

CIVIC STRIKE AT WINNIPEG IS SETTLED

City Agrees to Reinstate Employees Without Prejudice— Unions Yield Point

WINNIPEG, May 25.—Following three special sessions of the city council yesterday, the trouble between the city and the civic departments—firemen, waterworks, electricians and teamsters—seems to have been practically settled. The dispute regarding the civic strikers was settled on the basis of the report of the citizens' committee of 100, which was as follows:

1. Striking employees to be reinstated under wage schedules already agreed upon by the city council's special committee and representatives of civic employees.

2. Negotiation on all future disputes and provision for conciliation and arbitration by board of inquiry.

3. No strikes pending the report from such board of inquiry.

4. Union acknowledgment that a strike by firemen is undesirable and a statement in the agreement that it should be resorted to "only in case of extreme provocation."

5. Officers of the fire brigade not to be eligible for membership in union.

The labor representatives are understood to have fought stubbornly for the inclusion of lieutenants in the union, but finally conceded the point and an agreement was at once signed by the members of the council and T. J. Murray, counsel for the Trades and Labor Council.

This is believed to have cleared up the situation as far as the city and its employees are concerned.

Senator Robertson left last night for Vancouver, to use his endeavors to settle the dispute between shipyard employers and employees. In a conversation prior to his departure, the senator expressed the greatest satisfaction at the manner in which the Winnipeg trouble had been brought to an amicable settlement. He stated that he had not heard of any question which still threatened to prolong the dispute.

"I have not been notified of such a disagreement," he said. "The city has agreed to reinstate its employees, without prejudice. This was contained in the agreement signed this afternoon (Friday)."

While the trouble between the city council and its employees was practically settled last evening, the sympathetic strike situation is not yet cleaned up. The agreement reached with the council, of course, only refers to civic employees, while the big task is to get the sympathetic strikers back in their old positions without prejudice.

In an effort to accomplish this object, there will be a mass meeting of labor representatives and employers at 10 o'clock this morning, when the demand that all striking employees be reinstated without prejudice will be put forward by labor committee.

Should the employers refuse to guarantee this, it is believed likely that the committee will refuse to allow a single striker, civic, street railway or telephone worker, to go back. In fact this is contained in the official statement issued last night from Trades hall.