

# QUEBEC LABOR PARTY WANTS BAN LIFTED

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Montreal, Dec. 16.—The Quebec section of the Labor party of Canada held its second annual convention Saturday and yesterday at the Trades and Labor Council Hall. There were 175 delegates, representing, they claimed, 16,000 organized workers, some Socialist societies, the People's Power League and various Labor clubs.

Many resolutions bearing on the attitude of Labor toward the Government, the war, child labor, the Russian Soviets, and the German Socialists, were passed. The most hotly discussed motion was that demanding that the Government lift its ban on the Socialist press, and release all political prisoners in Canada. The motion was carried by a big majority.

A motion of the Social Democratic party of Canada, demanding self-determination of peoples to the fullest degree, with the right of all subject peoples and races of both the Central and allied powers to determine the conditions of their own existence, protesting against the sending of Canadian troops to Siberia, and demanding their withdrawal, demanding that all peace negotiations be conducted in the open, praising the efforts of the Soviets, sending greetings to the Soviet Government of Russia and the revolutionaries in Germany, was passed by a large majority.

Other resolutions passed demanded the abolition of child labor under sixteen years, free and compulsory education with free books, the prohibition of the further production of prison and industrial institution products which compete against organized Labor; abolition of military training and the teaching of military history and ideals in the schools and colleges.

Louis Waldman, Assemblyman, was brought up from New York, and played upon his audience with the powers and stock-in-trade of the demagogue. Both he and subsequent speakers uttered sentiments absolutely hostile to the Canadian and allied Governments and friendly to international Labor and Socialist groups, even among the enemy.

Capt. J. N. Carter of the Alien Enemies Office was present in the gathering, and had arranged with Chief Belanger to hold thirty police in reserve in case they were wanted, but although the speakers kicked over the traces a good deal, it was not deemed necessary to interfere with the meeting.