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Ward 1 electors know how to use the cumulative vote.

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Labor wants the cumulative principle of voting in the aldermanic contests.

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A number of workingmen have yet to learn how to be union men on election day.

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Peel and Walker the choices of an elector on a school board ballot together! What next?

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Much confusion would have been avoided had the Legislature given us the cumulative vote all round.

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Whether labor wins or loses, it must still be reckoned with. If it cannot elect its friends, it can defeat its enemies.

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Whiskey is still on top in Toronto, notwithstanding its defeat in the Junction. Gooderham and Walker headed the school board list.

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Our compliments to the Telegram, and the editor wishes to know what the Telegram knows about his work on the Technical School Board.

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Considerable ballast will be required for the Board of Control ship this year with such hot air throwers as Spence, Hubbard and Richardson on board.

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The cumulative vote does not satisfy the machine. If the Liberals were in the majority in Toronto they would never have inaugurated the cumulative vote.

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Which is the better representative for the workingman, the one who can be depended upon to protect your interests without watching, or the one which requires a deputation to see that he does what is in your interests?

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Another question for the Telegram: How, by its process of reasoning, can it satisfy its conscience in roasting one man who is supposed to be supported by the Street Railway Company and advocating the election of another who was forced to leave the city in order to allow the boodling storm to blow over? Is this another gold brick game or a gold watch episode?

THE LABOR CAMPAIGN.

Now is the time to count our gains and losses, and to draw such lessons from the electoral campaign as shall be of use in the future.

CONTROLLERS.

First, as to Controllers, two of the candidates of labor got in. Why, Oliver was defeated, you say. True; but Spence was elected, and he was one of the two candidates endorsed by the referendum vote of the unions. Ald. Oliver was merely endorsed by the Labor Committee because Ald. Spence at that time had not decided to run for Controller. Had Spence given his decision the labor candidates would have been formally Loudon and Spence, instead of formally Loudon and Oliver. Doubtless many trade unionists who had voted for Spence on the referendum voted also for him at the polls. We had really two strings to our bow. Labor is all right on the Controllership elections.

ALDERMEN.

Two of the labor nominees were elected and four were defeated. The two that got in were already Aldermen, and were endorsed by labor, having other elements of strength in their wards.

There is very little to say. Until the cumulative system is extended to the election of aldermen, purely labor candidates have but little chance of election—at any rate, until trades unionists get more in the habit of acting together at the polls.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Several causes contributed to the total defeat of labor in the elections for the Board of Education, and a study of these causes gives good hope of success next time.

Probably the greatest factor in our defeat was the wide scattering of votes caused by the enormous number of candidates; the topmost of whom polled over ten thousand votes, and the lowest less than two hundred.

In round numbers, nearly eighty thousand votes were polled for the twelve successful candidates, and more than seventy thousand votes were given to the thirty-three defeated ones. Now, if there had been fewer candidates, a large proportion of these seventy thousand votes would have gone to others, and would probably have changed the result. Let us see where they would probably have gone and how the scattering hurt us.

If we draw a line at two thousand votes we find fifteen defeated candidates below it; that is, there were fifteen candidates who got less than two thousand votes each. All the labor candidates were above the two-thousand line, and all the socialist candidates were below it. Now, these fifteen lowest candidates got more than fourteen thousand votes between them; and if they had not been running, many of their fourteen thousand votes would have gone to help labor, because many labor sympathisers were amongst them, including the four socialists, who polled altogether 3,600 votes.

Another reason for the small labor vote is the slowness with which men change their habits. For years comparatively little interest has been taken in School Board elections, and it was hard to stir up the voters merely because a labor ticket was running.

Then there was not enough organization, and the beginning was too late.

Taken altogether, there is no reason for discouragementt, but rather for hope. We have lost the first battle of what will be a campaign of years. Let us try hard to win the second. There will be fewer candidates and a much better chance.

DIRECT LEGISLATION.

Last, but not least, we got there with both feet in our campaign for the initiative and referendum. The committee of the Toronto Federation for Majority Rule has been working quietly, but so effectively that twenty out of the twenty-three members of the City Council have declared themselves in writing in favor of the principle, most of them by answering the Federation's questions, which we print here to show just what has been asked for.

There is now no doubt that by-laws providing for a measure of the initiative and referendum will be included in the revised by-laws of the city, which a committee of the Council is working at.

