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The eleventh hour candidate would be a good name for F. S. Spence.

There are labor men who desire a $3 paper for an annual fee of 50 cents.

If you believe in progress, vote for the men who represent progressive ideas.

The slaughter market of aldermanic ambitions will be the Board of Control election.

What this city needs is an expert engineer, not a city engineer who has to consult experts.

Candidate Geoderham is getting busy, and will be found busily in the contest on January 2nd.

If you are not a subscriber to The Toiler, you are not attending to your duty as you should.

R. C. Vaughan is giving it another try this year in Ward 4, and the race is going to be a hot one in that section.

Premier Ross' majority of one has been more lasting and effective than the Globe's original majority of one that went into history some years ago.

Frank Moses for the Board of Control is the man for labor to keep its eye on and give him four votes. He's a winner, boys, if you stick to your guns on voting day.

Two of the Mayoralty aspirants have taken their seats, so rumor has it. One of them will be a candidate for alderman in Ward 2, while the other is a possibility for controller candidate.

Will some one be good enough to tell us as to one reason why a gentleman named Foster thinks he should be elected a city controller? We've asked a number, and the average reply resolved itself into the expression, "Search me."

No man living can suit all tastes in running a labor paper, or any other paper for that matter, and it is up to you to stop your knocking and select what suits in the matter served up, and give due consideration to that which does not.

Changes have been made in the police force—and one improvement, viz., the promotion of Inspector Stark to the position of deputy chief. But there should be more changes, and not a few of them should take the form of "down and out."

If the lawyer has one characteristic more than another, it is an ever-present determination not to be backward in coming forward. He has become so numerous and ubiquitous that it is just about time for the public to relegate him to a seat on the outside of public business generally.

Todd for Ward 6, Emmett for Ward 5, and Wilson for Ward 1, with Tweed for the Board of Education and Moses for the Board of Control, are all candidates who will represent the whole people and not any one particular class. While labor is behind them, it does not necessarily mean that any other interests will be overlooked by them.

If there be a by-law, as there should be, regulating the sale of fruit, it is enforced very badly. When fruit of all kinds is exposed for sale in the window of a sweat shop crowded with all classes of foreigners, it seems that the limit has just about been reached. Have we any aldermen who will look into the matter, or are they only vote catchers?

The Ontario Government is getting mighty generous with the people's money in giving it to the University. The University is all right in its way, but for the class of work it is doing among the class it caters to, it has had just about enough public money. So, too, with the farmers and their agricultural colleges. What has this generous government done to improve the condition of the laborer and mechanic? Do you know?

CORRESPONDENCE

ANOTHER RECRUIT FOR THE LABOR LEAGUE.

Editor Toiler: Having only very recently arrived in Toronto from England, please allow me to express my great gratification on finding a so ably conducted and useful paper as The Toiler. I have read J. H. R.'s letter to you and agree in nearly all he says. I have intimate knowledge of the working of the Independent Labor Party in England. In 1899 I travelled through the whole of the County of Lancashire with the yellow van and the secretary of the Land Nationalization Society. In every town visited I made a point of looking in at the Labor Clubs, and I may say here that in England no club requires to take out a license to sell drink. In every case where drink was sold (and they were few) the propaganda was practically at a standstill, but where the drink was omitted I found stalwart men and women doing splendid work. As to J. H. R.'s suggestion of having associate members I do not agree. If a man's principles are worth anything, they are worth paying for. The contributions to these Labor Clubs were about one shilling or one shilling and three pence per quarter. This could be paid weekly, monthly or quarterly. The work done was something after this fashion: Outdoor lectures, mostly on a Sunday afternoon and evening, in the most public place, parks or recreation grounds during the summer, questions always being allowed after the speaking, and of course always a collection taken, which was a pretty sure indication of the sympathy aroused. I might tell you a great deal more about these organizations and as to the power they have now become, that the two great political parties, Liberal and Conservative, have now to reckon with in all elections. I am in entire sympathy with Labor League, and as soon as possible shall throw in my lot with it. Wishing you every success.

Yorkshireman.

ADDRESS TO ELECTORS.

