

## Local and General

Trades and Labor Council meeting to-night. Delegates please attend.

At the last regular meeting of the Typo. Union W. Stevens and A. H. Brown were elected to the office of secretary, treasurer and recording secretary respectively.

W. W. Daniels of Typographical Union No. 20, Nashville, Tenn., has been endorsed by 82 unions for the coveted honor of Trustee for the Union Printers' Home.

We are pleased to welcome the "Great West" back again among the exchanges. The paper is in the hands of a new company and is the official organ of the Canadian Society of Equity in Alberta.

"Pa, what is a philosopher?"  
"A philosopher, Tommy, is a man who doesn't worry about financial stringencies, because he never has any money."—Somerville Journal.

An audience of 9,000 gave Keir Hardie a great welcome at a meeting held in the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday, April 5. Amongst the many speakers were J. R. McDonald, M.P. Geo. Barnes, M.P., Will Crooks, M.P., and the Rev. R. J. Campbell.

The number of unemployed in New York is steadily increasing, and although nearly a half million laborers have returned to Europe since October, yet at the present moment there are nearly a quarter of a million able bodied men who are destitute of work and the necessities of life in New York City.

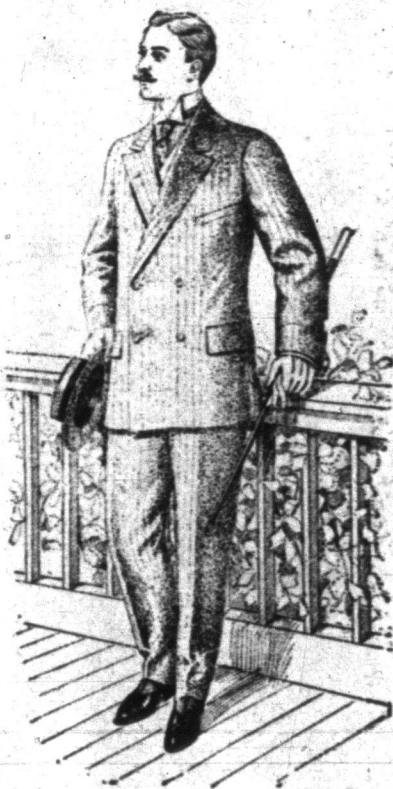
By a vote of 160 to 4, which was later made unanimous the Minneapolis Ice Drivers and Helpers Union have declared for a strike in view of a statement from the employers that a general reduction in salaries will be made. The number of men employed who are members of the union number 300 and about 225 are called upon to go out.

There was no May day celebration in Montreal. Just as the Socialist band entered the Champ de Mars with red flag flying and playing the "International" 150 policemen marched out of the city hall and informed the gatherers that they would have to disperse. Although the Socialists were bitterly indignant at being prohibited from indulging in an orderly parade, they exhibited a kindly spirit and Christian tolerance by quietly dispersing.

When Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman resigned, the British Government was left without a head, and members were puzzling themselves as to the exact constitutional position. The Rt. Hon. John Burns, however, made a joke of the affair. He told several interviewers that his salary had ended, and as one of the unemployed he purposed visiting the Embankment in search of soup! How times have changed!

May day celebration in Winnipeg passed off quietly and without mishap. The number taking part in the parade is variously estimated at from 600 to 2,000 who marched in orderly fashion down main street to the city hall. The unemployed situation in Winnipeg is passing through a critical period. Charitable institutions are doing their utmost to alleviate distress, but no appreciable change for the better is anticipated until the building season is commenced.

Four hundred and fifty bricklayers quit work in Montreal on May 1st rather than submit to the open shop agreement proposed by the employers. The trouble is not likely to be of long duration, however, as many of the contractors have agreed to union conditions and last year's rate of 35 cents an hour. The men will meet in the Labor Temple every day until some decision has been reached, and will continue to hold a strike as long as the trouble lasts.



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