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THE FEDERAL FRAY.

THE "NATIONAL" PARTY.

"We have had some experiences of National parties," says Senator Harry Turley. "Our experience has been that whenever a gang of political brigands has started out with the object of robbing the people, or of throttling whatever liberty they enjoyed. It has called itself, the 'National' party."

DOING THE POINT.

Senator Pearce: In that statement of Senator Millen there is one thing definite which governs the future, and that is the words, "The electors of Australia alone can reverse their previous decision." (Meaning the vote on Oct. 28th.)

Senator Millen: By what method—election or referendum?

Senator Pearce: That the circum-
stances of the case will determine.

Senator Gardiner: If you sneak
in a majority you will give us con-
scription.

Senator Mullen (to Senator
Pearce): Are you courageous enough
to answer my question on behalf
of your Government?

Senator Pearce: The statement of
Senator Millen is the statement of
the Government.

Senator O'Keefe: If you have
a Senate election and get a Senate
majority, will you bring in conscrip-
tion?

Senator Pearce: I have already
said what our policy for the election
is.

POLITICAL COALITIONS.

HUGHES ON HUGHES.

In "The Case for Labour," writ-
ten by Hughes a few years ago, we
discover the following passage:—

"In my opinion, such combina-
tions are generally immoral, rarely
expedient, and always subversive
of the principles of representative
government. For upon what does
representative government depend. If
not upon this—that the pledges given
to his constituents by their repre-
sentative should be faithfully and
honestly kept? Being elected upon
the condition that he should sup-
port a definite policy, he cannot be
permitted to afterwards turn round
and vote against it. Loyalty to party
is a quality so highly esteemed that
a member who deserts his party
earns the eternal detestation of his
former friends and supporters, and
is pursued to the end of his politi-
cal career by a traitor who
deserts or betrays his country."

WHITE AUSTRALIA POLICY.

The honorable member for Flin-
ders (Sir W. Irvine), whom it is
proposed to send to England as a
delegate, has publicly announced his
abandonment of the White Australia
policy—the most vital question, next
to political freedom, in the eyes of
the Australian people. At the Dan-
denong Town Hall, on 24th January,
1917, the honorable member is re-
ported to have said last—

"He accepted the abandoning of
the policy of a White Australia, and
the surrender of the claim that
Australia had always made to con-
trol the future destinies of this con-
tinent."

Seeing that 99 out of every 100
citizens of Australia are in favour
of a White Australia, it is too con-
temptible to imagine that we should
be represented by this individual in
London. Another reason why I ob-
ject to his appointment is his treat-
ment of the old-age pensioners when
in the Victorian Parliament. About
1904 he voted for the reduction of
the old-age pension vote from
£216,000 to £150,000.—Dr. Maloney.

AFRAID TO FACE "THE BOSS"

"The Prime Minister is not going
back to his own constituents. It is
an impertinence for him to talk
about members going back to their
masters when he refuses to face his
own constituents. It is there, and
nowhere else, that he can get in-
dorsement of his policy. He may
get a seat somewhere else, but it
will be for ever a stigma on his re-
cord that when the time came to
seek indorsement of his policy, he
ran away from his own people to
find security under the protection
of somebody else who had to aban-
don his seat to allow the Prime Min-
ister to get back."—W. F. Finlayson.

THE FORCES BEHIND THE HUGHES-COOK GOVERNMENT.

Whatever the failures, the limita-
tions, or the shortcomings of the
Labour party, whatever it should have
done, or many not have done, there
stands the spectacle of a man, Prime
Minister of a country as Mr. Deakin
was, not by the will and support of
the people or of the forces in the
country that made him a public man,
but by means of an alliance, behind
the backs of the people, with men
who have been the avowed enemies
of every principle that he professed
to support and endorse. And these
things are said to be in the interests
of the country. Always there is
some excuse; always they are cast-
ing the blame on others. In 1912,
when the last Fusion was in exist-
ence, the "Manchester Guardian"
said, "Mr. Deakin leads to battle the
entire Toryism of the country." What
was true of Mr. Deakin in 1912
is true of William Morris Hughes in
this particular hour of our history.
Commenting on that statement the
"Age" said, "In the unanimity of
the Tory leagues we have daily evi-
dence that this is true."

WHAT HONOUR, WHAT VIRTUE, WHAT PURITY!

It is contended that Hughes did
not leave the Labour Party. In re-
ply to this contention Frank Anstey
says:—
"Then it appears that he did not
leave this party of Germans, of
men bought with German gold, men
who were the mere pawns and
mouthpieces of outside organisations,
traitors to their country. He did
not leave them, he had to be ex-
pelled from their company. He re-
ferred to me as an individual caught
in a house of ill-fame. . . . But, he
says, in effect, 'It is true that I was
there. I did not gather up my
skirts in virtuous indignation and
fly from this house of ill-fame; the
inhabitants pushed me out. Only
after they had done this did I re-
nounce them.' That is the position
of the Prime Minister. He did not
speak of the members of the Labour
party as traitors to their country,
and the rest of it, until he was ex-
pelled from the party. What did
he say after he had been pushed out
and after denouncing those who had
expelled him? He said, 'Gentlemen,
I am still anxious to proceed, I am
anxious to do good, and so I will as-
sociate myself once more with those
Prime Minister!'"

THE AMALGAMATED RAILWAY & TRAMWAY BENEFIT COMPANY

The half-yearly meeting of the
Benefit Company was held at Head
Office on Wednesday, 14th March.
There was a fair attendance of mem-
bers. An apology was received from
Mr. G. H. Stokes and Mr. Wallace
was voted to the chair.

A number of apologies were read
and received.

In the absence of Mr. G. H. Stokes
the secretary read his report of the
half year's operations as follows:—

Sydney, 14th March, 1917.

Gentlemen,—This being our half-
yearly meeting, as chairman I wish
to make a report of the six months'
operations. It is usual for a chair-
man of Directors to make a glowing
report of the business, hiding every-
thing possible, painting things in a
rosy hue, with the result that
members are misled as to the true
state of affairs. I do not intend to
do anything of the kind but to give
you a plain straightforward state-
ment of the true facts. It is for you
to say if they meet with your ap-
proval or not.

During the past half-year we lost
the sum of £103/2/4, but we did
not think much of that, except that
we could not afford to lose that sum.
The Board then decided to strike a
levy of sixpence per member per
quarter, which was expected to
more than cover our losses. During
December we had a heavy run of
sickness, with the result that the
levy exceeded our income by the
amount of £ 78. I may mention
that six of our members died during
December. Six at £25 each means
a total of £150, and that added to
the losses by sickness meant a total
loss of £228. Of course there was
the usual bills for printing, etc., to
be met; so that you can see we were
in rather a bad way.

A special meeting of the Board
was called to consider the position.
The Directorate then decided on the
levy of five shillings per member,
and the secretary, to save printer's
bill, promised to get out all notices
required, receipts, and declaration
on the fund, etc., on his own ma-
chine.

