

# PROVE UNION WITH CALGARY CONNECTION

## Relation of Calgary O.B.U. Convention to Winnipeg Strike Established.

WINNIPEG, July 25.—"Evidence has been given that certain persons intimately connected with the strike did certain things which seem to come within the wording of the information" Magistrate R. M. Noble told E. C. McMurray, counsel for the defence, early in the afternoon session today of the preliminary trial of the eight labor men charged with seditious conspiracy, when Mr McMurray objected to evidence being adduced which he said had not been shown to have any connection with the accused.

"We have had evidence which connects certain of the accused with the Calgary convention," Magistrate Noble added.

At the opening of the afternoon session, John Baker, superintendent of the civic offices, told of having had to ask a Mr. Cowley, president of the civic employees' federation, for permission to have a watchman remain on duty at the city hall at the beginning of the strike.

### Documents Identified.

Then Sergeant E. S. Wunsch, of the R.N.W.M.P., identified documents seized at the home of W. H. Logan, a member of the central strike committee, and a delegate to the Calgary convention. The documents were filed as identified, but were not put in as exhibits. It was when Mr. McMurray objected to their introduction before a connection between Mr. Logan and the accused had been proven, that Magistrate Noble said a connection had been established between one of the accused and the Calgary convention.

W. J. Price, a civic employee, told of having been ordered out on strike by Cowley, president of the civic employees' federation, with a threat that if he did not quit work he would never be allowed to work with any civic employee again.

### Reports Submitted.

J. B. Coyne, for the prosecution, then referred to the copy of the verbatim report of the Calgary convention which had been filed early in the trial. He read the names of some of the delegates, among them George Armstrong, R. B. Russell, R. H. Johns and W. A. Pritchard, the accused, and V. H. Logan, W. Keeling and Max Stegler, documents from whose homes had been put in as exhibits. He then read extracts from the report, the first extract being the preliminary report of the policy committee, presented by R. H. Johns, which outlined the plans of the One Big Union. He then read extracts which referred to the movement as "revolutionary," and in which delegates asked that plans be made to prevent the post office department either from censoring the matter they would send through the mails, or, if they passed censorship, of dumping them or something." Another extract was read in which the various organizations of the one big union were referred to as "soviets."

The court adjourned at 5 o'clock until 10 30 tomorrow morning.