

**Practically Every Channel
Of Industry Closed by Walk
Out Winnipeg Labor Unions**

City in One of the Greatest Industrial Struggles Ever Witnessed in Dominion—Postal Employees, Civic and Railway Unions All Support General Strike—War Veterans Endorse Unions But Demand Continuance of Law and Order

WINNIPEG, May 15.—Winnipeg is now in the throes of the greatest labor struggle of all her history. Estimates vary widely as to the total number of work people out on strike, these running from 15,000 to 27,000.

The mayor and city council are grappling with the problem of maintaining the essential services of public utilities, police and fire protection as the tie-up grows. Every walk of industrial and commercial life in Winnipeg is represented among the strikers. Wholesale and retail stores are affected and in a number of cases closed. The large departmental stores experienced only a partial walkout, and are continuing to give service.

Veterans Behind Strike

"That this meeting declares its full sympathy with the purposes of the present strike to meet the general condition of the people, and pledges itself to use every legitimate means to preserve law and order; and that after the strike is settled labor and the returned soldier get together and discuss the deportation of the enemy alien."

The above resolution was unanimously passed at a mass meeting of veterans, at which between 4,000 and 5,000 were present at the Convention hall of the Board of Trade building tonight, and called by the executives of the G.W.V.A., the Army and Navy Veterans' association and the Imperial Veterans of Canada.

With only the postmaster, his deputy and three stamp clerks remaining on duty, the post office is tied up—269 postal workers having quit at 11 o'clock this morning. Street railway service is at a complete standstill, while the question of the city granting the jitneys permits to again operate is under advisement. The fire brigade is out to a man, except for the chief and his deputy and district chiefs, the department being manned by volunteer help. All civic clerks with a few exceptions, are out on strike.

Light and power and waterworks employees are out, but efforts are being made to continue the water system, and to ensure at least enough power for domestic lighting purposes. The policemen are remaining on duty, not having been called out as yet by the Trades and Labor council strike committee.

More than 4,500 men, including clerks, car checkers, etc., are out in the yards, offices and shops of the Canadian Pacific, Canadian National and Grand Trunk Pacific railways.

Tomorrow morning at 7.30 the electricians and telephone operators of the Manitoba Government Telephones walk out, but communication with outside points is still possible by any route by telegraph. Moving picture theatres, vaudeville houses, etc., were opened to the public after having been closed but a few hours.