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"Unless there is Strength."

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters will hold their third annual concert and dance in the Assembly Hall, Labor Temple, on Thursday, Feb. 8th, 1906, and a good, wholesome time may be expected.

It is evident that the labor men of Great Britain think that protection is of no use to them. We wonder why? Perhaps they will get very gradually educated to the fact that it is perhaps better to pay a little more for their provisions and get a larger pay and shorter hours. There is one thing sure, that the open door has been no cure for the unemployed problem.

Mayor Coatsworth's idea that the city invest \$10,000 in the Street Railway Co. and have a man on their board is certainly a good one, and one of the best means in this direction that has been given.

Now is the time to agitate for union-made cigars at the ball grounds. The season will soon be open, and this is the time to induce, or many of us may be debarred from seeing a game we love.

Our friends will be pleased to know that Mr. Robert Hungerford will represent the interests of THE TRIBUNE.

More good has been accomplished this year so far by our Mayor and Controllers in regard to the Street Railway Company than all last year.

The Brewery Workmen intend holding a grand concert in the early part of February, the proceeds to go towards defraying the expenses of the International Convention to be held in Toronto for two weeks in September.

The loop over the York street bridge will be one of the pleasantest improvements ever made in Toronto. When we think of that dreadful walk over those hot, dusty car tracks, our little outing was well paid for.

Bakers' strike still on.

Why don't the clerks and bookkeepers of Toronto organize for their own protection? The way the world is moving, they will be wishing in a few short years that they had done so, when the awful sentence is pronounced, "What is your age? Thirty-five! Too old—no use for you."

There are hundreds of men in Toronto who watch every move made by the trades unionist, take every advantage they gain, AND ARE TOO DIRTY MEAN TO PAY THEIR SHARE of the expense of this gain, which is merely done by dues. How long are they going to live on the sweat of another man's brow. There is no wonder the union man wants a closed shop.

If the union men of Canada do not hold very fast to the treasure they have got now (the Union Label) they will lose it altogether, just as fast as corporations and courts can accomplish it. If you care to hold fast to what you have already got, it will take every effort you can use. To stand still now is to lose ground, which will take more time and money to regain than it did to gain. Gird your armor on.

We must apologize for our absence from the Temple of late; it was unavoidable owing to sickness.

A valuable prize will be awarded for the best short story sent in to us, and published. The story must not be more than forty or fifty lines, and must be along the lines of trades union benefits.

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Don't be a fossil.

Keep in touch.

A freak of the trades union—one who does not know of the affairs of trade in general.

A blotch on the sun of trades unionism is a man who does not care for the affairs of his brothers in the different trades, and does not and will not lend a helping hand towards their interests.

TORONTO, SUNDAY, JAN. 21, 1906.  
Some of the unusual sights of a January were:

Canoeing on the bay,  
Yachting on the lake.  
Ice boating on Ashbridge's Bay.  
Caterpillars.  
Bees.  
Crowds of promenaders on the beaches to east and west of the city.  
Hyacinths and rosebuds showing themselves.

## Notes and Notelets

A printer happened to attend a recent Torrey-Alexander meeting in Massey Hall, and, like a good many more, stood up and promised to lead a better life. As soon as the meeting was over he telephoned his best girl, telling her of his action. The girl happened to be a member of a Label League, and being of a practical nature, she asked him if he had noticed whether the label was on the Torrey-Alexander printing or not. The result is a lovers' secret.

As an instance of how they protect human life in the Old Country, the following is a weekly lighting-up table that is inserted in the papers in the interest of the public:

"All cycles and other vehicles in the Chester district must be lighted up as stated in the following table:

	P.M.
Saturday, December 30	4.50
Sunday, December 31	5.0
Monday, January 1	5.0
Tuesday, January 2	5.2
Wednesday, January 3	5.3
Thursday, January 4	5.5
Friday, January 5	5.7

R. R. Gamey, in his remarks to the citizens of Toronto delivered from the Mail and Empire building, congratulated the citizens on their INTELLIGENCE—and thanked them from the BOTTOM of HIS HEART—and they cheered him. According to his testimony, thousands of dollars passed from Stratton's hands into his. Moral—You can't shake hands with a sweep without being smutted.

Birmingham has returned Joe Chamberlain. Why not? Its to its own interest to do so. By the adoption of the Fiscal Policy, Birmingham—the toy shop of the world—would monopolize the trade in beads, glass brooches, penny trinkets, etc., in South Africa.

