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CANADA.

WORKMEN are returning to Winnipeg from the Pacific coast. The labor market in the Pacific slope is overcrowded.

E. R. LINGHAM, who is opening a very promising gold mine in Marmora, has shipped fifteen tons of the rock to New York for assay.

C. J. R. TRAINMEN are being furnished with a set of instructions relative to the working of an improved Westinghouse brake to be shortly applied on the trains.

RICHARD MILLEY, who had his shoulder and arm injured at the Ideal Works, St. Thomas, while employed there on the 27th January last, has entered an action against the company, claiming $1,500 damages. He alleges that the accident was the result of the carelessness of the company and of their employees.

The Halifax Painters' Union has decided to make the strike that commenced some weeks ago a general one, owing to the decision of the bosses to discharge all union men in their employ unless the strikers in Thomas Reardon's establishment went to work. Only one establishment, that of Thomas Walsh & Sons, is not affected. The origin of the trouble was the employment by Reardon of more apprentices than the union rule allowed.

The International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers met on the 6th inst at Montreal. Several hundred delegates were present, including representatives from Montreal, Toronto, Richmond, Smith's Falls, North Bay, Winnipeg, Brandon, and from different parts of the States. The gathering is not a convention but a union meeting, sitting with closed doors, the object being to discuss and arrange the business to be brought before the convention which meets next year. The proceedings were private. On Wednesday a public meeting was held in Windsor Hall, when addresses were delivered by Mayor Meshane, U. S. Consul-General Knapp, J. S. Hall, M.P.P., and others.

About 1,000 men, employed in the lumber mills at the Chaudiere, Ottawa, went on strike Monday. Their demand is that their wages, which have been from $6.50 to $8.50 per week this year, as against $5.50 to $6.50 last year, shall be increased fifty cents per week, and that the number of hours per day shall be ten instead of eleven and three quarters. The strike caused immense excitement. It began in Perley and Pattee's mill, from which the striker went to Booth's, where all hands joined them. The procession marched across the bridge to Hull, some six hundred strong. They turned off the water from the main wheel in Hull, Ore X Hundmann's mill, and came back over the bridge to Brennan & Weston's two mills. They looked around the employees so thickly that they were unable to go on with their work. The saws in both mills were soon silent, and at half past seven o'clock all the lumber mills at the Chaudiere were closed down. It latest accounts some of the employers had made concessions, and it was regarded as probable that a settlement would be arrived at in a day or two.

UNITED STATES.

The Brotherhood of Telegraphers and the order of Railway Telegraphers have a misunderstanding.

There are 3,000,000 people wholly or partly dependent upon charity every year in the United States.

A Labor Day parade of cowboys on their broncos, took place in Canon City, Fremont County, Col.

In Chicago, about 1,000 union cabinet makers on the 1st inst. went on strike for eight hours as a day's work.

Cleveland has passed a law reducing the price of gas to sixty cents per 1,000 and giving the city an option on the gas works at any time.

The nine hours a day rule has gone into effect with respect to the carpenters, joiners and calkers employed at the Baltimore shipyards. The builders all conformed to the rule.

Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, has appointed Miss May Halley, of Lynn, Assistant Commissioner of that state. She was blacklisted for two years by the Facts Mills for her prominent participation in the strike at those mills.

At Hillsboro, Ill., all the miners have quit work because the company refuses to comply with the weekly payment law. In many other parts of Illinois the work men are on strike for similar reasons, as the capitalists say they will not obey the law.

From November 1, 1886, until July 1, 1891, labor editors, speakers and officers of labor organizations in general, have been condemned to an aggregate of about seventy years imprisonment, and have to the amount of $1,834 for violating the class restricting free speech and the liberty of the press.

The Pharmaceutical Association of New Jersey is engaged on an attempt to establish a state laboratory. Its object is to furnish cheap drugs to the people, manufacturing goods for the stockholders at cost. Many of the druggists are becoming interested in the plan, and a dollar is to be sent to each of the 1,500 druggists in the state.

Statistics gathered by the New York Bureau of Labor shows that in the past year 65,804 wage earners were involved in strikes, and as a result they have gained in the aggregate $4,382,777 in wages. In the last five years the gains to wages to those engaged in strikes has been $19,000,000, or over $1 per week to each person.

Large numbers of textile workers are immigrating to this country from Germany because their trade is becoming extinct in that country in consequence of the McKinley Bill. Many of these people are bringing their machines with them, and soon we will have weavers here work ing as cheap as they did in Saxony, where they live on potatoes and herrings.

The committee appointed by the Alliance Commercial Convention to consider the plan for the establishment of co-operative stores in every county in Kansas, has reported favorably. The establishing of these stores will begin with the new year, and the alliance exchanges, which have done $3,000,000 worth of business since January 1, will be merged in the co-operative stores.

