

"PERMISSION"

CARDS NEEDED TO CARRY ON WORK

Winnipeg Employers Testify As to Authority Exercised By Strike Leaders

Winnipeg, Aug. 6—The morning session of the preliminary hearing of the strike leaders on a charge of seditious conspiracy was devoted largely to testimony with regard to the "by permission cards" and alleged intimidation.

William McLaren said that he was obliged to stop delivering papers in the north end owing to threats by a mob, headed by a foreigner, that if he continued his work he "would be torn to pieces," and A. Taylor, a returned soldier, who secured employment with the health department during the strike, was forced, he stated, because of threats, to quit work and ask aid from the returned soldiers' relief committee.

E. Parnell, bakery proprietor, produced the strike notice sent to his firm and reviewed his unsuccessful efforts to keep his employees at work. He believed they would have remained loyal had there been sufficient protection. When the men did return, at the instance of the strike committee, they refused to leave the barns without "by permission cards" on wagons, and it was absolutely impossible to make deliveries without carrying cards, he declared.

Witness told of a meeting at the City hall to consider the bread and milk situation at which a member of the strike committee boasted the workers would tie-up all industry to gain their objective; of another meeting at which the question of protection was raised. Mayor C. F. Gray, he stated, said that constituted authority would provide necessary protection; to which Ald. John Queen replied: "We have heard enough of constituted authority."