To the Electors of Toronto:

Dear Friend,—The municipal elections are coming round again, and you have a most important duty to discharge as a voter of the city of Toronto. We ask you to consider the claims of the Labor party. Whatever you may think of trades unionism, you would surely be unwilling to return to the days when half the labor in the coal mines of England and Scotland was done by women and even children of six or seven years of age. When the cotton operatives of New England worked from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. with 15 minutes for breakfast and 30 minutes for dinner, with a weekly wage of $1.25 to $2; or even here in Toronto, where 25 years ago mechanics were working for 15c an hour, and the laborers who straightened the Don were paid only 10c an hour, and broken time at that. Fancy keeping a wife and four or five children on $4 or $5 a week! We ask you, our friends, is there any need in this beautiful Canada of ours, so richly blessed by our Heavenly Father with treasures of forest, mines, farms and rivers—is there any need that the lives of those who are bearing the servile burden of civilization should be rendered dark and joyless, one continual struggle with poverty and privation, by reason of long hours and low wages? Trades unionism has shown itself adapted and able to go into the anthracite coal district of Pennsylvania and unite the hundred thousand miners of seventeen different nationalities there employed into one intelligent, law-abiding union, claiming conditions of labor and life that the Roosevelt commission declared were reasonable, and should be enjoyed by American citizens. The Labor party of Canada are seeking to replace the bitterness and oftentimes unreasonableness of strikes with the intelligence and reasonableness of legislative power, as has already been done by the trades unions of New Zealand. Our platform contains the two principles of woman franchise and majority rule, so putting it into the power of the men and women homebuilders of Canada to defend ourselves from those influences that are blighting us with corrupt government, licensed vice and honoured capitalism. Trades unionism so improved is capable of doing a nobler work for the toilers of Canada that no other organization can do, and to this end we appeal to you to give us your vote and influence. Listen to the words of the noble Earl of Shaftesbury, spoken in the year 1844, but equally true to-day as long as women are working in sweat shops, making blouses at 25c a dozen. "These sources of mischief," he cried, vehemently, "must be dried up! Every public consideration demands such an issue—the health of the females, the care of their families, their conjugal and parental duties, the comfort of their homes, the decency of their lives, the rights of their husbands, the peace of society, and the laws of God, and until a vote shall have been given this night—which God avert!—I never will believe that there can be found in this House one individual man who will deliberately and conscientiously inflict on the women of England such a burden of insufferable toil. We ask but a slight relaxation of toil, a time to live, a time to die, a time for those comforts that sweeten life, and a time for those duties that adorn it, and therefore with a fervent prayer to Almighty God that it may please Him to turn the hearts of all who hear me to thoughts of justice and mercy, I now finally commit the issue to the judgment and humanity of Parliament." So spoke Earl Shaftesbury, and we are seeking to carry on his noble work. Our candidate for the Board of Control is Mr. Frank Moses, of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union. Our candidate for the Board of Education is Mr. John Tweed, of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

J. H. R.

Socialism

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TRADE UNIONS AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

The two events which are the excuse for reviving these much discussed topics teach the same lesson. One is the Colorado election; the other, is the defeat of the "Socialist resolution" at the National Convention of the A. F. of L. Both teach the uselessness, and indeed, the worse than uselessness, the positive folly of Socialist resolutions in connection with trade union bodies. Colorado shows how utterly ineffective for good such a declaration is. The passing of the resolution neither made nor unmade Socialists of the Western Federation of Miners, neither has that union, or any portion of the A. F. of L. shown itself to be essentially different from any other trade union so far as the political fight is concerned. The introduction of the resolution at the A. F. of L. convention simply afforded the fakirs and the capitalists papers the opportunity to once more shout about the "defeat of Socialism," and this notwithstanding the fact that there never has been a year in which Socialism has made such tremendous gains in the ranks of trade unions as the year that has just passed. Had any resolution endorsing Socialism been adopted by the A. F. of L. it would have been a positive evil. It would have disrupted the economic organization without in the least strengthening the political fight.

It is about time that this position, which has been officially endorsed by two National Conventions of the Socialist party and is rapidly gaining acceptance by nearly all the European Socialist bodies, should be recognized. The trade union is not a political party. Neither do we want it to be a political party. Our Socialist party is enough to represent the interests of the working class. It is the business of the Socialist party to represent the political interests and fight the political fights. It has been upon the side of the trade unions in every battle for better conditions but it is not a trade union. In the same way the intelligent trade unionist votes for Socialism, but he does not use his union to nominate candidates or carry on election propaganda, and it is proper that he should not.

