

BAIL GRANTED IN WINNIPEG TO STRIKERS

**Eight Leaders Receive Ovation on
Their Release from Provin-
cial Gaol**

CASH AND SURETIES

**Bail Set in Sum of \$4,000 and
Two Sureties of \$2,000
Each**

WINNIPEG, Sept. 10. — After twenty-six day's incarceration the eight strike leaders who have been held in the provincial jail pending their trial on charges of seditious conspiracy were, at 5:20 p.m. today, in judges chambers, granted bail. Chief Justice Mathers, who, together with Mr. Justice MacDonald and Mr. Justice Metcalfe, heard the arguments of counsel, read the decision of the court.

Bail was granted in the sum of \$4,000 each and two sureties of \$2,000 each.

The court found that it had not been proven that the accused would not appear to stand their trial and the decision went on to state: "The court will not be justified in refusing bail on the sole ground that public safety might be endangered by permitting the accused to be at large."

The decision as read by Chief Justice Mathers continued:

"Because of the great public interest involved in this prosecution and because bail has once been refused by a brother judge, I asked my brothers MacDonald and Metcalfe, to sit with me while hearing this application and had the satisfaction of knowing that both concurred with me in the views here expressed.

"I therefore order that the accused be admitted to bail in the sum of \$4,000 each and two sureties of \$2,000 each."

Immediately the court had adjourned, E. J. McMurray, together with the bondsmen, left for the provincial jail, where the formal proceedings preceding the release of the accused were completed.

Cheers From Crowd.

William Ivens was the first of the eight leaders to be released.

His appearance in the doorway of the jail was the signal for cheers from the crowd of workers numbering over 1,500, who had gathered to greet their leaders. Some one in the crowd started singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and the song was immediately taken up. Ivens was "chaired" and carried around the square.

"I've gained eight pounds in the time I've been here," said Ivens, "and I think I'll go out and rob a bank to get back, they've treated us so well."

Alderman John Queen was the next to appear. He too, received the same greeting from the crowd. The remainder of the men, Alderman A. A. Heaps, George Armstrong, R. E. Bray, W. E. Pritchard, R. J. Johns and R. B. Russell came out together. They were immediately seized by their friends and "chaired."