Here are the questions put by the Federation to the candidates:

1. Do you believe that the will of the majority should prevail in this city; "majority" meaning a majority of those entitled to vote and who do vote?

2. To give effect to the will of the majority, are you in favor of the People's Veto by Optional Referendum and of the Direct Initiative by Petition or Collective Request as explained below?

3. Concerning the People's Veto, will you, if elected, use the power of your office to support the Optional Referendum in the City Council in regard to the subject specified below?

4. As regarding the Direct Initiative, will you, if elected, use the power of your office to submit for the decision of the voters any measure that is asked for by eight per cent. of the electors?

5. Will you, if elected, use the power of your office to carry out the will of the majority as expressed by any Referendum votes that may be taken?

GREAT ACIEVEMENT OF THE SOCIALISTS.

The Toronto Socialist League has done a big thing. It has clearly and positively demonstrated that this great city of Toronto contains One Hundred and Twenty-seven Voters who will Vote the Straight Socialist Ticket.

In order to get a solid vote of real Simon Pure Socialists, and demonstrate the great strength of the socialist movement, and its independence of mere labor unions, the Socialist League ran a ticket of four candidates of its own.

The success of this plan in getting a "solid Socialist vote" is shown by the fact that only 381 votes were cast for Peel, the lowest of the four Socialist candidates. As each voter could cast three votes, these 381 votes represented 127 men. But Socialist Stewart got nearly thirteen hundred votes, you say? True. But these could not have been real Socialists, for they did not vote the straight ticket, and left poor Peel out in the cold with the poet Sabine; to say nothing of Kelly, who got between eight and nine hundred. Therefore, for the sake of showing that they actually numbered One Hundred and Twenty-seven men and women, these wise Toronto Socialists split the labor vote and defeated our good friend John Tweed, a man who has shown his ability and capacity as chairman of the Technical School Board. Tweed got 3,437 votes; and James E. Stewart got 1,295. Adding them together the total is 4,732—enough votes to have put Tweed above H. Simpson, Dr. Ogden and A. J. Keeler on the list of elected candidates! All of Stewart's votes might not have gone to Tweed, but with no Socialists running, Tweed would have probably drawn from the vote the others got. Even Phillips Thompson's vote added to Tweed's would have put Tweed above Ogden and Keeler.

Another evil effect of the running of Socialist candidates was that it deterred many an elector from voting either ticket. "Bah!" they said, "these fellows are split; they don't know their own minds, and I won't vote for any of them."

The action of the Socialists in running a ticket in opposition to the labor candidates was a contemptuous desertion of their allies in the great fight against monopoly. It was neither good feeling good sense, nor good politics.

THE VOTERS HAVE ENDORSED CUMULATIVE VOTING.

Some interesting results were obtained at one of the polling subdivisions by a volunteer scrutineer, who took a record of the number of votes cumulated and the number given singly.

In the vote for controllers, the crosses were distributed thus: 80 singles, 51 pairs, 15 triplets and 23 quartetts. Three spoiled ballots.

For the Board of Education there was an average of six or seven crosses per voter, and they came in this way. 108 singles, 23 pairs and 137 trios. Four spoiled ballots. The voters seemed to prefer giving their votes in threes, and sometimes they would give three crosses each to one or two candidate and singles to fill up their list of twelve.

If the subdivision in question is a fair sample of the rest of the city, the voters seem to like this new-fangled cumulative method; for full three quarters of the votes were cumulated, and the voters need not have done it if they did not want to.

MUNICIPAL LABOR LEAGUES.

Now is the time for the workingmen of this city to organize Municipal Labor Leagues in all the wards.

The organized workers for the labor candidates for this year's municipal election should be called together at once and discuss this all-important question.

If we expect the workingmen of this city to break away from the old friends and associations it is our duty to provide them with new ones.

We should secure a room in every ward and make it an attractive meeting place for the workers, so that they can become thoroughly acquainted with each other.

We should endeavor to have a splendid assortment of labor literature laid on the tables so that every worker can find out for himself how the workingman's cause is progressing.

If the labor men of this city intend to be represented at our City Council table it will not be done by treating the matter with indifference, but everyone of us will have to get out and hustle.

We have made a splendid attempt this year, and the labor vote that was cast will have a powerful influence, but we must not be discouraged but take up the fight at once and get ready for a sweeping victory next year.

