Ansell, Hotel and Res. Employees Local 28; Ernie Cook, Ironworkers Local 97; J. Thompson, Canadian Seamen's Union; "On motion committee accepted."

Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported that the following will comprise the Credential committee for the forthcoming term:--May Ansell, Hotel and Restaurant Employees 28; R. Atkinson, Truck Drivers 31; J. Ross, Electrical Workers 213; J. Stevenson, Carpenters 452.

Meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

R. K. Gervin
President

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, February 18, 1947.

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

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received and accepted were obligated and seated:—E. H. McMillan, Barbers Local 120; V. Sorenson, Vancouver Auto Workers 1857; A. L. Bell, Commercial Telegraphers C.P.R. Div. 1; G. F. Foran, A. G. Grant, Firefighters Local 901; E. Henderson, W. Shaparla, Bakers Local 468; A. L. Whent, Printing Pressmen 69; N. R. Mackinnon, E. Tournemille, H. MacInnis, Building Laborers 602; Mary Brunette, B. C. Library Association; M. Henderson, B. C. Library Association.

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening. Delegates present:—B. Showler, S. Smylie, S. Shearer, J. Stevenson, T. Alsbury, G. Gee, J. Eaves, C. Herrett, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada replying to a communication wherein this Council asked information regarding an ad for the Daily Province in the December issue of the Congress Journal. The letter explained that the ad had been noticed on the proof copy and caught before the Journal was mailed, covers removed, new covers printed and the issue was mailed without the Province ad. This was done at a cost exceeding \$600 for extra work in the print shop. To the best of the writer's knowledge only 9 copies were mailed, seven to new locals chartered during the month whose names were not on the regular mailing list and one to the Congress office and one to the writer in Vancouver. The letter further states that a copy was evidently mailed from the print shop to the Vancouver Daily Sun and this was the copy that caused the motion to be introduced in the Trades and Labor Council. The executive recommended the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

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

(3) Workers' Educational Association Call to Third Annual Convention which will take place in the Art Gallery March 1st 10 a.m. The executive recommended that this matter be referred to delegate Hannah. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(4) Vancouver Labor Council requesting that a committee be set up to discuss the matter of a Labor Lobby in support of labor's legislative program and to seek the assistance of organizations in organizing a mass meeting of the citizens in Vancouver to acquaint them with labor's demands. The executive recommend that a committee of four be set up to meet with the C.G.L. and that the committee be delegates B. Showler, T. Alsbury, S. Shearer, R. Gerwin. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(5) Local 452, Carpenters Local requesting that the Council take up with the proper authorities the lack of housing in Vancouver and adjacent areas caused by shortage of building materials, particularly lumber and pointing out that export should be restricted until such time as housing needs are fulfilled. The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(6) Vancouver Housing Association requesting this Council to appoint a representative to the Executive of the V.H.A. The executive recommend that delegate J. Stevenson of Local 452, Carpenters, represent the Council on that Board. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(7) Local 256 I. A. of Firefighters, suggesting that action should be taken to standardize the differential between the cost of living and the standard of wages. The executive recommend that this matter be referred to the Legislative Committee. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(8) Local 452, Carpenters Local, enclosing a resolution opposing the interpretation of the Unemployment Insurance Act whereby annual vacations with pay act of B. C. creates a delay of more than nine waiting days where an employee makes application for Unemployment Insurance. The executive recommend that this matter be held in abeyance until further information is received from Congress due to the secretary's report that this matter had already been discussed with the Local officers of the Unemployment Insurance. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:—Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reporting for the credential committee recommended that the following delegates whose credentials were in order to be notified to attend the next regular meeting to receive the obligation:—O. Jenkinson, Hospital Employees Local 180; Tony Yurkowski, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28; J. Smith, Molders Local 281; John MacRitchie, Civic Employees Local 28; T. C. Atherton, William Campbell, Plumbers Local 170. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported attending a meeting of laundry workers in New Westminster, interviewing the management of Sanitary Dry Cleaners, interviewing Business Exchange re organizing as well as several other prospects. "On motion report adopted."

Delegate Shearer reported on the Conference on Health Insurance which was held Sunday, February 16th. Two resolutions were adopted. One to the Provincial Government and the other to the Federal Government and it was moved seconded and carried that the resolutions be endorsed and forwarded to the respective Governments and that copies of the resolutions be sent to all affiliated locals with the request that they be endorsed and forwarded to the Governments. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Grievance Committee, delegate G. Gee reported considerable difficulty in contacting the manager of the Hockey League who is the party concerned in the request from Local 170 Plumbers to have the Exhibition Forum placed on the non-patronage list. A meeting of the committee was held recently and further effort will be made to contact the manager. "On motion report adopted as progress."

Secretary R. Gerwin reported discussing the shortage of canned salmon with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board who stated that the allocation of the B.C. pack is increased by 200,000 cases for 1947 which in their opinion would overcome the difficulty at least to some degree of obtaining this commodity. "On motion report adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:—Canadian Seamen's Union, delegate Thompson reported his organization had signed agreements with 12 towing companies including increases in pay, 8 days per month off, 75¢ an hour for overtime over 12 hours. This is the first overtime agreement reached in the industry. The local has elected delegates for the Labor Lobby.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28, delegate May Ansell reported that union has been successful in signing agreements with Love's Cafe. This is the first agreement signed with that Cafe since 1933. Have elected a delegate for the Labor Lobby. The president is now in Victoria where it is hoped two agreements will be signed in the near future. The local is putting on a dance Thursday and delegates are invited. Some difficulty being experienced over interpretation of the agreement presently in force at the Georgia Hotel.

Bakers Local 468, delegate Kemmis reported his union has been successful in having the master agreement signed by the Canadian Window Bakeries. Thanked the secretary of the Council for assisting in this matter. Agreements now signed with Canadian Bakeries, McGavins, General Bakeries Westons, Safeway, Brown Bros. Mother Hubbard, Montreal, Olympic Pie, Window Bakeries, Village Bakeries, Dishers Specialties, Horns Bakeries, Maple Leaf Biscuit.

Beverage Dispensers Local 676, delegate F. Mills reported that the dispute between Local 676 and Local 244, Building Service Employees had been settled today. The agreement is quite clear and should eliminate friction in future. The local has elected two delegates for the Labor Lobby.

Plumbers Local 170, delegate Carlisle reported his local had elected two delegates for the Labor Lobby.

U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, delegate W. Rigby reported his Local presently negotiating prices for trollars. Men on these vessels have been asked to take a cut which amounts in some cases to 50%. The members have voted that after Saturday no vessels will fish except for those firms who have signed agreements.

Street Railwaymen Division 101, delegate Stewart reported his organization have elected 14 delegates for the Labor Lobby in Victoria.

Printing Pressmen 69, delegate Ainsworth reported his union have appointed two delegates for the Labor Lobby in Victoria.

Int. Union of Operating Engineers, delegate H. Flesher reported his Local 115 had signed an agreement with the Independent Truck Owners Association.

Barbers Local 120, delegate C. Herrett reported that the barber shops who during the war were unable to become organized are now finding no difficulty in getting into the organization and recommends that members of unions demand the union shop card in all barber shops.

Machinists Lodge 692, delegate Foster reported their local has elected two delegates to attend the Labor Lobby in Victoria.

Electrical Workers 213, delegate G. Gee reported his local has elected three delegates to attend the Labor Lobby.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council go into a committee of the whole. Vice President Smylie took the chair. P. Canavan, Business Agent, News Vendors Section, Local 244, Building Service Employees addressed the meeting at this time pointing out the difficulties that were facing that group of workers and asked support. The special committee set up to deal with the strike at the Daily Province reported having met and recommended

- (a) That the whole matter be briefed and a copy of the statement sent to William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor requesting his good offices to bring about the cooperation of the International Unions concerned that will terminate this most embarrassing situation.
- (b) That we demand the International Unions give us the cooperation that has been extended and will be extended by this Council to solve this situation.
- (c) That the President of the Trades and Labor Congress insofar as
 1. the 61st Trades and Labor Convention "placed itself on record as in full support of the I.T.U." (p. 370 Convention Proceedings)
 2. All affiliates of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council are affected by this situation.
 3. both the Committee and the Lett Commission set up to investigate declare this to be a national problem use the close fraternal relationship of the Trades and Labor Congress and the A. F. of L. and such pressure as is needed to cause the A. F. of L. to demand the situation be cleared up.
- (d) That this outline of the situation and action taken be sent to the Trades and Labor Councils in four cities affected with a request that they endorse or use it as a basis for demanding similar action of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the Internationals and the A. F. of L.
- (e) That International Locals individually concerned endorse as far as possible and urge action and cooperation of their Chief Executive Officers.

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

The committee further recommend that Local 226 Typographical Union be requested to have questionnaire cards sent to members of all local unions which would be stamped with the Typographical Union's return address asking the union members what paper they are now subscribing to and whether or not they are able to subscribe to the Vancouver Sun.

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

The committee further recommend that the following resolution submitted at the 1st regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council by delegate Rigby be adopted:

Whereas the unions affiliated to the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council have joined together by such affiliation for cooperation and mutual help; and

Whereas we believe an injury to one is an injury to all.

Therefore Be It Resolved that assembled in session on February 4, 1947 we take this solemn pledge. Our local unions will not instruct and will not accept instructions from any source to cross a picket line in a bona fide strike.

Be It Further Resolved that this pledge will go into effect when 75% of the affiliated locals unions in regular session have approved it.

Be It Further Resolved when this pledge comes into effect a memorial with the signatures of all locals unions, their officers and delegates to the Council will be sent to all International Union headquarters and to all employers holding agreements with our affiliated unions.

Considerable discussion followed this recommendation. The chairman Vice President S. Smylie ruled the resolution out of order.

Moved, seconded and carried that the committee rise and report. President Showler resumed the chair.

It was moved and seconded that the first two sections of the committee's report be adopted. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the 3rd section dealing with the resolution be adopted. President Showler ruled this resolution out of order. Delegate W. Rigby challenged the ruling of the Chair. Vice President S. Smylie took the Chair. Delegate Rigby stated his case. President Showler stated his reason for ruling the motion out of order. The motion was put and showed the chair to be sustained 74 voting in favor 52 against.

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved, seconded and carried that the officers of this Council arrange a meeting of all Allied Printing Trades unions together with any other union involved in the Province Strike to discuss the problems facing the news vendors.

Moved and seconded that this Council protest to the City Council the eviction of a woman and 7 children and that the protest be sent to other authorities against any eviction until such time as adequate housing is provided. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that this Council go on record as protesting to the Police Commission against the violation of the Police Federal Assoc. agreement and the method taken on the demotion and discipline of police officers in this city. It was decided after discussion that this matter be left in the hands of the Secretary and President.

It was moved and seconded that the labor representative on the Boxing Commission be given 15 minutes at the next regular meeting to explain the position of the Boxing Commission which was discussed in the City Council in the early part of this year. Motion carried.

As it was now 11 o'clock it was moved, seconded and carried that the time of the meeting be extended 10 minutes.

Delegate Ross brought to the attention of the delegates two sections in the Brief presented by the Provincial Executive to the Provincial Government, one relating to the check-off and the other relating to the union shop.

The delegate pointed out that in his opinion the sections referred to were wrongly placed and a detriment to Labor particularly the Building Trades.

Moved, seconded and carried that this meeting be extended 5 minutes.

Secretary, R.K.Gervin, Chairman of the Provincial Executive, explained that these matters had been gone into thoroughly by the Provincial Executive and that when the Act was properly analyzed it would be found that these matters were quite in order. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Birt Showler
President

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, March 4th, 1947.

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

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

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received and accepted were obligated and seated:--C. Jenkinson, Hospital Employees Local 180; J. Price, Painters Local 138; G. Paul, Bakers Local 468; J. D. Alexander, Commercial Telegraphers C.P.R. Div. 1; T. Yurkowski, Hotel and Res. Employees Local 28.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Building Service Employees Local 244 giving an outline of the proceedings by that union in an endeavor to obtain certification for the news vendors employed by the Daily Papers. An appeal is now being taken to the National War Labor Board against the refusal of the Provincial Labor Department for certification. The union requests that delegates support the appeal and direct the executive to forward a letter to the authorities voicing such support. The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, requesting a representative to attend the opening of the Third Annual Convention. Executive recommend the secretary attend. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(3) Local 28, Hotel and Res. Employees Union informing the Council of the activities of that local together with the Building Service Employees in organizing hotels in Victoria. The Dominion and Douglas Hotels have agreements under negotiations and definite progress regarding conditions can be reported. Urges delegates visiting Victoria to support the two hotels where negotiations are being carried on. Executive recommend delegates be asked to take note. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(4) U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local notification that three delegates have been elected to represent that union at the mass labor lobby. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(5) Division 134, Street Railwaymen, a resolution the resolve of which reads as follows: That in future the delegates to the Trades and Labor Council and the affiliated unions be given ample notification as to when the Provincial Executive is to meet the Provincial Cabinet, thus giving everyone an opportunity to present and discuss any proposed legislation which they feel would be in the best interests of the working people. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

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

(6) Vancouver Labor Council informing the Council of a meeting on March 6th to acquaint the citizens of Vancouver with Labor's Legislative proposals, and inviting a speaker from this Council to be on the platform. The executive recommend the communication be received and filed. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend that whereas information has been received that members of the medical and legal profession are exempt from income tax on fees paid to their respective association that the secretary write the Minister of Finance requesting the same privilege for trades unionists. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend that a delegation of six representing this Council proceed to Victoria when the bill on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act is brought down to study same and make recommendations on amendments if necessary and that no mass lobby be called at this time. Considerable discussion followed the reading of the executive's recommendation. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive's recommendation be adopted.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: Credential Committee, delegate S. Smylie, Chairman, reported receiving the following credentials: Kay Rogers, Office Employees Local 15; J. H. Perkins, H. G. Smith, E. Inall, University Workers 110; G. Munroe, W. Dawson, Brick and Clay Workers Local 130; R. Smith, Printing Pressmen 69; R. Wintle, D. D. Forrister, Refrigeration Workers Local 510; R. F. Bowerman, James Liddle, C. F. Wober, D. G. Russell, J. Babel, Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 433; Douglas Iseman, Marvel Proudlock, Film Exchange Employees 71; J. Brown, Hospital Employees Local 180. The committee recommend that the delegates be notified to attend the next regular meeting for obligation. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, chairman delegate Herrett, reported holding meetings of dry cleaners together with organizer J. Irving of the International Laundry Workers with Campbell's and Sanitary Cleaners. Good progress being made in this field and conditions of workers considerably improved through organization. Have met with other groups of workers with view to organizing. "On motion report adopted."

Legislative Committee, delegate Shearer reported that the committee had not met during the past two weeks owing to pressure of business.

Grievance Committee, Delegate George Gee reported that on the matter of the request to have the exhibition for non patronage list the committee had endeavored to arrange meetings with the manager of the Hockey Association and have been unable to do so. A letter has now been sent and if no answer is received in the near future a meeting of the Grievance Committee will be called to go into the matter. "On motion report adopted."

Delegate W. Bartlett reported as representative on the Board of the Preventorium. Splendid work being done by this institution. Fifty to sixty children being cured each year with a total of 785 cured of T.B. since the Preventorium commenced operation. All children are taken free of charge with the money to maintain the institution provided by the Provincial Government, the City Council and the Community Chest. Due to the fact that the Community Chest did not reach their objective this year the Preventorium will have to make a plea to the Provincial Government for increased grants.

Victorian Order of Nurses -- work for this Order is increasing but like many other organizations they are handicapped for finances. They too were cut down this year when the Community Chest did not reach their objective. The fee of nurses attending cases who can afford to pay has now been increased from \$1 to \$1.25. Those who cannot afford to pay still receive assistance.

Delegate Bengough reported for Labor Headquarters, stated that 25 locals who have reported to date have subscribed \$20,000 towards a new building. Delegate urges the local unions to support the project and if further information required contact the secretary of the Council who will provide a speaker to the Local unions.

The president at this time called for the election of delegates to proceed to Victoria as a committee when the Bill on the I.C.A. Act is brought down to study and make recommendations if necessary. The following delegates were nominated:-- S. Shearer, Railway Carmen 58; R. Gervin, St. Railwaymen 101; T. Black, Hospital Employees 180; T. Alsbury, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers; W. Rigby, U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local; M. Ansell, Hotel and Restaurant Empl. 28; B. Showler, Milk-salesmen 464; T. Parkin, U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local; R. McCulloch, Milk-salesmen 464; J. Irving, Laundry Workers 292; M. Kennis, Bakers Local 100; G. Gee, Electrical Workers 213; J. Stevenson, Carpenters Local 452; R. Macaulay, Sheet Metal Local 280; R. Cormack, St. Railwaymen 134; delegates Rigby, McCulloch, Kennis, Macaulay, R. Cormack declined. It was moved, seconded and carried that the 10 delegates nominated stand as the committee.

At this time the president called on delegate J. Henderson to explain the position of the boxing commission which was discussed in the City Council in the early part of the year. Delegate Henderson explained that he was appointed in 1935 because it was desirable to have men on the Commission who had some knowledge of boxing and wrestling and had been appointed year after year until this time. Over that period he had received an honorarium of \$150 for his work as secretary-Treasurer of the Commission. Stated flatly that no ringers had ever been used in the boxing in this City. There had been a mix up in names of some of the colored fighters who are somewhat hard to distinguish. Every man who served on the Commission were fine decent men and who served only for the purpose of seeing that sports enthusiasts in Vancouver got a fair deal. No contest in Vancouver under the Commission's jurisdiction was ever held that was not on the up and up. Delegate Henderson was thanked for his interesting talk.

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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 18th, 1947.

