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AR CITCHER, A HOWEL HAS SEEN BY-pointed solverthing agent for the Lakon Advocate in this city \_As an active and trustworthy representative and thorough business man he is entitled to the confid-ence of the commercial public.

The regular meeting of the Stationary Engineers was held in Shaftesbury Hall Friday occuring, President Edkins in the evening, President Edkins in the chair. The principal business was the consideration of the Stationary Engineers Act passed at the last sessior of the Local Legislature. A resolution approving of the measure was adopted.

Mir R A Pennon, conductor on the Grand Trunk line, left on Friday night last for St. Louis, to attend the conven-tion of the Railway Order of Conductors, which is now in a season in that city. This is the fourth successive time that Mi. Purstom his represented his fellow conductors as Canadian delegate.

TRACTS for work on the new Parlis ment buildings rave been awarded as fol ment buildings have been awarded as fol-lows:—Lathing and plastering, awarded to Mr. A. H. Rundle of Toronto at \$37, 770: steam-warming and ventilating, awarded to Purdy, Mancell & Mashinter of Toronto at \$55,100; plumbing and gas-fitting, awarded to Messra, Purdy, Man-zell & Mashinter of Toronto at \$21,400.

AT the last regular meeting of Loca asembly 5,743, Knights of Labor (book Ascembly 5,743, Knights of Labor thook hundray, the Glosung reachinous passed unantimously — "Whereas this Local Ascembly believes that it would be in the interest of both unumfacturers and mechanical it the duty now existing on machinery and material used in the book believes the strength of the control do hereby petition the Dominon Govern ment to so amend the tariff to allow the above mentioned commodities to come into our country free of duty."

A MERTING of atrect railway employees was held in the Temperance Hall on Sun-day afternoon, for the purpose of forming a benevolent organization and considering other measures to advance their interests. other measures to advance their interests. Several families from the Attendance, the chair being occupied by Mr. C. M. Stanley. The following committee was struck to draft a constitution for a benevolent organization: — Measur. Li brana, Geo. Wright, Geo. Meggiton, John Leonard, Thos. Hogg, and John McCarroll. The chair was then taken by Mr. Augustus White, and the question of what means about the adocted to secure better cans should be adopted to secure better and shorter working hours was taken Considerable difference of opinion prevailed as to the advisability of any immediate action, and a prolonged discussion Finally a committee, comprising ensued. Finally a committee, comprising Newart, George White, R. H. Rundle and Wilham Shunk, with power to add to their number, was appointed to present a resolution to the City Council to the effect that a day's work be ten hours; that a conductor's ages be 810 a reck, a driver's \$9 a week; and that fifteen cents an hour be the minimum wage paid to all other workness on the read, and that twenty cents an hour be paid for Sunday work.

Ov Sunday evening last Rev. John Bu-ton preached on "Who is my Neighbor?" indicating that eternal life was neighbor-lines, and that was love in action. Com-menting on the action of the pricat and Lavito towards the wounded traveller on the Jevicito read he said: "Let us nov-cent all our indignation on pricat and Lavite. How many seumded, robbed travellers do we pass by on the wildomess and on our way from Jericho top to the New Jerusalem! Still may rec hear from the Birdge of Sighs Now Jerusalem / the Bridge of Sighs

Oh it was pitiful, Near a whole city full, Home she had none!

We know how our own surroundings enter largely into the lives we live and the characters we are building up. We know, too, that there are states of our social life. shich uree men on to lives that are not of good report and to associations not levely; priest and Levite, the Church and iovery; priess and Levite, the Church and the supporters are too ready now to pass by on the other side from questions that trouble. Fatal unitable! We support, not too well, Houses of Industry, Homes, etc., and complacently congratulate our-eless men our charity; we leave the selves upon our charity; we leave the rolders still to idunder, bruise and kill, router at ill to plunder, brune and kill, oven sharing the spoil. We have little standing ground from which to judge these passers by until we rive in the might of the love this parable enforces and do justly, love mercy, as we walk humbly with our God."

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#### CASUAL COMMENTS.

I HAD a heated discussion with a gentle on the question of civic corruption. I think he is a property owner, and judging ns, one of those who you by his expressions, one of nose who vote down all money by laws. "just to show that gang of boodlers that we are tired of them." He took the position, as so many do, that our representatives are a set of inthem. He took the position, as so many do, that our representative area as et of incapables, utterly dishonest and corrupt, fit to be entrusted with nothing, and acousted the idea of the city controlling or operating any public works. Now, I'm not going to say any thing about that subject. Those who have taken the trouble Torical this column of mine know that I believe the city can and should do, without the sid of contractore, everything that concerns the confort and convenience of the citizens and the welfare and progress of the city. What I want to speak about its the glib assumption that it's the altherman who is the regue. Its always the other fellows, the once who get in, you know, who are dishousest, incapable, and many other things well expressed by powerful adjectives. The man who does the takking a a high-inaled curren, with powerful adjectives The man who does the talking is a high-minded curren, with the best interests of the city at heart, He would be insulted if you asked him if he would rob the town, or even hinted at auch a thing No doubt he would be right in feeling mailted. I believe him to be honest and an willing to credit him with as good intentions as I possess myself Why should not he and all of us do the same? We surely do not claim to be so far above the average that the one honest inr above the average that the one honest man in the community wears our hat. That's what you would think to hear some men talk. I've heard so many of them that I'm dead sick of it and want a rest. Woll get it if you and I will only remem-ter that them when the state of the st ber that there may be other honest men besides ourselves; that our representatives are just as likely to do their best for the city as we would. Give them credit for trying, anyway, and if we must come to trying, anyway, and it we must come to the conclusion that they don't, put the blame where it belongs. You and I put them where they \*re, and the remedy is in our own hands, for we can keep them