Hands off British politics should be the slogan of the Canadian labor men. The people of Britain know best themselves what is and what is not to their interests. We can act to our own interests as a colony without being less loyal, as Birmingham acts as a British town.

## This is Grievous and Should be Remedied at Once

About 20 men who were employed in street cleaning during the slushy spell on Monday and Tuesday were laid off yesterday.

When request was made for their wages they were told they must wait until Friday of next week.

This they consider a hardship.

"A man could starve in that time," said one of them yesterday.

WHAT SOME ADVERTISERS WANT.  
Some advertisers ask more results from a "two-bit" ad. in a labor paper than a page in a big daily, says an exchange, and the same thing applies to this locality.

As an advertising medium, the labor paper has the advantage over all else, in that it goes directly to men who are drawing their money every Saturday evening. Men who spend the greater part of their earnings in retail purchases. They are the most valuable class of customers the business men have.

Yet some business men will place a small advertisement in the labor paper, and if all the union men do not use it before their place of business, with the money in their hands, crying, "Behold, we are union men, come in response to your advertisement," they will say it is no use advertising in the labor paper; that union men do not pay attention to it.

Of course this class of business men is the exception, but the exception has several in its class. Why should not the same rule apply to a Democratic or Republican paper? Is there one business man so afflicted with fool notions that he would expect all the Republicans in a community to rush headlong into his place of business, shouting, "We are Republicans," in response to a little ad. in the party paper? Or the Democrats to answer their party affiliations when making purchases because of an ad. placed in their party organ.

No; in no other instance is such dum foolery asked or expected.

But there are numerous business men who steadily and constantly patronize the labor paper, because they consider it a good advertisement. They keep steadily at it through the dull and busy seasons. They get the business because they catch the eye of the workingman all the time, and an invitation continually extended must be accepted sooner or later.—Idaho Unionist.

## A Few Remarks on the Label

For a long time the labor organizations of Canada have been spending their money and a great deal of their energy in endeavoring to have passed in the Dominion House of Commons a bill protecting union labels, and we are told and believe that the Manufacturers' Association are doing all in their power to prevent it.

The writer is not losing much sleep over the matter, believing that it matters very little what the Government does, so long as the working men and women of this country look with so much indifference upon every label but their own.

It appears that there is so much selfishness, inconsistency, and narrow-mindedness among the working classes and so little demand for the label, that it would be scarcely desirable on the part of any manufacturer to attempt to use a bogus label.

While the labor leader whose name appears in the papers at every opportunity, and who is from morning until night explaining the grand principles of unionism to his fellow craftsmen, stands up to do so with a non-union suit of clothes, a non-union hat, a non-union pair of shoes on, a non-union cigar in his mouth and a plug of McDonald's chewing tobacco in his pocket, there will be no cause for alarm on the part of the manufacturer.

Unlimited advantages could be gained by trades unionists by demanding and getting the union label on all goods purchased by them; but this, I am sorry to say, is not done, as we all seem to drum up our own label and forget all about the other fellows.

Imagine the cigar makers who point to the sign "Smoke Blue Union Label Cigars" and censure a man for taking a non-union cigar, while he smokes a non-union cigarette and wears a sea-made suit of clothes. Or the printer who accepted the suit of clothes made at a non-union shop without saying a word, but refused to pay the bill because the label of the allied printing trades was not upon the bill-head. Or the woman who takes the good union wages of her husband, goes down town and spends every cent of it to support the men that would steal the job from her husband the next day if they had the chance.

These are a few of the inconsistencies that we must strive to overcome. If we are to be union, we must be union in everything; if we demand union bread we must not stop there, we must see that it is delivered by a union driver and in a union-made wagon, for how can the wagon worker be expected to support other unions if he in turn is to have no support.

We must consider all labels just as important as our own, for unless we show other unions that we are supporting them, how can we ask support from them.

Every thoughtful union man should and must educate his wife in unionism. This we have also been selfish in for few women know that there is any but one label in existence, and that the label of the union to which her husband belongs. For instance, one woman never heard of a union-labeled broom because her husband is a baker. Another woman does not see for the life of her how a man could have the cheek to smoke a sea cigar, while she has never heard that there is a strike on in the bakeries of Bredin, Weston and Tomlin; and a garment worker will go home and tell his wife that he cannot understand why it should be so difficult to get the people to demand the garment workers' label, while he strikes his Eddy match to light a pipe filled with sea tobacco, and leans back in his chair to tell her where she can buy the cheapest prison-made boots in town.