There is no doubt but that at the present time if Socialists were generally foolish enough to attempt the tactics that have recently been pursued in Colorado and by some Socialists in the A. F. of L. convention, they could "capture" a half dozen of the leading unions in the sense that they could secure the adoption of Socialist resolutions or the election of avowed Socialists to official positions, but they would find that they had achieved only a hollow victory. Men are not made Socialists from above. We cannot "resolute" the co-operative commonwealth into existence, neither can we "resolute" men out of the capitalist into the Socialist mind.

It is just those unions in which there has been less said about capturing and resoluting that Socialism has made the greatest gain. Witness the United Mine Workers of Illinois and the International Association of Machinists not to mention the stockyard unions and those of Pullman, where nearly every member is a Socialist and where, up to date no one has as yet been foolish enough to start the resolution mill a-going.

The above article by Comrade May Wood Simon in the Chicago Socialist, deals with an important question of vital interest to Canadian Socialists and trades unionists. For years well-meaning persons, the writer included, have wasted their time and done injury to the Socialist cause by endeavoring to have trade councils or congresses pass so-called "Socialist" resolutions, and by trying to elect Socialists to offices in these bodies. That resolutions passed by such bodies are not worth the paper they are written on is amply proven by experience. The celebrated Trades Congress resolution that "members of labor unions found upon the old party platforms shall be regarded with suspicion as decoys, etc.," may be cited as an example—the Congress re-electing Ralph Smith, Liberal-Labor M. P., as its chief officer after he had shown his contempt for the resolution. The "Socialistic" resolutions brought before Trades Congresses are usually as clear as mud—being drafted in a compromising manner in order to catch the votes of the "coming-our-way" delegates.

And successful efforts to "capture" the offices in trades councils have proven to be worse than useless to the Socialist cause, the experience in Toronto and other Canadian cities being considered. Our effort is that the agitation from within encourages the organization of half-baked "labor parties" in opposition to the Socialist working class political organization. This, however, does not concern the Socialist party much. The Socialist only desires the votes of those workers who are conscious of their class interests and know that capitalist society cannot be reformed by the palliatives found in labor party platforms—that it must be revolutionized by the abolition of wage slavery. The real injury to the Socialist movement is in the waste of time and effort caused by Socialist workers giving a large amount of their time in doing the routine work of the trades union or council. This time could be better spent in studying the principles of Socialism so that, when necessary, these principles can be clearly expounded and worked for.

The working class movement has two phases—the economic and the political. Each trades unionist must decide which phase he will devote his energies to. The great mass of union men have not as yet chosen the political phase. The Socialist knows that it is only through class conscious action at the ballot box that capitalist society and the hellish wage system can be abolished. He knows that strikes are but skirmishes between the workers with jobs and the workers without jobs and that the real class struggle is upon the political field. He is beginning to realize that his time should be given where it is most needed and where it can be used to best advantage. There are many able and willing to do the official work in the unions while there are too few willing to risk their jobs and their popularity by devoting their time and energies to the Socialist party—which is recognized as the party of the working class the world over.

In the recent Dominion elections three labor candidates and five Socialists were in the field. Only one of the eight saved his deposit, this one being Fenton, Socialist, who gave Ralph Smith, the "Labor-Liberal," a hard run in Nanaimo. The votes were as follows:

	Lib.	Con.	Lab.
Winnipeg, Man.	4,252	4,096	1,277
Rainy River, Ont.	2,162	1,734	639
Cape Breton, N.S.	3,161	3,064	872
Nanaimo, B. C.	1,509	1,3[illegible]	784
Vancouver, B. C.	2,639	2,634	752
Victoria, B. C.	1,692	1,192	336
Kootenay, B. C.	2,341	1,637	601
Yale Cariboo, B.C.	1,567	1,470	404

In Winnipeg and Nanaimo the campaign was especially interesting, these being the former seats of A. W. Puttee and Ralph Smith. The former refused to be a servile supporter of Laurier, so his head was chopped off, Winnipeg workingmen doing the bidding of the political bosses. Four years ago the vote was 3,441 for Puttee and 2,258 for Martin. This year Puttee polled 2,209 less votes and lost his deposit. In Nanaimo the Socialist carried the mining camps, the vote being 698 Socialist, 651 Liberal and 469 Conservative. The farming districts, however, gave the old parties a big vote and elected Smith.

Betrayed by Ralph Smith in Nanaimo the Labor Party went down to honorable defeat in Winnipeg, Rainy River and Cape Breton. Their candidates polled about 13 per cent. of the total vote, while the Socialist candidates secured about 15 per cent. The Socialists have every reason to feel gratified, there being a marked increase in the straight class conscious vote in each district.

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