

JUDGE ROBSON TO INQUIRE INTO WINNIPEG STRIKE

Order-in-Council Passed Empowering Him to Make Complete Investigation Into Trouble.

FORMER POSTAL WORKERS
DENY SOVIET CHARGE

Revolutionary Literature Being Shipped to Winnipeg From Several Points.

WINNIPEG, July 5.—Hon. H. A. Robson, K. C., has been appointed by the Norris government as commissioner to inquire into the causes and effects of the Winnipeg strike. The order-in-council was given out by Hon. T. H. Johnson, attorney-general.

Judge Robson refused to discuss the commission until he had been given formal notice of the order-in-council.

The order-in-council reads as follows: "That under and by virtue of chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1913, the Hon. Hugh Ames Robson, K. C., be authorized and empowered as commissioner to inquire and report upon the cause and effect of the general strike which recently existed in the city of Winnipeg for a period of six weeks, including the methods of calling and carrying on such strike and for that purpose to summon before him any party or witnesses and to require them to give evidence on oath, orally or in writing, and to produce such documents and telegrams as the said commissioner may deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which he is appointed to inquire and to report the result of his investigation to His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor at the conclusion thereof.

"And that the said commissioner be instructed to have a record made of all evidence that shall be given and of all the documents produced before him during such inquiry."

Former Postal Workers Meet.

Former postal workers, at a mass meeting last night, called to hear a report on the unsuccessful mission of the delegates who were sent to Ottawa, repudiated suggestions made in the House of Commons that they knew the strike was in favor of a soviet system of government and repeated their contention that the strike was called for the purpose of getting the principle of collective bargaining adopted.

With the exception of A. Venables, of Calgary, who has left for home, all the delegates were present.

Revolutionary Literature.

Revolutionary literature from labor circles throughout Western Canada, where raids have been made recently by the R. N. W. M. P., is being forwarded to Winnipeg. Consignments of documents and pamphlets have arrived already and are stored in fire-proof vaults along with the literature seized at the Labor Temple and the homes of strike leaders.

A. J. Andrews, K. C., government prosecutor, asserted that some of the seizures revealed propaganda material of a very radical type.

All the literature is being digested carefully and classified and a report will be submitted to the federal government, and it will depend on this report as to whether any further arrests will be made.

An immigration court of inquiry will sit next week to hear the cases of the five aliens, now in custody, on a charge of sedition and conspiracy.

Fourteen men who appeared before Magistrate Noble yesterday on a charge of rioting were remanded.