

# Co-operative Employees.

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## WITHDRAWAL OF LABOUR.

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1. Labour was withdrawn by our Executive Union.
2. Action brought about by delay and cross references made by the South Yorkshire Hours and Wages Board.
3. Our Union had placed its Scale of Wages before this Board on May 19th, 1919. It willingly met the Board to arrange terms. The Board had no definite workable proposals to make and repeatedly "referred" to other Organisations. Negotiations proved that the Employers had not used the time sufficiently well to meet the urgency. Labour was reluctantly withdrawn on July 19th, 1919, after 8 weeks delay.
4. We are Unionists and stand by our Union. We have willingly served our Committee and would continue to do so. The dispute is with the Board of Hours and Wages, to which the questions have been referred, and which has previously dealt with such matters.
5. We are confident that our claims are fair. We ask that they shall be justly met.
6. Our Union, 90,000 strong, refuse to be put off any longer.
7. We have not a living wage.
8. We are on a lower standard of living than before the war.
9. **CO-OPERATORS**—See that the workers' employees have a living wage for a week's work.
10. Grimsby and Handsworth Woodhouse Societies have already accepted our Union's proposals, recognising the justice of the claims.

The Committee,

**Stocksbridge Co-operative Employees.**

*July 22nd, 1919.*