PREPARED TO HOLD OUT.

THE MILLMEN'S MANIFESTO TO THE WORKMEN OF ST. JOHN.

What They Have Done in the Way of Arbitration, and the Result—An Appeal to the Labor Organizations, and the Citizens Generally.

To the Ship laborers, Scowmen, Painters and Decorators, Carpenters and Joiners, Ship Carpenters, Tinsmiths, Printers, Caulkers, Cartmen, Longshoremen, Machinists, Bricklayers and Masons, Stonecutters, Plumbers, Boiler Makers, Boot and Shoe Makers, and to all other wage-earners in the City and County of St. John; also to all other fair-minded persons in the said City and County of St. John:

About four weeks ago the majority of the millowners of St. John issued notices demanding that after July 13th the millmen should work 10 hours a day instead of nine hours. While there were fourteen firms signing such a demand there were quite a number of prominent millowners who did not sign it, including Messrs. King Brothers, Wm. Hayford, Roberts & Son, Clarke, James Gregory, C. Hamilton & Son, Cowan and McGinty, and John McMulkin. This will show that the demand that the men should return to the ten-hour system was far from being unanimous. The demand that the millmen should return to the ten-hour system did not suggest that if they preferred to accept a reduction of wages they could continue at the nine-hour system. Had such an alternative proposition been made we think we are safe in saying considering the state of the lumber market four weeks ago, our men would have been willing to have met their employers half way. They would never consent to a return to the 10-hour system, but they would no doubt at the outset have accepted a temporary reduction of wages. We need not go into particulars of what has been done by the men for the past four weeks. Public sympathy was aroused in our cause to such an extent that the millowners have practically abandoned all hope of winning on their demand for 10 hours. Nearly every wage earner in the city and county, through his respective organization or individually, has expressed sympathy and offered financial aid if necessary; and the general public have shown a willingness to help on men while contending for what they consider to be their just rights.

Ex-mayor Thorne having published a letter in the press last week suggesting that the millowners and representatives of the millmen should meet and try and arrange a settlement of this difficulty, the general committee of our association met last Monday night and appointed one delegate from each mill to see the owners. The result of the interview in each case was stated at Wednesday's public meeting in Berryman's hall, and has already been made public in the press. Except in one or two cases the delegates were not treated as they had expected they had a right to be treated. In most instances the owners refused to treat with them at all, because they (the men) belonged to a millmen's union. We have no desire to quarrel with our bosses, with most of whom we are on the best of terms personally, but surely they cannot reasonably complain about our forming a union. In forming such a union were we not following the example set us by the millowners themselves? They joined together, or at least 14 firms of them, in a demand that we should work 10 hours a day, and now some of them seem to complain because we have also formed a union. To use a slang expression, what is sauce for the goose should also be sauce for the gander, and if it was well for 14 firms of millowners to combine, they cannot reasonably complain against their men for also combining in a defence of their rights.

The millowners having declined to accept the olive branch which we held out to them, to come to some understanding, our union on Wednesday night resolved to stand by the nine hour system and no reduction of wages. That was the unanimous and enthusiastic declaration of the meeting. Had our delegates been received differently by the majority of the millowners even at this late date, after four weeks' loss of wages, our men might have considered favorably a proposition for a slight reduction of wages, but considering the answer of the majority of the owners called upon by our delegates, the only solution of the difficulty possible seems to be that the owners shall consent to the nine hour system and the old rate of wages. Any proposed reduction now would be regarded as an attempt on the part of the owners to show that while they had not gained a victory on the question of hours they had forced the men into accepting a reduction of wages which would practically mean the same thing in another form.