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

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

The following delegates whose credentials were previously received were obligated and seated:—Kay Rogers, Office Employees Local 15;
R. Smith, Printing Pressmen 69; J. D. Liddle, D. Russell, Pulp and Sulphite Workers 43; A. Goss, N. R. Edge, Commercial Telegraphers, C.P.R. Division, 1; E. Inall, University Workers 116;

The executive reported on meeting held the same evening, the following members being present:—B. Showler, S. Smylie, S. Shearer, J. Stevenson, T. Alsbury, J. Eaves, C. Herrett, R. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) U. F. A. W. U. a resolution containing amendments to sections 72, 35, 37, 5 - part 1 and 2, of Bill 39 also opposing the inclusion of a new clause Section 11 part 9 and suggesting that there should be provision in the Act for 2 representatives of labor on the Labor Relations Board. The executive recommend that this resolution be referred to the committee dealing with Bill 39. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(2) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada acknowledging receipt of report of the special committee of this council on the typographical union strike stating they are doing everything within their power to secure satisfactory settlement. Executive recommend communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(3) A. F. of L. acknowledging receipt of report of special committee on the strike at the Vancouver Daily Province and pledging support in any way possible. Executive Recommend communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(4) Photo Engravers acknowledging receipt of special committee report to deal with the strike at the Vancouver Daily Province and assuring the Council of cooperation which can be extended by that union. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) International Printing Pressmen acknowledging receipt of report of special committee dealing with strike at Vancouver Daily Province expressing sincere hope that the the Typographical Union will be able to settle their problem with the management of the newspapers and stating that the Printing Pressmen have held contracts with the Vancouver Daily Province for many years prior to the withdrawal of the members of the Typographical Union and that they live up to their agreements. Executive recommend communication be received and noted. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(6) Division 101 Street Railwaymen a resolution protesting strenuously against the proposed amendments contained in Bill 39 which calls for government control of all strike votes as well as other restrictive proposals which would weaken the labor movement and strengthen the anti-labor forces and deeply regretting the decision of this Council in negating the call for a labor lobby. Further stating that the local again goes on record as being strongly in favor of a powerful lobby. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(7) Building and General Laborers Local 602 requesting that the Council go on record as favoring the vote for any man in B.C. over 21 who pays the poll tax. The executive recommend that this Council reaffirm its previous stand that all Canadian citizens be granted the franchise on reaching the age of 18. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(8) S.S. Sales Co. suggesting that this Council purchase a Blanchard Mechanotherapist (plastic lung) for donation to the Shaughnessy Military Hospital. The executive recommend that this Council purchase a plastic lung for donation to Shaughnessy Hospital and that this be a first reading of a Notice of Motion. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(9) Spanish Refugee Appeal Committee requesting assistance in raising funds for Spanish Refugees by permitting the showing of a film entitled "Spain in Exile". The executive recommend that this Council donate \$10 to the committee. "On motion recommendation adopted."

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

The executive report as a whole was on motion adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:—Credential Committee, delegate Smylie recommended that the following applicants be notified to attend the next regular meeting for obligation:—S. H. Artus, P. Meacher, Gas Workers 225; Frank Erickson, Canadian Seamen's Union; Robert Annala, Blanch McIlroy, Hotel and Res. Employees 28; W. Woolridge, M. Goble, J. W. Donnelly, D. Calladine, Projectionists Local 348; Ernest Hampton, Jewelry Workers 42; William Brinkley, Sheet Metal Local 280; R. G. Baddome, George Rourke, J. Galloway, D. Kenny, Beverage Dispensers 676. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Legislative Committee, delegate S. Shearer reported a meeting had been called but no quorum present. Stated that if delegates who are on the committee will not attend meetings they will have to be replaced.

Organizing Committee, delegate C. Herrett reported continued progress in organizational work. At present no new organizations starting but expect formation of new unions in the near future.

Secretary R. Gervin reported as follows for the special committee set up to deal with Bill 39:

In accordance with instructions from the last regular meeting the special committee comprising J. Stevenson, W. Black, R. Gervin, B. Showler, T. Alsbury, J. Irving, G. Gee, S. Shearer, May Ansell, met in Victoria Thursday, March 13th. Delegate T. Parkin was unavoidably absent from the meeting due to an accident suffered the previous day. The committee met with representatives from the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council and consulted on Bill 39 which is an Act respecting the right of employees to organize and providing for mediation, conciliation and arbitration of industrial disputes.

This Act contains many of the features of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act as amended in 1943 together with some features of Order in Council 1003 of February 1944 which was passed under the authority of the War Measures Act and applied nationally.

This Order in Council 1003 will be rescinded 31st March this year and in this Province we will revert to the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act unless Bill 39 is passed by the Legislature prior to that date.

Your committee after studying the Bill thoroughly arrived at the conclusion that there are many sections that require amending. Should these amendments be passed the Bill would be improved as an instrument for assisting labor in its struggle for better wages and conditions and a peaceful solution to all disputes.

The committee recommend amending the following sections:

Employee	Part "a"	Should read "means any person employed by an employer to do any work for hire or reward".
"	Part "c"	Should be deleted.
"	Part "d"	Should be deleted. Act should cover all employees.
Employees Organization		After the word "employees" in the last line, add the words "and for which no facilities are available for acceptance into a trade union".
Section 5	Part "1"	After the word "organization" in the last line add the words "except during specified meal hours."

Section 8	Part "3"	After the word "employer" in the second line add the words "and a copy to the employees organization or representative".
Section 17		Right under this section should be determined by the Board rather than the Minister.
Section 28		This clause should be deleted.
Section 32		This clause should be deleted.
Section 34		This clause should be deleted. Labor strenuously opposed to such legislation.
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Section 37		This clause should be deleted.
Section 46		Rather than Section 46, Labor should be given the right to discuss wages at any time during the life of an agreement.
Section 47		Explanation
Section 55		Composition of the board. Will Labor have equal representation?
Section 58	Part "1"	Board has no right to decide who is a member in good standing of any trade union. A member in good standing of any trade union is determined by the constitution of the trade union.
Section 66		Do those persons required to attend hearings before a Conciliation Board or Commission set up under this Act, receive compensation for the time given in appearing.
Section 68		Should be deleted. Labor opposed to Government taking vote of employees.

The above recommendations for amendments were placed before the Minister of Labor for consideration by your full committee and a further meeting will be held when such amendments will be discussed and decisions arrived at.

We were favorably impressed with the provisions in Bill 39 for the setting up of a Labor Relations Board. Also subsection 5 of Section 11.

There was some noticeable feeling of resentment against Labor among the M.L.A.s. The consensus of opinion among those canvassed was that should concrete recommendations be made they were more likely to get support than mass action.

Your committee are reporting progress and it is felt that progress can be made by placing concrete recommendations to the Government for amendments to Bill 39.

A written statement was made on the committee's activities and was given to the press in Victoria. To our knowledge this was not published in the local papers.

(Signed) "Birt Showler"
"R. K. Gervin"
"J. H. Irving"
"A. T. Alsbury"

(Signed) "Samuel Shearer"
"Jack Stevenson"
"W. M. Black"

Delegate J. Ross -- Section 30 the 4th last line where the word "employers" appears should be explained, and if it is meant to take a vote on an industry wide basis should be eliminated.

Delegate Carlisle -- on interpretation of "to strike" should be given serious consideration.

Delegate W. Rigby -- Section 11 subsection 9 should be deleted. This is definitely discrimination against cannery workers. Also question section 5 subsection 2.

Delegate May Ansell -- many sections of report with which I cannot agree. Some sections committee decided to amend not in report. We went with cap in hand but we did not have the mass standing behind us. Shame to us there should be a split in the labor movement at this time. A great deal in this Bill that we do not like the look of.

Delegate Ross -- My local is not perturbed by a supervised vote. We have always taken our vote in a democratic manner but there is one thing that we should insist upon and that is that the result of the vote must not be made known to the public. Definitely opposed to mass lobby. We asked for legislation. We get it and we are now suffering from it. Legislation has built dual unions for us.

Delegate F. Carlisle -- A board appointed by the Minister of Labor could not be good for labor. M.L.A.s stated they would welcome a lobby.

Delegate from Painters -- opposed to Section 5 subsection 1. In his opinion business agent should have access to employers' premises at all times.

Delegate Alty -- asked for information regarding Section 6.

Delegate Smith Local 692 -- talked with Minister of Labor who stated he did not know such sections as are presently under discussion were in the Bill.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the committee be adopted.

President Showler reported on a matter regarding special juries stating he had information that the special juries list is made up by the selectors who in the City of Vancouver are the District Registrar, of the Supreme Court, the Government Agent and the Sheriff. Special juries would appear to be composed of those with better than average intelligence and education and consequently able to deal with matters beyond the understanding of some common jurors.

REPORTS OF UNIONS: -- Milk Salesmen Local 464, delegate McCulloch reported his union had received an arbitration board award for the Richmond Dairy group. The organization very well satisfied with the award and expressed appreciation to Secretary Gervin who acted on the Board representing his Local. Laundry Workers 292, delegate Irving reported having organized the following laundries:--Union Cleaners, Guarantee Cleaners, Four Star Cleaners, Valator Cleaners, Swan Bros., St. Clair, Campbell Bros.

Typographical Local 226, delegate Gouthro reported that the application for certification of the employees of the Ottawa Citizen by the C.I.P.U. had been rejected by the Ontario Labor Board on the grounds that the application is supported by the Company.

U.F.A.W.U. Vancouver Local, delegate Rigby reported several hundred fish boats tied up in Gulf. No reduction in price of fish in stores but we are asked to take a 50% cut. In the ads in the newspapers by our employers we are accused of being a subversive group because we support coops. Anyone can be accused of being subversive these days. The third annual convention of the Fishermen's Union is now in session and 2500 new members signed up in the Union this year.

Sign Painters Local 726, delegate Olarkson reported his union have now reached an agreement with employers which grants a 10% increase as well as accident insurance and other conditions. This is the first agreement in 20 years and the names of the firms will be published in the Labor Statesman. Only 20% of the firms in the City now unorganized.

Hospital Employees Local 180, delegate Black reported his union had done reasonably well organizing nurses and obtaining increases. However, on the City Hall Employees the union cannot bargain or get satisfaction from the City Fathers. There does not seem to be any rules adhered to at the City Hall regardless of what Act is passed by Victoria. We cannot get our employers to meet us on negotiations and will be forced to arbitrate.

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NEW BUSINESS--Moved, and seconded that after the special committee to deal with Bill 39 has met the Minister of Labor, if there is no guarantee of the recommendations made being carried through the delegates who stand ready should be called to Victoria by the Committee. An amendment was moved and seconded that this committee be empowered to add as many as they deem fit. The amendment was lost. The motion was carried.

Moved and seconded that the Bill be amended in order that all business Agents have free access to all industry at any time. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Birt Showler
President

R. K. GERVIN,
Secretary.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, April 1, 1947.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt 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. Rourke, R. G. Beddome, J. Galloway, Beverage Dispensers 676; W. M. Meyer, Commercial Telegraphers, C.P.R. Div. 1; J. Abel, Pulp and Sulphite Workers 433; D. Iseman, Film Ex. Empl. 71; W. Wilkinson, Bricklayers; W. Campbell, Plumbers Local 170; H. G. Smith, University Workers 116; R. Wintle, D. Forrester, Refrigeration Workers 516; B. McIlroy, Hotel and Rm. Empl. 28.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Maritime Miners Strike Committee requesting permission to address the meeting. The executive recommend the speaker be given 5 minutes. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(2) Chairman Blood Transfusion Service, Canadian Red Cross, requesting the Council appoint a delegate to act on the local committee. The executive recommend that delegate S. Shearer represent the Council. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(3) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, a circular letter clarifying the objects and reasons for the 25¢ assessment passed by the last Convention of the Congress. It is pointed out that the money raised on such assessment is for the purpose of organizing the unorganized workers in this country and while Congress cannot make such an assessment compulsory on the members of affiliated unions there is a moral obligation on the members of all unions to support this drive to raise funds for organizing.

From time to time we have requests from affiliated unions for assistance in organizing or of some new group that should be organized. Congress cannot put organizers in the field unless there is some provision made to pay the cost of such organizers. 25¢ a member is not a very large assessment and it would certainly be worth the amount to any union member to know that he had done his share in assisting to organize the unorganized. The union members should keep in mind that every unorganized worker is a menace to him so long as he remains unorganized. Unions should immediately forward their assessments as requested. The executive recommended that the communication should be received and all unions asked to give this matter favorable consideration. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Trades and Labor Congress, an official statement from the Executive regarding the position of Mr. J. A. Sullivan who recently occupied the position of secretary-treasurer of that Congress. "On motion received and noted."

(5) W. E. A. Call to Summer Camp at Lake Hatzic, June 21 to July 19th. The executive recommend that the delegates be asked to take note. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

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

(7) Vancouver and Victoria Gas Workers 225 enclosing a resolution disapproving the action of the Executive Board of the Council in adopting a policy that deviated and frustrated unity at a time when it was badly needed. The executive recommended the communication be received and filed. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(8) Veterans Brewery (Holding) Ltd. requesting endorsement of the veterans in obtaining a permit to build a brewery in this province. The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(9) May Day Committee requesting that this Council appoint 2 delegates to attend a meeting where arrangements will be made for a May Day celebration. The executive recommend the communication be received and filed. An amendment was moved and seconded that this Council send 2 delegates. The amendment was lost by a vote of 79 to 56. The recommendation on motion carried.

Dealing with a motion which was passed in December, 1946, to set up a standing committee on Education the executive recommended that delegate Templeton of the Vancouver Secondary School Teachers Association be the Chairman of such a committee and that the secretary and Chairman of the committee be instructed to recommend other delegates as members of the committee. "On motion recommendation adopted."

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

At this time brother MacDonald of the United Mine Workers of America District 26 spoke briefly on the necessity of assistance being given to the United Mine Workers who are presently on strike in Nova Scotia. Brother MacDonald appealed strongly for financial assistance.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate S. Smylie reported the following credentials having been received and the committee recommend that the delegates be obligated and seated. "On motion recommendation adopted." Hubert W. Walmsley, Edward A. Ivey, George Horridge, Joseph McPhee Duddle, R. J. McCall, C. N. Cook, A. C. Bennett, Edward P. O'Connor, B.C. Provincial Government Employees Association; R. W. Pyne, J. G. Pearce, S. Schofield, Dennis L. Heard, W. R. Hobbs, P. G. Axelson, J. W. Sowerby, National Association of Mine Engineers; Anne Eyford, Sadie Erickson, Garment Workers Local 232; J. O'Connor, File Drivers Local 2404; George S. Ross, Taxi Drivers 181; Tom Duma, Shingle Weavers Local 2802.

Secretary R. Gervin reported for the committee to discuss Bill 39 with the Minister of Labor. At a second meeting with the Minister of Labor the Minister agreed to make recommendations in accordance with the suggestions of the Committee to the Government. Many of these recommendations were adopted. Section 72 of the Bill proved to be the most contentious when the Bill came before the Government for amendment. This section was not amended. Many amendments as requested by the Committee have been made. It was moved, and seconded that the report be adopted.

Secretary pointed out that the Labor Lobby had requested that Section 10 should be deleted. This Section provides the right of certification of a union where members employed belong to a particular craft. Secretary explained that he had insisted that this Section remain in the Bill. Considerable discussion followed.

Delegate Smith, Machinists 692, blamed officialdom for the condition in which the unions find themselves at the present time and the lack of unity among the working people.

Delegate Barton, Plumbers 170, said his union would never bow to a supervised strike vote.

Delegate G. Gee, Electrical Workers 213, thought that Clause 10 had been utilized to overshadow the main question. Stated his craft organization had all kinds of workers.

Delegate F. Alty, Gas Workers 225, pointed to necessity of unity of the workers.

Delegate W. Rigby, U.F.A.W.U., stated he was a member of the Labor Progressive Party. Did not make the statement with the object of boasting nor to apologize but because secretary had introduced innuendoes and aspirations on affiliation. Demanded to know what we were doing here in Vancouver when Bill 39 was in the Committee stage in Victoria. We should have gone to Victoria to help the Minister in killing Section 72 of the Bill.

Delegate Kassian, Painters 138, stated that one might gain the impression by listening to the secretary's report that labor had gained something.

Delegate J. Irving, Laundry Workers 292, as one of the committee wanted to know how a member of the same committee who had nothing to say to the Minister of Labor and returned to Vancouver and have so much to say in the Council meeting. Stated that in Mr. Pearson we had a good labor minister and would go a long way to get better. Suggested we should have more unity in our Council before seeking unity elsewhere. In his opinion committee did an excellent job.

Delegate C. Herrett, Barbers Local 120, sees a repetition of what the labor movement has gone through in years gone by. Labor asked for legislation and are now getting it. Endorsed policy of committee.

"On motion report adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported the factory that was reported in process of organizing has not made very good progress. Three notices of meetings sent out but due to pressure from other sources workers did not attend the meetings. Assistance given to many organizations during the past two weeks.

Delegate J. Stevenson reported on a meeting of the Vancouver Housing Committee. Thirty-five (35) delegates present. The committee advocating different lines of action in securing better housing in this City. Dr. Marsh was the main speaker at the last meeting. Delegate felt that this Council should take more interest in this Committee. Delegate was thanked for the report.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Laundry Workers 292, delegate Irving reported his union had signed an agreement with Campbell Bros. This firm had agreed to every condition asked for including the union shop, check off and wages.

Painters Local 138, delegate W. Eaton reported his union had supported the stand taken by himself on Section 5 of Bill 39 at the last meeting of the Council.

NOTICE OF MOTION:--The following notice of motion was given second reading:--That this Council purchase one plastic lung at a cost of \$985 to be donated to the Shaughnessy Hospital. The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved and seconded that this Trades and Labor Council condemns Bill 39 in the form brought down by the Government as an unjustified and iniquitous restriction on the right to strike unprecedented in the annals of British legislation and unless Section 72 is withdrawn from the Act this Bill is not acceptable to the A. F. of L. Unions; and further that this resolution be sent by wire tonight to all cabinet ministers and the leader of the opposition.

An amendment was moved and seconded that this Council view with alarm certain sections of proposed labor act and will collaborate fully with affiliated unions on any action deemed necessary when the complete Bill is re-examined. The amendment carried 64 to 46.

The meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

But 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, April 15, 1947.
 Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt 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:—S. H. Artus, Gas Workers 225; D. Calladine, M. Goble, Projectionists 348; T. Dumma, Shingle Weavers 2802; A. Ayford, C. Erickson, Garment Workers 232; J. O'Connor, Pile Drivers 2404; H. Kinnie, Bakery Drivers 189; E. P. O'Connor, G. Horridge, E. A. Ivay, R. J. McCall, Provincial Government Employees.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:—B. Showler, S. Smylie, S. Shearer, J. Eaves, T. Alsbury, G. Gee, C. Herrett, J. Stevenson, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Building and General Laborers Union 602, resolved that all union men should respect picket lines of other unions and should not cross them. The executive recommend the resolution be received and noted. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

Resolved that all males over the age of 21 who are compelled to pay Poll Tax to the City of Vancouver be given a vote on all Civic Elections. The executive recommend that this council reiterate its previous stand on the resolution. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(2) Canadian National Institute for the Blind requesting the appointment of a delegate to the Board of Directors. The executive recommend that W. J. Bartlett be asked to represent the Council. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(3) Hamilton and District Trades and Labor Council acknowledging a letter of February 25th with reference to the Typographical Union situation in this City and stating that they had carried out the requests contained in the communication. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(4) Seafarers' International Union of North America enclosing a resolution calling for a boycott of Panamanian ships in all ports. The executive recommend that this matter be left in the hands of the secretary and the local union concerned. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(5) Minister of Finance acknowledging a request from this Council that trade union membership dues be allowed as an expense for the purpose of Income Tax. The executive recommend that all Trades Council in Canada be requested to take this matter up with the Minister of Finance. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:—Credential Committee, delegate S. Smylie reporting for this Committee recommended that the following delegates be notified to attend the next regular meeting to be obligated and seated:—William Pilling, W. E. Wyman, Musicians Local 145; R. A. Aldred, George Tate, Embalmers and Under. Assts. 23374; A. J. Tybrot, Building Service Employees Local 244; Raymond Witty, William James Nutt, Railway Carmen 58; "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Legislative Committee, delegate S. Shearer reported his committee had met to discuss trials by special juries. The committee will report on this subject at a later date. On the question of compulsory voting it was found considerable difference of opinion existed and recommend that a campaign on education be instituted in the University and night schools on the need of civic consciousness. Also the W.E.A. be asked to include a course in their classes on the subject. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate G. Herrett reported assisting machinists in calling meetings of workers in machine shops throughout the City. Also reported Barber shops organized at 607 Pender St. Y.; 3365 Cambie St.; 4125 Main St.; 832 - 20th St., New Westminster, 4586 Columbia St., New Westminster; 715 Front Street, New Westminster. Also one at Westview, B. C. and Fort Alberni, B. C. "On motion report adopted."

