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CANADA.

MESSRS. BROWN BROS., of Teeswater, Ont., have just established a flax mill, a new industry which will give employment all winter to a number of people. The flax crop is reported to be unusually good and well harvested.

LABOR DAY was celebrated at Montreal on Monday with great *eclat*, some 20,000 men and boys taking part in the procession Mayor McShane, with Messrs. Curran and Lepine, M.P.'s, and a great many city fathers were also seen in line.

A MAN named Melvin Turnbull, belonging to Dresden, Ont., was accidentally killed at Wallaceburg, on the 4th inst., while coupling cars in the Erie & Huron railway yard. His foot got caught in a frog, and before he could release it, he was knocked down, a wheel running over his head, crushing his brains out.

THE International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers are to meet in annual session in Montreal on September 16th. The delegates are expected to number about four hundred. The place of meeting is to be in Windsor Hall. A public meeting and concert will be held on the evening of the 16th, at which addresses will be delivered by Grand Chief Arthur, Mayor McShane and U. S. Consul-General Knapp.

LABOR DAY in Ottawa was successfully celebrated on Monday. A public parade was held in the morning through the principal streets and was a very respectable demonstration indeed. About 1,500 persons were in line. The rear was brought up by a carriage containing Messrs. John Armstrong of Toronto, and Mr. J. W. Patterson, President of the Ottawa Trades and Labor Council. The day was generally observed as an holiday, and when the procession ended at Carter Square there was a general rush for Lansdowne Park, where a full programme of sports was carried out.

TRAFFIC by the electric tramway in Victoria, B.C., is almost at a standstill, and only three cars were running at latest accounts as the result of a strike of motor men and conductors. The trouble originated in the hours of the men being increased to twelve hours per day. All the men petitioned President Higgins to have the hours reduced to nine per day, and stated that unless the demand was complied with no cars would run. The President declined to commit himself to any definite arrangement. Nothing definite will be settled till the directors meet. Meantime the men are idle, and determined to hold out for shorter hours. The strikers number thirty-three, the whole force on the line, with the exception of two.

AT the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council last Friday, a letter was read from Factory Inspector Barber, in which he intimated his willingness to meet the workingmen of Hamilton and hear from them what complaints they have to make. A resolution was adopted instructing the secretary to acknowledge Mr. Barber's letter, and to state that the workingmen of Hamilton will be glad to accept his invitation. A committee was appointed to lay before him the complaints the Council has to make, and the delegates were instructed to bring the matter to the attention of the organization they represent. The question of the appointment of a tenant officer by the Board of Police Commissioners was discussed and the opinion was expressed unanimously that such an officer should be appointed at once.

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK tailors use a union label.

NEW YORK reporters are organizing.

BOYCOTTS are winning strikes for Indianapolis laundry girls.

MASSACHUSETTS has tenement house clothing inspectors.

THERE are 8,000 union brass molders. They get from $2 to $4 a day.

NEW YORK *Recorder* compositors won a strike for a union foreman.

SAN FRANCISCO stevedores, who struck for increased wages, have returned to work at the old rates.

THE Denver Hod-carriers' Union has 700 members, and a physician is in their employ to attend their families.

THREE hundred capitalists of San Francisco have formed an organization for the purpose of opposing organized labor.

CLEVELAND has passed a law reducing the price of gas to 60 cents per 1000 and giving the city an option on the gas works at any time.

THE McKinley bill increased the duty on oatmeal 100 per cent., and the trust has reduced wages at Akron, O., from 40 to 50 per cent.

LABOR DAY was duly celebrated throughout the United States. Banks and nearly all public offices closed, and business was generally suspended.

JAY GOULD is quoted as having said recently that he prefers to have his employees organize themselves into trade unions rather than Knights of Labor

THE newspapers opposing the labor movement and the Farmers' Alliance are alluded to by Western labor papers as the "Tory" or the "George III press."

THE colored cotton pickers of the south are said to be organized, and will demand $1 per 100 pounds and board after September 1st.

CHICAGO coopers, stone-cutters, wire-workers, willow and rattan workers, shoe-makers, harness-makers, marble-cutters, and marble-polishers are fighting convict labor.

ABOUT ninety people, among whom sixty are young women, are on strike at Roebling's Wire-netting Factory, in Trenton, N.J., against a reduction of wages.

THE five months' strike of the coal miners, Duquoin, Ill., is practically ended, the Miners' Executive Committee and the Horn Colliery Company having arrived at an agreement.

THE New England glass-blowers are opposed to the Saturday half-holiday because they want a whole holiday. They think that they blow enough glass in five days of the week.

FIVE hundred miners are on strike at Gallup, New Mexico, camping on the hillsides and sleeping on their Winchester rifles to protect themselves and families from the Indians and "scabs."

THE Lake Erie and Western Railroad management has promulgated its new wage schedule. It includes certain advances and allowances for overtime, which the recent strikers demanded, and it is thought it will be satisfactory to the men.

THE strike at Lebanon, Pa., growing out of the refusal of the manufacturers to sign the scale of the Amalgamated Association is at an end. Several of the mills are running, many of the old hands having returned to work.

