

AMENDMENT DOES NOT SATISFY LABOR MEN

They Insist On Repeal of the Orders-in-Council Re Banned Publications.

Ottawa's action in amending the orders-in-Council re banned publications and associations by providing that the Attorney General must give his consent and approval to all prosecutions and that the accused shall have the right to be tried by a jury if he chooses, by no means satisfies the Labor forces that have taken up the cause of Charles Watson and Harry Cheesmen, and others convicted of political offences.

"That does not lift the orders-in-Council and it is the repeal of them that we ask," said Mr. Arthur W. Roebuck, counsel for Watson and Cheesmen, to-day, on learning the news from Ottawa.

"We are going ahead with the petition," said John Cottam, of the Carpenters' Council. "There were about 1,200 people signed it at the meeting in Broadway Hall last night and we will have many more signatures for it at the meeting of the Carpenters' to-morrow night."

The labor men regard the latest move at Ottawa as merely a preliminary, a sign of the times. They are confident that the way is opening for a repeal of all the orders-in-Council which were framed for the ruling of the country under war time conditions.

A Point Gained.

"Trial by jury is a point gained," said Mr. Roebuck. "It is important. I am content to leave my liberty in the hands of twelve good men and

true, but I am not content to leave it in the hands of a political official such as the Attorney General. That is why we are not satisfied that the orders-in-Council should remain as amended. The consent of the Attorney General would be merely a stumbling block in the way of some prosecutions. The Criminal Code is sufficient to protect the country in peace time against any sedition or treason or incitement to riot.

"It is time for a return to Parliamentary Government. We cannot continue to have the knowledge of the Canadian people on world matters, including Russia, filtered through the Chief Press Censor at Ottawa."

"How about Watson and Cheesmen—are they affected by the amendment?"

"No, they have been convicted, and one has been sentenced. Their cases have been disposed off. And there have been a lot of others who have been similarly disposed of who should now be freed."

Over 2,000 Names On It.

"We are following constitutional lines in going after what we want," said Frank Watkinson, business agent of the Carpenters' Council, who is now devoting his whole time to this matter and has a stenographer to help him. "We are not in league with any Bolsheviki organization, nor do we condone the Bolsheviki program. We want the sympathy and support of the general public, and we know we will succeed in our movement to restore Parliamentary government."

"We have already 2,000 names on the petition. Copies of it have been printed and are being scattered broadcast over the Dominion," added Mr. Watkinson.

The petition, which was framed on Saturday by Mr. Roebuck and Mr. Watkinson, is not a wildly-worded document, but states the case for Watson and Cheesman in a moderate way. Perhaps the strongest statement is one that savors of autocratic Russia. The petition avoids the use of the word "demand" and uses "request" instead in asking the Government to repeal the orders-in-Council.

Binder Twine From Paper.

Four factories in Denmark now are manufacturing binder twine from paper.