Grievance Committee, delegate G. Gee reported meeting a member of the Commission to discuss the time keeper for the Lacrosse. This matter will be finally dealt with in the near future.

President Showler reported on a meeting of the Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress with the Prime Minister and members of the Federal Cabinet. The matters discussed with the Government were: National Labor Code; Price Control; Unemployment Insurance; National Health Insurance; Pensions to Aged Citizens; Taxation; National Housing Act; Cost of Living Index; Selected Information; Forty Hours Work Week; Holidays with Pay; Injunctions in Labor Disputes; Canada Shipping Act; National Maritime Commission; National Harbors Board; Use of Private Detective Agencies in Labor Disputes; National Apprenticeship Plan; Postal Clerks; Customs and Excise Officers; Transfer of Civil Servants; Royal Commission Maritime Provinces; Broadcasting Debates. President also reported that Vice President Buckley of Toronto had been appointed Acting Secretary-Treasurer until the Convention to replace J. A. Sullivan recently resigned. Moved, Seconded and carried that the report be adopted with thanks.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:—Barbers Local 120, delegate G. Herrett thanked the members of Division 101, St. Railwaymen for assistance in organizing the barber shop at 4125 Main St.

Joint Council of Retail Employees, delegate G. Johnston reported an agreement arrived at with the Canadian Window Bakeries covering 22 stores. Increase in pay, 40 hour week and vacations with pay included. Also negotiating with the Village Bakery for a like contract covering 12 stores. Have certified 7 Ray's meat outlets (O.K. Markets). In conciliation with the Ray's Superior Stores covering 22 outlets. Negotiating contract at the present time with 14 O.K. Markets, meat outlets of the Ray's Superior Stores. Hope that the Wednesday closing matter will be cleared up in the near future, perhaps by the end of the month. Are now bargaining with the Spencer's Store in Courtnay, B. C. Walter Owen representing the Company appealed the certification of this store but without success. Long drawn out negotiations being pursued and the Union may have to take the matter to conciliation. Hope for the continued support of affiliated locals in not patronizing Spencers because they have not bargained with the Union up to the present time.

Civic Employees Local 28, delegate Pears reported the civic employees have applied for conciliation in a dispute with the City Council. Hope that in the future there would be more satisfactory bargaining with the City Council. Up to the present time wages have always been left to the last when the Council makes up the budget but are hopeful that they will reach a satisfactory conclusion to this dispute.

Vancouver Auto Workers 1857, delegate L. Butler reported since June 1st last year his union had signed 15 automotive shops in the city which include among other things a 40 hour guarantee clause. There are 4 other shops now in negotiation, 2 of which are not being carried on very satisfactorily. There are only three large firms in the city not organized at the present time.

Milkdealers 464, delegate R. McCulloch reported that cream is now available and can be obtained from union dairies. Only 1 Dairy in Vancouver not organized, namely, the East End Dairy; hopes that delegates will keep this in mind and inform their friends.

Typographical Local 226, delegate R. Gouthro reported 10 months ago the contract with Daily Province was terminated. At the same time the Vancouver Sun and the Vancouver News-Herald gave notice of their termination. The Vancouver Sun and the Vancouver News-Herald have now signed contracts with the Union. The same contract that was requested with the Vancouver Daily Province. The Province refused to sign this contract. The same contract is in effect in Ottawa.

Painters Local 138, delegate J. Eaves reported a new contract signed for the painters including increase in wages, the union shop and overtime.

President Showler drew attention of the members of the Union Label Council that work should be started on a program for supporting union shops. Supplies are now becoming very plentiful but without the union label. We should be in a position to purchase union made goods and patronize firms that are fair to organized labor.

NEW BUSINESS:**Moved and seconded that this Council support the request of Civic Employees for 15¢ per hour increase across the board. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that this Council name two delegates to attend the Children's Jubilee Summer Camp Annual meeting Sunday coming. Motion carried. Delegates S. Shearer and J. Eaves were appointed to represent the Council.

Moved and seconded that this Council request the Legislative Committee to study Bill 39 and report to the next regular meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Bert 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, May 6, 1947.

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 accepted were obligated and seated:--W. J. Nutt, Railway Carmen 58; H. Walmsley, C. N. Cook, B.C. Provincial Government Employees; G. H. Tate, Embalmers and Under. Assts. 23374; R. F. Bowerman, Pulp and Sulphite Workers 432; R. Nightingdale, Bookbinders. Local 105;

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Division 101 Street Railwaymen enclosing a resolution condemning Bill 39. Executive recommend this resolution be left over until the report from the Legislative Committee is heard. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Local 452 U.B. of C. and J. informing the Council that on an appeal from the Vancouver Labor Council had endorsed the placing of the Famous Foods Co. on the unfair list. "On motion received and noted."

(3) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada copy of the Research Project of the Canadian Education Association. "On motion referred to the Standing Committee on Education."

(4) Mrs. H. Outler requesting a delegate to act on the Board of the newly formed Community Chest and Council at New Westminster. Secretary reported that he had appointed delegate J. Bannon of New Westminster to represent the Council. "On motion secretary's action endorsed."

On motion executive report as a whole was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:**Legislative Committee, delegate S. Shearer gave the following report:--The Legislative Committee met Tuesday, April 22nd at 8 p.m. Members present:--S. Shearer, R. Lenfesty, L. Impey, Miss Green, C. Stewart, J. Barton, C. J. Oates, Mrs. Hallock, R.K. Gerwin.

The committee explored the Act fully taking into consideration the amendments suggested by the Council's Special Committee of 10 and the amendments finally obtained by the efforts of that committee. Eleven (11) of the eighteen (18) amendments suggested were obtained.

There was considerable discussion on the restrictive sections of the Act. Your committee recommend that this Council object strenuously to the continued daily penalty on officers or members of trade unions as laid down in Section 35, sub-section 4. These fines are most unequal from labor's point of view.

Your committee registers further objection to Section 72, which is the supervised strike vote, as interference on the part of the Government is unwarranted.

Your committee recommend that Section 5 part 1 re organizing during working hours be watched closely to see that it is not used to further unfair labor practices.

Your committee recommend strenuous objection to Section 5 sub-section 2 which prohibits trade unions from taking any action to adjust grievances during the term of an agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

On hearing the committee's report the Executive recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, the two Labor Councils jointly submitted to the Provincial Government a Brief asking that a Labor Bill be enacted; and,

Whereas a number of the requests contained in the joint brief were incorporated in the Act recently passed by the Legislature; and,

Whereas this Act also contained a number of reactionary sections which have been condemned by all labor groups; and,

Whereas this Council has proceeded to date in this matter in accordance with the accepted methods, principles, and objectives of the A. F. of L.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the report of the Legislative Committee be endorsed and that this Council continue these efforts to have the Act amended to make it a genuine Bill of Rights acceptable to organized labor.

"On motion report as a whole was adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate Herrett reported assistance given Machinists Union in organizing unorganized workers in different plants throughout the City. A meeting of sack makers was held a some progress made in that direction. Assistance given to Laundry Workers at one of the larger city laundries. A good number of the employees attended the meeting and joined up. "On motion report accepted as progress."

Secretary R. Gervin reported meeting with delegate Templeton, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Education and appointing the following delegates to that committee:--F. J. Templeton, Chairman, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers Association; J. Eaves, Painters 136; R. Corneak, St. Railwaymen 134; C. Gower, Taxi Drivers 151; E. A. Iway, B.O. Provincial Government Employees; T. McMullen, Beverage Dispensers Local 676; M. Brunette, B. C. Library Association. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be adopted and the committee stand.

Grievance Committee, delegate G. Gee reported that Mr. Barr, a member of the Lacrosse Commission, had informed him that Doc Murrury will not be the official time keeper for the Lacrosse Games. "On motion report adopted."

Credential Committee, delegate Stevenson reported having received the following credentials:--R. H. O'Hara, Pulp and Sulphite Workers 433; Glen A. Redline, Gordon Malcolm, Joseph Bygate, Machinists Lodge 132; Vincent Paleman, Norman Bumphrey, Laundry Workers 292. The committee recommended that the applicants be notified to attend the next meeting for obligation. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Education Committee, delegate F.J. Templeton reported on 2 meetings held April 22nd and May 5th. The committee recommend:

1. That we ask the Library Board to make a list of good books containing material on labor matters. We felt we could best publicize the list through the Labor Statesman. A brief review of each book would also be published.
2. That each member of the Education Committee be put on the mailing list of the U.B.C. Extension News Letter. From this source your committee could obtain information on:
 - a. material available for the benefit of our membership.
 - b. and also the mailing list of the monthly A. F. of L. bulletin.
3. That a letter be written to the Minister of Education requesting an interview to discuss the matter of a closer cooperation between organized labor and educational authorities. (Meeting to be at the Minister's convenience sometime when he is in Vancouver)
4. That we suggest to the Provincial Apprenticeship Board that a Labor representative be appointed to the Board.
5. Write Dr. Shrum to meet a committee of the Educational Committee of the Trades and Labor Council to discuss ways by which we can make better use of the U.B.C. Extension Dept.
6. We request all members to consider education as it affects labor and send us suggestions.

"On motion committee's recommendations adopted."

Delegate J. Hallock reported on a meeting of the Family Welfare Council to which she was appointed a year ago. This Council meets once a month with about 25 or 30 people present. Drew attention of the Educational Committee to recommendations on nursery schools. A protest has been made on the closing of kindergartens. Delegate suggested that in future two delegates be appointed to the Welfare Council as they would be able to assist one another in that work.

Delegate J. Eaves reported for the Jubilee Summer Camp Committee. Sixty delegates attending from 30 organizations. Practically all unions affiliated with this Council. Meeting was held April 20th at Orlovah Beach. Considerable discussion centered around the raising of finances. Committee requires \$2000 for pipe, electricity, and improvements. Bank balance is only \$747. Opening day of the Camp is First Friday after school closes and will operate until the last Friday before Labor Day. Fee for 8 days will be \$6 including fare. Volunteers are wanted to assist in renovating huts. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the delegate be received and this Council donate \$25.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Building Service Employees Local 244, delegate P. Ryan reported his organization had organized 18 theatres in Vancouver covering doormen, cashiers, cleaners, candy counter girls. Now find that the Corporations are trying to defeat this. Employers are taking employees into the office and discussing the situation with them and it is found that after such discussion the employees leave the union. This is the second time the union have tried to organize this group of workers. Stage hands have given real assistance. Asks assistance from the Projectionists Union particularly.

Laundry Workers Local 292, delegate Irving reported that the Safeway Cleaners was no longer considered a union shop. Asks that workers do not leave their cleaning at that particular place but to do business with union shops.

Vancouver Secondary School Teachers Association, delegate Oates reported his organization had contributed on a basis of more than the 400 members in the Province to the finances for organizing for the Trades and Labor Congress. This indicates that as professional workers teachers have found their relations with Labor happy and are prepared to extend same privilege upon the unorganized. Remarked that statements made by Dean Swanson should be replied to by everyone.

Hospital Employees Local 180, delegate W. Black stated that he was not going to raise the question of Dean Swanson's remarks at this meeting stating that he had received a letter only that morning to which he intended to reply.

Home Service Employees Local 211, delegate J. Hallock reported she had taken the liberty of sending a letter to the Sun regarding Dean Swanson's remarks but that it had not been published to date. Stated she thought all delegates should make themselves heard. Also pointed out that the Dean had been made President of the United Nations Society and that if we want to go far we had better turn out to the meetings. Reported same organization had asked for European women to be brought to Canada for domestic Service stating that hours and wages that would be offered to these women were good. No training plan set forth and delegate pointed out that it would not be a healthy situation for the domestic wages. Informed the Unions that she would be making a personal call on all Locals to tell them of wages and conditions in that industry and to make an appeal for moral and financial support.

Vancouver Secondary School Teachers Assoc., delegate T. Alsbury supplementing delegate G. Oates report stated that the extent of assistance which was \$1000 from the Teachers for organizing purposes was worthy of note. Teachers are interested in organizing everywhere.

Hotel and Res. Employees Local 23, signed up Oyster Bay Cafe was reported by delegate Ansell. Local is launching an organizational program from Granville Bridge to the waterfront. Requests that unions patronize restaurants, speak to the girls and to the employers in support of the union.

Beverage Dispensers Local 676, delegate Mills informed the Council that his co-delegate T. McMullen could not attend the meeting of the Standing Committee on Education as he was attending International Convention. Further reported that a new agreement will be signed soon which has been in negotiation since January. Union did not get everything requested but did make progress. Considerable retroactive pay in the lower paid brackets.

NEW BUSINESS.--It was moved, seconded and carried that a protest be made against the importation of displaced peoples of Europe into Canada to work longer hours at lower wages under unfair conditions.

Moved seconded and carried that a wire be sent to the proper authorities demanding release of the three members of the textile workers who were arrested today during a labor dispute in Quebec.

Moved and seconded that this Council make a written protest to the City Council on the conditions of roads in Vancouver. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the City be asked to place a stop sign on the intersection of Georgia and Pender going west.

Secretary requested authority to attend the annual meeting of Municipal Employeers at Nanaimo May 31st. Permission was granted.

Permission was requested to hold a meeting for organizing purposes in a hall in the center of the City to be hired for the purpose. Permission to engage this hall was granted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Birt 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, May 20, 1947.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt 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:--R. A. Aldred, Embalmers and Under, Assts. 25374; G. A. Redline, G. Malcolm, Machinists Lodge 182; V. E. Falhman, Laundry Workers Local 292; P. W. Meacher, Gas Workers 225; R. H. O'Hara, O. F. Webber, G. Reid, Pulp and Sulphite Workers 433; J. W. Sowerby, National Association of Marine Engineers; W. E. Wyman, Musicians Local 145.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members being present:--B. Showler, J. Stevenson, S. Shearer, T. Alsbury, C. Herrett, G. Gee, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Ladies Garment Workers Local 276, thanking the Council for the ad placed in their Souvenir Edition and requesting the Council appoint someone to attend the celebration on May 30th. The executive recommend that delegate Smylie represent the Council at this gathering. "On motion executives recommendation adopted."

(2) United Textile Workers of America, Montreal, informing the Council of the conditions surrounding the strike of the Textile Workers in Laohute, Quebec for higher wages. It is pointed out that workers wages were as low as 33¢ per hour, the union requesting an increase of 15¢ per hour. The final offer of the company through conciliation was increase of 4¢. After three weeks peaceful picketing 150 Provincial Police arrived in town creating a reign of terror with men and women as well as children being clubbed. Thirty arrests have been made on flimsy charges. One organizer was arrested three times in five days. In spite of all this the strike remains solid. The plants are not operating and the workers are determined not to return to work under such slave-like conditions. The organization asks financial and moral support. The executive recommend (1) that this Council donate \$25 and (2) that we write the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada urging that consideration be given to ways and means of boycotting goods produced under such sweat-shop conditions in the province of Quebec. The executive recommendation was adopted.

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

(4) Vancouver Regional Coordinating Council of young Adult Groups asking financial support on an undertaking by the organization to send four representatives to the World Federation of Democratic Youth meeting in Prague, Czechoslovakia, this summer. The executive recommend that the communication be received and filed. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

"The executive report as a whole was adopted."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Delegate S. Shearer reported as a representative to the Red Cross Committee urging delegates to do everything possible to support the campaign for blood donors. It is pointed out that in order that patients receive this service free it is necessary for someone to provide the blood. The question was again raised at this point on the printed material of the Red Cross not bearing the union label. The matter was left with the secretary to take up.

Press Committee, delegate T. Alsbury reported the press committee had met on two occasions recently to deal with a very serious problem brought about by the resignation as Managing-Editor of Brother Watts.

Brother Watts has taken a full time position as organizer for the Building Trades Council and will not have the unlimited time to give to the "Statesman" that he had in former years.

Your committee recognizes the long and faithful service brother Watts has given to the "Labor Statesman" through the most difficult years of its existence and therefore recommend that he be retained as Manager of the paper.

Your committee further recommend that the Chairman of the Press Committee take over the duties of the paper for at least the summer months in order that sufficient time and consideration can be given to obtaining the services of a successor to brother Watts. "On motion the report of the committee was adopted."

President Birt Showler rose at this time expressing sincere appreciation for the long and faithful service that brother Watts had given to the "Labor Statesman".

Secretary gave a talk on matters relating particularly to the condition of the roads in the City of Vancouver and the work that the City Council has planned for remedying very bad conditions existing.

Secretary also reported on conditions in beer parlors pointing out that every precaution is taken to maintain sanitary conditions at the very highest degree. Considerable discussion followed the secretary's remarks and many questions were asked. Delegate Watts, Hotel and Res. Employees Local 28 disagreed with the secretary stating that conditions in restaurants were extremely bad and stating further that employees were forced to work under very bad conditions. The secretary was prepared in view of the fact that he had information to the contrary to have Mrs. Watts and another delegate who had taken a similar position show him the restaurants where such conditions exist.

President Birt Showler drew attention to the fact that the Chief Justice had recently quashed a City Bylaw governing the closing of gas stations, pointing out that one man evidently had the authority to override the laws made by the elected representatives of the people both in the Provincial and Civic Governments.

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Hall 1, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street

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REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate S. Smylie reported that the credential committee had received the following credentials and recommend that the delegates be obligated and seated:--Edward Luggar, Ernest Power, Jewelry Workers Local 42; E. Sterne, W. Cocker, F. Franks, J. Minchin, W. Smith, TYPEGRAPHICAL Local 226. "On motion committee's report adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate C. Herrett reported had assisted dry cleaners and laundry workers also office employees local. Further reported there is prospects of starting 2 new locals in this city in the near future. "On motion report adopted as progress."

