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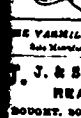

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WORK AND WAGES.

LABOR NOTES AND NEWS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Interesting Items, Facts and Figures—A Bird-s-Eye View of the World of Industry

CANADA

MONTREAL Trades and Labor Council has declared for a free public library.

At Winnipeg local employment agents are hiring large numbers of men for railway work at Great Falls, Montana, and gangs are leaving every morning.

THE Glassblowers' Local Union, of Montreal, are to hold a ball on Easter Monday evening, and already preparations are being made for the event.

DISTRICT Assembly No. 18 of the Knights of Labor, Montreal, propose to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Order in the Province of Quebec by a grand social and ball in the Victoria Rifles Armory on January 14th. A representative committee, consisting of one member from each local assembly, has been appointed to perfect the arrangements.

MOSES GOLD, a carpenter on the G. T. R., was killed at Kingston Mills on the 19th. He had unloaded a hand car of lumber, and was in the act of starting for the mills when a train ran over him. Death was instantaneous. He belonged to a village near Prescott. He leaves a wife and two children. He was a man about forty years of age and a manly honorable fellow.

LOCAL Union No. 74 of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, Montreal, will hold a ball in Lafontaine Hall, Dorchester Street, on the third Tuesday in January, the proceeds going towards increasing their benefit fund. The following comprise the committee having charge of the arrangements: Messrs. F. Fisher, President; L. Delle Fiver, Secretary; C. Redmond, L. Parent, A. Benard, J. Farrell, W. J. Ryan, J. Chomet and Xavier Miller.

THE Federal Telephone Company, Montreal, through the act of one of their foremen, has been mulcted in the sum of $189 by Judge Wurtele. A workman named Laquene sued the company for damages, alleging that he was forced to work when the rain rendered it dangerous to climb trees and when the company refused to furnish the appliances necessary to work without danger. The proof showed that he had been ordered by a foreman to do so, and that three other workmen had been threatened with dismissal if they did not work on the day in question. The plaintiff was confined to his house for thirty-two days and compelled to pay $10 for doctor's services. The Court therefore ordered that he be paid at the rate of $1 so a day, also $10 for doctor's fees and $100 damages.

THE Hamilton Trades and Labor Council held an open meeting on the 22nd inst. for the discussion of municipal questions. The principal subjects considered were public works, taxation, parks and compulsory education. A great deal of ground was covered in the course of the discussion. The question of union labor upon public works called forth some decided expressions. Mr. Fred. Walter, secretary, said that the new City Hall was a monument of non-union labor, being now in such bad condition that workmen were placing bolts in the stone walls to hold them together. The city engineer was strongly censured by Ald. McAndrew, who intimated that Engineer Hatton could not make proper estimates for work and should be replaced by a more competent man. The council decided not to recommend the names of any particular aldermanic candidates for the support of the labor party, but left the matter in the hands of the members to support those candidates who were true to labor interests.

UNITED STATES.

THE New York Air Brake Company has recently brought out a brake which is claimed by the Westinghouse Company to be practically an appropriation of their entire apparatus, and suits for injunction and damages have been brought.

THE Proctor Lumber Company, a combination of Toronto, Ottawa and Ogdensburg lumbermen, has leased the dock and lumber yard at Black Rock, near Buffalo, of O. S. Lovejoy. The company will be incorporated at once. Will Proctor, of Ogdensburg, will be manager. The firm will handle Georgian Bay lumber.

THE era of free gas for manufacturing establishments is already a thing of the past. In the early days of gas development any number of towns throughout Ohio and Indiana offered free fuel to factories that would locate with them. Now the free gas is done, and in some cases large prices cannot secure it for factory use.

THE wage-workers' alliance of the District of Columbia petition Congress to permit their delegate to have a seat in the National House. They say they have elected a delegate by 48,206 votes, and they want him to represent them, since the alliance vastly outnumbers its employers, and the district has no representation. The delegate the wage-workers desire to seat in Congress is known as Mahoney, the paperhanger.

ELECTRICAL welding has hitherto been experimented with, but never practically adopted on a large scale. A Chicago manufacturing establishment is now, however, about to introduce it. There are some metals that have never yet been successfully welded by any known process, but the electrical method makes them fit together as though they were one, and the same substance. Even cast iron has been united to lead, copper, tin, aluminum, silver and brass in this way.

GREAT BRITAIN

THE stoppage of the Singer Sewing Machine Works, Glasgow, throws 4,000 persons out of employment.

