

Finding Aid 873

Percy R. Bengough Collection

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MG 30 BENGOUGH, Percy R. (1883-1971). Labour Leader.

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Originals, 1907, 1917-1959. 76.5 cm. Finding Aid No. 873.

Percy Bengough apprenticed as a machinist in his native London, England and subsequently joined the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. He immigrated to Canada in 1905 and two years later took up his trade and union activities in Vancouver. When the Amalgamated Society of Engineers began withdrawing from North America during World War I, he joined the International Association of Machinists and shortly thereafter became Vice-President of Vancouver Lodge # 777 and District Lodge #78. In 1917 he was elected Business Agent of the District Lodge. From 1919 to 1921 he was Grand Lodge Representative and International Organizer for the Union with responsibility for British Columbia and the north-western United States. In 1921 he was elected Secretary of the Vancouver Trades and Labour Council and he continued in this position until 1942. From 1931 to 1942 he served as Vice-President of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada and in 1943 he was elected President of the Congress. He retired in 1954.

Presented in 1971 by George R. Bengough of Vancouver, B.C. A large number of books and pamphlets were transferred to the Library and photographs were transferred to the National Photography Collection. A 1907 poster of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers has been placed in the vertical filing cabinet and three over-size certificates have been placed in the horizontal filing cabinet. Six gavels presented to Percy Bengough were transferred to the National Museum of Man.

The finding aid No. 873 is a list of files and other items:

Correspondence, n.d., 1924-1963. 2.5 cm (volume 1).

The correspondence is primarily of a souvenir nature. There is also some correspondence in the scrapbooks.

Addresses and articles, 1934-1954. 25 cm (volumes 1-2).

Includes speeches, texts of radio broadcasts and editorials written in his capacity as president of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada.

Subject Files, 1933-1954. 3.75 cm (volume 1).

The subjects are the International Labour Office, British Columbia Health Insurance Commission, and Trades and Labour Congress of Canada.

Miscellaneous certificates, labour publications, copies of legislation, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, programmes and directories, 1921-1964. 27.5 cm (volumes 2-3).

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Scrapbooks, 1907, 1917-1959. 17.5 cm (volumes 4-6).

The scrapbooks consist mostly of newspaper clippings but there is some correspondence and printed matter as well. The 1917-1919 scrapbook is also available on microfilm.

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Volume 1

1. Correspondence. n.d., 1924-63
2. Addresses, articles, broadcasts. n.d., 1934-54
3. Labour Day addresses. 1944-53
4. New Year's messages. 1944-52
5. British Columbia Health Insurance Commission. 1934-36
6. International Labour Organization. n.d., 1933-42
7. Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Annual Convention. Presidents' Addresses. 1948-54
8. Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Memoranda to the Government of Canada. 1950-59
9. Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Miscellaneous n.d., 1934-55
10. Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, Labor Statesman. /1928-38/

Volume 2

1. Radio Talks, 1934-37. (Bound in 4 volumes. A subject index is included at the beginning of the first volume).
2. 72 Years of Leadership. Bound volume of editorials written for the Trades and Labor Congress Journal from 1942-54.
3. Canada, Dept. of Labour. Labour Legislation in Canada as Existing Dec. 31, 1928. Special bound edition.
4. American Federation of Labor, Sixty-First Annual Convention. Held at Vancouver, B.C. Oct. 5-15, 1931. Report of Proceedings. Special bound edition.

Volume 3

1. Certificates. Miscellaneous.
2. Labour publications. Miscellaneous.
3. Legislation, copies of.
4. Newspaper clippings. (5 files).
5. Pamphlets and periodicals. Miscellaneous.
6. Programmes and directories. Miscellaneous.

Volume 4 (Also available on microfilm, reel number C-374).

1. Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, printed matter and some correspondence. 1907, 1917-19.
2. One Big Union. Constitution and by-laws, circular letters, bulletins and announcements of meetings. 1919. This material was found loose in the 1917-19 scrapbook.

Volume 4 Cont.

3. File of miscellaneous material found loose in the 1917-1919 scrapbook, consisting mainly of publications issued by various organizations during the Winnipeg General Strike - One Big Union period in 1919. Included are:

Calgary Central Strike Committee, Calgary Strike Bulletin, No. 1, May 30, 1919.

International Association of Machinists, Specialists and Helpers. Circular letter addressed to Canadian Members generally by Jas. Somerville, Moose Jaw, June 26, 1919.

International Association of Machinists, Specialists and Helpers. District Lodge No. 2. Bulletin Vol. VII. Nos. 18 and 20. July and September, 1919.

International Workers of the World. Unemployment - why? n.d. 1 pg.

The Daily Province News Bulletin No. 1, June 17, 1919.

Vancouver Central Strike Committee, Strike Bulletin. Nos. 5, 10, 11, 14, 19. June 10-28, 1919

Vancouver Returned Citizen's Law and Order League, Returned Citizens' Bulletin.

Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, Western Labor News, July 2, 1919.

Winnipeg Workers' Defense Committee, Workers' Defense Bulletin. No. 5, Sept. 20, 1919.

Volume 5

1. Scrapbook, mostly of newspaper clippings. 1921-41.

Volume 6

1. Scrapbook, mostly of newspaper clippings. 1942-54.
2. Scrapbook of souvenir letters and documents. 1921, 1939-59.