The financial position now is that
all our debts are squared up, all sick
claims met, funeral allowances
have been paid and we have a cash
balance of £60. It is not much, true,
but when you consider that at our
meeting in January were £90
behind, you will see we have made
£150 in two months.

The Board have made Mr. Birrell
assistant secretary and he is now
attending to all the correspondence.

I am very sorry to have to report
that several cases of attempted im-
position have come under notice,
and the Directorate have decided to
take the next one that they can
prove a case against to court. No
doubt it is theft, and theft of the
meanest kind and should be punish-
ed as such.

The Board leave the business of
the fund in your hands, feeling you
will recognise the very strenuous
times they have had to prevent the
fund going on the ROCKS.

Fraternally submitted,
G. H. STOKES,
Chairman.

There was some discussion on the
report, several members asking ques-
tions.

The secretary then read the state-
ment for the half-year as follows:

I previously denounced on the pub-
lic platform as hostile to every
sense of decency and humanity, as
enemies of the human race, and as
men of ill-repute. I am prepared
to associate myself with them again
on condition that they guarantee
and secure me in my position and
my emoluments. What honour,
what virtue, what purity, what a
Prime Minister!"

INCOME:

Balance brought forward	£	s.	d.
Entrance fees	292	6	3
Dues	47	14	0
Fines and Refunds	1862	6	7
H.O.	2	17	6
Total	2238	12	16

EXPENDITURE:

Sick pay	1881	17	0
Commission to collectors	83	10	3
Refunds	1	1	0
Postage (including country)	5	14	4
Fares	0	2	10
Lost time, collectors	4	18	2
Stationery and Printing	11	2	4
Funeral allowances	50	0	0
Retiring allowances	5	0	0
Compassionate allow- ances	10	0	0
Notice cases	3	0	0
Total	2056	5	11
Credit Balance	182	10	11
Total	2238	12	16

LOSSES ON TRAMS

A large number of questions were
asked and answered, and after a
considerable amount of discussion
the financial statement was adopted.

Mr. T. Hudson gave notice that
he intended to move at an extraor-
dinary meeting, "That the words
after holiday" in section 3, rule 55,
be deleted.

The chairman pointed out that the
resolution must be signed by at least
ten members. As Mr. Hudson pro-
mised that he would have the re-
quisition in the hands of the secre-
tary by Monday, 19th March, it was
decided that the extraordinary meet-
ing should be held on Wednesday,
23rd March, 1917, at Head Office.

The secretary said in answer to
question that the loss in the six
months under review was £109/15/4.
During December we lost a further
£178 and during the first part of
January, 1917, a further loss of
£46/9/8. We then owed the sum of
£90, but the position now is that
we have paid all our debts and have
a credit of £55. Thus making a pro-
fit of £145 in just under two months.
These replies were considered satis-
factory. There being no further
business, the chairman declared the
meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

THE "NOOSE" REMEDY.

The "Evening News" is worried
about losses on some of the tram
services. It is pointed out that the
losses for the year are as follows:

Ashfield-Burwood line £7617, Arn-
cliffe-Baxley £2475, Kogarah-Sans
Souci £2228, Newcastle £24567, Bro-
ken Hill £7016, Parramatta-Castle
Hill, £1854, Manly-Narrabeen and
Sptt £8289, East to West Maitland
£2004. The "News" thinks that the
heroic remedy of ceasing all unpro-
fitable service is not practicable.
The same paper points to what it
terms two "defects": the first is the
fact that many of the lines have been
built in response to claims support-
ed by members of Parliament, and
the second "defect" is "the heavily
increased pay sheet which our sys-
tem of industrial arbitration pre-
scribes at more or less regular in-
tervals."

The remedy, according to this au-
thority is to cut down the services
and further increase the fares.

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THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

According to one authority the
ruling family of Germany, (the
Hohenzollerns), throughout the war,
have kept up their friendship with
the ruling family of Russia (the
Romanoffs). That is to say there
has been no breach of friendship be-
tween the Kaiser and the Czar, de-
spite the fact that their subjects
have been slaying each other.

A Copenhagen newspaper states
that the recent inactivity on the
Russian front was due to an agree-
ment with Germany. Another mes-
sage says that pro-Germans in Rus-
sia held up munitions and supplies
and disclosed military plans, causing
the great retreat of the Russians
in 1915.

The Russian troops in the trenches
are said to have cheered loudly
when they heard of the revolution.
What about the columns of stuff we
have read about the instinctive re-
ference and love of the Russian sol-
diers for the "little white father,"
Lord Milner, it is said, recently
visited Russia and endeavoured to
effect an agreement between the
Czar and the Duma, but "nothing
could be hoped for from the Czar."

Before the revolution food was
scarce and dear; since the revolu-
tion, we are told, food has been
plentiful and cheap.
Assemblies of the Russian nobility
are said to have resolved to partic-
ipate in what the cables term "the
people's movement." The nobility
of Russia must have undergone a
violent metamorphosis.

As late as Friday last, the papers
published a cable to the effect that
there was nothing to confirm the
rumours of a revolution in Russia.

One message states that the Czar
abdicated voluntarily "to save Rus-
sia." Another says that he abdicated
because the Duma decided that he
should do so.

The "S.M. Herald" infers that
everything in the Russian garden
will be lovely in a short time; be-
cause the leaders of the new Govern-
ment belong to "the party of mer-
chants and landlords."

It is all very curious and interest-
ing, but one cannot form an opin-
ion upon the merits of the revolu-
tion on the scanty, contradictory and
unreliable information that is al-
lowed to be transmitted to us.
If the Russian people are but
swapping absolutism for the rule of
"merchants and landlords" it is
doubtful whether they will profit
much by the change, for, as far as
the Russian workers are concerned
it will only mean a change of mas-
ters.



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soned and cooked to a tasty
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TASMANIAN TOWNS

THE EAST COAST.

The East Coast trip is usually considered one of the star stunts of the tourist. Naturally I took this trip, so as to see as much as possible of Tasmania in the limited time at my disposal.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY ON TOUR

ADDRESS TO TASMANIAN RAILWAYMEN.

By special invitation of the council of the Tasmanian Government Railway Employees' Union the general secretary of the 'All Grades' (Mr. Claude Thompson) addressed a meeting of railway men in the Albert Hall, Launceston.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

FEBRUARY MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Superannuation Fund Board took place on February 23rd in the board room, Chief Commissioner's Office, all the members being present.

25/10/16, total deductions £4/18/1. CYRIL KELSO, call boy, Railways, 6/8 per day, died 3/11/16, total deductions 14/8.

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ST. MARYS.

Staying over night at St. Helens the motor car journey to St. Marys is resumed in the morning. Again the scenery is something to be admired.

THE CASE OF J. BOLSTER.

Replying to a request by the Association in re Bolster's case, the secretary for Railways says: With reference to your letter of the 12th ultimo, relative to the case of J. Bolster, and urging his appointment to the grade of third class shunter, I am directed to inform you that the matter has had enquiry and consideration by the Commissioners.

