

LOCAL BOARD TO TRY STRIKE LEADERS

JELLEY IS APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN

Andrews Announces Change
In Plans—Gives No
Explanation

STRIKERS' DELEGATES MEET WITH OFFICIALS

Thomas Jelley, acting commissioner of immigration in Winnipeg for the Federal government, will be chairman of the special board of inquiry which will try 10 of the 11 Winnipeg strike leaders arrested Tuesday on charges of sedition and seditious utterances, it was announced at 2 o'clock this afternoon by A. J. Andrews, K.C., special Dominion prosecutor.

Three other members of the Dominion immigration staff in Winnipeg will sit with Mr. Jelley on the board.

There will be no special board of inquiry from Ottawa, as previously announced, Mr. Andrews said.

Commissioner Jelley said at 2.15 o'clock he had received no official notice of his appointment and did not know who the members of the board would be.

Gives no Explanation

The Ottawa board was expected to arrive in Winnipeg Wednesday night or early this morning, and later it was announced that the members would arrive tonight.

Mr. Andrews gave no explanation of the sudden change in plan, and said he did not know when the board would hold its first session. It is probable, however, the the first hearing will be held Friday morning at Stony Mountain.

The board will sit as a court, and regular legal procedure will be followed. Attorneys will be permitted to present the defense of the labor men, and Mr. Andrews will handle the case for the crown. The public will be excused from the sessions of the board, but Mr. Andrews said he believed newspapermen would be admitted so that the public would be fully informed of what transpired.

Conference is Held

An important conference that was expected to bring a settlement of the strike nearer was held today in the Royal Alexandra hotel. It lasted from 10.30 o'clock until 1.45. When it was

over, it was stated that "nothing definite had been decided."

Delegates from the strike committee, headed by James Winning and J. L. McBride, met with Commissioner Perry, of the North West Mounted Police; Mayor Gray and A. J. Andrews, K.C., special crown prosecutor, in Senator Robertson's apartments.

Mr. McBride, when questioned after the meeting, said:

"No step was taken towards settling the strike."

Although the conference was behind closed doors, it is known that the attitude of the strike committee towards the leaders now under arrest was discussed.

It was reported that the strike committee was asked to denounce Bolshevism and to come out squarely for constitutional government so the public might know whether the committee sanctioned the expressed views of the radical leaders or whether it stood for the ideas of the "sane" element of labor.

HASN'T ASKED FOR NATION-WIDE STRIKE

The Winnipeg strike committee has not asked the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress to call a general strike on account of the arrest of 11 labor leaders, according to a statement made by a member of the strike committee at the Labor Temple this morning.

"We telegraphed the details of the arrests to the Congress, and it is up to the officers there what action is taken," he said.

The strike committee has never been officially notified of the concessions on collective bargaining granted by the ironmasters, according to this committee member.

"All we have is the notice printed in the newspapers," he said.

Sixth Week Opens

The sixth week of the strike opened this morning with no prospect of early settlement.

Opponents of the strike found renewed argument that complete collapse of the walk-out is imminent in the fact that, with the re-establishment of street car service, the last public utility cut off by the strike is once more in service.

According to report in circulation this morning, the carmen employed in the Canadian Pacific Railway shops intend to return to work at noon today.

About 30 new employes, most of them returned soldiers have gone to work in the C. P. R. freight sheds, it was stated this morning. Others are on duty at the round-house.

Increased street car service was promised for today by A. W. Mc-Limont, general manager of the Winnipeg Electric Railway company, in a statement issued Wednesday night. New men will be taken on to replace strikers who do not return to work, he said.

Members of the Street Carmen's union, however, voted solidly Wednesday night to remain on strike, according to a statement given out