AMERICAN railroads employ 700,000 men. Each year they lose 2,000 of their number in killed, and 20,000 of them are injured annually. It is estimated that 3,000,000 people depend on those employes for a living.

STATISTICS gathered by the New York Bureau of Labor show that in the past year 67,804 wage-earners were involved in strikes and lockouts, and they gained in aggregate $5,392,257.77 in wages. In the last five years the gain in wages to those engaged in strikes has been $19,000,000, or over $1 per week to each person.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THERE are indications that a great strike of omnibus employees in London, which was settled some time ago, will be renewed owing to the alleged bad faith of the companies, the men claiming that the agreement by which the trouble was terminated has not been lived up to.

THE British Board of Trade has issued an urgent warning to intending emigrants to beware of Brazil, as the British who have already gone there are reported to be in a destitute and miserable condition, and generally desirous of returning home. The Board of trade says that, owing to climatic and social conditions, Brazil is utterly unfitted for settlement by people from countries like England, and emigration is sure to end in disappointment at the best.

THE Trades Union Congress opened at Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 7th inst. There are over 500 delegates present and they represent about 1,500,000 British workmen, skilled and unskilled. Thomas Burt, member of Parliament for Morpeth, Northumberland, a member of the Labor Commission, was elected President. The Congress will discuss a number of questions of great importance, prominent among which will be the eight hour question to constitute a day's work. State insurance for working men and employers' liability, are also questions which are likely to be discussed.

EUROPEAN AND GENERAL.

EVERY workingman in Japan wears on his cap and on his back an inscription giving his business and his employer's address.

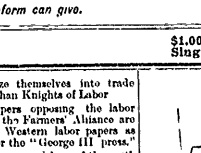
FINES and deductions for thread, needles, etc., recently reduced the wages of an embroidery girl in Munich, Germany to $1.11 for fifteen work days at twelve hours per day.

THE miners of Courcelles, France, lately determined to go on strike. Their wives held a meeting, resolving to abandon their husbands if they persisted in striking. The men did not strike.

FOR carrying marble blocks on their heads from the quarries Italian women receive twenty-five cents per day, and now some of them have had the impudence to strike for three cents more.

A MEETING of metal-workers in Gratz, Austria, was broken up by the police upon the ground that they had no constitutional authority to assemble. The chairman protested, but the police captain threated to run him through with his sword.

IN New South Wales single tax men hold the balance of power in the Legislature, and Sir Henry Parks is in office by their votes. In New Zealand the direct tax on property has been changed to a tax on land values, irrespective of improvement. These great results are partly due to the character and eloquence of Sir George Grey, ex-Governor of South Australia, ex-Governor of the Cape, ex-Governor and ex-Premier of New Zealand, soldier, explorer, diplomatist, statesman.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

RECENT examinations have shown that the amount of soot which falls in London each month would require 1,000 horses to cart it away.

COAL equaling that of the finest Lehigh Valley grade has been discovered in Brazil, the veins being from four to twenty-five feet in thickness.

It is reported that a nugget of gold in one mass weighing thirty-five pounds has recently been found in the newly explored gold district in British Guiana.

LAST October nine women were appointed station agents on the elevated railways of Brooklyn. They have been so successful that the managers will appoint more.

ITINERANT musicians are not allowed to sojourn in St. Petersburg, and those who are of foreign nationality are not permitted to pass the frontier of the empire.

SUBSCRIPTIONS have been started for a fund to build a monument to the memory of the late William D. Robinson, founder of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

It is proposed to put up in New York City the largest business building in the world. It will be constructed of steel, twenty-six stories high, containing 1,000 offices and costing $4,000,000

It is said that chocolate is used in the interior of South America for currency, as are cocoanuts and eggs. Norway even now uses corn for coin. In India cakes of tea pass as currency, and in China pieces of silk.

AN English naturalist has discovered that the bedbug was quite common in the armies of the world at least 120 years before the Christian era, and that he was ever a sea rover, as the fleets of that day had their timbers stocked with this breed of notorious prowlers.

THE quickest bridge building on record was done by an engineer named Dredge, who, in eight days, put an iron span across the Blackwater, in Tyrone county, Ireland. It was 74 feet in length. Dredge died before the popular agitation was begun in Philadelphia for a modern bridge across the Schuylkill at Walnut street. That project was discussed for a quarter of a century. The Schuylkill at this point is deeper than the Bronx and nearly as deep as the Harlem river.

NEWARK has a most eccentric woman. She is old, and is said to be just as rich as she is eccentric. Her sole companions are cats, and the house fairly swarms with them. She holds an idea that her feline pets are more honest than men, and therefore, she rolls up the money she receives from rents in small packages and gives them to the cats, saying: "Here, pussy, put this away for me." Her home is littered with money, it is said. Under the carpets, in the corners, in rat holes and in every conceivable place bills and coins are stuffed.

THIS Government has given to railroad corporations millions of acres of land and millions of dollars as subsidies. But did you ever hear of the Government loaning a laboring man who had been thrown out of employment, a family dependent upon support, enough money to get a breakfast with? But it loans to the national banks millions at one per cent. Yes, the Government has had millions for corporations, but not one cent for toilers.—Hamburg (Neb.) *New Era.*