THE SHADOW OF DESPOTISM.

The shadow of a terrible despotism looms athwart the workshops of the world, wherein the workers, bound by legal enactments, fettered by official regulations, forbidden the right to strike, deprived of their trade union rules, driven on by fear of national disaster and kept in control by military authority, may yet become the helpless serfs of an all-powerful combination of employers.

SECTION 121.

Section 121 of the Government Railways Act reads as follows: "If any officer retires upon a superannuation allowance, and dies within six months after such retirement, his representatives may receive a sum which is equal to the difference between the actual amount of superannuation allowance received by him and the total deductions made under this part of this Act in respect of his salary and emoluments."

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THE LABOR ELECTOR'S OPPORTUNITY

On Saturday electors that believe in the principles embodied in the Labor platform will have an opportunity of registering their convictions at the ballot box. We use the word convictions instead of opinions because it is more expressive, more conclusive, more acceptable in every way. The principles of the Labor party are those suited by the bulk of the world's workers. In every land and every clime the objective is the same—the complete and final triumph of the brotherhood of toil over the forces that hitherto have kept the workers in bondage. To the man or woman whose grasp of the subject is more than superficial, and who possesses a soul above that of a mere seeker after present gain, the truth of the gospel of Labor admits of no question. In the realm of ethics there is no system, no religion, in fact, that stands more solidly for peace and goodwill and fraternity. In the sphere of materialism its conceptions are built upon the sure foundation of the ascertained facts of economic evolution. To those that understand these things the question of Labor, regarded as a political system, is not a matter of opinion, but is rather an immovable conviction.

To such men and women as those referred to, the cunning, plausible lies, the misrepresentations, the vilifications, the abuse and the insults that are poured out in such reckless profusion at a time like this, makes not an atom of difference; they realise that no temporary defeat can prevent ultimate victory, that Truth and Justice, be they ever so much delayed by the unscrupulous forces of error and tyranny, must eventually overcome all opposition. These pioneers of freedom who, in times long past, suffered for the part they took in the battle for political and economic freedom, knew that: "Never yet Slaves of Truth was vainly set In this world's wide fallow; After hands may sow the seed, After hands, from hill and mead, Reap the harvests yellow."

No rebuff, no temporary failure, no apparent reversal of public opinion can shake the convictions of those whose faith is deeply embedded in the rock of Justice and Brotherhood. So it is not too much to say that, as far as the vote on Saturday is concerned, even a Nationalist victory would make very little real difference to the progress of the Labor party.

No such setback, however, would be possible if every working class elector knew his duty and did it. The trouble is that too many of the workers regard the Labor party merely as one political faction and the "Nationalists" as another, and do not realise that their interests and those of their fellow-workers are bound up with the political and industrial movement; that did it not exist, they would be exploited, sweated, robbed, and kept in economic subjection by those whom the Liberal or "National" party represent. "Unemployed," sneered one man with three necks and as many chins, who looked as if he had never done a day's work in his life—"unemployed, I'd put 'em to road making 'for rations.'" Some workers apparently do not understand that if it were not for the Labor party's work they would not even have a vote; that they would be working ten and twelve hours a day for a pittance; and that their wives and daughters would be toiling for Jew sweaters as they were twenty years or more ago, when Lawson wrote his "Faces in the Street."

The fact that Holman, Hall, Griffith, have, like Jeshurun of old, "waxed fat and kicked," should help to solidify the working class movement. Their exit from the movement is not a matter for regret, but rather for congratulation. The filthy abuse they now see fit to hurl at the movement of which they were a few months ago the trusted leaders is a proof of their hypocrisy, for one can depend upon it that they despised it then, no less than they do now, but were afraid to say so until the crisis came in October last, when they saw what they believed to be an excellent chance to desert without any danger of suffering the consequences that usually follow such a step. Russia, it is said, has been handicapped in its pursuit of the war by the presence of reactionary politicians and public men, by traitors, in fact. These men were, it appears, running with the hare and hunting with the hounds, pretending to aid the Allies while remaining friendly with the enemy. The result, as we have seen, is a revolution. These men that were preventing the nation from exercising its will by means of all kinds of underhand, sly, deceitful methods, have been hunted out, expelled, some of them have met even a worse fate, but the outcome of it all is that the country will be enabled to continue its work more efficiently than was before possible. Similarly the Labor party in this State and in the Commonwealth having purged itself of the dross that had accumulated within it will be enabled to step out with more confidence along the road that leads to eventual success.

There is but one thing for the worker to do on Saturday next, and that is to vote for the selected Labor candidate, whoever he may be. The very fact that the organised forces that have always opposed Labor advise him to do otherwise should, of itself, be a sufficient indication as to where his duty lies. The additional fact that the deserters from the ranks of Labor are working hand in glove with Labor's traditional enemies should remove any doubt that might possibly arise in the mind of an undecided person. We do not predict either victory or defeat, but would advise every Labor elector to ensure success by voting for the principles that stand for the betterment of the conditions of the workers, for social and economic justice, and for the removal of all that hinders the realisation of a co-operative Commonwealth.

RAILWAY BOARDS.

WHAT THE ASSOCIATION IS DOING.

No. 1 (PER WAY) BOARD. This Board is likely to sit at any time. The evidence of the employees has been heard, and the case for the Department is to come on. It is understood that only three or four witnesses will be called for the Commissioners, and then the addresses will follow. The award should be issued on an early date.

No. 2 (LOCO. AND STORES) BOARD. Mr. R. Corish is sitting on this Board, which met on Tuesday last. "It is hoped," said Mr. Corish, "that the award will be issued in a few days. Practically the whole of the evidence has been heard, and all that remains is for the chairman to make one or two inspections."

No. 3 (TRAFFIC) BOARD. The appeal by the Amalgamated is now before the Court, and Mr. Henwood is conducting the case on behalf of the Association. The advocates is receiving valuable assistance from experienced employees in the various sections of the service covered by the Board.

The first division of No. 2 Board Award expires in May and all members interested are asked to send in claims at once.

No. 4 (ENGINE-DRIVERS, ETC.) BOARD. This Board's award, in so far as it covers power-houses and workshops, is being appealed against, and the case was before the Court last week. The judgment is expected to be delivered in a few days.

No. 5 (BUILDING TRADES) BOARD. An appeal has been lodged by the Association on behalf of brick-workers, plasterers, carpenters, painters, plumbers, and their assistants. The claims are for higher rates of pay and for dirt money.

No. 10 (IRONWORKERS' ASSISTANTS) BOARD. Claims have been drawn up by the Association, and will be lodged this week, with the necessary application for the conduct of the case.

CLAIM FALLS. As already intimated, an appeal by the Australian Society of Engineers, having for its object the taking of examiners from No. 2 Board and placing them under No. 11 Board, did not succeed.

ANOTHER REFUSAL. Recently the Tinmiths' Union made an application for the establishment of a special Board to deal exclusively with that class of employment. These men come under No. 2 Board, and the effort to secure another Board failed. The "All Grades" has control of the case for the tinmiths, and claims will be required to be sent in before the beginning of May, when the award expires.