THE iron masters in the Cleveland district have notified their men that the condition of trade will compel them to make a large reduction in wages at the beginning of the year.

IN London one person in every five will die in the workhouse, hospital or lunatic asylum. It has been calculated that there are about 200,000 families living in London on about a pound a week.

THE great falling off in the recruiting returns suggests a growing dislike to the army. A regular failure about the present returns is that the army is falling off physically as well as numerically. Manchester, Eng., *Times*.

THE Consett Iron Company with a capital of £600,000, made last year £96,500 net, or £1,600 say £1,600 for every working day, or a dividend of fifty two per cent. About thirty four per cent of these profits were distributed to the shareholders and the remainder was used in buying a few coal mines.

A GREAT strike of railway employees against overwork has taken place in Scotland. The number of men who have quit work is stated at 4,000, including the men of the Caledonian, North British and South-West companies. There is an absolute cessation of freight traffic throughout the Glasgow district, and only a few passenger trains are running. The railway managers have given the men a day's notice to return to work, and assert they are quite able to get new men to fill the places of the strikers. Crews to work passenger trains are fully secured by the employment of station masters and superior officers of the roads, and by engine drivers and firemen lent by private firms who possess engines. The strike is extending. The men are firm and are inducing others to leave. Mr. Tillett, the labor leader, has addressed the strikers at Dundee. The postal service is still uninterrupted.

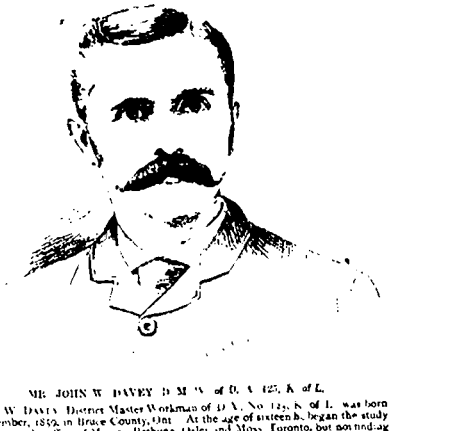
LOCAL NEWS.

No. 1 branch of the Amalgamated Carpenters union met in Richmond Hall on the evening of the 18th, Bro Lyall presiding. The prospects of a strike in the spring were considered, and it was resolved to hold a meeting of the three city branches of the union to deliberate on the matter.

THE Boot and Shoemakers International Union, No. 77, met Monday night at Richmond Hall, Mr M. Long presiding. An additional grant of $100 was forwarded to the locked out members of the trade at Rochester to aid them in their protracted struggle with their employers. Seven new members were admitted.

AT a meeting of local union No. 46 Journeymen Plumbers, Steam and Gas fitters, a resolution declaring that as the main drainage system as proposed by Mr W. J. Smith is the best and most practical of any which has come under their observation, since under it, it is impossible for sewer gas to escape, therefore they endorsed the system and would aid in their power to bring it before the citizens of Toronto.

ON Saturday evening last a complimentary concert in connection with the Builders' Laborers Union was held in Labor Hall for the benefit of Mr Thomas Smith, who has been incapacitated by sickness for some time. There was a good attendance, Mr. Robert Glockling presiding. The performance commenced with a piano solo by Mr J. Scott. Cornet solos were given by Messrs. Plumb and Goff, solos by Messrs. Glockling and Savridge, comic songs by Messrs. Porter, Burgett, Ray, Parks, F. Holt, S. Archer. W. Stubbs sang and danced with a clog dance. A piccolo solo was given by W. Pratt. Messrs. Beale and Glockling were appointed to a duet, and Messrs. Winterbottom and F. Hill received applause by their rendering of a number of Irish melodies, and Mr. Beale was loudly encored. Altogether the entertainment was a highly successful affair.



MR. JOHN W. DAVEY, D. M. W. of D. A. 125, K. of L.