We should try and get one member from each subdivision in all the wards to at once assist in forming a Municipal Labor League where we can keep well posted with this year's municipal affairs.

It is in a league like this that we can train our organizers, our newspaper correspondents and public speakers. We have Conservative and Liberal clubs, and it is not fair to the worker to ask him to forsake these unless we provide something equally as good in return. We do not suggest this in an antagonistic spirit to our old friends and advisers, but we do hold that it is just as necessary for the employee to take his seat at the Council table as the employer.

Let us take action at once and not let this grand opportunity go by; if we organize now the work we have already done will not require to be gone over again.

If the chairman of the workers for each ward would call a meeting we are confident that six good Labor Leagues would be the result, and that one year's hard work would result in six good labor men being returned to the Council table next year.

SOME THINGS TO PONDER.

There is nothing passes our notice so quick and so deceiving as time.

Christmas is passed, and the new year has come in upon us again, and we might almost say we have hardly noticed the time passing.

The municipal elections are over, but it will not be long until they are on again, and with the strength that labor has put forth in the past year we can rest fully assured will be redoubled next year.

Union men prove by your own firm attitude that without you nothing can be done.

It has been said that a people's honor is more to be guarded than a thousand thrones. So let your's.

Three things every man has a right to:—

(a) A right to think.
(b) A right to speak.
(c) A right to know what is being done in the City Council.

The press has stated that the Conservatives have made a pretty clean sweep in the City Council, there being twelve out of eighteen members Conservatives. Will the press kindly let us know what the Conservative or what the Liberal parties have to do in municipal affairs.

Let the voice of the people no longer be heard in a purchased party press.

Workingmen do not be discouraged,
If your vote you think have lost;
Let it be like fir tree's rooted
In your hearts another year.

BAB.

THE ECONOMIC PENDULUM.

Editor Toiler: In an editorial in the Globe of the 19th inst. on the above subject, the general reduction of wages and the consequent lessening of consumption is alleged as the cause of the present depression in the United States. The producers having produced more commodities than can be consumed, must needs accept a less share of the commodities, in order to restore the balance between production and consumption! Wonderful remedy, the more products the less exchanges for the producers.

Legislation deprives wage-earners of access to natural opportunities, grants charters to soulless corporations to engage in manufactures, allows them to engage wage-earners as substitutes to do the manufacturing, prevents wage-earners from endeavoring to obtain a just share of what they produce, allows injunctions to be issued by courts to prevent strikers from appealing to supplanters to aid in obtaining justice, on the plea that such is an interference with the business of the corporations, although not a shareholder is engaged in manufacturing. So long as workers have to sell their labor so long will they be subjected to injustice, and while high wages and shorter hours may palliate the condition of the workers, they never can obtain all they produce until employers are dispensed with and industrial co-operation established. The article concludes as follows: "The downward movement is at accelerated speed, and it must continue till the balance is again shifted, by the reaction of economic forces." Whatever may shift the balance, the cycle of hard times must continue until consumption is balanced by production. That is what we are led to believe.

Commodities are controlled by the possessors of the circulating medium, who will have to consume products until the balance is restored, while the wage-earners who produced the surplus of products will have to look on and suffer. "The poor ye have always with you," is a sufficient excuse for fleecing the workers and continuing the present unjust condition. The banking system, whereby banks control the industries of the country, by issuing the circulating medium, assigning to the borrowers thereof a share of the products of the land and labor of the country, is responsible for hard times. As by calling in their loans the banks can precipitate an industrial panic at any time they may choose; and producers are blamed for being extravagant as the cause for the panic or depression. Were the circulating medium issued direct to the producers, and based on products, there need never be any panics or depressions. But what would become of the poor bankers? Well, I do not think the producers would see the bankers suffer, as at present the bankers allow the producers to do so. When the workers elect those of their own class to make the laws they may expect their wrongs to be righted, but not till then. K. of L.

The naked truth is generally a cold fact.

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Knowledge, like religion, must be experienced in order to be known.—Whipple.

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A woman has more faith in some patent medicine than she has in her husband.

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It's useless for some women to deny that they married for money after you see their husbands.

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No, Maude, dear; we have never heard that a hare lip possessed the same virtues as a rabbit's foot.

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Some children comfort their parents when old age overtakes them; some prevent old age from overtaking them.

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