DEMARCATION BOARD. Application is about to be made for a Demarcation Board in connection with the car and wagon fitters and assemblers. Final particulars are awaited from the men concerned so that the application can be lodged.

No. 11 BOARD. An appeal has been lodged by the Association on behalf of machine painters and their assistants. The case has been heard, and it is expected that judgment will be delivered next week. Mr. Arnold rendered valuable assistance to the advocate (Mr. Henwood) during the hearing of the case.

APPEAL BY THE COMMISSIONERS. The Commissioners have lodged an appeal against the Award of No. 5 Board, claiming that the rates fixed for rough carpenters are excessive.

No. 1 (PER WAY) BOARD EVIDENCE. Ganger C. B. Melvaine writes to correct a mistake in the report of his evidence before No. 1 Board. He was reported to have said that it took him two and a half hours to examine his length at Glen Innes on Sundays. It should have read three and a quarter to three and a half hours. Again, he was made to say that he had to examine the road on Sundays on rare occasions only; what he stated was that "sometimes a place in the road had to be fettled, or lifted, on a Sunday."

Another correspondent states that the report has him down as a "fettler's mate" instead of "fetter's mate," and that he had "twelve lengths" to look after instead of "twelve lights," also that "time and a quarter" for Sundays was substituted for "time and a half."

MR. A. W. BUCKLEY AND THE ASSOCIATION. We are asked to state that the Amalgamated Executive lent Mr. Buckley's services to the P.L.L. during the election campaign.

THE SAFETY VALVE

"RINGING THE CHANGES."

Mr. A. G. Paull writes:— I was surprised to read your leading article, "Ringing the Changes," in last issue.

You mention "caucus," "Queen's Hall," "disintegration," "conspiracy," "questionable tactics," "impossibilities," etc. If you refer to a meeting held at King's Theatre on Monday night, why not say so? Those that attended would supply any information requisite, because they met to facilitate the Conference debate. That meeting was the result of Monday's barren sitting, and not the cause.

You are aware of the fact that the agenda was overloaded with proposals supporting or opposing the "Co-operator."

Some delegates suggested that those delegates whose branches had forwarded resolutions in opposition to the "Co-operator" be brought together to arrange unity as regards their "Co-operator" views. It is true that past and present executive officers attended, because their varied views were known.

I was invited to attend at the close of Monday's sitting by a present executive officer, because the Tramway and Sydney branches had resolutions for a fortnightly paper.

At the special conference last year I advocated a fortnightly paper, but that conference raised the contributions by 3/ which was expected to bring in an extra thousand pounds. It has not done so.

If the weekly paper costs £1492 per annum a fortnightly paper should cost less by a sufficient sum to make the Association receipts exceed the expenditure by a margin sufficient to find a reserve fund that is indispensable in even a craft union.

My branch's proposal was turned down by the meeting held on Monday night, although I still think it was the best way out.

Mr. Evers was not present, but his views were known, namely, complete the "Co-operator" contract and pay the debt by a levy or rise in contributions.

That proposal was turned down because the last rise in contributions has not met expectations, like the original half-crown levy.

Monday night's meeting decided to oppose any extension of the "Co-operator" agreement, to oppose any purchase of the "Co-operator" goodwill or plant, also to affiliate or amalgamate, as soon as possible, with the A.W.U.

You are aware that when the "Co-operator" question was reached by Conference some delegate, who did not attend Monday night's meeting, moved the "Co-operator" be given twenty minutes, and that the debate be limited to 45 minutes.

If the Conference would limit the "Co-operator" debate to 45 minutes that justifies Monday night's meeting for concentration.

Sydney branch delegates protested that their branch, I think, would have solved the position, but Conference never gave Sydney branch a chance.

Conference carried the resolution for affiliation with A.W.U., but there are certainly obstacles, which, however, enthusiasm may override.

One thing I do know is the fact that over a thousand Tramway members left a craft union because they believed in the industrial policy. These members have a right to be solvent. If the craft union is obsolete, it certainly was always able to pay its debts.

(Mr. Paull has but justified the "Co-operator" in its criticism. He admits that a meeting was held to which some delegates to the Conference were not invited and who, therefore, were ignorant of the proceedings. The contention is that no delegate should be deprived of any knowledge that might assist him in forming an opinion upon a subject and that the fact of a secret or partially secret meeting being held was unfair to the delegates that were not invited thereto.

The agenda was not overloaded with "Co-operator" resolutions. Of 160 resolutions but eight were associated with the "Co-operator." At a recent meeting of the old Executive, when the business paper was under discussion Mr. Paull expressed the opinion that nothing but the "Co-operator" was worth consideration and that a whole day would be well spent in such a discussion. Why then this sudden zeal to "facilitate the debate" by caucus meetings?—Ed.)

LIBERALS IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT.

Mr. A. B. Kempster replies to "Honesty":—

"In your issue of March 15th, 'Honesty,' of Goulburn, complains of the action of Conference in affiliating with the Labor party under rule 6, without first having a referendum of the members. He then goes on to say that many are not Labor supporters at all, and claim the right to think for themselves, and to vote as they think. 'Honesty' might have been mistaken for a member of the Socialist Labor party, or even the I.W.W., but for the fact that in the closing paragraph of his letter he refers to wild

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SUPERANNUATION BOARD

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CHARLES DEMPSEY, air-brake attendant, Railways, 9/9 per day, entered the Service 15/8/01, dismissed 29/9/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to £8/17/7.

ALBERT EWELD GRAF, conductor, Tramways, 9/7 per day, entered the Service 21/7/14, dismissed 12/9/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to £3/2/1.

ALBERT FREDERICK ALEXANDER, shunter, Railways, 9/6 per day, entered the Service 30/11/14, dismissed 6/11/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to £1/13/9.

GEORGE MAYES, conductor, Tramways, 10/ per day, entered the Service 21/3/11, dismissed 27/9/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to £8/10/5.

PHILIP THOMAS MCKORLEY, junior porter, Railways, 5/6 per day, entered the Service 19/8/13, dismissed 28/10/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to £12/19/9.

HENRY POWELL, conductor, Tramways, 10/ per day, entered the Service 21/7/09, dismissed 16/10/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to £4/13/1.

SIMON PRITALER, clerk, Railways, £260 per annum, entered the service 22/9/90, dismissed 6/10/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to £20/6/7.

JAMES RUSSELL, driver, Railways, 15/ per day, entered the Service 19/8/98, dismissed 7/10/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to £21/3/3.

GEORGE SEINOR, guard, Railways, 9/8 per day, entered the Service 21/7/14, dismissed 6/11/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to £3/18/5.

JOHN THOMAS SMITH, laborer, Tramways, 9/3 per day, entered the Service 10/11/13, dismissed 28/9/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to £1/2/5.

WALTER JOHN STOKES, relief officer, Railways, £160 per annum, entered the Service 28/6/13, dismissed 4/9/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to £5/9/11.

