

# LABOR MEN TO GET READY FOR MUNICIPAL FIGHT

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, at Thursday night's meeting, decided to commence action immediately preparatory to the municipal elections of January next, it being pointed out by Delegate Sully, who brought the matter to the attention of the council, that it was now necessary for a prospective candidate to qualify in June.

If Labor intended going after some of the seats on the council, said the delegate, it was imperative that they should get their men lined up for the fight.

The council further endorsed the appointment of a committee to take immediate action in the matter of the spreading of a report that there were no skilled men in British Columbia available for the Old Country, to work on munitions of war.

President McVety charged the Canadian Manufacturers' Association with being responsible for the statement.

## Island Miners

That the attorney-general's attention should be drawn to the allegation that the places of alien enemies withdrawn from the mines of Vancouver Island and interned, are being filled by Italians and Montenegrins from the mainland, while the unemployed miners on the Island are unable to find work, was also endorsed by the council, it being pointed out that such action was contrary to the sentiments expressed by the acting premier when interrogated on the subject.

It was also the unanimous opinion of the council that a representative of the miners should be appointed to the board of inquiry into the South Wellington mine disaster.

The council endorsed the suggestion put forth by the Canadian Club, that the provincial government be asked to reserve the old court house site for the purpose of the erection of a memorial to the men of British Columbia who fall during the war, it being felt that no more fitting tribute could be paid to those who give their lives for the empire than a lasting memorial in a position as suitable as the site mentioned.

The question of unemployment was handled during the meeting, attention being called to the fact that through the intervention of the council the system of engaging men for the work on the P. G. E. through employment offices had been discontinued, and the head of the office ordered to return to the men the fees charged. Men were now being engaged through the city relief office.