Grievance Committee, delegate G. Gee reported that the committee had discussed the question of removing certain firms from the non-patronage list but on the basis of information received from local unions concerned recommended that the matter lay over for a period of one month. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Press Committee, delegate T. Alsbury reported good progress with the first issue of Labor Statesman since the chairman of the committee and brother Watts have been working together. Expressed appreciation to brother Watts. Drew attention to the larger type on the editorial page. Urged unions to assist by turning in stories or matters of interest.

Delegate Atherton Local 170 urged that the paper be kept clean and that no stories that might seem to be off color be allowed.

Standing Committee on Education, delegate J. Eaves reported that the committee recommend:

1. That a letter be sent to the Chief Librarian requesting permission for delegate M. Brunette to attend committee meetings.
 2. That Miss Henderson, U.B.C. Library Assistant, be responsible for heading up book review for the Labor Statesman.
 3. That we endorse the principle of kindergarten schools and recommend the question lay on the table until shortage of teachers and accommodation improves in the essential grades.
 4. That the committee meet Mr. Campbell, Chief Inspector of Schools, to discuss the formation of Technical Board comprising Department of Education, Provincial Apprenticeship Board and representation from each of the trades.
 5. That Brother Eaves prepare a diagram of the painters set up he has here with suitable description.
 6. That Brother Russell Newman be added to the committee.
- "The report of the committee was on motion adopted."

Delegate Eaves gave a very comprehensive and lengthy report as a delegate to the Foreign Trade Week Conference held in Vancouver May 21-23. The Conference was attended by 15 municipalities and organizations. Sessions confined chiefly to speeches covering development of markets abroad - Cooperation with Foreign Agents - New Zealand and Canada - Raising Standards of other Countries to Produce Foreign Trade - Financing our Customers. "On motion report received."

Delegate S. Smylie reported attending the 10th Anniversary Dinner of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Most gratifying to see the young people so enthused and interested in their organization. Executive members were presented with gifts. This union has made great strides in improving the conditions of the workers during its existence. "On motion report accepted with thanks."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Retail Clerks, delegate G. Johnson expressed appreciation for the action taken by the executive. Pointed out a rally will be held Wednesday afternoon when it is expected there will be from five to seven thousand people gathering to receive instructions on how to win the vote in favor of the plebiscite. Ten thousand pledge cards have been printed. The holder of each card will endeavor to obtain the names of three voters who will pledge their support for the plebiscite. The Union expects to have 1000 cars in the various polling districts and aim to get 30 thousand people to the polling booths. Requests unions take a number of cards and distribute among their members. Have them filled in and return. The six day shopping week suggested as an alternative is not possible without repeal of legislation in effect for thirty years. This suggestion only thrown in to

becloud the issue. Since the stores started closing Wednesday business has doubled and in some cases tripled. Tourists must remain 48 hours in Canada before they can take \$100 worth of goods out of the country. Therefore, Wednesday closing would not affect them.

Machinists Lodge 151, delegate Simnett pointed out his Union is having difficulty in obtaining a reasonable annual vacation with pay. They have endeavored to bring these railway employees under the Provincial Holiday Act, but inasmuch as they are working under a National agreement it is not possible. Officers of the National Organization oppose bringing the unions under Provincial legislation.

Vancouver Auto Workers 1857, delegate L. Butler, reported his union has applied for a conciliation officer to deal with the dispute between his Local and Mackenzie White and Dunsmuir. The firm has shown a slight change. There is hope something can be accomplished.

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved, seconded and carried that a Special Committee of this Council be set up to seek ways and means of bringing amendments to the Sunday Blue Laws before the proper authorities. President appointed delegates F. Alty, Gas Workers Local 225; R. Pollock, Projectionists Local 348; E. A. Jamieson, Local 145, Musicians; C. E. Herrett, Barbers 120; H. Wamsley, Provincial Government Empl. Assoc.; T. Dunlop, Division 101, St. Railwaymen; R. K. Gervin, Division 101, St. Railwaymen.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Summer Camp of the W. E. A. be referred to the Standing Committee on Education for assistance and cooperation.

Moved, seconded and carried that delegate E. A. Jamieson, Chairman of Vancouver's Diamond Jubilee Committee, be congratulated for the successful handling of the celebration.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:--Delegate C. Stewart, St. Railwaymen Division 101, requested as to when the officers would report on the elimination of the objectionable strike features of Bill 39. President replied that report would probably be for the next meeting.

Delegate requested information as to whether anything had been done to induce the Red Cross to have the union label on their printing. President replied that this matter had been taken up and no reply had been received.

Delegate from Painters Local 138 requested information on the control of employment of children Act. Delegate Wamsley, Provincial Government Employees, replied stating that there is such an Act which prohibits the employment of children unless permit is issued by the Minister, then only with permission of school principal.

Delegate A. Gordon, Shoreworkers, requested information from the secretary as to whether or not he was properly quoted in the Vancouver News Herald of June 2nd when it was reported that the secretary had stated that Bill 39 was good labor legislation. The secretary replied that the News Herald had correctly reported but that the delegate had not correctly read the statement. Delegate Gordon stated that his local did not think the legislation was good. The President pointed out that that was their privilege.

Delegate requested information as to why there is no label on canned or bottled goods, particularly beer and rye whisky. The secretary replied that to the best of his knowledge the label was placed on the case and not on the bottle.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Secretary.

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Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt 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:—B. Gouthro, A. Bengough, Office Employees Local 15; E. Power, Local 42, Jewelry Workers Local; W. Cocker, F. Franks, W. Smith, E. Sterne, Typographical Local 226.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following delegates present:—B. Showler, S. Shearer, S. Smylie, O. Herrett, J. Eaves, T. Alsbury, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada acknowledging request from this Council that the Congress make representations to the Government opposing the importation of displaced persons under indentured labor contracts and pointing out that this matter has already been placed before the Federal Government. "On motion received and noted."

(2) B. C. Housewives Consumers Association requesting endorsement of the buyers' strike and enclosing a copy of a call sent out by the Ontario Association regarding a lobby to Ottawa. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(3) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada replying to a letter from this Council and pointing out that the Trades and Labor Congress has made particularly good progress both in organizing the unorganized and increasing wages and improving working conditions in the Province of Quebec, and further that in some instances the rates compare favorably with other localities in the Dominion. It is further pointed out that any general aversion to goods because their origin may be in the Province of Quebec could do irreparable harm to thousands of workers of affiliated unions. "On motion communication received and noted."

(4) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada informing the Council of a series of broadcasts June 18th and July 2nd by President Bengough and Secretary Buckley over C.B.R. Vancouver, 8:15 - 8:30 p.m. daylight saving time. "On motion delegates asked to take note."

(5) Workers' Educational Association informing us of the Fourth Summer Camp to be held at Lake Hatzie near Mission, June 21st to July 19th. "On motion received and noted."

(6) Council for Guidance of Handicapped requesting financial assistance. The executive recommend the Council donate \$10. "On motion recommendation adopted."

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

(8) Letters from members of Parliament for British Columbia in reply to a communication from the Council protesting the importation of Polish Girls for employment in textile mills in Quebec.

Honorable Ian Mackenzie — Minister of Veterans Affairs, stating the contents of the letter will be noted and receive consideration.

Grote Stirling — stating that it would seem to be a departure from what we had understood the Government's policy in that an individual was granted an Order in Council permitting him rather than the Government to sponsor the bringing in of certain immigrants.

H. W. Herrige — stating he heartily supports the attitude of our organization and will do everything he can to oppose this policy in the house and in the country.

Tom Reid — stating that he is entirely in accord with the views expressed in our communication.

H. G. Archibald — stating that his group, led by Mr. Coldwell, adjourned the regular order of business of the House to discuss this unfair practice and have exposed it to the whole nation and that they will continue to protest that sort of thing when an opportunity arises.

R. W. Mayhew — stating that the contents of the letter will be given every consideration and brought to the attention of the Minister of Labor and others.

O.C.I. Merritt — stating he notes our opposition to such schemes.

Wm. Irvine — stating that he and his party have taken a very definite and strong stand against the importation of indentured labor into Canada.

George Cruickshank — stating that he does not believe that any further private concerns will be granted permits to import labor from Europe and that he is personally opposed to any other permits for this purpose being granted.

Howard Green — stating this policy was strongly attacked a few days ago and I believe the debate has had the effect of having the Government drop the policy.

W. J. F. Pratt for Prime Minister — stating the telegram will be drawn to his attention on return.

J. Sinclair — stating that the permission given to Mr. Dionne was wrong in principle and that the Government not an individual should bring our share of displaced persons to Canada. This is now realized in Ottawa. The incident did one good thing in focussing public attention on the fact that we as a nation have done practically nothing to alleviate the grave problem of the millions of displaced persons in Europe today. Noble thoughts, fine speeches and pious resolutions are of little comfort to these despairing, homeless, hopeless people who if brought here under proper circumstances and with proper safeguards could add much to our Dominion.

Angus MacInnis — stating that we are under obligation to do what we can to assist in the resettlement of the people in displaced persons camps in Europe. However, as had been done in this instance we should not take advantage of their need for our own profit.

E.D. Fulton — stating that if employers are willing to take the necessary steps to bring people into the country they should be allowed to do so subject to the three very rigorously applied restrictions following:

- (a) that no Canadians can be found to take employment in that industry.
- (b) that terms of employment and wages offered are the same as those offered to Canadians and approved by trade unions and minimum wage laws of the country.
- (c) there is no deduction from the wages on account of travelling expenses nor is there any effort to secure indentured labor by long term contract.

"On motion communications received and noted."

(9) Bakery and Confectionery Workers Local 468 enclosing a resolution whereby the Council would insert advertisements in the Vancouver Sun and Ottawa Journal condemning the Government for allowing private immigration into Canada.

The executive recommend that in view of the replies received from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and members of Parliament that the communication be received and noted and the Local thanked for the suggestion. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(10) Washington State Federation of Labor requesting a delegate attend the 45th Annual Convention to be held in Seattle, July 14th. The executive recommend that Brother Showler attend. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(11) International Association of Mechanists enclosing two resolutions. The first resolution would set up a committee to cooperate with the wage coordinating committee of the B. C. Federation of Labor (COL) and come to some agreement re wage increases and avoid a recurrence of last year's strife. The resolution was ruled out of order as this Council has no authority to interfere with wages of Local Unions.

Resolution No. 2 — In the event of any labor organization being attacked by the implementation of Bill 39 that the Trades and Labor Council elect a committee to meet with a committee of the B. C. Federation of Labor and Standard Railway Unions to consider means of mutual defence against any unjust or vicious measures that may be invoked under the Act.

A communication received from the Street Railwaymen 101 enclosing a resolution calling upon the Council to express its unreserved condemnation of Bill 39 as repressive legislation which if applied makes it impossible for our locals to operate as free labor bodies.

Dealing with the two above resolutions the executive recommend that in the event of any affiliated union being discriminated against or attacked under the I.O.A. Act of 1947 that this Council take all necessary steps to assist such unions and in the meantime continue its efforts to have the obnoxious sections of the Act amended, and further that a committee from the Trades Council meet with a committee of the Building Trades Council

to discuss such sections of the Act that are not workable in the building trades.

Considerable discussion followed the reading of the executive's recommendation, opinions being expressed for and against. The executive's recommendation was adopted with 99 voting in favor and 47 voting against.

The report of the executive as a whole was on motion adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES—Credential Committee, delegate S. Smylie reported for this Committee and recommended that the following delegates whose credentials were in order to be obligated and seated: Maurice Moir, Garment Workers 190; A. Cunningham, Bernice Levitz, Provincial Government Employees; Ada Grant, William Hackett, Laundry Workers Local 292; B. Gouthro, Anne Bengough, R. Newman, Office Employees International Union Local 15. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Legislative Committee, delegate S. Shearer reported the committee met in the Labor Temple, June 10th. Members present:—S. Shearer, R. Gervin, J. Barton, J. Hallock, L. Imber, T. Parkin, Miss Green, R. Lenfestey.

The committee studied the document presented by the Chamber of Forestry. After consideration your committee recommend that the Council have a delegate attend the next meeting of the Chamber and further recommend that delegate R. Lenfestey who is a member of the Legislative Committee be the delegate.

It was found upon enquiry that each organization affiliating would be expected to contribute in the neighborhood of \$25 for the first year and a nominal fee each year following. This would be entirely in the hands of the representatives of the organizations when properly organized. Fees are of secondary importance. "On motion report adopted."

Special Committee on "Blue Laws", delegate Gervin reported this committee met Friday, June 13th, the following members present:—F. Alty, H. Wallisley, C. Herrett, T. Dunlop, R. Gervin.

The committee discussed the Act at some length and have come to the conclusion that it will be necessary to obtain a copy of the Provincial Legislation and that a committee should meet with the Corporation Council of the City to discuss this matter.

A further meeting will be held at the call of the Chair when the Musicians, Projectionists and Stage Hands Unions will be specifically requested to have representatives present. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary reported meeting The Honorable Mr. Hart, Premier of the Province, together with the president, B. Showler and the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, S. Shearer, laying before him Labor's views on the I. C. A. Act.

Dealing with Section 5, Part 1, the Premier stated that according to his legal advisors the meal hour was not a working hour and, consequently, under this Act, organizers would have the right to carry out their business during the meal hour.

On Section 5, Subsection 2, the Premier pointed out that there should be some means of taking quick action in case of a dispute arising during the term of an agreement and that he would take under consideration having such matters referred to the Labor Relations Board in order to obtain quick action.

On Section 35, Subsection 4, the Premier pointed out that the fine had already been reduced to half the original proposal and he did not feel that any change would be made in that Section.

On Section 72, which deals with the supervised strike vote, the Premier stated that the Government was not prepared to amend that section of the Act. Considerable discussion on it during the last session and he felt that there would be little possibility of having that Section amended or removed.

"On motion report adopted."

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

REPORTS OF UNIONS—Laundry Workers Local 292, delegate H. Irving reported that he is negotiating for seven drycleaning plants in the City. Walter Owen has been appointed representative for the Company. Considerable negotiations carried on and Owen has now submitted wage rates lower than that received at the present time, in some cases 60% lower. The union has asked for a conciliator and if necessary will go to a Board and take strike action. Has been successful in certifying the Roy Stevens plant.

Bakers Local 468, delegate M. Kemmis reported having the same difficulty as the Laundry Workers. Walter Owen has been appointed to represent the employers with whom he holds agreements. Owen does not negotiate. He just sits there and waits until the union gives away some of its security. The union has applied for a conciliation officer and will proceed from there. Recently organized National Biscuit and today about 50 of the employees were dismissed, given a week's pay in lieu of notice. We intend to see this fight through.

Another delegate from the Bakers 468 reported that in 1942 union members came out of the National Biscuit 70 strong. Today they fired 55 and are keeping on people who have been employed only a few days.

U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, drew attention to the fact that the fishermen had made very fine gains in the past few years. Excellent relations with the employers, but if we were faced with the situation that some of the unions have in meeting with Mr. Owen we would take proper action to overcome that difficulty.

U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, reported they got a settlement with a company represented by Walter Owen which netted the men \$30,000. We have not been bothered with Mr. Owen since. Now negotiating for the fishermen and we are half a cent apart on Pink and Chum. Unless we have our prices settled there will be no fishing at the commencement of the season. There are 10 days yet to go and we hope it can be settled by that time.

Retail Clerks, delegate reported the drive for continuance of all day Wednesday closing just about over. According to reports the plebiscite will carry. Opposition has done everything possible to discontinue the Wednesday closing. Need the assistance of all voters tomorrow. Also anyone who has a car could assist greatly by getting in touch with the Headquarters.

Machinists Lodge 692, delegate Brown reported spent Saturday contacting his friends to get them to vote on the plebiscite; received good response.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28, delegate M. Ansell reported her union taking issue with a statement made by the Citizens' Committee. This is only a subterfuge which they are using to mislead the people. Every group that gets the 40 hour week makes it so much easier for the others.

New Business—It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council take up with the educational authorities, civic and provincial, the question of taking immediate steps to have a start made on the Central Vocational School.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

But Showler
President

Both July, 1947, Council meetings canceled

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, August 5, 1947. Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt 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. Will, Div. 101; R. Newman Office Employees Local #15; R. Berger, Engineers 882; B. Levitz, Prov. Government Empl.; W. Hackett, Laundry Workers 292; A. Green, Laundry Workers 292; C. McEwen, A.J. Astbury, Electrical Wkrs. 215; J. Michin, Typographical Local 226.

The Executive reported on a meeting held the same evening the following members being present: Showler, Smylie, Stevenson, Shearer, Herrett, Eaves and Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Board of Trade, enclosing recommendations for consideration, being the objects and organizations of a Donations Appeal Control Board. Executive recommend that the Secretary attend future meetings and hold a watching brief when this matter is discussed. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (2) B. C. Telephone Company, thanking the Council for their interest in endeavoring to have B.C. firms purchase B. C. made goods. "On motion received and noted."
- (3) Minister of Education replying to a letter re Central Vocational School. "On motion received and noted."
- (4) Superintendent of Schools, thanking the Council for their letter supporting a Vocational School for Vancouver and assuring us that everything possible would be done to have the school built at the earliest possible date. "On motion received and noted."
- (5) Int. Assoc. of Machinists Local 692, requesting that the Remington Rand and the Underwood Elliott Fisher firms be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list. "On motion referred to the Grievance Committee."
- (6) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, enclosing Call to the 62nd Annual Convention to meet in Hamilton, Ont., September 24th, 1947. The Executive recommend that Brother Percy R. Bengough be credentialed; that Secretary R.K. Gervin attend the convention and one delegate to be elected from the regular meeting. "On motion recommendation adopted."
- (7) Building Laborers Local 602, enclosing the following resolution: "That we strongly oppose Polish Immigrants brought into this Country as farmers, turning up in the Construction Industries." The Executive recommend that this matter be referred to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. "On motion Executive recommendation adopted."

Executive recommend that this Council urge the Federal, Provincial and Civic Governments who are inviting Tourists to this City, to immediately take action to have more hotel accommodation built. "On motion recommendation of Executive adopted."

Executive recommend that a Committee of 10, being those who were elected by the Council to interview the Government on the I.C.A. Act, be continued to follow up and make plans to have this Act amended to meet Labors' needs, at the next sitting of the Legislature. "On motion recommendation of Executive adopted."

The Secretary reported receiving a letter from Local 170 Plumbers and Steamfitters. As a result of the letter, which was not read at the meeting, the Executive recommend that the following Business Agents, P. Carlisle, J. Eaves, W. Eaton, J. Stevenson, A. Dyer, J. McMillan, George Gee and H.W. Watts, be formed into a Committee to endeavor to bring an end to the very unsatisfactory situation presently existing at the Daily Province where Local 226 of the Typographical Union are on strike. "On motion recommendation of Executive adopted."