BERTIE JAMES THORPE, junior porter, Railways, 4/9 per day, entered the Service 21/5/15, dismissed 3/11/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to 17/11.

speeches at street corners which mainly seek to stir up class hatred. This remark stamps him unmistakably as a Liberal.

Neither is he the only one in the Association, though they are perhaps less numerous in our Union than in the various craft organisations operating in the service.

It is a tragic fact that there are working men rubbing shoulders with us every day in all grades of the service who are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to assist Messrs. Hughes, Holman and Co., to fasten the chains of Prussian militarism around our necks and hand us over, body and soul, to the tender mercies of those that have not a particle of interest in our welfare, except as wealth-producing machines, and who will cast us on the scrap-heap without a thought or care as soon as we are too old and feeble to produce profit for them.

In the coming fight of the 24th inst. it is not our exploiters and their hiring politicians we have to fear so much as fellow workers, like "Honesty," who complain of the injustice of being coerced into paying a shilling a year towards securing their political and economic freedom. They not only pay their dues grudgingly and under protest, but they vote against us at the ballot box and make it possible for the enemies of Labor to laugh in our faces and defy us to secure our God-given right to a decent livelihood and civic justice.

Personally, I should like to see a clause inserted in our rules that no Liberal, Nationalist, or Fusionist shall be eligible for membership in our Association. I do not want to see them forced into supporting a political party which represents their interests. If they prefer to be kicked by the cloven hoof of the Prussian junker, I agree with them that they have a perfect right to enjoy that privilege; but they have no right to attempt to drag me down to the gutter with them and to prevent me from combining the expression of my political and economic desires through the voice of an industrial union.

If they have no desire for the betterment of their conditions and consider that the Liberal masters

WILLIAM CURRIE, junior porter, Railways, 4/ per day, entered the Service 26/2/16, dismissed 10/1/17. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to 6/9.

JOSEPH FRANCE, junior porter, Railways, 3/3 per day, entered the Service 27/10/15, dismissed 14/11/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to 2/8.

CYRIL ARCHIBALD NEIL PINCHAM, junior porter, Railways, 5/9 per day, entered the Service 25/2/16, dismissed 14/11/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to 2/8.

CORNELIUS REIDY, conductor, Tramways, 10/ per day, entered the Service 20/8/12, dismissed 1/12/16. Refused refund of contributions, which amounted to £6/18/1.

NORMAN LEWIS JOSEPH BENTLEY, shop boy, Tramways, 9/3 per day, entered the Service 26/5/13, dismissed 25/1/17. Refund of contributions, which amounted to £4/1/4, allowed.

STEPHEN ALFRED DEADY, shop boy, Tramways, 3/ per day, entered the Service 21/6/15, dismissed 31/1/17. Contributions, which amount to 16/9, held over for consideration.

ARTHUR RUDOLF GAUDRY, fireman, Railways, 10/ per day, entered the Service 1/9/13, dismissed 27/1/17. Refund of contributions, which amounted to £5/19/11, granted.

CHARLES ALFRED JONES, conductor, Traffic, Tramways, 10/ per day, entered the Service 30/9/09, dismissed 5/2/17. Contributions, which amount to £12/9/9, held over.

JOHN LARKIN, porter, Railways, 9/3 per day, entered the Service 10/4/11, dismissed 6/1/17. Contributions, which amounted to £5/11/3, granted.

ERNEST PATRICK MACKAY, conductor, Tramways, 10/ per day, entered the Service 20/5/13, dismissed 10/1/17. Contributions, which amount to £5/0/5, held over.

ERNEST QUINE, shop boy, Tramways, 5/ per day, entered the Service 25/10/15, dismissed 1/2/17. Refund of contributions, which amounted to 4/6, granted.

NORMAN ERNEST RICE, junior porter, Railways, 3/3 per day, entered the Service 18/9/15, dismissed 29/1/17. Refund of contributions, which amount to 13/7, held over.

WILLIAM SMITH, porter, Railways, 9/3 per day, entered the Service 2/3/14, dismissed 15/1/17. Refund of contributions, which amount to £2/1/1, granted.

ALFRED RUPART WILLET, junior porter, Railways, 5/ per day, entered the Service 19/4/16, dismissed 17/12/16. Refund of contributions, which amount to 1/6, held over.

AMALGAMATED RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

NOMINATIONS CALLED FOR.

Nominations for the positions of general secretary, assistant secretary and two organisers, in accordance with resolution of Conference, will close on April 30th.

Nominations are invited from financial members of the A.R. and T.S. Association.

Nominations must be forwarded through branches, signed by six financial members.

Term of office is for three years, and the salaries as passed by Conference are as follows: General secretary, £6/10/ per week. Assistant secretary, £4 per week. Country organiser, £4 per week, and 30/ expenses.

Instructions as to the method of taking ballot, will be published later. E. D. CAMPBELL, Returning Officer.

GUARDS, SHUNTERS AND SIGNALMEN.

A meeting of the Guards, Shunters and Signalmen's branch will meet at Head Office next Saturday, 24th inst., at 7.45 p.m.

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BRANCH MEETINGS

GOULBURN.

The monthly meeting of the branch was held on the 10th inst. Mr. Rogers, branch chairman, presiding. There was a good attendance of members.
Regarding letter from the S.S. Inspector, in reference to correspondence not being satisfactory, the secretary was instructed to forward the matter to head office to take up with the department.
A letter was received from a member of the Association asking to be transferred to Goulburn branch. The secretary was instructed to attend to this case.
A letter was received from the Engine Drivers and Cleaners' Association asking co-operation in calling a mass meeting of railway employees for the purpose of having a roll of honor of railway men placed at the railway station, and to have a monument to our men fallen in battle erected opposite the station. It was decided we co-operate with the other unions in calling a meeting. It was also resolved that the chairman and secretary meet representatives to formulate a scheme to place before the mass meeting.
Subscription list was received from head office asking the assistance for "All-Grades" candidates running for Parliament, and stating that Mr. A. W. Buckley is a candidate. It was resolved that as candidates in the district have to be supported the branch cannot ask members to support candidates in other districts, and to inform head office to that effect.
A subscription list was received, through head office, from the Ardlen branch, asking assistance for one of their members who has lost one of his eyes. The sum of 10/6 was voted from the funds of the branch.
A letter was received from the secretary of the P.L. League asking for moral and financial support for the forthcoming election, and to send delegates to a conference of unions interested. It was moved that G. Warrington and J. Hayman be appointed representatives to the League.
The secretary was instructed to write to the secretary of Goulburn Hospital Committee in reference to the actions of the doctor and the hospital in connection with a member with a crushed finger.
Nine new members were admitted and one by clearance, making twenty-five for the quarter.
Delegates to conference gave an account of the business transacted at the meeting, and after a few questions were answered a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the delegates for the way they carried out their duties.

ALBURY.

