

# CIVIC EMPLOYEES SORE AT COUNCIL TURNDOWN

J. T. Gunn Says Marriage Bill  
in Legislature Violates  
Human Rights.

## FUEL FROM GARBAGE

Labor Opposed to Industrial  
Conscription of Aliens, But  
Would Intern "Dangerous."

What the Trades Council Did.

Condolled with civic employes who were turned down by the City Council.

Referred a cheap fuel proposition to special committee.

Re-affirmed stand against industrial conscription of aliens.

Heard J. T. Gunn condemn as "vicious legislation" Dr. Forbes Godfrey's Marriage bill.

The deputation of the Civic Employes' Union, to which the City Council declined even to give a hearing on the question of wage increases, came with their troubles last night and poured them into the sympathetic ears of the Trades Council. Said Delegate Mitchell of the Street Cleaning Department: "We have received today the biggest knockdown I, at any rate, have ever had. Talk about aliens! They treated us worse than any aliens."

Walter Brown spoke to the same effect. The City Council had not even shown tact. Their action on this matter would be remembered next New Year's Day.

The Trades Council will send to the City Council a letter of protest against the way the civic employes have been treated.

Vicious Legislation, Says He.

Jas. T. Gunn brought in a resolution regarding the Marriage bill introduced by Dr. Forbes Godfrey in the Legislature. "Vicious legislation," was the term applied to the eugenic proposals of Dr. Godfrey. The bill was in violation, said Mr. Gunn, of the fundamental rights of human beings and of liberty. The bill would make the weaker members of the working classes the butt of doctors and lawyers, but it would allow the imbeciles of Rosedale to go free. Such general terms as "feeble-minded" and "criminal" appeared very harmless in the clauses of the bill, but in practice it was very difficult to draw the line of demarcation between those who should and those who should not come within the operation of the bill. Some people would regard the "drunk" who was sent down for 30 days as a criminal and those who were only a little below the average of intelligence would be classed as feeble-minded.

On the motion of Mr. Gunn, the Council instructed its legislative committee to enquire into the provisions of the bill and report back.

New Fuel is Described.

"Oakoal" is the name of a patent fuel, the merits of which were set forth by R. G. Long, of the Ontario Oakoal Company, Limited. Mr. Long handed around to the delegates a brick of oakoal, which he promised to sell at not more than \$7 a ton. But to enable him to serve the public with his cheap fuel he wanted a number of favors from the city. He wanted the city to give him free water, to exempt him from taxes, and to dump all its garbage at his factory. He would use this garbage for making oakoal, which would consist of 45 per cent. anthracite dust and 55 per cent. garbage. In this way, said Mr. Long, the city would be saved the expense of burning its garbage, which was \$74,000, and the citizens would save thousands of dollars a day on their coal bills.

The Trades Council appointed a committee to investigate the qualities of oakoal.

T. A. Black moved a resolution, which was adopted, reaffirming the position taken by the Ottawa Labor Conference on the question of aliens. The labor men are in favor of enemy aliens who are considered dangerous being interned, but they are not in favor of any form of industrial conscription being applied to other aliens.

The Labor Day Committee will meet April 19. Twelve unions that have not paid their dues were struck off the council roll.