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An Urgent Appeal by the Committee to Every Man in the Metropolitan Area to take part.

A well-attended meeting of All Grades men were present at H.O. on Tuesday night last to decide upon the final arrangements for the Eight-hour procession. A communication was received from Darling Harbor branch asking for a banner with "We want the Royal Commission" upon it. After discussion it was decided that this request could not be granted, since this was an inopportune time for such a demonstration. The colors for the badge were chosen, and 500 badges were ordered to be printed. A reply was received from the Eight-hour Committee agreeing to the All Grades using five vehicles in the procession, and it was shown that the department had granted two lower wagons and two motor wagons, and the signal branch were finding a four-horse lorry. These were accepted with enthusiasm by the committee. It was reported that the number of the All Grades in the procession was No. 55, and would take up their position in Clarence-street, between King and Erskine streets. The procession was timed to start at 9.30 a.m., and it was requested that every section should be in attendance well before 9 a.m. The allocation of vehicles was as follows:—The Signal Branch, one four-horse lorry; the Leichhardt Branch, two lower wagons; the Randwick "All Trades" Branch, one motor wagon; and the Sydney Branch, one motor lorry. Every branch concerned in these displays had their arrangements well in hand, and a very fine display was promised by those present.

It was suggested that the Executive be requested to allot a sum of two pounds to each branch making a display in the procession to cover the costs of drivers' expenses, etc. An additional suggestion was made that the Signal Branch, having the horse team, should be allowed an extra pound to cover their expenses. The secretary was instructed to en-

ter the Amalgamated display in the procession. The committee decided to ask each of the metropolitan branches to provide a team of men to carry Association banner, each section to take a certain portion of the route in turn. Four marshals were appointed to take charge of the Amalgamated section, and the following gentlemen were selected:—Messrs. Goodman, Pinkstone, Hartill, Law, and Verrier. The prizes presented by the Association and the "Co-operator" were allocated as follows:—

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lowers:—£5 for the best spectacular display, and £2 10s. for the second best display. £5 for the best percentage of members from the branches taking part in the procession, and £2 10s. for the second best percentage of branch members in attendance.

It was decided that the offer of the "Co-operator" to provide a military officer to judge the branch percentage display on behalf of the committee be accepted. It was decided to ask Senator McDougall to judge the spectacular displays; failing this

gentleman, the matter be left to the General Secretary to arrange. After a considerable amount of business, the meeting adjourned until next Monday week, Sept. 21st.

It is urgently requested that all members of the Amalgamated make a special effort to attend this meeting, and help to put the final touches to the arrangements for a bumper All Grades turnout on the day of the Eight-hour Demonstration.

The following is the list of prizes, which are open to competition by the

Marching Competition (formation 6 abreast)—1st prize, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2.

Special Prizes for Sections only of the Amalgamated:—
For Best Spectacular Display.—1st prize, £5; 2nd, £2 10s.
For Numerical Branch Display.—1st prize, £5; 2nd, £2 10s.
(Presented by the All Grades and the "Co-operator.")

It is expected that a spirited endeavor will be made to secure these prizes by the All Grades men participating, and it is confidently expected that at least one or two will be secured. An earnest appeal is made to every Amalgamated man in the metropolitan area to participate in this first showing of the All Grades in the Eight-hour procession.

Since the above meeting there has been considerable activity amongst the different sections of the All Grades. In a number of cases secretaries are specially calling members to attend meetings to enable the arrangements to be made for proper representation in the procession, and it is confidently expected by many of them that fully 90 per cent. of their available members will turn out on that day. It is expected that the association will muster somewhere near King-street in Clarence-street, and special efforts are to be made to get all ready for march-off at 9.30 a.m. Time, tide, and the eight-hour procession wait for no man, and it is imperative that the members of the organisation should be at the rendezvous

RAILWAY SIGNALS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Railway Signal branch will be held at Head Office on Saturday, 17th of September, when all members are requested to attend and make final arrangements for the 8-Hours display. Roll up on the 17th.

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EFFECT OF THE WAR.

SCOPE FOR LOCAL ENTERPRISE.

