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ileve. The breaker boy of sixteen is certainly not immature in the teachings which rough knocks give. Many of them start in the breakers between ten and twelve years of age, and by the time they reach sixteen have seen enough of the world in their narrow zone to appreciate its difficulties and to learn the value of organization. They are sharp, quick witted, hardy young men at an age when the city boy is just beginning to develop, and they are encouraged to this rapid maturity by their elders and spurred to it by the nature of their work. The boy who can best take care of himself, and do the work requiring the most skill is worth several pennies a day more than the boy who is dull, and pennies mean much to them.

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It is true that they have the strike instinct largely developed, oft. It is true that they have the strike instinct largely developed, oft. It is true that they have the strike instinct largely developed, oft. It is true that they have the strike instinct largely developed, oft. It is true that they have the strike instinct largely developed, oft. It was perfectly developed union men, but if we talks of deboses who give us a poke in de bosses who give us a poke i

many thousands of tons of coal unmined.

It was part of the pian of the officials of the union in admitting the boys of sixteen years to their organization to inculeate a greater respect for the union and its rules among the youngsters and prevent the strikes which were in the year 1901 and the first part prevent the strikes which were in the year 1901 and the first part of 1902 of such frequent occurrence. They argued that if the boys could be bound by the union rules not to strike until ordered by the proper officials it would be better for the nation. At that time the union was endeavoring to establish itself on a better footing with the operators by proving that it could control itself, and the strikes of the breaker boys were thorns in the sides of the officials. It was likewise an aging the strike of the previous that it is the sides of the officials. onticials it would be better for the nation. At that time the union was endeavoring to establish itself on a better footing with the operators by proving that it could control itself, and the strikes of the breaker boys were thorns in the sides of the officials. It was likewise an aggravation to their fathers and edictly brighted brothers, who, wanting to work and paying small attention to the little grievances above ground, found themselves sometimes idle for days because the youngsters had inherited the feeling of "all for one and one for all," which is the fundamental principle of unionism. In their heartily hoyish way they applied this to cases of discharge for incompetency, for disobedience and even to effect the removal of a breaker boss they did not like and, force being their best argument,

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"Do you belong?" he was asked.

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duced to under \$400 by the exemption of \$700 of building value. That is to say that about 40 per cent of the population occupy houses that would be practically exempt from taxation. By a table he shows how the increased rate of taxation consequent on this exemption was tax on property worth \$3,800 by 10 cents and on property assessed at \$10,000 the increase tax would amount to \$28,31, while all houses of less value would receive a reduction and the smaller the value the greater the reduction. In other words the houses of the industrial classes would be relieved of a part of the pressure of taxation and those of the well to do and the those of the well to do and the wealthy and all vacant land would have to bear more. In Toronto and doubtless in all large centres there is a great scarcity of small houses is a great scarcity of small houses at reasonable rents although there is plenty of vacant land, the latter according to the same report being of the assessed value of \$7,000,000. The exemption of small dwellings and the increased tax rate on vacant land would encourage the building of just the kind of houses the workers need, viz., houses costing \$900 with the land, and they would rent for from \$7 to \$10 a month. This would not only increase the demand for labor by the erection of these houses, but their building would, by entering into competition with the \$13,000 small houses now built reduce the rent of all

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