

## Alex Dalgarno : Workers Union

**HATHERN.**

**WORKERS' UNION.** — Organised by the Workers' Union, a May Labour Day took place on Sunday. Headed by the United Prize Band, a procession with banners started from The Cross to the Round Bank, where a public meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. A. **Dalgarno**, who remarked that this was the first occasion a Labour Day had been observed at Hathern. Addresses were given by Miss Arnold, Mr. G. Morris and Mr. Syd Taylor, of Leicester, district secretary.

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**LABOUR CANDIDATE.**—On the Round Bank, **Hathern**, on Sunday, a public meeting was held under the auspices of the National Labour Party to further the candidature of Councillor Hallam, Leicester, the nominee of the Labour Party for the Loughborough Parliamentary Division. Mr. A. **Dalgarno** presided, and was supported by the candidate and Messrs. W. J. Wray and A. T. Wright, both of Loughborough. —Councillor Hallam, in answer to a question, said he was nominated by the National Labour Party, not by the I.L.P., the latter being a section of the National Labour Party.—A resolution approving of the candidature of Councillor Hallam was adopted.

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## WORKERS UNION AND N.F.D.S.&S.

An open-air meeting in connection with the Workers Union was held in the Market-place on Sunday, under the chairmanship of Mr. **Dalgarno** of **Hathern**.

Mr. Taylor, organising secretary to the Workers Union in Leicester, referring to statements made, both at Leicester and Loughborough by Mr. S. V. Basford, observed that the Workers Union had done nothing detrimental to the D. and D.S.S. They were not antagonistic to them, and were anxious to assist every sailor and soldier to obtain the prescribed rate of wages.

In all the churches and chapels that day a proclamation was to be read asking employers to employ at least five per cent. of the discharged men. If they could not get employers to take these men, then they would rise up in a body, and demand that every fit discharged man should be allowed to earn his living, plus the pension he was already receiving.

He regretted that the moulders were coming out on strike on Monday. This class of worker had broken away from the national agreement, and they were not playing the game. If it was fair for the moulders to break out, then it was

fair for the employers to do the same. His advice to the moulders was to return to work. It was a sectional dispute, and he would remind his hearers that while sectional unions had served a good purpose in the past they could not hope for victory to-day. It behoved every man and woman in the town to organise and entrench themselves in the trade-union movement, because when the Wages Temporary Regulation Act expired employers might attempt to reduce wages. It rested with the trade unions whether they would be able to retain the concessions received during the war.

Mr. Quain, organising secretary of the Leicester D. and D.S.S., said there had been a misunderstanding between the federation and the Workers Union.

The Chairman felt sure that it was merely a personal grievance with Mr. Basford, and he was pleased to learn that the matter had been cleared up. The Workers Union would always go hand in hand with the discharged men.

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