The Holland Christian Reform Church at Roseland, Ill., does not allow its members to belong to trade unions. Some time ago, when Michael Bloomendahl, one of the members, was charged with being a member of the Carpenters' Union, and the elders of the church placed before him the alternative of leaving the union or being expelled from the church, he replied: "Let the church go, I choose to abide by the union."

At a convention of the People's Party of Massachusetts in Boston on Monday, the 7th, the following state ticket was nominated: Henry Winn, of Malden, governor; William J. Shields, of Boston, lieutenant-governor; Joseph D. Cahill, of Westfield, secretary of state; Thomas A. Watson, of Braintree, treasurer and receiver general; William O. Wakefield, of Lynn, auditor; Israel W. Andrews, of Danvers, attorney general.

Nearly 10,000 window glass workers in various parts of the United States, many of them at Pittsburg, have gone on strike instead of going to work on September 7. The employers had prepared a reduction of ten per cent in wages, but the workmen demanded an advance of five per cent for tending boys. The employers offered to compromise on the wages of last year, but the workmen declined it. The trouble can hardly be adjusted before October 10, as it requires six weeks to obtain a vote of the whole order in the United States. The organization extends all over the world, and has $250,000 in its treasury.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Over 1,000 compositors are at present out of employment in London, and yet the union is against the eight hour day and allows its members to work overtime. Just as they do in this country.

At a conference of labor delegates recently held in Edinburgh, Scotland, when 34,000 men were represented, it was resolved to recommend to all labor organizations of Great Britain to take political action.

The female Brushmakers' Society, of Glasgow, have secured a victory over one of their would-be oppressors. Messrs. Conway & Co. threatened the girls in their employment with ten per cent. off, a reduction which they valiantly resisted, and under the able generalship of Mr John Spencer, Brushmakers' representative in the Glasgow Trades Council, they have caused this firm to unconditionally surrender.

Female clerks in the Post Office perform the same duties as some of the male clerks. In the second class division, lower grade, a male clerk starts at a salary of £70 per year, with a maximum of £150, while a female clerk does exactly the same work in the same grade, commences at £65 and tends to the highest point of her earnings. Similar inequality appears to exist in the postal, order and telegraph departments.

The capitalist newspapers have been forced to acknowledge the Dessaulx Labor Congress a success. John Burns is delighted with the results, and says the advanced section made important strides, obtaining greater results because of better organization. The eight hour question, he says, is settled forever. Ben Tillett says the debate on the eight hour question has done more for educational purposes among the working classes than all the books that have ever been written on the subject.

At the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography recently held in London, it was stated that the average lifetime of workmen is twenty seven years, while the middle and upper classes reach an average of fifty six years. The scientists assembled talked a great deal about thousands

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who are slayed by microbes and bacteria, but not a word was said about the capitalistic system by which the lives of tens of thousands are destroyed in factories, workshops and tene ment houses.

A strong agitation is in progress among the miners of North Wales for the virtual abolition of mining royalties, as paid to private royalty-owners. The miners demand that all mining royalties shall be come the property of the nation, to be used in the encouragement of trade. The royalties in all amount to about six million of pounds, and the miners want this money applied to the erection of hospitals for the treatment of mining accidents, the provision of wash and bath houses at all collieries, the support of technical schools for instruction in mining, etc.

At Southend a short time ago, a porter was fined for offering to carry a gentleman's luggage, the said would be porter not having previously paid a portion of his pay, while future earnings to dundered officials for a license. Two boys have been recently before the high and mighty magistrates of Sheerness for a similar offence. The boys were charged with soliciting the privilege of carrying luggage—and were condemned, the one to pay a fine of 6s. and the other a fine of 7s. and costs, or undergo fourteen days' imprisonment in default. Can we wonder that with such a state of things as this, the poor unemployed steal rather than starve, or break jewellers' windows for the sake of being found work? *Worker Cor.*

BRITAIN AND GENERAL.

Five thousand girls employed at a lace *factory in Venice, under the patronage of* the Queen of Italy, receive seven cents a day.

A railway tunnel in course of construction near Messina, Italy, collapsed on Tuesday, burying a number of workmen in the ruins.

The strikes in Milan have ended, and work has been resumed in the factories. Twenty anarchists have been arrested for inciting the strikers.

The Socialists in the Berlin Common Council have introduced a bill to establish a court of arbitration with jurisdiction in trade and labor disputes.

In 1891, the Factory Inspectors of France found 259,600 children below the legal age in the factories of that country. Thousands of them were not ten years of age.

POETRY.

TRUTH SHALL TRIUMPH

The hope of truth grows stronger day by day
I hear the soul of man around me waking.
Like a great sea, its frozen letters breaking,
And hurling up to heaven its ancient spray.
Through long centuries in sorrowful play,
And reading them with dim of groaning thunder,
That makes old emperors stare in wonder!
The memory of a glory past away
Lingers in every heart, as in too-bell
Resounds the bygone freedom of the sea,
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