In coming to the decision that we did on Wednesday night, we had in view, fellow wage-earners of the different labor organizations, your generous offers of help; and we also had in view the fact that we are backed up by a hearty public sentiment. We did not feel like accepting your kind offers of help before the present. Now, however, we regret to say that the prospect of a settlement seems far off. We desire, acting on your suggestions, that none of our millmen shall be in want even though the strike should unfortunately continue until next spring. It was largely because of your offers of help and the generous offers of the general public, including very many business men, to assist us that we have decided to open subscription lists in the city and county of St. John. No labor body is expected to give more than it can afford, and the desire is that no individual citizen or merchant shall contribute beyond his means. The millmen have paid their bills well in the past, and if God spares them they will not forget in the future their fellow wage earners or the business men who treat them generously in the present crisis.

In making this appeal we desire to say that except in very, very few cases there has been no suffering among the millmen or their families, nor do we fear that there will be. The object of this appeal is to guard against such an emergency. Those of the millmen who have not gone away are getting employment at other work as rapidly as possible. Those of our citizens who have any general work that millmen could perform, would oblige us very much by communicating with either of the undersigned. None of our men desire to live on their fellow citizens and very many of them would be able to live fairly well if they did not strike a blow before next spring. There are some of course, too many unfortunately, less comfortable. It is to see to it that none of the latter class come to want that the present appeal is issued. Subscribers may rest assured that money subscribed will only be spent where needed, and that any balance will be returned to them. If we did not think that our cause was a just one and that we were contending for a principle of the most vital importance to wage-earners generally, this appeal would never have been written.

Fully satisfied that our appeal will be generously responded to we remain fellow-toilers and all fair minded citizens,

Yours very truly,

FRED LINGLEY, } Committee on
THOMAS HAYES, } Collections.

P. S.—The Millmen's Union has come to stay, therefore we will not discuss with the mill owners whether or not it should exist. We will however discuss with them through the press (and let the public be the judges) the question, "Does or does it not pay to run the mills under the nine hour system and the present rate of wages?"

FRED LINGLEY,
THOMAS HAYES.

LIVELY TIMES AT SUSSEX.

A Picturesque Valley Made Restless by The Scott Act.

The beautiful and picturesque valley of Sussex is admired by all who visit it, or by passing travellers in the trains as they go east or west during the summer season.

The admiration is well merited as, beyond doubt, no more attractive spot can be found in the provinces, and the chances for beautiful drives, views, fishing, camping out, etc., are varied and numerous.

The village itself is somewhat dull and stagnant from a commercial point of view, but that is largely due to the tenacity with which the monied shylocks cling to the almighty dollar, and never let it out of their grasp unless protected by the ample technical folds of a double barrelled mortgage, loaded with conditions innumerable, and wadded down well with good, big interest and legal fees.

Sussex has, however, been in the throes of an agitation for some time past which bids fair to make matters interesting to some one before it is all over.

The Scott act is in force (or supposed to be) in Kings county. In Sussex several publicans and sinners insist in dealing out "dead shot" and "tangle foot" in defiance of the law, and have done so for some time past.

The temperance portion of the community have decided to close the business up, and for some time past strenuous efforts have been made in this direction.

The different offenders have been duly summoned to appear before his honor the stipendiary magistrate, and witnesses from among the ranks of the tipplers have been questioned in vain on the subject. The sudden loss of memory on the part of some of the good citizens of Sussex has led many persons to seriously wonder if they should not really be sent to the city and placed in charge of Dr. Steeves until they had recovered their memory.

So the war progresses, and as yet it seems to be the same old story. Trials and appeals, cases called for trial which hang fire on account of sudden disappearance of witnesses and generally much discussion of anything but a temperate and christian nature.

Whether it be that the municipal council in their appointment of constables for this section neglected to put good sound temperance men on the list, or whether all the constables of Sussex are partial to the prohibited liquid, is a matter for debate, but lately the prosecutors in the Scott act cases could find no constables in Sussex to serve the necessary papers.