The report of the Executive as a whole was on motion adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Credential Committee: Delegate Smylie reporting for the Committee recommended that the following applicants, whose Credentials were in order, be obligated and seated: Machinists 692, A. Dyer; Engineers 882, Robert Berger and A. W. Curran; Pulp & Sulphite 433, Francis F. McKinnon and Lloyd Mayo; Ladies' Garment Wkrs. 276, Gus Lees, Max Kayser, Earl Briba, Phoebe Rothery, Margaret Townsend and W. Smith; Electrical Wkrs. 215, H. J. Astbury, R. W. Robson; Lathers 207, Arthur Ross and H.C. Finlayson; Carpenters 452, Howard Lyons. "On motion recommendation of Committee adopted."

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Organizing Committee: Delegate Herrett reported having received an application for affiliation from the Vancouver Division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Committee recommend that the application be accepted and the Union notified to appoint delegates. "On motion recommendation of Committee adopted."

Reported further that a new Local had been established in Vancouver to cover the employees in the Pro Made Golf Plant. Also that the Vancouver Life Guards have been organized 100%. A Charter was also issued for the employees of the Carpenter Extracting Plant where the members are 100% organized. "On motion report received as progress."

Secretary Gervin reported meeting with the B.C. Telephone representatives on the question of having equipment manufactured in Vancouver. A letter had been sent to all Unions requesting that they forward resolutions to the Council. 20 resolutions have been submitted, endorsed and forwarded. Action had been taken to have the Department of Labor investigate the dispute between the Bakers Union and the National Biscuit Co., a referee was appointed immediately who took up the question and had the employees reinstated. Prosecution will be commenced against the Employer for Unfair Labor practice. Prosecution was also commenced against the Pro Made Golf Co., for the dismissal of 2 employees when attempts were made to organize the plant.

Secretary also reported having investigated and assisted the Office Employees Union. When the President and former Secretary resigned it was found that no official record of the meetings had been kept, the funds had been badly depleted and the business of the organization neglected. New officers have been installed, the organization is making good progress and with the cooperation of affiliated Unions will continue to organize and grow. "On motion Secretary's report received."

Delegate Templeton, Chairman of Standing Committee on Education, reported the Committee had a luncheon meeting at the University of British Columbia when Dr. McKenzie and Dr. Shrum were present. Both gentlemen expressed a keen desire to assist the Trade Unions in establishing courses through the winter months. It is anticipated that a course of Economics for Trade Unionists, with a lecture, followed by a question period will be held. The Chairman hoped that the interest would be sufficiently keen to make it possible to continue the lectures in future. "On motion report received as progress."

Delegate Parkin reported having attended a meeting of the B.C. Chamber of Forests. Keen interest shown by all representatives in reforestation and the protection of forests generally. He pointed out that this group could do a great deal in an educational way and recommended that the Council continue to have a delegate at the meetings. "On motion report adopted."

Delegate Bartlett reported briefly on a survey of social and health conditions made by the Community Chest, in the downtown area of Vancouver. It was recommended that the report be handed to the Legislative Committee and the Press Committee for study and report at the next meeting when it could be discussed. "On motion adopted."

Delegate Shearer reported that the Legislative Committee would meet next Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in Labor Headquarters.

Delegate Showler reported taking up with the Vancouver Employment Advisory Committee the question of the Employment offices being closed down in Vancouver on a Dominion holiday. He was called before the B.C. Regional Committee where the matter was discussed and it has been recommended to Ottawa that in future the Employment offices be closed only on holidays recognized in the Province and City in which they are located. "On motion report adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--

Delegate Ash, Civic Empl. Local 28, reported that the Parks Board had taken the position that they could not maintain their present staff after the 2nd of September unless the City Council provided the \$27,000.00 necessary to meet the cost brought about by an increase of 8¢ per hour to outside employees and \$10.00 per month to inside employees.

Delegate Mrs. May Loniczek, Hotel & Rest. Local 28, reported a new Union house recently organized, The Strathcona, 6172 Fraser Avenue. The Green Gold Cafe on Hastings Street in the process of organizing and the employer will sign an agreement there when the House is fully organized. Negotiations with the downtown restaurant owners proceeding. It is felt the Employers were hiding behind Bill 39. The Employers are presently consulting and negotiations will be carried on in a day or two.

Del. Rigby, United Fishermen reported an agreement signed for herring at \$7.15 a ton and Pilchard at \$9.20 a ton. Other improvements in the agreement. The establishment of a Welfare Fund by the deduction of 5¢ per ton from fishing was proposed and the Employers objected on the grounds that they might be in contravention of Bill 39 should this be carried out.

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Delegate Johnston, Retail Clerks 279, reported after a 2 year battle signing a contract with the Hudson's Bay and signed a second contract a month ago. A new contract has been signed with Woodwards containing Union security and increases. The Union hopes to sign a contract with Spencers in Courtenay in the near future. Just completed arbitration with Ray's Superior Stores receiving a unanimous award which was accepted and a contract signed. Now proceeding with arbitration on the O.K. Markets.

Delegate Campbell, Refrigeration Workers 516, reported having some difficulty in obtaining a parking permit for cars of the refrigeration workers when they are called out on emergency jobs. Recently had a restaurant on Granville St., where ammonia fumes escaping from the cooling system drove all the people out of the restaurant. In this case the men were a considerable time repairing the system and found that they had been summoned for over parking in a 15 minute zone. Asked assistance in having this matter cleared up.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES:

One to be elected as delegate to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada convention. The following were nominated:

W. Bartlett, R. McCulloch, G. Smith, J.H. Irving, W. Rigby, W. Ash, S. Smylie, F. Templeton, F. Carlisle, and R. Cormack.

Delegates McCulloch, Irving, Rigby, Smylie, Templeton and Carlisle declined.

The first ballot showed Ash 6, Bartlett 43, Cormack 29, Smith 47. Delegate Ash dropped. Second Ballot showed Bartlett 48, Cormack 28, Smith 49. Del. Cormack dropped. Third ballot, Delegate Bartlett 65, Smith 61. Delegate Bartlett declared elected.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved and seconded that this Council send a strong delegation to meet the City Council requesting that the necessary funds be made available to the Parks Board so that no present employee will be laid off. "On motion carried."

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

R. K. GERVIN, Secretary

Bert 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, August 19, 1947.

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 accepted were obligated and seated:--A. Dyor, Machinists 692; F. Mackinnon, L. Mayo, Pulp and Sulphite Workers 433; M. G. Finlayson, A. Ross, Lathers Local 207; W. B. Page, Local 452, Carpenters and Joiners.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Canadian Seamen's Union requesting a resolution be sent to the Minister of Labor petitioning to take necessary action under the Emergency Transitional Powers Act to have a Shipping Controller appointed to carry out the terms of an agreement acceptable to 2/3 of the shipping industry. Executive recommend that the request be granted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Community Chest and Council requesting the endorsement of the 18th Annual Appeal for funds. The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(3) Community Chest and Council requesting this Council together with the Vancouver Labor Council to sponsor full page advertisements in the Vancouver Sun and News Herald at a cost of approximately \$650. The executive recommend that the Council advise with regret that we cannot grant this request. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(4) United Nations Association of Canada requesting that the Council take membership. The executive recommend that this Council take membership and the Secretary represent the Council. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) War Amputations Society requesting that this Council take an ad in the Amps Souvenir Program at a cost of \$100. The executive recommend that this Council donate \$25. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

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

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate J. Stevenson reporting for this committee recommended that the following credentials be accepted and the applicants invited to attend the next meeting for obligation: P. E. Canavan, S. Blair, E. J. Ross, Ada Easley, Building Service Employees Local 244; J. Kilbride, Pile Drivers Local 2404; R. C. Melless, W. S. Wotten, T. McEwan, Electrical Workers Local 213; Bruce Mitchell, Herbert Macaulay, J. Hines, Wm. Slinn, Painters Local 138; "On motion the committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate C. Herrett reported progress in organizing throughout the City generally also reported 10 new members in 8 Barber Shops organized recently. The shops are located at: Thos. McIntosh, 9122 Hudson St., B. W. Grier, 725 Broadway East; D. Bifolchi, 335 Columbia Street; F. W. Gill, 4126 Hastings Street East; M. L. Smith, Port Alberni, B. C.; Vincent Tingey, Alberni, B. C.; John Burns, Alberni, B. C.; H. Shilliday, Wells, B. C.

Grievance Committee, delegate G. Gee reported the committee met and discussed the request from the Machinists Union to place firms on the non-patronage list. A further meeting will be held when representatives from Local 692, Machinists will be present. Committee also felt that the matter of the non-patronage list should again be discussed. "On motion report adopted."

President B. Showler reported attending the Teamsters Convention in San Francisco. Noted that attorneys from all Joint Councils were present to discuss the Taft-Hartley Bill. Suggested that this Council obtain advice from lawyers which would be available particularly for the smaller Locals.

Secretary R. Gervin reported that arrangements could be made to hold the Trades Council Anniversary Banquet at the Commodore Cabaret, Tuesday, December 2nd. It was moved, seconded and carried that the secretary proceed to make arrangements for this date.

Secretary R. Gervin reported the committee set up to deal with amendments to the I.C.A. Act met Monday, August 18th. Members present: Mrs. Leniczek, S. Parke, S. Shearer, J. Stevenson, R. Gervin.

The committee recommend:

1. That this Council notify premier Hart that the I. C. A. Act of 1947 has been found in practice to be unworkable proving a severe handicap

to organized labor as well as to Labor Management Relations and that the Council therefore urge that a special session of the Provincial Legislature be called at the earliest possible date in order to amend this Act to meet Labor's need.

2. That the Committee meet at an early date to further study the Act bringing down recommendations for amendments necessary.
3. That all affiliated Unions be asked to write or wire Premier Hart demanding amendments to the Act.

"On motion report adopted."

Secretary R. Gerwin reported that a special committee set up at the last regular meeting to deal with the Province Situation had met Tuesday, August 5th. The committee picketed the Daily Province the following morning discussing the situation with the Printing Pressmen who were crossing the picket line. The pickets were unsuccessful in keeping the Pressmen from going through and a meeting was arranged to decide what further action should be taken. The committee are now contemplating further action and will report at the next meeting.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Bakers Local 468, delegate Kemmis reported the trial of National Biscuit Company on charges of intimidation against employes joining a union was proceeding. Walter Owen acting for the Company and bringing fantastic charges of the union using "goon squads". Owen evidently representing all the companies with which the Bakers' Union is doing business. In one case good progress was being made with the firm when Owen stepped in and no progress has been made since. Bakers' find that it is impossible to negotiate with Owen.

Delegate Henderson, Bakers Local 468, reported the Union had applied for certification three weeks ago and a vote ordered. Only after considerable trouble was the vote taken.

Electrical Workers Local 213, delegate G. Gee reported his Union had successfully negotiated with 28 contractors for an increase of 15¢ an hour and board for out of town work.

Printers Local 138, delegate J. Eaves reported his union had passed a motion at the last meeting that no member would cross the I.T.U. picket line at the Daily Province.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28, delegate May Loniczek reported negotiations proceeding with the restaurant owners. Operators had offered 50¢ a week with no pay for holidays and that the Union Shop be removed from the agreement. They have now offered 75¢ a week and left the union shop in and accept the check off under the I. C. A. Act. Employers stated that it was a mistake giving the holidays off in the previous agreement. This proposition was turned down unanimously by the regular meeting and strike action authorized.

Vancouver Auto Workers 1857, delegate Len Butler reported his union had been negotiating with Mackenzie, White and Dunsmuir over a period of many months. Had been very difficult to get meetings with the employer and when meetings are held very little progress is made. It is expected that the Local will have to apply for an Arbitration Board. The company have broken the law by increasing wages while negotiations are in progress. When this matter was taken up with the Provincial Government a reply was received to the effect that it should be taken up with the Company.

U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, delegate W. Rigby reported that the News Herald had referred to his union as an affiliate of the C.I.O. The delegate informed the Council that this was an error as the union members are quite satisfied with their present affiliation.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved, seconded that the secretary be authorized to obtain legal advice on the effect of Bill 39 in the operation of Unions. Carried.

It was moved, seconded, that this Council donate \$25 to the Chamber of Forestry for the purpose of assisting in setting up an office. Carried.

Moved, seconded that this Council again urge the City Council to pass Bylaw prohibiting the sale of unwrapped bread in stores where there are no proper facilities or containers which would keep the public from handling such goods. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the City Council be requested to open the Clerk's office for registration of voters at least one night during the period of registration. Motion carried.

NOTE:--The Registration Office is open from AUGUST 1st to SEPTEMBER 13th inclusive from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except on the last 6 days when it is open FROM 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Moved and seconded that the City Council be asked to apply for charter amendments which would give all residents of Vancouver the vote regardless of property qualifications. Motion carried.

meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Bill Showler
President

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held Tuesday, September 2, 1947.
 Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.
 Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as sent out to affiliated Locals.

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been accepted were obligated and seated:--J. H. Perkins, University Workers 116; H. Macaulay, Painters Local 138; P. Canavan, S. Blair, Building Service Workers Union Local 244; C. Molles, Electrical Workers Local 213.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) Community Chest and Council thanking the Trades Council for their endorsement of their campaign. "On motion received and noted."
- (2) Minutes of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council. "On motion received with appreciation and filed for reference."
- (3) Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council requesting support by the delegates from this Council to the Congress Convention to have the 1948 Convention held in Victoria. Executive recommend that delegates from this Council be asked to support the Victoria Trades Council. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."
- (4) Union Label Trades Council requesting support in an endeavor by the Council to print a union directory. The writer requested unions who have held elections recently to forward the names of their elected delegates to the Union Label Council. Also to promptly reply to the circular letter sent from the Council pointing out that this is a matter affecting every union and every member and is of vital importance. The executive recommend that the delegates take note. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."
- (5) Premier of B. C. informing the Council that their representations on the I. C. A. Act are being given close study and Labor representatives will be consulted before modifications are made. "On motion received and noted."
- (6) City Clerk informing the Council that the matter of the City providing the necessary funds to prevent a layoff by the Parks Board was left in the hands of the Chairman of Finance and City Controller to discuss with the Parks Board. "On motion received and noted."
- (7) City Clerk informing the Council that the request for a traffic light at the intersection of Bender, Georgia and Cardero Streets had been considered and that a flush signal is on order for this intersection. "On motion received and noted."
- (8) United Nations Association asking the Council to appoint three representatives one of whom will be an executive member to that Council. The executive recommend that delegate S. Shearer, T. Alsbury and R. Gorvin represent the Council. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."
- (9) Local 280 Sheet Metal Workers expressing the thought that effort might well be made to permit the manufacture and sale of Margarine in this country, to offset the ever increasing cost of butter.
- (10) From the Calgary Trades and Labor Council, a resolution suggesting the reimposition of butter rationing in Canada; payment to farmers of subsidies on butter fat; strict control of exports of butter from Canada; and the reimposition of restrictions on production of ice cream in an effort to offset the increasing cost of butter. The executive recommend endorsement of the resolution and that the resolution also cover the letter from the Sheet Metal Workers Union. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."
- (11) Textile Workers of America requesting financial assistance to carry on their fight at Lachute, Quebec. The executive recommend that this Council donate \$25. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."
- (12) Chamber of Forestry thanking the Council for support. "On motion received and noted."
- (13) United Steel Workers inclosing copies of letters sent the I. A. of M. and the Teamsters Joint Council informing them of the strike which would take place at certain plants throughout the City commencing August 21st.
- (14) Street Railwayman suggesting that a pamphlet be drawn up stating the facts concerning the strike of the Steel Workers which would be printed and distributed among members of affiliated unions. Executive recommend that the above communications from the Steel Workers and the Street Railwayman's Union be left with the executive to investigate and obtain causes of dispute and to take up with affiliated unions affected. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend that the meeting of October 7th be cancelled due to many delegates being absent from the City attending the Congress Convention. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The executive report as a whole was on motion adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credentia Committee, delegate S. Smylie reported receiving the following credentials:--L. J. Vayle, Chris Marx, St. Railwaymen Division 134. The committee recommend that the delegates be obligated and seated. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate C. Horrett reported receiving an application for affiliation from the Local 18 International Fire Fighters. The committee recommend that the application be accepted and the Local asked to appoint delegates. "On motion committee recommendation adopted."

An application was received from the Floorlayers Local 1541 for affiliation. The committee recommend that the application be accepted and the union requested to appoint delegates. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Further reported a great deal of time spent by the organizer and the committee with the Laundry Workers Union in negotiating new wage contracts. Also with the bathhouse attendants in an attempt to organize this group. The Life Guards Union are making progress in negotiations. "On motion report adopted."

REPORTS OF UNIONS--Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28, delegate May Loniczek reported a deadlock with the employers on the question of the 40 hour week. This is a serious question as many girls are leaving and going into other industries where shorter hours prevail. Employers have offered only \$2.25 per week increase. The proposals have been rejected and the strike ballot taken. A Conciliation officer has been appointed and the members have agreed to conciliate.

Laundry Workers 292, delegate J. Irving reported after considerable negotiations the following firms have signed agreements with the Laundry Workers' Union: 4 Star Cleaners, Union Cleaners, Guarantee Cleaners, Sanitary Cleaners, Swan Bros., Roy Stevens also Campbell Bros. Farina Laundry and Dry Cleaners is now the first all union shop in Vancouver.

Refrigeration Workers 516, delegate A. Campbell reported no success in their attempt to obtain special parking privileges for members of his union on emergency work.

Plumbers Local 170, delegate J. Barton reported his union had wired the Premier demanding a special session of the legislature to amend the I.C.A. Act.

Fire Fighters, New Westminister, delegate L. Wisheart reported International President as well as many other representatives had assisted in bringing Vancouver Local back into the International Union.

Building Service Employees 244, delegate P. Canavan reported his union had been certified in ten theatres. Campaign waged against union members. Urges support and encouragement of usherettes particularly, by trade unionists attending theatres.

Distillery Workers 92, delegate Shearer reported negotiating with employers for 40 hour week and 20% increase an hour. Seems conciliation will have to be applied for as no progress made to date.

Molders 281, delegate McCormack reported his local negotiating for new scale of wages and conditions. No progress to date. Difficulties increase by the fact that the C.C.L. signed up agreements for lower rates. 17 Foundries affected which will mean 17 boards. There has been a suggestion that the industry be reclassified and if this is done it might be possible to have only four boards set up.

NON BUSINESS:--Moved and seconded that the Special Committee on Bill 39 be instructed to circulate among affiliated locals a petition calling on the Government of British Columbia to hold a special session to amend the I.C.A. Act. Motion carried.

Moved, Seconded and carried that the Council now go into a committee of the whole with Vice President Smylie in the Chair.

