LABOR'S LEGISLATURE

WEEKLY MEETING OF THE TORONTO TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

Immigration Question An Unfair Judge The Health of the City The Day Labor System Public Library Shortcomings etc. etc

Regular semi monthly meeting of the organization was held on the Friday April 3rd President in the chair

Roll was called and the minutes read, and adopted.

Mr. Hoard, and J. Welsh, Journeyman Printer union, presented credentials and occupied seats at the Council

Mr. O'Donoghue presented the following reports

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your Legislative Committee in this, their report for April, 1891, beg to submit

Every attention is being paid to measures introduced to date in the Local Legislature, the provisions of which any degree effect the particular interests of the working classes Committee report approvingly of the respecting truancy and compulsory attendance introduced by Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, and one Mr. Tait respecting the exemption of lands. (Mr. Wood Brant) introduced a bill to provide for security for costs in actions for the recovery of penalties or liquidated damages Your Committee, hoping that the passage into law of this bill will practically render useless and vexatious claims arising under the provisions of the Factories Act, the compensation for injuries to the Workmen's Act, or perhaps endanger the recovery by laborers wages waited on the premier of the Province During a brief conference the gentleman disclaimed any intention of depriving working people of any existing legal rights or privileges, and promised to amend his bill to meet the views of your Committee in these particulars

Your Committee regret that the action taken by Mr Tait respecting the Act of Toronto not to note that it covers the question of a common for a town or of the hours of polling until 7 p.m. at elections for municipal officers. Neither does it contain any provision under which the city may compel any person or firm, assessable in respect of income, to furnish a statement in detail showing the amount of the personal property and of the income of such person or firm

Your Committee have much pleasure in intimating that the Government has been induced to introduce an amendment to the Municipal Act enabling cities to establish technical schools of the character outlined in the address brought before the City Council of Toronto last year by Mr Gillespie On this ends, standing reference to the subject is made in the very bill just referred to

Your Committee desire to congratulate the body in the acknowledged effect of their efforts to inform the working classes of Great Britain of the actual and very unpressed condition of the labor market in Canada Depressed as the Canadian town is