Recourse was had to a neighboring parish and a constable found with enough backbone and sand to serve the necessary papers. This has excited the ire of some of the youth in sympathy with the law breakers, and the constable Long has received through the mails most bloodthirsty and threatening letters. He has been warned that he is anything but a gentleman and that he will go home some night and find himself with his neck broken—just how he is to perform the puzzling feat is not made known—and other sundry severe penalties are enumerated.

Now, no one believes for a moment that the person or persons who caused the bloodthirsty document to be sent would be so cruel and severe, but nevertheless an uneasy feeling is prevalent in the community that trouble will be the final outcome of all this business.

I am simply recording matters as they are, and hear considerable on both sides of the case. Much is said in the heat of argument and passion that is not intended, but perhaps it may as well have been left unsaid. There are those who are perhaps not over-excitable residents of the community who think that the persons behind the scenes could much better employ their time.

The scott act defenders say they are able to cope with the question, and seem determined to fight it to the bitter end, and intend carrying the war into the very camp of the enemy without flinching.

X. Y. Z.

Her Last Course.

When I married my wife she had studied stenography.
Got that down solid then took up photography,
Mastered that science and started geography,
All in the course of a year;
She presently took up a course of theology,
Followed that up with a touch of mythology,
Got a degree in the line of zoology.
Still her great mind remained clear.

So she took in a course on the theory of writing,
Some lessons and points on the subject of fighting,
A long course on house building, heating, and lighting,
For over her classmates she'd soar.
So she entered the subject of steam navigation;
Took also instruction in church education,
And mastered the study of impersonation,
And still she was longing for more.

Next she tackled the latest great fad, electricity,
Dress reform institutes taught her simplicity,
Sought the best way to encourage felicity,
Oh! she's as smart as a book!
She at last ended up with a course in phonetics,
Gave a little attention and time to athletics,
The rest of her leisure she gave to magnetics,
And now she is learning to cook!

FREDERICTON'S BAD BOY.

He Graphically Describes Some of the Beauties of Albert County.

MY DERE SISTER—The climate uv Albert County is the most dossil and rejoovenatin' I know uv to persons uv a roomantic pepermint. It is bounded on the north by Docter Lewis, on the south by Gayus Turner, on the west by Senator McLellan and on the east by Charley Peck.

Hopewell Cape, where we are sogerin' at present, is noted fer being so notabel. It has no lectric lites, but the litenin bugs is numerus. It has no brass band, but fer frogs it cant be beat. It is watered by the milkman frum in front and the doos uv evenin' frum behind.

It is mostly owned by Charley Peck, but theres nothin' mean about Charley and wot he cant stow away hisselt he is willin' to share with the general publicks. Mr. Samel Stuart, he is the constabel He has a fine horse. His name is Resolushun coz he has to have three days notis uv moshun.

Hopewell Cape aint got no assfelt sidewalks and no wimmen's union. But it gits there, sister. Wen its rainin' in London the dudes uv the Cape turns up their pants.

Teacher used to tell us, sister, wot a nobel animil was the busy bee, alias the bumbel. But I think the bumbel bee is a fool. He's allers rushin round a dammin', and dammin', and dammin'. He never takes a holiday. He don't go to sundey skool. He just growls and grumbles and dams about the hard times and the wether—a rollin' up his sleeves and spittin' on his hands, and dobbin' hisselt all over. And, would you believe it, sister, the bumbel don't want any honey ennyway, coz he sleeps all winter and when its took frum him, he don't know its gone. He keels over on his back all winter a dreamin' and dreamin' and dreamin'. 'Pears to me, sez he when he wakes up in the spring, I lugged home a power uv honey last summer, but where in the dooce its gone to is ackshuly morn I kin tell. The bumbel's wife is called the drone. She stays home and keeps house for him, and tells Mr. Bumbel please to wipe his feet on the scraper when he's comin' in. When Mr. Bumbel comes in the drone meets him at the dore and specks to hug him and kiss him. But Mr. Bumbel he's too busy and too cross fer huggins, and sez he, ma'am, you'll be good enuf to tend to the childern, sez he; I got more clover-jooce on bord, sez he, than I kin pump out trum now till midnite. So the poor drone she cries a littel and then goes off fer a spark with some other bumbel, and bime bye the originel bumbel gets through pumpin hisselt out, and he gets maddern ever coz he's so neglected, and he drills the poor drone through the neck with his stinger till she's dead—dead—dead. So I think, sister, that the bumbel bee is a reglar brute and a fool in the bargin.

