

ORGANIZED LABOR WANTS NATIONAL BUREAU IN CANADA

Candidates For Officers Are Nominated At Meeting of Council

At the regular meeting of the Edmonton Trades and Labor council held Monday evening in the Mechanics' hall, 103rd street, the following candidates for the ensuing year, H. Hawkins being the only name allowed to stand, other delegates whose names were mentioned not being present. Their names did not go before the meeting. Those nominated for the office of vice-president were W. Dunn, carpenter, and W. H. Peebles, Cooks and Waiters' union. A. Farmilo was the only name mentioned for the office of secretary and treasurer; sergeant-at-arms, W. Friend, of the Painters' organization. Those who are running for the office of trustee are as follows: W. Jamieson, W. Peebles, J. O'Brien, W. Dunn, A. C. Venatti. Nominations can again be opened at the next regular meeting, when the election of officers will take place.

The matter of establishing a national labor bureau was up for discussion in the council, this question arising out of a report that had been submitted to the city council by the mayor, the opinion of the labor council being that some central office might be established by the government in the east of this country, which could handle at first hand the influx of labor that will necessarily obtain from now until the war is over. It was thought that, with the war came a new set of conditions in regard to labor, in that many men will be taken from occupations and will not be in the same position to fill them as previous to the war. The labor men felt that with the establishment of a central bureau and a good system of municipal labor bureaus the distribution could be looked after. A committee of J. A. Kinrey, R. McCreath and Secretary Farmilo were appointed to draft up a reply to be forwarded to Mayor Henry.

Patriotic Fund Adjustment

The committee who were appointed to meet the executive committee of the Patriotic fund reported as follows: After discussing all the cases with the executive committee representing the patriotic fund, which lasted some three hours, the patriotic committee came to the conclusion that there was sufficient reason for adjustment in most of the cases, and the committee are able to report that they were assured that the trouble that had arisen would be adjusted.

The committee appointed to obtain information concerning hospital beds for needy trade unionists asked for further powers. They are to obtain all necessary information from the fraternal organizations. The recommendations of the committee were adopted and the committee instructed to go ahead.

Grievances Over Munitions

A long communication was received from the Winnipeg Trades and Labor council setting out a number of grievances existing in the munition factories, where unscrupulous employers are taking advantage of the fair wages clause being omitted from the imperial contracts. These matters have been taken up with the Hon. Lloyd George, and he again has taken it up with the Dominion government, and the matter does not seem to be getting the attention it should. This matter will therefore be taken up by this council along with other councils throughout the Dominion.

Adolphus Busch a German

The question of Adolphus Busch being a German came before the Trades and Labor council in the report of the cigarmakers' strike. It seems that this is a brand of cigar that is being made by the Edmonton Cigar factory, and H. V. Shaw seems to have gotten into some controversy with the officials of the cigarmakers, who are conducting the strike, in behalf of the union. The secretary stated that he had a telegram from the British consul at St. Louis, Monday, stating that Adolphus Busch was born in Germany.

A small donation was granted to the Allentown Trades and Labor council towards the defense fund of David Williams, the secretary-treasurer, who is facing a charge arising out of the strike at the Bethlehem Steel works. He will receive the assistance of the labor movement of America.