THE PEOPLE'S FORUM


## Conference of The Building Industries

(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Called by the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia and the Industrial Relations Committee of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce -To Be Held in the City Hall and Assembly Room of the Chamber of Commerce, Widener Building

## Commencing Tomorrow, February 15th, And on February 16th, 17th, 18th




## Synopsis Program of Subjects

detailed program of subjects Tuesday, February 15th Mayor's Reception Room, City Hall bility of Public Officials With Regard to Industrial Activity
Call of the meeting to order and presentation
of the cause, purposf and scope of the confer-
Address of welcome and function of the City
Administration in advancing industrial prosAdministration in advancing industrial pros
The Mayor of Philadelphia.
The function of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
dustry.

The Governor of Pennsyivania or his rep
restaiv.
The present situation with regard to the pro-
gram for Philadelphia public work. By a representative of the City Government. ennsylvania as an employer of labor By a member of the Emergency Fund The Law of Pennsylvania creating machiner for stabilizing industry By a member of the Industrial Board.
M.-Financial Considerations and Existing Unemployment
The present situation in construction industry and the financial rela ins.

Presented from the standpoint of a builder Estimates of the public and private construction
work of which Philadelphia is in present need. Presented by Architects and City Officials. The financial situation in the United States a related to construction and other industrial ac Prese The investors' attitu

Presented by bankers conversant with the Presented by
local situation.
The situation of the building and loan associa
tions with regard to construction work. Presented by persons experienced in build
ing and loan association activities. ing and loan association activities. Statement of the unempl.
ticularly in Philadelphia. The data under this heading have been pre-
pared by a a careful canvass and will be pre
sented by the expert in charge of the work.

Thursday, Feb. 1 A. M. A. 3. Living costs and their trends. fecting the construction industry from the standipoint or c and employees.
Friday, Feb. 1sth Assembly Room of Chamber of Commerce A. M. Hours of labor and restrictions.

## Wednesday,

 February 16th Assembly Room, Chamber oCommerce, Widener Bldg. A. M.-Transportation, Fuet, Real Estate, and Cost of Completed Structures

The transportation pro
relation to construction
Presented by an experienced rail road man.
The fuel situation of the United States and its relation to the construction
dustry.

Presented by coal operators.
The real estate situation and its re
tion to the construction industry. By a leading real estate man.

The cost of completed structures, botia
as a whole and by units, including as a whole and by units, includ
analysis of component costs.

Presented by engineers, architects
and builders and will include an
and builders and will include an findings.
M.-Prices of Construction Materials and the Condition of
the Market for Such Commodities

The topics to be considered under this
heading are the primary building ma heading are the primary building ma-
terials. The following materials will terials. The following materials will
be taken up serially and discussed be taken up serially and discussed
by manufacturers and dealers familiar with each commodity:

Stone, cement, lumber, brick, tile,
millwork, roofings and cornices,
painting, and glass, hardware.
electrical appliances, heatihg and
electrical appliances, heatihg and
plumbing supplies, plaster, iron
plumbing
and stecl.
Such other commodities as are used in building
may permit.

Thursday, February 17th

Commerce, Widener Bldg.

10 A. M.-Living Costs and Their Trends
Past and probable future trend of living costs,
wages, and hours of labor in the United States, Presented by the Managing Director of the ndustrial Conference Board and will inlude charts and curves setting forth the sit

Data gathered by the United States on living
costs up to February 15, 1921. Pa to 11 . Presentation will be by the Commissioner
in charge of the industrial labor statist in charge of the industrial labor statistic
of the United States.

Living cost data collected by the Bureau pical Research Presentation will be by an expert of the
Bureau.

Food, clothing and rents as they affect living in By leading grocers, clothiers, shoe dealers, eal estate men and others who are leader
P. M.-Wages and Production

Wages and Production as affecting the construc tion industry from the standpoint of contractor This subject will be dealt with in the forn This subject will be dealt with in the forn
of a discussion by those who are engagee
practically in the general building trades. of a discussion the general building trades.
practically in the
Bricklayers, masons, hod-carriers, commo Bricklayers, masons, hod-carriers, common
labor, carpenters, plasterers, lathers, paint labor, carpenters, plasterers, lathers, paint
ers and glaziers, roofers, plumbers, heating ers a stearaziers, roofers, plumbers, heating
and steamfitters, electrical workers and iron workers.
Other trades will be dealt with as time per mits. So far as possible, those taking part
will be employers and employees who wili be employers and employees who a
actively engaged in the different trades.

Friday, February 18th
Assembly Room, Chamber of
Commerce, Widener Bldg.
A. M.-Hour's of Labor and Restrictions Hours of labor and restrictions of production
and their effect upon the construction industry As in the previous session this discussion ver the various tredes of the constructio industry so far as time permits.

The findings of the committee representing the employers of the building
and other organizations.

Presented by the chairmen concerned.
. M.-Conference Conclusions During this session charts earlier exhibite howing pre-war, peak and present
truction cost in detail will be modified to include costs presented to the conference.

Rest and appointment of committees carty
ence.
Adjournment

This conference will permit of but a limited number of men to be heard, those appointed by the various interests to repre-
sent them. Any individual or organization, however, who wants to exprese an opinion or sưgest a way to accomplisp this
great constructive thought can do to by sending at the earliest moment their commmunication, propery signed, to the secretary
of the Induatrial Relations Committee at the address below. These communications will have weight, but names and eddreses of the Industrial Relations Committee at the address below. These communications will have weight, but names and addresses
will not be made public without the special consent of the writers.

Above is given the program of a con-
ference, that will easily be one of the most important ever held in the City o Philadelphia.

This conference will be constructive o bring about a quick resumption of building and put the unemployed men to

## accomplish

knowledge first to obtain a complete knowledge, of the whole situation, then
to secure an exchange of views and upon which economically sound and permanent agreements can be reached. Every possible point of view will be
man-to-man"
order of the day
It is up to us in Phil. of the greatest jobs that was ever under of the greatest jobs that was ever under-
taken. If we can do it, we will have done more to establish Philadelphia as leader of the nation than any othe work attempted in recent years.

THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, THE PHILADELPH IA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1414 South Penn Square, Philadelphia