We was down to a picnic to Alma, sister, on Thursday. The name uv the engine was the *Ella*, but I guess it orter been the Cinder-ella, sis, alludin' to the eartul we got.

There was a passul uv school-mams down there, sister, from Fredericton, one of wich was my teacher. Golly, didn't she primp up when she saw me. She was studyin' geology she sez. I dont know his other name, sis, but he 'peared to be a nice yung man. The school-mams made some big cushins fer to sit on the seashore with studyin fossils and things. So the fare sex uv Alma made some too, coz they sposed they was bussels. So bussels and cushins is all the same thing at Alma now, sister. wich it pears to me, sis, the Lord mite uv thot uv this in the first place and saved the school-mams so much trubbel. The school-mams is all stoppin at the same hotel sister, so the other hotel feller hung out a big sign, as follers:

"Marrige licenses fer sale here. Ten per cent redukshun fer teachers."

That orter fetch em, sister, dont you think so. I ges the hotel feller at Alma served his time on the ocean, coz one of the teachers told me he set his tabel fer to repel borders.

The coons down here is mostly horney tillers and boney handed sons uv toil. Their pants is tall in the waste, and has a wether streak in front. They make em low necked at the top, sister, so they kin lean their wiskers over the bow, in the cool uv the evenin', sister, and roominate. They goes to bed betor supper and gets up in the middel uv the nite to bild the fire and milk the cows.

I like my cousin Billy. He's an offul good boy; never jigs frum school, allerz head uv the class, and sez hes goin' to ware wings bime bye; but I imagin he'll want some tail fethers to steer by, dont you think so sis. Ennyway, he's offul good. Aunt Sarah sez if he keeps on this way he'll be a grate man. Why, sez she, I never saw so promisin' a boy. Sumtimes it turns my poor brane to think uv him and I find myself thinkin' that he'll live to be a conducter on the Albert raleway. My land, sister, that made Billy's mouth water so he grinned out loud.

Dere sister, do you happen to know what the Lord made flies and skeeters fer? And if so what did he give such a big share to Hopewell Cape fer? The skeeters at the Cape has a bill so long that Uncle Dick (wich was allers wool gatherin') thot it was the bord-bill last nite, and he got up and paid it, and run agin the bedpost and scraped his tooberance fer morn a yard. As fer the flies I don't know wot there good fer, ceptin' its frescoes.

God bless you, dere sister, if he ain't done so alreddy. If the postmaster sez there aint no letter tell him he lies and wait till you get it. God bless you, my dere sister, as I said before, fer I am uv opinyun that you need it.

Your livin' bruther
JIMMY SMITH.

Hopewell Cape, July 22.

The Force of Habit.

"Now, gentlemen," said the chairman of the committee, "before we make any report on this ordinance let us examine it again carefully, section by section. There is much in it that we cannot afford to consider hastily.

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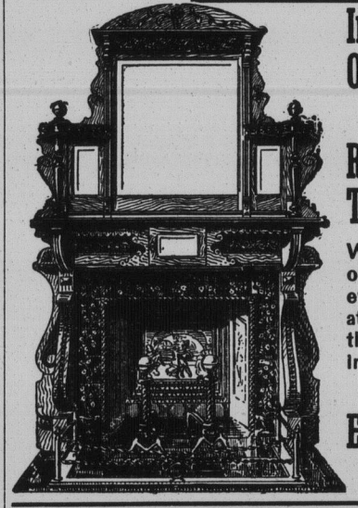

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