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NEWS NOTES

fixed at 44, working eight hours a day except on Saturday, when the period is reduced to four. Six holidays without loss of pay are fixed, and time and a half for overtime. Two weeks vacation with pay to men regularly employed for a year. The schedule applies to draughtsmen only and not to head draughtsmen, chief engineers, clerks of works, superintendents, or heads of departments.

REPRESENTATIVE architects and engineers of Minnesota met at Duluth on June 29 last and laid the basis for a Federation of the Architectural and Engineering Societies of the State. Delegates from the Minnesota Chapter of the Institute participated in the Conference, which appointed committees to proceed with the work of permanent organization, report to be made at a second conference called for November first. It is not the purpose of the new Federation to supplant or interfere with any of the existing professional bodies but to weld them together for concerted action upon matters affecting the welfare of the state and of the profession as well. Membership in the Federation will be through membership in some local organization only. It should also be noted that a joint committee of three Architects and three engineers has been appointed to draft a registration bill for presentation to the next legislature, and that the two professions should support the bill.

AT A SPECIAL MEETING of the Southern California Chapter held on June 19, the proposed affiliation of the Chapter with the California Engineering Council was approved and the constitution of the Council was referred to a special committee for later report to the Chapter. Like the Minnesota Federation referred to above, the California Council will be representative of the various technical societies in the state, the expense of maintenance being borne by contributions from those societies in proportion to their membership.

A RESOLUTION protesting the action of the Convention in the matter of Jurisdictional Awards was adopted at the June meeting of the Southern California Chapter, as follows:

WHEREAS: The resolution of the Southern California Chapter to the American Institute of Architects, protesting against the plan of the National Board of Jurisdictional Awards in the Building Industry, which protest was sent to the Executive Committee and officers of the Institute, and presented with accompanying resolution by the delegates of our Chapter at the Fifty-Third Annual Convention at Washington, and was there refused recognition by the Convention, and

WHEREAS: This protest was made with due respect to the American Institute of Architects and its officers and directors, but was necessary because the matter protested by the Chapter, was contrary to public policy in the territory of the Chapter, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the report of the delegates with respect to the matter of protest be referred to a committee for further study and recommendation as to the best methods of making this protest effective, and protecting the inalienable rights of the members of the Southern California Chapter in matters of public policy, and that the President be authorized to appoint a committee of at least seven members, to report their recommendations of action to the Chapter.

THE SCARBOROUGH Conference of the British Labor Party voted to ask for the resignation of Dr. Addison, the Minister of Health in charge of the housing program of the British Government. It also voted for state loans to encourage building, state control of building material,

higher hygienic standards in housing, and the encouragement of direct labor (that is, the adoption of either the Guild Plan or the elimination of the contractor by having the authorities take over the control of the whole operation.

One of the interesting factors developed was the carefully calculated statement by a delegate from Glasgow, showing that whereas the interest charge on the capital required to build a typical workman's house before the war was eight pounds, it is now sixty.

PRESIDENT KIMBALL has appointed a special committee to cooperate with the Commission of Fine Arts—on invitation of Chairman Moore. The personnel of the Institute Committee is as follows: Mr. E. W. Donn, Jr., Chairman, Mr. Percy Adams, and Mr. Louis A. Simon.

Obituary.

John A. Fox

Elected to the Institute in 1875; to Fellowship in 1889.
Died at Dorchester, Mass., May 4, 1920.

Major Fox was born in Newburyport, Mass., on December 23, 1835. His parents removed to Boston and he attended the public schools of Dorchester, graduating with the first class from the Dorchester High School. After leaving school, he entered the employ of Garbett & Wood, civil engineers.

Major Fox was in business for fifty years. He made the first survey of Stony Brook and the marsh land which is now the Back Bay District. During his career as an architect, he supervised the erection of some of the most historic buildings in and around Boston.

He was a charter member of the Boston Society of Architects, a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and the Pickwick Club of Dorchester.

Willard T. Sears

Elected to the Institute in 1870; to Fellowship in 1889.
Died at Boston, Mass., May 21, 1920.

Mr. Sears was born in New Bedford, Mass., November 5, 1837, and early evinced a love for architecture. Plans were made for him to enter Harvard, but a serious accident, occurring in his seventeenth year, prevented this. To shorten the hours of convalescence and after his recovery, he studied architecture in the office of Mr. Eaton, an architect of New Bedford, and later went in to the office of Mr. J. F. Bryant of Boston. When twenty-one years old, he leased an office for himself. Later, in the early 'sixties, he was associated with Mr. Charles A. Cummings, a connection which continued for about thirty years.

In later life Mr. Sears practiced his profession under his own name. He erected the Gardner Palace, Mt. Auburn Chapel, several hotels, and was chosen by the Committee to furnish the design for the Provincetown Monument. An especially interesting achievement was the rebuilding of the Hayti Cathedral, which had been previously destroyed several times by earthquakes.

Mr. Sears was a founder of the Boston Society of Architects, a charter member of the Boston Art Museum, and President of the Cape Cod Association.