This same thing applies to many other case, in fact to all. We get this idea that we are right and the others must be wrong, and we forthwith proceed to attached to them motives which are, to say the impossible of the same to them motives which are, to say the impossible of the same are the same and the same are the we are ngat and the coders must avoing, and we forthwith proceed to attribute to them motives which are, to say the least, not the best. It is impossible not to feel that they are mistaken, if our opinions are worth anything at all, to us but why should we question their honessy and sincerity. Can we not admit that they are at least as good as we are, and more the log to be setured by improper motives. Whatever position those who differ with us may take in this respect, if we take our stand on this principle we shall at least be doing to others as would they should due to us, and certainly will not have lessened our chances of winning them over to our sale.

The recommendation of a sub-committed for the Board of Works that builders be agon given the right to occupy of the form of a building in course of erection, should not be adopted. We have, after contained able struggle, induced the builders to leave enough of the randway unencombered with bricks, bumber, etc., that humble gasaers by for whose two the success were originally constructed, one that the sub-contained with bricks and to propose to surrender that encaure of freshound at the request of a few builders according to the success of the other side, and to propose to surrender that the sub-contained the success of the other side, and to propose to surrender that the sub-contained th get past without having to cross to the other aids, and to prepose to surrender this measure of freedom at the request of a few builders accent preposterous. Builders' operations, I know, are an important factor in the prosperity of our city, and they should not be hindred by unreasonable restrictions. At the same time the right of the cilitens to use the streets must be respected, and I do not think at hardly fair to allow one portion of the community to obstruct them to this overtice. The regulation at present in force is one which should satisfy all reasonable men, and when they consider that they men, and when they consider that they are allowed the free use of many feet, while the poor peanut man pays for his little spot, the builders should rest content.

To lorro is getting on its now spring suit, and the fit appears to be not far from perfect. Certainly we have every reason to be proud of the beautiful city we live in and of its not less beautiful surroundings. "Supro may be cities which their residents think are prettier than Toronto in the spring, but I am a Torontonian and I differ with them. Toronto its—well its Toronto, and that's enough for those of us who are fortunate enough to hive here, and to get a reasonable share of the needful, of course. I do not need to describe the many charming apoin in the city proper, they are well known to all; but there are some lovely buts of "woodland bordering) for these of us who are fortunate enough to line here, and to get a reasonable share of the needful, of course. I do not need to describe the many charming apots in the exty proper, they are well known to all; but there are some lovely lots of "woolland bordering tops among shope," within a fall flour's easy ramble that many of us have never each. Last Sanday morning I joined, as and botanical expedition, and put in four or five as pleasant hours as I have spent for many a day. We went up the many aperiance on the way, and wen also rowarded by seeing securery equals to the securing institute and independent one and also provided the properties of the securing institute and fair play so long many specimens on the way, and wen also rowarded by seeing securery equals of the securing institute and fair play so long the many aperiance on the way, and wen also rowarded by seeing securery equals for the securing institute on the respective of the securing institute and fair play so long the securing institute and fair play so long the securing institute and fair play so long the many approach of the securing institute and fair play so long the many approach of the securing institute on the securing institute on the securing institute on the securing institute of the securing institute on the securing institute on the securing institute on the securing institute on the securing institute of the securin Don as far as the second mill, gathering many specimens on the way, and were also rewarded by seeing scenery equal if not superior to what I have gone many miles to see. The Don Valley is simply beautiful, and if only some other set of real estate fakirs do not project a Belt or Brace line along it, we need never want for a sight of the picturesque. It is, how-ever, only one of the many beauty spots around Toronto. North, west and east, around formon. Notin, west and cook we are surrounded by Nature's leveliness, and should not fail to show our apprecia-tion by worshapping at her shrine.

I Now that many will say that Sunday morning is not the time to do so; but it is be the proper thiny 'o learn of God on that thay, sarely we can find no botter way than by examining His humbarok. It is only east which says that four walls contain the proper place to seek. Him, and strives to lumit in a to seminant from the pulpit. There are aermons in the trees, stones and running brooks, more effective, if we but strive to hear them, than any from hps of mortal man. They speak, uncon-sciously but truly, while we can at best only present things as they appear to us

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