A special meeting of the Albury branch was held on 11/3/17, Mr. J. James in the chair.
Correspondence was received and dealt with.
The meeting decided that no action be taken as regards circular No. 6 (re Mr. Buckley).
It was resolved, on the motion of Messrs. Thorpe and Hayes, that the branch support Mr. Thompson in the forthcoming election.
The branch secretary was instructed to write to head office re members in arrears, and to ask what action is going to be taken in the matter.
At a previous meeting, held on 16/2/17, it was resolved that the Albury branch is with the Newcastle branch as regards their attitude towards non-unionists, and that action be taken by the executive or by the various branches.
The secretary was instructed to write to head office and ask if junior porters can be supplied with medals at actual cost, a receipt to be given for medal only. This would, it is thought, induce many juniors to join the Association.
Members will note that Don Matheson, leading porter, and J. James, loco., are authorised collectors for this branch.

MUSWELLBROOK.

A meeting of this branch was held at the Railway Hotel on Saturday, 17th inst., Mr. Waters in the chair.
Mr. Kennedy, the selected Labor candidate for this electorate, addressed the members before the meeting opened, and created a very favorable impression, all those present being thoroughly convinced that he is the right man in the right place. After a vote of thanks had been awarded the candidate the business was proceeded with.
The correspondence was received and dealt with.
The secretary was instructed to write the general secretary re the disposal of branch funds.
Mr. Lord complained of being refused pay while off duty through an injury received at his work, and was asked to send full particulars to the secretary, with a view to having same sent on to head office.
The delegate then gave his report of the Conference. The members generally expressed dissatisfaction with the result.

TICKET STAFF.

A meeting of this branch was held at head office on the 13th inst.
The following resolutions were carried:—
In connection with the scheme for booking day off in lieu of Sunday, submitted to the Chief Ticket Inspector by petition of the whole of the staff, and turned down on the ground that it was unworkable from the department point of view, "That three delegates interview the Chief Ticket Inspector and ask the reason why the scheme is regarded as unworkable, and request an interview with the District Superintendent to place the matter before him."
"That the general secretary be requested to communicate with the Superintendent of Lines and draw up men employed on the ticket staff for an indefinite period as ticket collectors without being appointed collectors, and request that their appointments date back from the time of commencing as collectors; also that they receive the maximum pay."
"That six men be appointed as permanent collectors to work on relief rosters to be given a regular roster in turn of seniority."
"That the general secretary be informed of several breaches of No. 3 Wages Award, and that it is strongly recommended by the branch that prosecutions follow."
The breaches consist of failing to pay overtime for time worked in excess of eight hours on Sunday, and booking employee off for same; working employees thirteen shifts in period of 95 hours (instead of twelve shifts); bringing employee on for a shift of less than four hours.
It was resolved that the branch take action in the matter of the appointment of the general secretary at next meeting.

BRANCH NOTICES.

NEWCASTLE No. 10.

The fortnightly meeting of this branch, for traffic, will be held at Beacham's Room, Fern-street, Islington, on Sunday, March 25th, at 10 a.m., and at the Trades Hall, Newcastle, on Tuesday, March 27th, at 7.30 p.m. sharp. Both meetings will open at advertised time, so all members are asked to attend punctually to time. There is some very important business to transact, especially at the Trades Hall meeting, where it is to be decided whether officers have the right to freedom of speech and liberty of opinion. This is very important as far as this branch is concerned, and members are specially requested to attend.
Members are asked to remember the password, "Keep Financial," as the Association is now fighting the appeal against No. 3 Traffic Wages Board Award. Evidence is also required for No. 2 (Loco. and Stores, etc.), No. 10 (Ironworkers' Assistants, Moulders' Assistants, etc.).

THE ELECTIONS

UNION SECRETARIES.

MESSRS. HALL AND HOLMAN HURL ANATHEMAS AT THE HEADS OF UNION SECRETARIES.

(By J. H. Catts, M.H.R.)

The union secretaries holding seats on the Political Labor Executive represent, approximately, 150,000 workers.

Messrs. Hall and Holman are both ex-secretaries. Mr. Holman was general secretary of the Amalgamated Railway and Tramway Association before I occupied that position. It has not taken him long to forget it.

Hall was defeated as State member for Gunnedah in 1904. He was moping about Parliament House out of work. His Labor colleagues eventually levied themselves £15 per month to engage him as secretary to Mr. McGowan.

Later Hall was made secretary to the Navigation Commission, of which Mr. Hughes was chairman, through the good offices of Labor men.

These men, who now sneer at Labor Unionism, owe everything they have and are to the fact that they climbed on the backs of the workers to prominence and affluence.

Vote Against the Traitors to the Workers.

THE TEMPERANCE VOTE.

MR. HALL BEFORE AND AFTER ELECTION.

At the last election (1914) Mr. Hall secured the temperance vote. How did he treat his promises regarding temperance reform?
He treated temperance voters as he has treated Labor voters. He has broken his pledges.

A deputation from the N.S.W. Alliance on July 8th, 1915 (see "S.M. Herald" 9/7/15) tried to induce Mr. Hall to bring about—

1. A bare majority in local option poll.
2. Earlier closing.
3. State Option.

The Rev. Hammond was the Alliance spokesman. In refusing the request of the deputation Mr. Hall referred to the unkindness of the publicans and the motor cars they supplied on polling day as an excuse why he should desert his principles.
On August 16th, 1915 (see "S.M. Herald" 17/8/15) the Alliance held a public demonstration to urge Mr. Hall and his friends to give effect to the reforms above-mentioned. In speaking to the main resolution, Mr. Hammond referred contemptuously to a Parliament confessedly afraid of motor cars on the day of election. Such men, said Mr. Hammond, are unworthy to represent the people.

Replying further to Mr. Hall, he said a Government that had money to buy a bakery, but not enough to protect its babies was unworthy of respect.

Mr. Hall, next day (see "S.M.H." 18/8/15), made a rejoinder to the Rev. Hammond by giving him "The Lie Courtesies."

He referred to the "sneers" of Mr. Hammond, and replied to the reported "inaccuracies."

What is the use of voting for a so-called temperance man, who laughs at you for two years and nine months, and for three months piously pretends he is a reformer?

The Labor movement is clean and honest. It rids itself of principle shirkers and pledge-breakers.

Is a candidate repudiated by the great Labor movement as pledge-breaker and a turncoat good enough for Enmore? Will the temperance electors of N.S.W. tolerate such humbugs?

THEN AND NOW.

THE CHICKENS HAVE COME HOME TO ROOST.

Speaking in the House of Representatives on the 8th inst., Jim Pate (Maranoa) said:
I want to record the facts as to what took place in New South Wales in 1892 and 1894. The State then passed through exactly the same political crisis as the Commonwealth is passing through to-day, and the principal actors in the events of that time were William Morris Hughes and William Holman. The same names were being applied to the honorable member for Parramatta when he was Leader of the Labor party. At that time there were two parties in the Labor ranks, the solidarity party and the liquidity party. Hughes and Holman belonged to the solidarity party. They said the whole Labor movement should be controlled, not by honorable members in Parliament, but by the organisations outside. They said the organisations should have the right to frame the platform, and that any man standing for Labor should sign it. The honorable member for Parramatta, who was then Leader of the Labor party, refused to sign it. He refused to be bound, and all the political virtue possible was thrown at him when he stood for Lithgow. Those who are accusing the junta to-day of doing certain things are the very men that created that junta in 1893 and 1894. Their chickens have come home to roost. They find that they cannot restrain this junta.