The secretary reported that the Special Committee set up to deal with the Province strike had joined the picket line of the Daily Province and attempted to persuade the members of the Pressman's Union to refrain from crossing the picket line. Members of that union were determined to work in the Province and the committee then endeavored to have a meeting arranged to discuss the matter with them. This was not possible and the committee informed all affiliated locals that they would recommend to the Trades Council that Local 69 Printing Pressmen would be declared unfair in all printing establishments in Vancouver and suspended from the Trades and Labor Council until such times as the members of that Local cease to cross the picket line of a local that is

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affiliated with this Council. The committee after discussing this with the International representative of the I.T.U. decided to withhold the recommendation and now recommend that a sub committee of four be appointed to interview the management of the Daily Province in an endeavor to arrive at a settlement. The committee further recommend to the representative of the I.T.U. that greater effort be made to settle the dispute in Winnipeg where it originated. The sub committee will consist of R.K. Gerwin, J. Stevenson, G. Gee, H. W. Watts. Considerable discussion followed the report of the committee and the committee's recommendation was adopted.

It was moved seconded and carried that the committee rise and report.

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

It was moved, seconded and carried that the secretary be instructed to draft a resolution on the strike situation at the Daily Province to be forwarded to Congress immediately.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

AT Alsbury, Temp. Chairman
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, September 16, 1947.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. Delegate T. Alsbury elected Chairman.

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

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been accepted were obligated and seated:--E. Luggar, Jewelry Workers 42; C. Marx, Street Railwaymen Division 134; A.C. Bennett, B. C. Provincial Government Employees; W. S. Wotten, Electrical Workers 213; J. Ross, D. Easley, Building Service Employees Local 244.

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening, delegates present: T. Alsbury, J. Eaves, J. Stevenson, R.K. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Office of the Prime Minister acknowledging a letter from this Council regarding more equitable distribution and control of prices. "Upon motion received and noted."

(2) Chairman Regional Employment Committee enclosing a copy of a letter to employers requesting their assistance in placing workers in the age group over 45. The executive recommended the communication be received with thanks. Delegate Jamieson, Musicians Local 145, drew attention to the fact that the Provincial and Federal Government might well alter their policy in this regard. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(3) Canadian National Telegraphs informing delegates of the need by that company for young men to take up telegraph work pointing out that while the wages to start are low young men can commence as messengers and work up to electrical engineers. The executive recommend the communication be received and the delegates asked to take note. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(4) International Association of Machinists Lodge 692 requesting assistance in having amendments brought to the rental orders. Particularly as it applies to the eviction of tenants on the grounds of incompatibility. The executive recommend the communication be referred to the Legislative Committee for report. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Street Railwaymen Division 101 recommend (1) that a mass protest strike be organized against Bill 39 for a one or two day period; (2) that the Vancouver, Trades and Labor Council and the Vancouver Labor Council set up the necessary organization to approach the various unions in order to put a mass protest strike into effect. The executive recommend the communication be referred to the Special Committee on Bill 39. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) Street Railwaymen Division 101 enclosing the following motion: That we request the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council to call a joint meeting with the Vancouver Labor Council to organize a joint parade to protest the lifting of price ceilings and the removal of price control. The executive recommend the following substitute resolution:

Your executive view with alarm the removal of further price controls thereby jeopardizing the welfare of the workers of this country and recommend that this matter be taken up with the Trades and Labor Congress immediately and delegates to the forthcoming Convention be urged to see that this matter receive special attention.

"On motion executive recommendation adopted."

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

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate J. Stevenson recommended that the following delegates whose credentials had been received should be invited to attend the next meeting for obligation:--Harry Foster, R. S. Bird, International Association Fire Fighters Local 18; C. S. Solem, Truck Drivers 31. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Standing Committee on Education, delegate F. Templeton reported that the course on Economics For Trade Unionists would commence October 13th. Dr. Jamieson will conduct the course of 16 lectures with question period following. The committee will try to arrange for a central location preferable in the Labor Temple. Chairman pointed out that the University had done everything in their power to cooperate and it is now up to the delegates to see that the

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course is well attended. A nominal fee will be charged. Any member of affiliated unions may attend. "On motion report adopted."

Grievance Committee, delegate R. Gerwin reported for this committee. The committee recommend that the Remington Rand and the Underwood Elliott Fisher Co. be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize List" of this Council. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Legislative Committee, secretary R. Gerwin reported for this committee. Your committee met Tuesday, August 12th and Tuesday, September 9th to deal with the Survey of Social and Health Conditions in the downtown area which the committee were instructed to review and report on.

The Survey is very timely and produces a great deal of very useful information concerning the conditions under which people in some cases are forced to live in this City. Your committee find that the causes of the bad conditions are: 1. Lack of housing accommodation available to citizens at reasonable rent; 2. Lack of sufficient accommodation in institutions where senior citizens incapable of looking after themselves can receive care. 3. Insufficient number of health inspectors in the Health Department of this City. Insufficient number of policemen patrolling rooming houses and lodging houses. Your committee recommend that the recommendations contained in the Survey be endorsed and the proper authorities so notified.

In dealing with the above mentioned report, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Legislative Committee be requested to bring down a report on housing to meet the needs of those people in the low income brackets.

Organizing Committee, secretary R. Gerwin reported considerable time spent with the laundry workers union carrying on negotiations and laying the ground work for organization of other plants. Also engaged in negotiations for office workers union. Negotiations with Parks Board Commissioners for Life Guards Union broken down and the union has applied for a conciliation officer. Contacts being made in the City with a view to organizing clothing workers. Negotiations pending with the W. R. Carpenter Co. on behalf of the Federal Union No. 278. "On motion report adopted."

Secretary R. Gerwin reported he had called a meeting of officers of all affiliated unions whereby they might discuss informally and without publicity any of the problems or matters affecting their trade. The meeting was fairly well attended but the secretary felt that there should be better attendance at future meetings. Such meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in Labor Headquarters.

Secretary R. Gerwin also reported of taking up the matter over a period of years with the Red Cross of the union label on printed matter sent out by that organization. No satisfaction has been received from the Red Cross and we are continuing negotiations to have the label placed on all material.

Secretary R. Gerwin reported that arrangements had been made to have the Court of Revision sitting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. September 23rd.

Secretary R. Gerwin also reported that the petition on Bill 39 had been printed and copies would be sent to the local unions.

Secretary R. Gerwin also reported a special committee had met with the management of the Vancouver Daily Province on the question of the strike between the Typographical Union and that Company. No satisfactory settlement had been arrived at and the committee will continue to function.

REPORTS OF UNIONS--United Fishermen and Allied Workers Local, delegate T. Parkin reported that the petition on Bill 39 has started through that organization. Expect to have 5000 signatures. Hope the other organizations will go to work on the petition with a view to getting a good number of names.

Distillery Workers 92, delegate G. Guy reported his organization have commenced negotiations for a new agreement several weeks ago. Employer has agreed to all matters except the question of wages. 20¢ per hour increase requested and a conciliation officer has been applied for.

Laundry Workers 292, delegate J. Irving reported having signed up many new agreements. One company still outstanding, refuses to sign the agreement. This matter will go to a conciliation board. Thanked delegate R. Newman for his assistance during negotiations.

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B. C. Provincial Government Employees Association, delegate A. Bennett reported that for the past few months his organization had attempted to negotiate with the Provincial Government for an increase in the cost of living bonus. Members are presently down \$10.80. Recently we were refused this increase. Delegate pointed out that government employes did not have the same right to bargain as had other members of organizations. Also pointed out that they did not come under Bill 39 as they would like to do for the purpose of bargaining. In dealing with the Cabinet there is no possibility of bargaining but simply stating your case and leaving the matter for consideration. Asking for a Board of Conciliation or Arbitration. There are six thousand employees affected and expect and hope for the support of the Trade Union Movement in this fight for what is due the Government employes.

Painters Local 138, delegate W. Eaton reported Glaziers and Glass Workers making progress in negotiations for better wages. Paint and Varnish Workers also making progress. An offer has been made which will be submitted to a meeting in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved, seconded and carried that the Legislative Committee be instructed to investigate the report that the Provincial Government and the City Council had refused a sum of \$1000 for the purpose of making a survey on the housing situation in Vancouver.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Grievance Committee take up with the Vancouver Hockey Association the matter of the timekeeper for the forthcoming hockey season.

Moved, seconded and carried that this Council go on record as giving the Provincial Government employees wholehearted support in their endeavor to obtain bargaining rights and better wages and conditions.

Moved and seconded that this Council request the Parks Board to keep dressing rooms in the parks open on Sundays. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Bill Showler
President

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Council meeting of October 7th, 1947 canceled
(delegates at Congress Convention)

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, October 21, 1947.

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

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

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been accepted were obligated and seated:--Hugh Bird, Int. Assoc. of Firefighters Local 18; Miss J. Hotson, B. C. Library Association; W. Reid, Engineers Local 963.

Executive reported on the meeting held the same evening, delegates present being:--B. Showler, S. Shearer, J. Stevenson, J. Eaves, C. Herrett, G. Gee, T. Alsbury, R. Gervin.

RESPONSES:

(1) Delegate Homer Stevens, U.F.A. W. U. stating that he had just returned from the World Youth Festival at Prague and suggested he be allowed to give a report to the Council delegates. Further, that he would be willing to attend meetings of local unions affiliated to the Council. The executive recommend that local unions be asked to take note. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(2) Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators 136 enclosing a copy of a letter to the Premier of British Columbia demanding that the government take immediate steps to rectify a situation whereby veteran students being housed in huts at the U.B.C. are required to renovate the huts in which they live. The executive recommend that the action be endorsed in principle and referred to the Building Trades Council for consideration and action. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Community Planning Association enclosing a report dealing with the proposed Civic Center. The Executive recommend that this report be referred to the Legislative Committee for study and report. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Children's Jubilee Summer Camp committee requesting that two delegates participate in the Annual meeting of that Association to be held Sunday, November 23rd. The executive recommend that delegate R. Lenfesty and D. King represent the Council on this occasion. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(5) Trades and Labor Congress informing the Council that records have been made of the speech of Lord Dukeston to the Trades Congress Convention and requesting the reaction of the membership to this address. "On motion received and noted."

(6) Milk Salesmen Union Local 464 enclosing a recommendation as follows: Whereas the Secretary of this Council, R. K. Gervin, is now completing a two year term as alderman of the City of Vancouver and; Whereas during his term he has been a good representative of not only trade unions but also the citizens generally. Therefore be it resolved that this Local Union 464 request the Trades and Labor Council to endorse the candidacy of Secretary R. K. Gervin for a second term as alderman and that he be urged to submit his name for election.

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

(7) E. Crowley, requesting the Trades Council to oppose the Poll Tax bylaw and ask for the repeal of same. The executive recommend that this Council reiterate its previous stand against the Poll Tax. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(8) United Textile Workers of America thanking the Council for a donation to the strike fund of that union, also requesting that this Council petition the proper authorities at Ottawa for the release of Kent Rowley. The executive recommended endorsement of the request. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(9) Board of Park Commissioners replying to a request for the opening of dressing rooms for parks on Sundays stating that they must consider the surrounding residents and with that object in view open only those parks where residents would not be disturbed by the playing of games. "On motion received and noted."

(10) Division 101, St. Railwaymen, a clarification of the Street Railwaymen's Union also regarding transportation during the existing strike. It was moved, seconded and carried that this communication be laid over until the Council goes into a committee of the whole. The executive recommend that this Council support the Street Railwaymen in their endeavor to obtain an increase in wages and urge active support of all trade unions and moral support of the public. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend that this Council endorse and support the efforts of the Railway Brotherhoods in their endeavor to obtain 14 days annual vacation. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate J. Stevenson reported for this committee and recommended that the following delegates whose credentials had been received and found to be in order be obligated and seated: W. Reid, Engineers Local 963; R. W. Moore, Isabella Beck, Hotel and Res. Empl. Local 28; M. O. Howell, Frank Bain, James Gannon, Walter Peain, George McGinis, W. Wright, Int. Association of Firefighters Local 18; Orville Braaton, Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 433; John Dry, Railway Carmen 58; Ben B. Sushansky, Floorlayers Local 1541; Douglas Archibald, William Thomson, Fred Collins, David Joyce, William Ramsay, Seafarers' International Union; Norman Kolbert, Roy Hawken, Jewelry Workers 42. "On motion committee's report and recommendation adopted."

President Birt Showler reported that on instructions of a special executive meeting of the Trades Council he had called a meeting of both parties to the Street Railwaymen's dispute together with the Minister of Labor and Deputy Minister of Labor in an endeavor to arrive at a settlement prior to the strike. This meeting was carried on practically all day Sunday but unfortunately no agreement was arrived at. The meeting maintained a very high level all the way through and while an agreement was not reached everyone left the meeting in good spirits and friendly feeling to the other parties.

Organizing Committee, delegate C. Herrett reported receiving an application from the I. P. F. Local 194 for affiliation with this Council. The committee recommend the application be accepted and the organization invited to appoint delegates; delegate C. Herrett further reported establishing a new International Local, the Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers and Helpers Union No. 22. Contracts had been negotiated for the Golf Club Makers Union and an agreement will be signed shortly. An agreement is also being negotiated for members of Local 278 employed at the Carpenter Company. Negotiations have been proceeding for the Life Guards Union and it is anticipated this matter will go to a Board of Conciliation. Several agreements being negotiated for Office Employees Union. Some contracts have already been signed and it is expected that others will be signed shortly. "On motion report adopted."

Standing Committee on Education, delegate F. Templeton reported that the first class for trade unions on economics was held Wednesday, October 15th. A good attendance was recorded but unfortunately the classes will now be called off until such times as the street car strike is settled. It is hoped when that time arrives that not only will those who attended the first meeting be there but that many other trade unionists turn out.

Delegate Hannah reporting for the Workers' Educational Association stated that classes should have been next week but will be delayed to the end of the street car strike.

Secretary R. Gervin reported for the Special Committee set up to deal with the I. C. A. Act. The committee made numerous recommendations for amendments to the Act. All were agreed upon with the exception of that suggestion dealing with a union becoming a legal entity under the Act. Delegate W. Rigby moved and it was duly seconded that the committee press for amendments to take from the Act that which causes a union to become a legal entity. The amendment was lost by a vote of 56 to 44. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the committee be adopted and the committee be instructed to place these amendments before the Minister of Labor at the earliest opportunity.

Secretary R. Gervin reported that arrangements had been made to hold the annual banquet and dance on December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Commodore Cabaret. Tickets are now available at the Council office at a cost of \$2.50 each.

Secretary R. Gervin reported as a delegate to the recent Trades and Labor Congress Convention. The report will be published in full in the Labor Statesman and kept on file in the Council office where any delegate interested may view same.

Delegate W. J. Bartlett who was to accompany the secretary to the Trades and Labor Congress Convention was knocked down by an automobile the day prior to his leaving. In the accident he received a broken arm which made it impossible for him to attend. Report was on motion accepted.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Hotel and Res. Employees Local 28, delegate May Leniczek reported two new houses signed up since the last meeting of the Council, the Cook's Cafe, Georgia Street West and the Dinner Bell. Agreements have been signed after several months of negotiations with the restaurant owners in Vancouver. This agreement is the first in Canada to provide a 40 hour week for restaurant workers.

Retail Clerks, delegate G. Johnston reported the Safeway Agreement had been signed with a \$5 per week increase and 2 weeks annual vacation as well as other concessions. The O.K. Markets had signed agreements with the Union after conciliation in which we gained all our demands.

Bakers Local 468, delegate M. Kemmis reported a unanimous award of 15¢ per hour increase with 20¢ additional for night work to midnight and 25¢ additional for work from midnight to 8 a.m. An arbitration Board had brought down an award to cover the bakers in Spencers giving the same increase that has been given to other unions including a closed shop and check off.

Provincial Government Employees Association, delegate E. O'Connor reported his organization had reached agreement with the government on wages granting increases of 25 to 75 dollars per month. Also reported that his organization had been successful in convincing the Manitoba Provincial Government Employees that they should affiliate with the Trades and Labor Congress.

Street Railwaymen's Union Div. 101, reported Delegate Easler that his union after protracted negotiations have been forced to take strike action to enforce their demands. The union request was for 20¢ an hour increase and a 40 hour week. A Conciliation Board brought down an award by each member. The union representative recommending 15¢, the chairman 7½¢ and the company representative 5¢. On September 29th the Union met the Company and agreed to recommend 7½¢ per hour with a reduction in hours the membership. This recommendation was laid on the table and a strike vote taken.

Offers made through the City Council and through the President of this Council were not sufficient to warrant recommending to the membership. The strike was called for Monday October 20th. The strike will go on as the Street Railwaymen are determined to win their just demands.

Sheet Metal Workers Local 280, delegate Macaulay reported his union had agreed with the employers through negotiations on an increase of 15¢ per hour.

Building Service Employees Local 244, delegate P. Canavan reported 17 members of his union employed at the Stock Exchange Building now on strike because they could no longer exist on 42¢ per hour. Management had offered an increase of 3¢ per hour. It is an insufficient wage and the membership determined to obtain just demands. Management pay U.B.C. students 80¢ per hour to do the work ordinarily done by members of our union.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Council go into committee of the whole. Delegate Alsbury in the chair.

The Special Committee set up by this Council to deal with the Province strike reported on the situation up to date and recommend:

1. that the non patronage list of the Daily Province be continued and intensified wherever possible.
2. That unions holding contracts with fair employers shall not be asked to discontinue the carrying out of construction and maintenance in order that contracts will not be jeopardized.

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. An amendment was moved and seconded that a committee be elected or appointed to bring in a recommendation along trade union principles. It was moved and seconded that this meeting be extended to 11:15 p.m.

An amendment to the amendment was moved and seconded that the matter be referred back to the present committee with delegate S. Shearer added.

The amendment to the amendment was on motion lost. The amendment was on motion lost. It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter be tabled until the next meeting of this Council.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the time for this meeting be extended to 11:30 p.m.

The letter from the Street Railwaymen's Union clarifying their position on the transportation situation was read. In part the letter states "The Street Railwaymen's Union will consider as unfair anyone participating in or providing mass transportation for any persons who used the transportation facilities of the B. C. Electric Railway Company prior to the strike. This applies particularly to companies who are at present using trucks and automobiles in an organized effort to get their employees to work".

Considerable discussion followed the reading of this letter questions being asked for clarification of the Street Railwaymen delegates. It was pointed out that the Street Railwaymen's Union did not object to the army trucks transporting hospital workers or the organized transportation of police and firemen.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee rise and report. "On motion report adopted."

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Bert B. Howler
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, November 4, 1947.

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:--M. O. Howell, F. C. Bain, R. Foster, G. McInnis, Firefighters Int. Local 18; J. Dry, Railway Carmen 58; W. Slinn, Painters and Decorators Local 138; O. Braaten, Pulp and Sulphite Workers 433;

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union 468 recommending that David Spencer be not removed from the "We Do Not Patronize" list until such time as an agreement is signed with his union. "On motion referred to the Grievance Committee."