JOHN W. DAVEY, District Master Workman of D. A. No. 125, K. of L., was born in November, 1852, in Bruce County, Ont. At the age of sixteen he began the study of the law in the office of Messrs. Bethune, Osler and Moss, Toronto, but not finding it a congenial vocation, after a short time abandoned the idea of qualifying for the legal profession, and went to sea, shipping from Quebec on the Allan steamer *Sardinian* for Liverpool. He served as a sailor for four years, during which period he visited South America, Africa, the West Indies and other foreign countries. Returning to Toronto he learned the trade of a machinist. In May, 1887, he joined the Machinists Assembly of the K. of L., No 9003. He served as Recording Secretary two terms, and as Master Workman for one term. While in office he was sent as representative of the Assembly to the Trades and Labor Council, where he officiated as Secretary of the Legislative Committee. In 1889 he was elected a member of the District Executive Board of the K. of L., and during the latter portion of the term served as Chairman of the Board. In January, 1890, Bro Davey was chosen for the responsible position of District Master Workman. He makes an excellent presiding officer, and commands the thorough confidence and respect of the Order.

Bro Davey is as yet unmarried. He is a man of well-defined and progressive views, being identified with the Single Tax movement, and a thorough-going Nationalist in principle.

At the regular meeting of the Single Tax Association on Friday evening last at Richmond Hall, the following resolution was adopted. "That since the city council is proceeding in the street railway matter upon the assumption that the franchise will be leased to a private corporation, and whereas, such private corporations have always shown themselves regardless of their obligations to the public, and arbitrary in their dealings with their employees, this society, in view of the peculiarity of the leasing of the road, regards the proposition that the street cars should be run on Sunday as an insidious attack on the rights of labor to one day's rest in seven, and a menace to the best interests of the working people, and commends the action of the council in refusing to consider the proposal in connection with the leasing of the franchise." A general discussion was held as to the best means of advancing the cause. A letter from Coburg was read announcing that arrangements had been made for a lecture there by Father Huntington on the 22nd January. On the 16th January a musical and literary entertainment under the auspices of the association will be given, and on the 30th Mr Chas. Watts will speak.

The speaker at the regular meeting of the National Association at Wolseley Hall on Tuesday evening last was Rev Charles Duff, of Parkdale, his subject being "Christian Socialism: Christ, no and come to regenerate society as well as the individual—to bring about the reign of love and human brotherhood on earth as well as in heaven. The lecturer noted that, according to Christian ethics no man owned his property absolutely. It was his duty to be responsible to the needs of his less fortunate fellows. In addition to gold, generous, free giving and mutual helpfulness, should not society so rearrange its basis as to give the poor better opportunities? He contended that no Government could convey property so as to give any man a valid claim to its exclusive ownership. The grasping of the public domain and the unemployed fruits of social activity by individuals for their personal gain was contrary to the divine law. The Church, unfortunately, had too often departed from the example of Christ, and, as an ecclesiastical body, held large amounts of property, derived from the civil power. At the close of the lecture Mr Duff replied to a number of questions put by the audience. The Association tendered him a hearty vote of thanks.

EIGHT HOUR

PRESIDENT GOMPERS, OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR ON THE MOVEMENT.

The following is an extract from the address of President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, at the annual convention of that body in reference to the eight hour movement.

From statistical blanks issued within the past two months to the Trade Unions, I learn that there are few trades or callings throughout the whole country that have not obtained a reduction in the hours of their labor, or an increase in their wages. In some, where formerly it had been held that the enforcement of the eight hour rule was entirely incompatible with the interests of the industry, notably among the iron and steel workers, a few of the largest concerns have made a test of the three shifts system with entire success.

There is no question but that the near future is bright for the eight hour movement, if the organized wage-workers will but concentrate their efforts upon its achievement.

I am fully aware that the establishment of the eight hour work day will not be the end of the efforts of the working people for economic and social improvements and reform, and that many things demand our attention in the meantime, yet the great good a substantial reduction in the hours of labor will bring to the toilers of our country, i e hundreds of thousands it will save from poverty and degradation will clear the path and prepare the working people to see the wrongs and injustices practised upon them in subtle and unsuspicious ways.

This movement of ours finds a responsive chord in the hearts and minds of the overworked and unemployed. It is at once a watchword and a rallying cry which will ennoble the men and women of our time, and make the progress and civilization of the future more secure. I therefore fervently hope that the convention will continue to carry on this battle for a shorter work day until victory is assured, and eight hours inscribed upon the banners of the trade unions of our country as a limitation of a day's work.

THE Wellesley College girls have been measured, and the average waist measure of the 1,100 students was found to be 24 2 inches. Physicians say that this is too small for health.

Mac Farren, of Silverdale township, Cowlitz County, is believed to be the first woman ever elected to the office of road overseer in Kansas. A local paper observes: "It is safe to say that the farmers wives living in her district will be able to take their eggs to market this winter without breaking them in the basket."