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Mr. JOSEPH KANE, who has enlisted for active service, is a well-known athlete, having won the Interstate Railway Boxing Competition, held under the auspices of the N.S.W. and Victorian Governments. He is also a noted foot runner and high jumper, and as life-saver he holds a remarkable record, having rescued five people from a burning building at North Melbourne, and one from drowning at Warrnambool, Vic. Like many other athletes who have overtrained, Mr. Kane recently had a nervous breakdown. How he regained his health and strength he tells in the following letter, written from 28 Stephenson-street, Sydney, on February 24, 1917:



Mr. Joseph Kane.

"For the past three months I have been a user of HEAN'S TONIC NERVE NUTS to overcome the effects of a nervous breakdown due to over-training—a trouble common with athletes who keep at concert pitch for a number of years. My object in now writing is to thank you for the benefit I have derived from the use of your remarkable nerve tonic. I am now feeling as well as ever I did, eating and sleeping well, and as full of vigor as any man ever need be. This quick and thorough restoration to health and strength I attribute to the use of HEAN'S TONIC NERVE NUTS, so you can see I have much to thank you for!"

IF YOU are a sufferer from nerves, do not drug yourself with opiates or narcotics. Build up health and strength by nourishing your nerves. You cannot do better than be guided by the experience of those who have used HEAN'S TONIC NERVE NUTS, which are obtainable from all leading chemists and stores, or from

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178 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

It will not do what they want it to do. They have controlled what they call the junta up to to-day, but the outside organisations have taken a greater hand in politics than they took before, and rightly so. They sent us here to do certain things.
Mr. Sampson: To register their decisions.
Mr. Pate: To register the decisions that they put in the platform. If a man signs a promissory-note and does not pay it, he commits a dishonest act. We sign the platform, and they expect us to carry it into effect. That is all they ask of us.

A WARNING TO CIVIL SERVANTS

Holman has taken fright at the policy issued by the Leader of the Labor party (John Storey) in regard to the Public Service. On the 10th instant, the former issued a notice from

THE PREMIER'S OFFICE, stating that Mr. Storey's announcement compels him to do likewise. He now declares he will adopt Mr. Storey's policy.

IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. The Holman Government three years ago granted a Royal Commission to Railway men at Darling Harbour, and promised in writing to give effect to its findings. The Royal Commission sat and made its recommendations. For three years the Holman Ministers have refused to carry out their promise.

DON'T ACCEPT THE PLEDGE OF PLEDGE BREAKERS.

COOTAMUNDRA

CAMPAIGN OF FALSEHOOD.

A mean, un-Australian, unsigned pamphlet is being circulated in Holman's electorate of Cootamundra, representing Mr. Minahan, M.L.A., and Senator Grant as seeking funds from a firm having a German as manager for the No-Conscription Campaign. I can say that Mr. Minahan, personally, had nothing whatever to do with the matter. A circular letter was issued and a young lady typist directed to send it to Sydney firms, addressing envelopes from the directory. No name was put on the circulars. It is easy to see how a girl would innocently address an envelope "Foreign Agency Limited, 38 York-street Sydney." We had no funds to fight against great odds. We, however, scrutinised every penny offered to the No-Conscription Campaign, and refused over £100 because we were not satisfied as to its origin.

We are prepared to allow a public audit of our No-Conscription Campaign accounts, on the Conscriptionists agreeing to a similar scrutiny of theirs.

If Mr. Holman was an Australian he would be no party to these cowardly tactics.—J. H. Catts, M.H.R.

RAILWAY PICNIC.

The annual railway picnic of the employees from Parraba in the North and North-west, and Singleton, on the South, took place on Muswellbrook Show Ground on Saturday, three trains carrying the picnicers. Among those present, and who spoke at the luncheon, were our State member, Mr. Abbott; and Mr. Bramston, Labor candidate for Singleton. There were about 2000 people present. A report of the proceedings is held over until next week.

MR. BUCKLEY'S GRATITUDE

AN OPEN LETTER TO RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY MEN.

365 Crown Street, March 19th, 1917.

To my fellow-workers.—It is with the warmest feeling of gratitude towards the many railway and tramway men that have supported me in this, the greatest fight in which that it has been my lot to participate. It is with a feeling of confidence and gratefulness that I have to thank the numerous senders of congratulatory messages. I wish to especially thank the "All Grades" Executive in their action in allowing me to devote the whole of my time to the campaign. This action, however, is in common keeping with the attitude of the "All Grades" Executive. Whether it be railway or tramway men they are ready to give them support; their action in this case has very clearly demonstrated this fact. It is, further, pleasing to me to have such splendid support, because it proves my argument to the hilt; that railway and tramway men have all interests in common, and who, if they stand as one, will be a power to be reckoned with in the future.

I must specially thank Mr. Claude Thompson for his contribution of £1/10/- towards the campaign, and, in doing so, must express my appreciation of his actions as general secretary in sending such contribution all the way from Hobart. I have also to thank those many tramway men that have contributed so much, and done so much, in my interests at the various depots, also the many railway men that have, in and around Sydney, assisted towards the campaign, that must be their victory as well as mine. If there are any tramway, or railway men that have the time to spare next Saturday, I would be pleased to have them come to the committee rooms. The invitation applies to railway men that may live in the vicinity, and that can spare the time.

In conclusion, let me say that I am confident of success.
That our party will be on the Treasury benches appears to me to be beyond doubt. If elected it is very necessary that I should have behind me in the House, the One Big Union of Railway and Tramway men, for this will give me double confidence in speaking on your many grievances.

My interests are directly linked up with the "All Grades" and such connection could not be severed under any consideration. I launched out to have this grand big union established and I am going to accomplish it no matter what are the odds. Long before I had any intention of standing for Parliament I declared that I knew no defeat, and that determination is stronger to-day than at any time during my connection with the "All Grades."

There are men in the Tramway Union that see as I do, think as I do, and men who will be asked to support the continuance of the fight towards the goal that alone will give the railway and tramway men justice. "ONE GRAND SERVICE UNION."

Trusting that you, fellow-workers, will believe me in saying that my success is your success, my victory your victory and your grievances my grievances.

I am, Yours for the Cause, ARTHUR W. BUCKLEY, "All Grades" Organiser.

RAILWAY BOARDS

No. 7 BOARD (ENGINEERS, ETC.).

The following Award was published in the Gazette of Friday last: The interim Award of the Board published in the Government Gazette No. 72 of 28th April, 1916, is hereby repealed.

The ordinary hours of labour shall be 48 per week.

The ordinary hours of labour for forgers and forge furnacemen may be up to 60 hours per week to be worked in shifts of not more than twelve hours.