(2) Vancouver Auto Workers 1857 requesting that the firm, Mackenzie, White and Dunsmuir Ltd. be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list. Executive recommend this matter be referred to the Grievance Committee. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Pile Drivers Local 2404 protesting endorsement of a resolution adopted at a previous meeting wherein secretary R. Gerwin was urged to permit his name to go forward as a candidate in the forthcoming Civic Election. Executive recommend the communication be received and filed. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(4) A. R. Johnstone, Vice President, International Union of Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Trustee of Local Union No. 28, Vancouver, informing the Council that under authority of this trusteeship all present delegates from Local 28 to the Trades and Labor Council have been withdrawn as from October 28th. The executive recommend that this communication be received and noted. It was moved, seconded that the executive recommendation be adopted. Some discussion followed the recommendation of the executive. The vote was taken by the President who declared the motion carried. Several delegates questioned that the vote had actually carried and the President called for a standing vote which showed 57 in favor of the recommendation and 39 against.

(5) Painters Local 138 requesting the Council purchase an ad in a Souvenir Program. The executive recommend that the Council purchase a half page ad. Recommendation adopted.

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

(7) Street Railwaymen Division 101 requesting that the following statement of policy be placed before the Trades and Labor Council:

"The Street Railwaymen do not expect the traveling public to jeopardize their jobs or to greatly inconvenience themselves in supporting our nonacceptance of rides policy. However, we do strongly urge their support in combatting the organization of mass transportation for which fares are charged."

The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(8) Minister of Labor informing the Council that his Department is desirous of speeding up conciliation and arbitration under the I. C. A. Act. In the case of either side pursuing dilatory tactics not within the spirit of the Act then it is proposed that his Department will take whatever action possible in connection with the matter. He also desires unions having difficulty in this respect to draw it to the attention of the Department immediately when appropriate action will be taken. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--President Showler reminded delegates of the Trades Council Banquet to be held December 2nd in the Commodore Cabaret. Tickets are being sold rapidly and delegates wishing to go should purchase their tickets early in order that proper preparation can be made. Tickets can be obtained at the Trades Council office.

President also reported attending a meeting of the Community Chest wherein it was reported that the campaign had fallen short of their objective and that on Thursday and Friday a last minute drive would be put on in an endeavor to raise the amount of money necessary. Every citizen is asked to place \$1 in an envelope and forward it to Community Chest Headquarters, 649 Seymour Street. Unless the citizens contribute a sufficient amount to meet the needs there will be many needy people suffer through the coming year.

Organizing Committee, delegate C. Herrett reported receiving an application for affiliation with the Council from the Vancouver Federal Union No. 278. The committee recommend this application be accepted and the union requested to appoint delegates. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Credential Committee, J. Stevenson reported having received the following credentials and the committee recommend that as they are in order the delegates be obligated and seated:--J. A. Middleton, Sign Painters Local 726; William Paul, Engineers Local 963. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Legislative Committee, delegate S. Shearer pointed out that his committee had been unable to meet recently due to the Street Railway Strike and that a meeting would be held next Monday.

Secretary R. Gerwin reported for the special committee who placed recommendations for amendments to the I. C. A. Act before the Minister of Labor.

The Minister of Labor met your committee and discussed amendments to the I. C. A. Act for almost two hours. He pointed out that there was no possibility of a session of the Provincial Legislature before the new year. It would be impossible to get the members of the Legislature together. He did not commit himself to anything further than agreeing that the Act might well be amended.

The imp session of the committee was that he has seen the need for amendments to the Act and will give them consideration and consult with labor before those amendments are made. He agreed that the procedure is excessively drawn out and could well be reduced.

The committee feel that the meeting was worthwhile and recommend that the committee be authorized to keep in touch with the Minister with a view to having our suggested amendments made at the earliest possible date.

Secretary R. Gerwin reported that the matter referred to the Legislative Committee some time ago on amendments to the Rental Control Order had been investigated by the secretary's office because the Legislative Committee had not met since the time the letter had been dealt with. It was found on examination of the Act that incompatibility so far as the rentals administration is concerned may involve one or more of four charges:

1. The conduct of the tenant a sub tenant or anyone living with the tenant becomes obnoxious to other occupants of the building.
2. The conduct of the tenant or sub tenant, or anyone living with the tenant tends to harm the character of the accommodation or the building in which the accommodation is situated.
3. The tenant or his sub tenant or someone living with the tenant or sub tenant is damaging the accommodation.
4. The tenant or sub tenant be not taking reasonable care of the accommodation is causing it to deteriorate.

From the foregoing it can be seen that tenants on the premises need have no complaint of incompatibility as was suggested in the letter which prompted this investigation. It is recommended that the Act be amended so as to provide for an appeal from the judge's decision especially where other conditions would appear to have an indirect bearing on the case. A properly constituted court or board should be set up to deal with all such cases.

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

Delegate Stevens reported on his attendance in Prague, Czechoslovakia, at a meeting called by the World Federation of Democratic Youth. The Federation has a membership of forty-eight million with representatives from 71 countries. Over eighty-five thousand youth took part in the numerous activities, 93 Canadians and 200 Americans present. Delegate Stevens gave a lengthy report of the activities during the meeting. The report was well received by the delegates and is filed in the Council office for the perusal of those interested.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Refrigeration Workers 516, delegate Campbell reported that his union recently completed negotiations with employers which included among other conditions an increase of 15¢ per hour.

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Printing Pressmen Local 69, delegate Ainsworth reported that one of the delegates of his union have received a communication from the secretary of the Council informing him that he would not be seated as a delegate.

Canadian Seamen's Union, delegate Thompson reported his union had opened national negotiations on October 15th covering all deep sea vessels. Ship owners from Montreal met in Vancouver to negotiate. Seamen are asking 15¢ per hour increase, 48 hour week and other conditions. Became obvious in negotiations that the owners had no intention of signing an agreement. The only offer made was 5¢ per hour. This could not be entertained by the union. An impasse has been reached and a conciliator has been applied for. The union cannot continue to send seamen out if no contract is signed by November 15th, that being the date on which the old contract expires. The ballot is being taken and the ten vessels hoard from to date have been unanimously in favor of strike action if no settlement is reached. We hope for the assistance and support of all local unions in our struggle.

Fire Fighters Local 18, stated by delegate Howell he was glad to be back in the Trades Council after a long absence. All unions in the Province affiliated with the Provincial Association of Firefighters and that body contributed greatly to bringing the Vancouver Firefighters back to the International Union.

Plumbers Local 170, delegate F. Carlisle reported his agreement does not expire for another year but that the employers feel very sympathetic to the men and had increased the wages by 15¢ per hour at the request of the union.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved and seconded that the decision of the Council barring printing pressmen employed at the Daily Province from being seated as delegates be rescinded. The President asked the mover and seconder to make this a notice of motion.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:--Delegata Smith, Machinists Lodge 692, enquired as to whether a report would be made of the names submitted by the Trades Council for a representative to the Labor Relations Board to be set up under the I. C. A. Act. The president replied that the Trades and Labor Council had not been requested to submit names but the Provincial Executive had and that the Provincial Executive would not likely be reporting until the next convention of the Trades Congress.

Secretary R. Gervin reported that the Provincial Executive would be glad to report if it were possible at any time but pointed out that one member comes from Powell River another from Victoria and two from Vancouver. Also pointed out that it is unfair to expect the Executive to report only to one Trades Council when there are several throughout the Province. The names submitted were: George Wilkinson, Victoria; H. W. Watts, Vancouver; R. McCulloch, Vancouver.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

R. K. Gervin,
Secretary.

Birt 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, November 18, 1947.

Meeting opened at 9 p.m. President Birt Showler in the Chair.

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

The following delegates whose credentials had previously been received were obligated and seated:--J. Gammon, Fire Fighters Local 18; W. R. Paul, Engineers 969; B. Joyce, P. Collins, W. Ramsay, Seafarers' International Union.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, S. Smylie, J. Severson, S. Shearer, C. Herrett, J. Baves, T. Alsbury, R. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Street Railwaymen Division 101 enclosing a resolution condemning the proposal of the retail merchant association contained in a circular letter requesting that strikes be outlawed where public utility employees are concerned and further requesting that the Trades Council and the Trades Congress take similar action. The executive recommend endorsement and that the resolution be referred to the Provincial Executive for action. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(2) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada enclosing a reprint of an editorial appearing in October issue of the Trades and Labor Congress Journal. It is an appeal for 25¢ donation from each member of the affiliated unions in Canada to assist the Trades Congress in organizing the unorganized. Every affiliated union has received a copy of this letter and editorial. The executive urge that the local unions take note of the contents of the editorial. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(3) Local 213, Electrical Workers enclosing a resolution expressing dissatisfaction with the action of the B. C. Executive in their submission of names to represent the A. F. L. Unions on the Labor Relations Board. Also expressing the opinion that all local unions in B. C. should have been consulted and further recommending that Wm. Fraser, a member of 213, Electrical Workers, be endorsed as a representative of the A. F. L. unions on the Labor Relations Board. The executive recommend that this matter be referred to the Provincial Executive. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Premier of B. C. acknowledging receipt of petitions requesting a special session of the Legislature to deal with the I. C. A. Act and advising that no special session of the Legislature is contemplated. Executive recommend the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

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

The executive report as a whole was on motion adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate Smylie reported having received the following credentials:--Flo Allen, Bob Williams, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28; W. Clarke, E. Regier, Hester L. Richards, Hilfred Sinclair, N. S. Clark, New Westminster Teachers' Association; Harold J. Clark, P. A. Trigwell, Gordon Webb, Vancouver Auto Workers 1857. The committee recommend that the delegates be invited to attend the next regular meeting for obligation. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate C. Herrett reported having received an application from the Vancouver Life Guards' Federal Union 276 for affiliation with the Council. Committee recommended that the application be received and the union asked to appoint delegates. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Legislative Committee, delegate S. Shearer, reported the committee reviewed the situation with regard to a letter sent to this Council wherein it was reported that the City Council and Provincial Government have refused to pay \$1000 each as their share to a survey by Dr. Marsh of the housing situation in Vancouver. It was found that each group, namely: the Federal Government, Provincial Government and the City Council had been asked to contribute \$1000. It is found on investigation that the City Council did not refuse to pay \$1000 but agreed to consider the \$1000 request if the Provincial Government did likewise. The committee recommend that this Council urge the Provincial Government to contribute \$1000 to this very important and necessary work. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

The Legislative Committee reviewed a plan of the Community Planning Association of Canada dealing with the proposed Civic Center. The Civic Center would be designed to create a harmonious composition representing one of the highest forms of municipal accomplishments reflecting great public support and would be a stimulant to further civic pride. The committee feel that the central school site as proposed by the Town Planning Commission is an ideal site for such a center, being convenient to the shopping district and most parts of Vancouver and therefore strongly recommend that this Council endorse the proposed Civic Center at the forthcoming Civic Election and urge all trade unionists to support this also. "On motion committee's recommendation adopted."

Standing Committee on Education, delegate F. Templeton reported that the class on Economics which was canceled due to the transportation strike would commence meeting Wednesday, November 19th at 8 p.m. in Hall 3, Labor Headquarters, continuing each Wednesday until the course is completed. "On motion report accepted with thanks."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Bakers Local 468, delegate Bell reported the National Biscuit Company now under agreement with Local 468 and should be removed from the non-patronage list.

Street Railwaymen Division 101, delegate C. Stewart thanked the Council and affiliated unions for the splendid support during the four weeks strike. Expressed regret at the inconvenience to the public and the possibility of a fare increase being brought into the picture. Definitely stated that the workers were not the cause of the increase in fares. The members now have a wage rate which is the highest in Canada and have come through the strike with a union many times stronger than when the strike was entered into.

Plumbers Local 170, delegate Atherton expressed regret that the Street Railwaymen did not obtain the 40 hour week.

Civic Employees Local 28, delegate Pears requested information from the Street Railwaymen's Delegates as to whether or not they were still on record as opposed to public ownership of the transportation system. Delegate Stewart replied that the Trades Congress of Canada and his union had supported public ownership of utilities.

Delegate T. Dunlop spoke briefly stating that the members of his union would not care to find themselves in the same position as Civic Employees were from time to time and be treated in the same manner particularly during the depression and felt that that is what public ownership of the transportation system would mean.

Jewelry Workers Local 42, delegate E. Power reported his union had signed new agreements containing 10¢ per hour increase in pay.

H. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, delegate A. Gordon reported a few months ago his union had been successful in collecting \$1200 back pay for one of their members.

NOTICE OF MOTION:--to be given second reading and dealt with. That the decision of the Council barring printing pressmen employed at the Daily Province from being seated as a delegate be rescinded. The motion was lost.

At this time the President reported the death of delegate W. J. Bartlett. It was pointed out that delegate Bartlett was the oldest trade union member of this Council and had served in the Trade Union Movement practically all his life. The members stood in silence in respect to the memory of our late brother.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved and seconded that this Council wire the Federal Minister of Justice disapproving of meetings being called by Arcand in Quebec. On motion carried.

Moved and seconded that this Council record a protest against an increase in streetcar fares to the City Council and the public utilities commission. "On motion carried."

Moved and seconded that this Council censor Local 97, Structural Ironworkers for raiding tactics employed in organizing members of the United Steelworkers on strike.

The chairman ruled the motion out of order. Delegate Levitz, B. C. P. G. E., challenged the ruling of the chair. Vice President S. Smylie took the chair. Delegate Levitz stated her case. The president gave his reasons for ruling the motion out of order. The vote taken showed 85 in favor of sustaining the chair, 77 against.

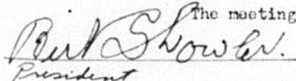
It was moved and seconded that this Council request the Federal Department of Labor at Ottawa and the Provincial Department of Labor in Manitoba to immediately take action to bring about a favorable settlement of the dispute at Sherridon. The motion carried.

Moved and seconded that this Council go on record as disapproving of the Government sending a detachment of Mounted Police to the scene of the strike at Sherridon. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that this Council request the names of the strike breakers employed at Sherridon for future reference. Carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE:--Delegate H. Foster, Firefighters Local 18, requested information on the compensation pension for widows. President explained the Provincial Executive had this matter in hand.

Delegate F. Carlisle, Plumbers Local 170, asked if it were not possible to set up a committee to deal with the dispute between the C. I. O. and the A. F. of L., to discuss the question of the steel workers. President replied that he would request the secretary to call a meeting of business agents to discuss the situation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

 President

R. K. Gervin,
 Secretary.

1947,
 December 2nd/Council meeting canceled
 (Annual Banquet held this
 date)

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 Tuesday, December 16, 1947.

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

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

The President reported the death of delegate Astbury of Local 213, Electrical Workers, the members standing in silence in respect to the memory of the late brother.

The following delegates whose credentials had been previously received were obligated and seated:--R. Deoley, Seafarers' Int. Union; J. H. Middleton, Sign Writers 726; W. Poin, Firefighters Local 18; R. E. Williams, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local 28; Ben Sochasky, Floorlayers 1541; Mrs. M. Sinclair, Miss H. Richards, B. Rogler, New Westminster Teachers' Assoc.; A. S. Thompson, Retail Grocery and Food Clerks 1518; A. Murphy, Retail Clerks 279.

The executive reported on a meeting held the same evening, the following delegates being present:--B. Showler, S. Smylie, S. Shearer, J. Stevenson, C. Herrett, G. Gee, J. Eaves, R.K. Gervin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) President Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, an expression of sympathy to the delegates and the members of the family of the late delegate Bill Bartlett. "On motion received and noted."

(2) G. R. Curry, Industrial Relations Officer, Federal Department of Labor, expressing appreciation of the invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Council. "On motion received and noted."

(3) Jewelry Workers Local 42, protesting the action of Local 97, Ironworkers whom they allege took advantage of a situation when a C. I. O. union was on strike to start a union. The executive recommend that the letter be left in the hands of the secretary to reply. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(4) Secretary Public Utilities Commission acknowledging receipt of a letter protesting increase in street car fares in this city. "On motion received and noted."

(5) International Operating Engineers Local 682 supporting Division 101 in their fight to prevent the outlawing of strikes where public utility employees are concerned. Executive recommend the communication be referred to the Provincial Executive. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(6) B. C. Projectionists Society 348 enclosing a resolution requesting the Council to urge the abolition of the amusement tax in Canada. The executive recommend endorsement of the resolution. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(7) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada enclosing a lengthy resolution adopted at the last Convention opposing the lifting of price ceilings and urging the immediate imposition of ceilings and excess profit tax. The executive recommend the resolution be endorsed and that this Council notify all members of Parliament for Vancouver and that Local unions be requested to have the letter copied and distributed to their membership. Recommendation adopted.

(8) A. J. Turner, secretary of the C. C. F. Trade Union Committee, enclosing a resolution urging the reimposition of price controls and profit tax. The executive recommend the communication be received and filed. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

(9) Workers' Educational Association notification that classes will be commenced December 1st including photography, cooperatives, writing for Radio, Trade Union Principles and Practice, and Painting. Executive recommend the delegates take note.

(10) U. F. A. W. U., Vancouver Local, enclosing a resolution urging increased pensions for veterans, the resolve of which reads as follows: Therefore Be It Resolved that this Council record a vote of strongest possible censure upon the Prime Minister and members of his Cabinet for their callous procrastination; and,

Be It Further Resolved that this Council demand remedial action be taken before the Christmas recess.

The executive recommend endorsement of the resolution with the deletion of the first resolve. "On motion executive recommendation adopted."

The executive report as a whole was on motion adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate S. Smylie recommend that the following delegates whose credentials were in order be invited to attend the next regular meeting for obligation:--Hazel M. Callenberg, Thomas E. Basham, John A. Cooper, Philip G. Tobin, Mabel Gavin, James W. Fields, J. H. Irving, Laundry Workers 292; Howard Gauley, Bert Campbell, John A. King, Roy Riches, Keith Dixon, Truck Drivers Local 213; Don McKenzie, Garment Workers, Local 190; J. Spencer, Jack Stackhouse, Firefighters Local 914; U. H. Davies, Blacksmiths 151; D. Fletcher, William Woodhead, Edwin Larson, Edward Smith, Allister McLeod, Civic Employees Local 28; A. Murphy, Retail Clerks Local 279; Alton S. Thompson, Retail Grocery and Food Clerks, 1518; "On motion report adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate C. Herrett reported that a new local had been established covering the enamel workers in this City with a membership of approximately 40. The Life Guards Union contract has been signed and the members receive wage increases of \$32.50 per month for head guards and 20¢ to 25¢ per hour for the remainder. These wages were the result of an arbitration board's finding. This award makes the Vancouver Life Guards the highest paid in Canada. The Golf Club Makers Union have received an increase since organizing of \$4.50 per week. Several other groups under consideration for organizing.

Secretary R. Gervin reported the Banquet held recently was a success, over 400 delegates and friends attending.