One effect of the war will be the elimination of Germany, to a very large extent, from participation in the trade of the Commonwealth and all other British Dominions.

The manufacture of woollens in Australia has steadily developed during recent years, but the industry, like many others, has been affected by the ridiculous prejudice set up against the locally manufactured article.

During last year the importations of woollen manufacturers was valued at between £1,500,000 and £2,000,000.

Table with 2 columns: Country, Value. Includes Great Britain, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands.

The above figures, which are supplied by the Commonwealth Statistician, include only those goods which are classed as woollens.

The time has arrived when the Australian people should become more self-supporting. Already the effect of the national crisis is being felt in regard to a number of commodities.

THE AFTERMATH.

When Mr. Cook refused the armistice offered by the Labor Party, and determined to push on with the Federal appeal to the country, he must have felt extremely sanguine of the result being favorable to his party.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Value. Lists GARDINER, MACDOUGALL, GRANT, etc.

PRICES OF COMMODITIES.

When the war broke out it was freely asserted that there would be no room for exploitation of the public by those supplying commodities.

Without taking any extreme attitude in regard to this matter, we say at once that many of these rises should not have been permitted by the authorities.

The Government stands for this and sits meekly by—well, it will stand for anything. The worker can be depended upon to shoulder his full share of the expense of defending the Empire.

INQUIRIES ANSWERED.

1. In answer to "Inquirer" Southern Line, re Glanrockers. The following is my interpretation of the Award.

WEEKLY TALK ON CURRENT TOPICS

(By the General Secretary.)

I have resumed duty again after an enjoyable holiday in Queensland. To be candid, I am glad to be back.

ORGANISING. In another portion of this issue will be found the particulars of the organising tour on the Western line and branches, which commences at Penrith on the 21st inst.

EIGHT-HOUR CELEBRATION. The Eight-Hour Celebration will positively take place on Monday, 5th October.

THE BOARDS. All of the wages boards have been postponed indefinitely. Mr. Corish mentioned this in his weekly talk of a few weeks ago.

AT TOWNSVILLE. Only hope of industrial salvation lay in one big union covering the whole of the industry.

ADDRESS BY GENERAL SECRETARY

At the Trades Hall, Flinders-st., Townsville, Northern Queensland, the General Secretary (Claude Thompson) delivered an address on Solidarity.

THE WAR.

Naturally everybody looks at public events from their own standpoint. This war, regrettable though it is, will have absolutely no effect upon railway men or our Association.

unionism. He pointed out that sectional unions were encouraged and fostered by departmental officers, who well knew that unanimity was difficult to secure when there were eight or nine sectional unions covering an industry.

THE DEFEAT OF THE BOILERMAKERS. INTIMIDATION FAILS. STRIKE OFF, THE ARROGANT BACK AT WORK.

Purcell still an "All Grades" Man. Last week we reported the action of a number of boilermakers at Newcastle coming out on strike as a last move in an attempt to intimidate a member of Newcastle "All Grades" branch into leaving that body and joining them.

SEND IN RETURNS. Although frequent requests have been made, a number of the branches do not send in returns promptly. There are some returns for the April-June quarter that have not yet been received at Head Office.

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only hope of industrial salvation lay in one big union covering the whole of the industry. They had the nucleus of that organisation in the Queensland Railway Union, and every effort should be made to enrol within its ranks all grades of railway servants.

Mr. Robert Carroll, organiser of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Thompson for his instructive address.

Witness: N. K. Allerdice. "FEDERATED SOCIETY OF BOILERMAKERS, ETC., NEWCASTLE BRANCH." "Received from Bro. Jas. Purcell the sum of— £ s. d. Contributions . . . 0 12 9 Accident Fund Clear; nil. Total 0 12 9 (Signed) "JNO. O'TOOLE, "Shop Delegate."

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The responses to the appeal of the committee of the above fund has so far been most gratifying, and indicates that the service men appreciate the action, and will back it up in a practical manner.

And what of Purcell? Is he downhearted? Is he dissatisfied by the support given him by his 1400 fellow members of the Newcastle All Grades. These men resolved to see that Purcell got justice in the fight, and were resolved to see the matter out.

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