Overtime is to be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

WAGES.

The following are to be the minimum rates of pay for the ordinary hours of labour:—

	Per hour.
Patternmakers	1 9s
Coppersmiths	1 8s
Blacksmiths	1 8s
Fitters	1 8s
Engineering brass finishers	1 8s
Turners	1 8s
Forgers	1 10s
Forge furnacemen	1 8s
Engineering oxy-acetylene welders	1 8s
Engineering electric welders	1 8s
Drophammer smiths	1 8s
Ajax forging machines	1 8s
Spring makers	1 6s
Smithing machines	1 4s
Oliver hammer smiths	1 6s

Planers	1 7s
Millers	1 7s
Shapers	1 7s
Slotters	1 7s
Double-headed borers	1 7s

Other machinists—

Drillers (including sensitive drills)	1 3s
Duplex drill	1 3s
Radial drill (fitted with tapping attachment)	1 3s
Multiple drill	1 4s
Slot drill	1 4s
Spring stripper	1 4s
Ferrule machine	1 3s
Cotter machine	1 3s
Tube-coning machine (coppersmith's shop)	1 3s
Cold, friction, and band saws	1 3s
Piston rod grinders	1 4s
Shear attendants	1 3s
Screw (single head)	1 3s
Screw (double head)	1 3s

An employee using a boring or cutter-bar in a drilling machine shall be classed as a borer.

Grinders and lappers (that is, grinders and lappers on machines who are working to the same degree of accuracy and are obtaining their measurements in the same way as lappers and turners), 1s. 8d. per hour.

All other grinders and lappers, 1s. 1d. per hour.

Note.—The above rates include all consideration hitherto paid as "dirt money."

RUNNING SHEDS.

Filters on running repairs work are to be paid 4d. per day above the minimum rate of pay for fitters.

CHARGEMEN.

Chargemen are to receive the following minimum rates over their ordinary rate of pay:—

	Per day.
In charge of from 3 to 11 men	1 0s
In charge of from 12 to 22 men	1 6s
In charge of from 23 to 50 men	2 0s
In charge of over 50 men	2 6s

NIGHT-SHIFTS.

Night-shifts not more than eight hours each, payment to be at the rate of time and a quarter.

OUT WORK.

Employees who are required to work away from their home depots or shops, where they cannot return home at night, shall be allowed expenses at the following scale:—

	Per day.
Where absent up to two days	6 0s
Where absent for over two days and up to seven days	5 0s
Where absent over seven days	4 0s

HOT PLACES.

No employee shall be compelled to work in any place where the temperature has been raised above 150 degrees.

APPRENTICES.

All boys shall be apprenticed for five years.

Boys shall be apprenticed to one or more of the following trades:—Pitter, fitter and turner, turner, smith, coppersmiths, patternmaker, machinist, brass finisher, and engineering oxy-acetylene welding.

The minimum rates of pay for apprentices shall be—

	Per week.
16 years of age	10 0s
17 years of age	15 0s
18 years of age	20 0s
19 years of age	25 0s
20 years of age	35 0s

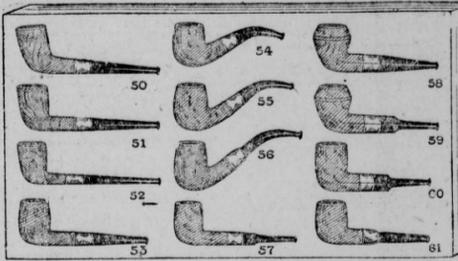
The proportion of apprentices shall not exceed one apprentice to every two journeymen.

This Award shall come into force upon publication in the Government Gazette, and shall remain in operation for a period of three years.

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APPEALS BOARD

On 26/2/17, before Messrs. Hodgson (Chairman), Heydon (Department), Kelly (Employees), R. E. Cavanaugh, porter, was dismissed from the service on the following grounds:

(1) Was convicted and fined at the Newtown Police Court for using indecent language and for inciting a prisoner to resist arrest; (2) gave misleading information regarding cause of his absence from duty. He appealed against the dismissal, and was defended by Mulder, of the "All Grades," pleading guilty, and asking for another chance.

It was pointed out to the Board that the fine was a very small one, and therefore the Court must have considered the offence a very minor one.

Decision of Board: Appellant to be reinstated on 2/4/17.

On the following day J. Trehilby, conductor, who was dismissed on a charge of being under the influence of liquor, pleaded guilty, and asked for leniency. He was defended by Mulder, of the "All Grades."

The evidence showed that Trehilby had several drinks before starting work, and one on the first trip to Erskine-street. His defence was that he had not been well, and was advised to take some spirits. On the trip from Watson's Bay he got off the tram at the depot to ask for relief, and another conductor took the car on to the wharf. Subsequently the shed foreman took appellant to the sub-inspector. Appellant was told to report to head office, and was dismissed.

The decision of Board was that as the appellant had asked for relief and had made a truthful statement, both to his officers and to the Board, the Board would accept his promise to behave, and would restore him to the service from 5/3/17.

On 28/2/17, before Messrs. Hodgson (Chairman), S. Spurway (Department), and Kelly (Employees), C. J. O'Connell, ticket staff, Sydney, appealed against his dismissal which decision was given on the grounds that he failed to account for a macintosh coat handed to him as lost property by a passenger on 25/11/16. He was defended by Mr. P. K. White.

A witness named O'Connell, giving evidence, said that he found a coat in a train. The coat belonged to a

friend. The lost property office was closed, and he gave the coat to the appellant. He was sure that appellant was the man to whom he gave the coat. Ten days afterwards he was asked to go to the S.M.'s office, and there he picked out appellant as the man to whom he gave the coat. He recognised appellant because on the day when witness gave him the coat he had a bloodshot eye. This made witness look at him.

To Mr. Kelly: He only saw the appellant for twenty seconds when he handed him the coat.

Leading porter Hyslop said that he heard that a coat had been found, or lost; he was not sure which; he saw a coat near the barrier at which the appellant was working; he went to take the coat, when the appellant stopped him with the remark "That coat is mine"; he did not know who reported the matter to him; he was sure it was an A.M. Alt said the case was reported to him; he noticed that the appellant had a bloodshot eye; he knew appellant a good character; he knew that appellant was supplied with a number, but did not know whether he had it on or not; he thought that he would have noticed it if he had not had it on.

Ticket collector Sheedy said he remembered 28/1/17; he was working on the barrier in company with the appellant and Morris; no one gave him a coat, and he had no conversation with the appellant about a coat; he did not see anyone give a coat to appellant; he heard nothing about a coat, but saw one lying on the locker near the barrier; he often saw coats and bags near the indicator board; guards and other men left them there while they were waiting for their trains.

Ticket collector Morris gave similar evidence.

The appellant said that on the day referred to he was working on the barrier; he was sure that he did not receive a coat; and he knew nothing about it; he did not speak to Sheedy about a coat, and did not tell Sheedy that a coat was his; he saw a coat there,