The last meeting of the Business Agents held on Thursday, December 11th was also very successful with over 42 representatives present. Good discussion on many and varied subjects.

Secretary R. Gervin reported an increase of 968 members over the six month period from July to December this year, with six new affiliations to the Council. This makes a total of 105 unions affiliated at the present time.

Secretary also drew attention to a statement in the local press where a dual organization had made claims that officers of the Department of Labor had favored A. F. L. Unions. Secretary pointed out that the speaker must have had reference to the situation at the Dominion Rustproofing Co. where the employees voted unanimously to become members of a union affiliated with the A. F. of L. This dual union forced the Department of Labor to take a stand which was unanimously in favor of the A. F. of L. union. The charges made by the representative of this dual union are simply absurd and without merit or foundation. "On motion report adopted."

Grievance Committee, delegate G. Gee reported the committee recommend that the Valuator Cleaners be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of this Council. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Committee recommend that with the cooperation of the Grievance Committee the Organizing Committee of the Council call a meeting of representatives interested in organizing the following workers:--Retail Clerks, Building Service Workers, Hotel and Restaurant Workers and Truck Drivers. "On motion recommendation adopted."

The committee recommend that the National Biscuit and Confection Co. be removed from the "We Do Not Patronize" list of this Council. "On motion recommendation adopted."

Standing Committee on Education, delegate F. Templeton reported that only about 15 people are attending the weekly classes on economics arranged for by this Committee. Most of these workers are from Local 468, Bakers Local. The support given by other unions is not encouraging and certainly does not assist the people who make up the Educational Committee to carry on other effort. It is possible for anyone interested to commence attending classes now and inasmuch as notes have been kept and can be supplied it will be quite easy to pick up the course. "On motion report accepted."

Delegate S. Smylie reported he had attended the Annual Dinner meeting of the New Westminster Teachers' Association on December 13th and extended greetings from this Council. Expressed agreeable surprise at the enthusiasm shown by the members of that organization.

Delegate King, representative to the Children's Jubilee Summer Camp, reported at length on the work of the Jubilee Summer Camp and the good work accomplished by the trade unionists who give of their time to this work. Also appealed for further assistance in the future in order that this very worthy work should be carried on. "On motion report accepted."

Delegate J. Eaves reported on attending meetings of the Children's Aid Society. "On motion report received".

Delegate J. Hallock reported on attending meetings of the Family Welfare Council and suggested that this Council should ask for more delegates on such committees. Secretary R. Gerwin pointed out that he too would welcome broader representations on such organizations but it was most difficult to find delegates willing to represent the Council.

Secretary R. Gerwin reported on the function of the Veteran Labor Relations Committee which meets monthly in this City, good work having been done by this committee. "On motion report received."

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Barbers Local 120, delegate C. Herrett reported barber shops will be open on the Wednesday prior to Christmas all day. Further reported barber shops organized at:--J. D. Anderson, 6665 Fraser St.; R. S. Hunt, 630 Kingsway; J. W. Lawson, 609 Robson Street; J. Zadoginak, 1249 Kingsway; M. Myers, Chilliwack; S. J. Gropp, Oliver, B.C.; Anthony Mitchell, Squamish; Wm. Krawciak, 1286 Kingsway; J. Kranty, Westview;

Electrical Workers 213, delegate G. Gee reported negotiations had been carried on by his union with the B.C. Electric since July last. Conciliation officer has been appointed and it appears likely arbitration will be necessary. In the event this fails the delegate stated that he wanted the Council to know the situation and that the electrical workers would expect full support and he did not want it said that the question should have been raised sooner. Such a strike would affect every member of a trade union. President pointed out that delegate Gee should inform the Council in time that they might call a special meeting should this situation arise.

Pulp and Sulphite Workers 433, delegate O. Branton reported his union had been certified in Smith, Davidson and Wright and London Paper Co. Negotiations with Smith, Davidson and Wright have been carried on and conciliation applied for. Pioneer Envelope Co. continuing negotiations.

Laundry Workers Local 232, delegate J. Irving reported negotiations, conciliation and arbitration with the Valator Cleaners had resulted in a unanimous award in favor of the Union. The company refused to sign the agreement with the closed shop clause. Delegates are asked to remember this firm is now on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of this Council. It is hoped that the laundries will be 90% organized by this time next year.

Railway Carmen 58, delegate S. Shearer reported his union are commencing negotiations on December 20th for an increase of 35¢ per hour.

Bakers Local 469, delegate M. Kernis reported Dad's Cookie Co. had signed an agreement with the Union. Employees at Dishar Specialties are on strike. Owner says he sold the plant. Membership voted 100% for strike action. Employees refuse to go back unless an agreement is reached.

Vancouver Auto Workers 1857, delegate L. Butler reported that after the lengthy negotiations with Mackenzie, White and Dunsuir a conciliation Board had brought in an award without any recommendation. Secretary R. Gerwin and himself had proceeded to Victoria and were successful in having Sherwood Lett appointed as a Commissioner. The Commissioner now has this matter in hand.

Glaziers and Glass Workers, delegate W. Eaton reported this union negotiating since August 15. Conciliation Board has now been applied for and an award is expected in the near future. Union asked 40¢ an hour increase for those workers who were receiving only 55¢ to 90¢ per hour. No offer has been made to date. Delegate requested that union members purchase glass and mirrors manufactured and cut in Vancouver.

NEW BUSINESS:--It was moved and seconded that the Legislative Committee be instructed to make a study of the street car fare situation, prepare a brief and appoint a sub committee to present this brief to the Public Utilities Commission when a public hearing is held on this subject. "On motion carried."

Moved and seconded that this Council consider the forming of a ladies auxiliary in the new year. An amendment that this matter be referred to the Legislative Committee for study and report. Amendment carried.

Moved and seconded that this Council recommend to Mayor Jones that Jack Henderson be placed on the boxing commission. Carried.

Delegate Foster of the Vancouver Firefighters rose at this time with numerous recommendations for amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act. It was moved, seconded and carried that these amendments be referred to the Provincial Executive.

The President on behalf of the officers and executive extended Season's Greetings to all delegates and their families.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

R. K. Gerwin,
Secretary.

Birk 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, January 6, 1948.

Meeting opened at 8 p.m. President Birt 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:--T. Basham, P. Tobin, Laundry Workers 292; G. Webb, H. G. Clark, Vancouver Auto Workers 1857; E. A. Larson, A. McLeod, D. W. Fletcher, E. Smith, Civic Employees Local 28; H. Wright, Fire Fighters Local 18; A. A. Waddon, Barbers Local 120; J. Stackhouse, Fire Fighters 914;

Executive reported on meeting held the same evening, the following members present:--B. Showler, S. Smylie, J. Stevenson, S. Shearer, C. Herrett, G. Gee, J. Eaves, T. Alsbury, R. Gerwin.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Street Railwaymen's Union 101 informing the Council that have received reports to the effect that the B. C. Electric Railway Co. intend curtailing the street car and bus service on Wednesdays. The proposal means a decrease of some 300 car miles in comparison with the present service. The local requests that this matter be taken up with the City Council and a strong protest lodged with the B. C. Electric Railway Co. The executive recommend endorsement.

The Street Railwaymen also request the Council to forward a strong protest to the Greek Consul at Ottawa against a recent act passed by the Greek Government whereby workers who participate in strikes would be subject to execution. The executive recommend that the matter be forwarded to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada for action. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(2) Angus MacInnis, M.P., replying to the Council's request for support of the resolution on price controls. The writer stated his position clearly that he favored such action and would assist in any way he could to see that the Government reinstated such controls. "On motion received and noted."

(3) Secretary to Ian Mackenzie, M.P. stating the letter from this Council on price controls would be referred to Mr. Mackenzie when he returned to the office. "On motion received and noted."

(4) C. C. Merritt, M.P., acknowledging receipt of a letter from this Council on price controls. "On motion received and noted."

(5) James Sinclair, M.P., acknowledging receipt of letter on price control and stating that he would do anything to alleviate the situation. "On motion received and noted."

(6) Trades and Labor Congress of Canada acknowledging receipt of a resolution from this Council requesting the removal of the Dominion Amusement tax of 20% on all admission to theatres and stating that the matter would be placed before the Executive Council at the next meeting. "On motion received and noted."

(7) Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council a copy of a Brief regarding matters referred to the Court of Referees at the Unemployment Insurance. The executive recommend the matter be referred to the Legislative Committee for study and report. "On motion recommendation adopted."

(8) Home Service Employees recommending amendments to the Factories Act whereby provision could be made for women and men in industry and restaurants to change clothing and lunch room facilities. The executive recommend this communication be referred to the Provincial Executive. "On motion recommendation adopted."

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

(10) Minister of Justice replying to a letter of protest from this Council against the use of the R.C.M.P. in the strike at Sherridon, Manitoba. The Minister states that it is his understanding that the R.C.M.P. were dispatched to the strike area solely in the interest of law and order and in no sense as a threat against the workers on strike. "On motion received and noted."

(11) International Representative, I.A.T.S.E. and M.P.M.O. pointing out the disastrous affects of jurisdictional strikes in the Hollywood motion picture industry during 1945 and 1946 and impressing upon the workers the great damage done to the entire labor movement by the Conference of Studio Unions and its pro-Communist leadership which instigated these jurisdictional strikes. The executive recommend the communication be received and noted. An amendment was moved and seconded that this Council go on record that letters not addressed to the Council be not read. The amendment was lost. "The executive recommendation was carried."

(12) Home Service Employees requesting assistance from the Trades Council in setting up an office and employing a full time representative. The executive recommend that this matter be referred to the Organizing Committee for study and report. "On motion the executive recommendation adopted."

The executive recommend that this Council call a special meeting following the provincial executive's presentation to the Government when M.L.A.'s from Vancouver, North Vancouver, Burnaby, and New Westminster be invited to hear labor's views and to state their position on our demands for legislation. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Credential Committee, delegate S. Smylie reported the following credentials in order and recommended that the delegates attend the next meeting and be obligated and seated:--Louis Shevon, Mainers Local 70; George E. Anderson, Life Guards 276; J. L. Drapeau, Taxi Drivers 151; H. Meade, Truck Drivers 31; Paul W. Daley, J. E. Dewar, Milk Salesman 464; J. U. White, M. P. Lapointe, Bakery Salesman 189; W. Binding, J. A. Seldon, Bakery Salesman 189; T. R. Bartholomew, E. L. Copeland, Vancouver Federal Union 278; J. R. Foster, J. H. Leslie, T. E. Foley, Geo. Preston, R. G. Pollock, W. Woolridge, Projectionists 348; L. C. Pullet, R. J. McRae, A. L. Fox, Railway Clerks 630; Emelia Papich, Lydia Wier, Gladys Brown, Garment Workers 292; A. W. Curran, M. W. Stephens, Chas. H. Read, Wm. Scott, Robert Burger, Engineers 882; Louis J. Horzeg, Molders Local 281; E. W. Grier, Barbers Local 120. "On motion committee's report adopted."

Organizing Committee, delegate C. Herrett reported progress.

Legislative Committee, delegate S. Shearer reported the committee discussed the matter of a recent street car fare boost and request that representatives of the Unions affected be requested to meet with the Legislative Committee to assist in preparing a brief to be placed before the Public Utilities Commission in opposition, to increased fares. Committee further recommend that the Brief when prepared and approved by the Council be forwarded to the Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress with request for their advice and assistance in presenting the brief to the Utilities Commission. The committee propose that a sub committee of 4 be set up to contact all organizations for data. Committee further recommend that the Chairman write the City Council Transit Committee for data. Also the Trade Union Research Committee. It further recommend that the sub committee gather data on the B. C. Electric Fare Structure and all means utilized to gather such data. The sub committee be composed of Mrs. J. Hallock, T. Parkin, J. Barton, S. Shearer. "On motion committee's report adopted as progress".

On the matter of setting up a Ladies Auxiliary committee reported that they did not favor such a step but recommend that the Executive be instructed to cooperate with lady delegates in the Council to call a meeting of women trade unionists, wives and sisters of trade unionists with a view to arousing and sustaining the interests of women in the principles and work of organized labor. "On motion report adopted."

President asked delegate C. Herrett to have his committee discuss the calling of this meeting.

REPORTS OF UNIONS:--Hospital Employees Local 180, delegate H. Black, reported his union had obtained \$150,000 in increases for workers at the General Hospital. Orderlys who received \$60 per month 6 years ago, today are receiving \$160. Nurses now receive \$190 as compared to \$125. Hospital rates are up. The delegate pointed out that the hospitals will no longer be run at the expense of the workers. Approximately one million dollars given away last year in free treatment at the General Hospital. Of this amount Provincial Government pays only 70% per day per person getting free treatment. The Provincial Government must make a greater contribution to hospitals in this City.

Typographical Local 226, delegate Franks reported workers on the picket line at the Daily Province for 19 months and not a single deflection in the ranks. Members of his union are confident that they will win the fight, particularly if they continue to have the support of their friends who refuse to buy the Daily Province. This firm has spent unlimited money for advertising of every description to fight the Union. Delegate urged union members to remain 100% behind the Type Union in refusing to buy a scab paper. If any union would care to have a speaker address their meeting the Typos would be glad to accommodate them.

U. F. A. W. U., delegate W. Rigby reported that prior to Christmas his union had negotiated an agreement of \$7.40 per ton for herring for the whole coast. In 1939 the fishermen received only \$2 per ton. Considerable discussion in the press regarding the embargo on salmon to the U.S. It was suggested this would interfere with the canneries in this Province. Delegate stated the embargo was unjustified and his union had asked for a conference with the Minister of Fisheries to be held in Vancouver to work a scheme satisfactory to all. Delegate reported that some difficulty had been experienced in having a welfare fund included in the agreement. The company taking the position that under the I.C.A. Act it was illegal for them to contribute to a fund for employees. Minister of Labor informed the company in writing that there was no justification for such a decision and the matter is now being cleared up satisfactorily and the fund set up under the agreement.

Canadian Seaman's Union, delegate J. Thompson reported his Union had negotiated an agreement covering all deep sea boats with a \$20 per month increase in pay. In 1942 the rate was \$58 per month, today it is \$170. 10¢ per hour increase in overtime rates. 12 week's sick pay and \$150 for loss of personal belongings. The agreement also includes the closed shop. Agreements have also been signed with the Shell and Standard Oil Companies covering coastal boats.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:--President stated that nomination of officers for 1949 would be called at this meeting, reopened at the next meeting and elections held.

Nominations for:

<u>President</u>	B. Showler, Milk Salesmen Local 464 J. Henderson, Engineers Local 882
<u>Vice President</u>	Mrs. J. Hallock, Home Service Employees 211 S. Smylie, Plumbers Local 170
<u>General Secretary-Treasurer</u>	R. K. Gerwin, St. Railwayman, Div. 101
<u>Warden</u>	J. Stevenson, Carpenters Local 452
<u>Statistician</u>	J. Eaves, Painters Local 138 W. Rigby, United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union
<u>Chairman, Organizing Committee</u>	C. E. Herrett, Barbers Local 120 B. Foster, Machinists Local 692
<u>Chairman, Legislative Committee</u>	S. Shearer, Railway Carmen 58 J. Irving, Laundry Workers 292
<u>Chairman, Press Committee</u>	T. Alsbury, Vancouver Secondary School Teachers' Assoc.
<u>Chairman, Grievance Committee</u>	G. Gee, Electrical Workers 213 R. Cormack, St. Railwayman, Div. 134

NEW BUSINESS:--Moved and seconded that this Council request the Provincial Executive to urge the Provincial Government to bring down the health act of 1936 at the earliest possible date. Motion carried.

It was moved, seconded that this Council go on record as favoring compulsory auto insurance operated by the Government. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Grievance Committee be instructed to investigate the question of a letter addressed to the Trades and Labor Council secretary which was not read to the Council and report to the next Council meeting. A standing vote was demanded. The motion was lost, 46 for and 74 against.

Delegate Templeton informed the Council that the class on economics would be held as scheduled Wednesday, January 7th at 8 p.m. in Hall 3, Labor Headquarters.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Birt Showler
President

R. K. Gerwin, Secretary.

VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL
Seaman's Hall, Dunsmuir and Beatty Streets

Minutes of the regular meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday, January 20, 1948.

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

Delegates whose credentials had been previously accepted were obligated and seated:--E. Papich, Mrs. G. Brown, Mrs. L. Wier, Garment Workers 232; A. L. Fox Railway Clerks 630; W. Woodhead, Civic Employees 28; E. W. Grier, Barbers Local 120; G. Preston, Projectionists Local 348; W. C. Hooper, Machinists 692; H. Gaulay, Truck Drivers 213; J. E. Dewart, Milk Salesmen 464; H. Meads, Truck Drivers 31; A. Bonding, J. A. Seldon, Bakery Drivers 189; R. W. Robson, Electrical Workers 213; B. Mitchell, Painters Local 138.

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

The executive recommend that the elections be held promptly at 8:30 p.m. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Provincial Federation of Ontario Fire Fighters requesting endorsement of a letter to members of parliament demanding proper recognition and justice for firefighters who served in the Canadian Overseas Firefighters Corp and have not received benefits extended to other branches of the armed services. The executive recommend endorsement. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

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

(3) Metal Trades Council informing this Council that the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council will hold their Annual Convention in Vancouver early in February, and requesting financial assistance in providing accommodation and entertainment for the delegates and their wives. The executive recommend that this Council donate \$100. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(4) Vancouver Converters Local 433 requesting endorsement of a resolution condemning the set up of the Industrial Labor Relations Board. The executive recommend that the resolution be referred to the Provincial Executive. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(5) Minister of Veterans Affairs replying to a communication from this Council demanding a better deal in the matter of pensions for world war veterans and their dependents. The letter points out that there is some delay in passing the necessary legislation which is unavoidable but that every effort is being made to implement the increases as speedily as possible. The executive recommend that the communication be received and noted. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

(6) Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, requesting the endorsement of a resolution protesting the shipment of munitions to China. The executive recommended endorsement. "On motion executive's recommendation adopted."

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:--Delegate Birt Showler reported on a meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Unemployment Insurance wherein a survey of unemployed persons over the age of 45 had revealed that over 5000 men above the age of 45 were out of work. The committee are arousing publicity in selling employers the necessity of these men being employed usefully. It is noted that the Federal Government refuse to employ persons over the age of 45. The City and the B. C. Electric also have regulations in this regard. It is a serious situation which will grow worse as time goes on unless something is done to counteract the feeling that a man's usefulness ends at the age of 45. President reported he had pointed out that had the Government followed labor's advice and put in force a nation-wide pension scheme when requested years ago the present situation would not have come about.

It now being 8:30 p.m. the **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS** took place. President Birt Showler appointed delegates W. Clarkson, R. McCulloch, R. Neelands, G. Johnston, M. Kemmis, A. Dyer, T. Atherton, E. A. Jamieson and R. Foster as tellers.