Every woman should be taught to spend her husband's union dollar where it will find its way back into the hands of honest union men, and that it is a great injustice for her to turn down the employer who employs her husband and pays him good wages for the man who employs scabs and small children at the lowest possible wages and under the most unfair conditions.

If every workingman's wife in Toronto would demand the union label upon everything she purchased it would be but a very short time before it would be impossible to buy anything from a house and lot to a half a dozen of fresh eggs without the union label being displayed in the most conspicuous places.

I want to say to all union men that we have been playing at this union game long enough. Let us try the real thing now for a while and see what the results will be.

The union man who does not demand the label is a laughing stock to the merchant, to the Employers' Association, and to the non-union man, who is always watching for a chance to point the finger of scorn at the inconsistencies of union men.

Let us become in earnest and make up our mind that not one dollar of our money will go to support scabs and unfair firms, then the manufacturers may become alarmed and sam Landers will no longer be permitted to call us "cheap guys."

Hungerford.

## LABOR TEMPLE SHAREHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING

LABOR TEMPLE, SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 10  
AT 8 O'CLOCK SHARP

The First Annual Financial Statement will be presented and the Board of Directors for 1906 will be Elected. General Business will be Transacted.

Shareholders can only vote on Shares paid up, and in case of absence from the meeting may vote by proxy if a letter of authority is given.

D. A. CAREY, PRESIDENT.

JAMES SIMPSON, Sec'y-TREASURER

## LABOR IN POLITICS.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

DEAR SIR, After reading your comment upon the policy laid down in my last letter, I still maintain the impracticability of a satisfactory alternation as advocated by you. If I understand you aright "We should call a convention and at that convention nominate a man in behalf of the interests of labor irrespective of what his politics might be." I claim that after doing so the situation would remain after the meeting just as if no convention had been held, for the reason that we would only be doing a work through a convention—what the Municipal Committee of the District Council has been doing through that body—viz., naming friends and enemies in the City Council and instructing the Delegates to vote for this man or against that man according to their actions towards the different questions pertaining to and effecting the interests of organized labor, and "with two individual exceptions" we have been thrown down all along the line.

Call a convention, nominate a tried or an assumed friend—Conservative or Liberal—what power have you over the workingman's franchise or his politics when the convention has no power over its candidate. This idea of carrying the franchise of the laboring men in the inside pocket has been tried here and in the Old Country and has proved an abject failure, the trade unionist is not obligated to comply to it and can snap his fingers at your mandates, but on the other hand nominate an obligated trades unionist not only to a union but to the convention, the convention being an initiative body with the power of recall, then you would be excused if you cursed (unwarily might be the better way) not alone the union man but any labor man that failed to be true to himself and the interests of the toilers.

In another part of your comment you ridiculed the numerical strength of the trades unionist. Can you prove to me that either of the two political parties have anything like the membership of the unionists in Toronto, but the difference is this—they are machines, they are initiated and systematic in church and chapel, in unions and lodge, and in social gatherings of any description they combat and censure in an endeavor to get those whom they come in contact with to vote their way.

You also say, what does it matter who we vote in so long as we get what we want. Well, recently in Canada we have handed out to us several tall tale decisions viz, the correct meaning of the Aliens Act, the Metallic Roofing Co's victory tying up the funds of the Sheet Metal Workers, etc., whether we wanted them or not, and can you vouch that either the Conservative or Liberal parties will remedy the situation.

It is little wonder that a great number of the laboring men fail to cast their vote, they are sensitive to the fact that neither lawyers nor doctors, contractors nor merchants will legislate to any other interests but their own.

Your policy, if adopted, will cause dissension in the ranks of labor. We have acted on your suggestion years ago and what did we experience, while there were a few who did as we (in the Council) requested, some of the leading lights went on their own particular parties platform and the Council on the outside got the abuse. The abuse was because on one occasion we endorsed a trade unionist Conservative and on another occasion we endorsed a trade unionist Liberal, both well known politicians, vulgarly termed by the enemies of labor—GRAPERS, and I claim that the only way to be consistent to ourselves and remove any onus of this sort we must reject fusion by becoming an out and out Third Party.

JOHN GARDNER.

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## FAILURES THIS WEEK.

Commercial failures this week as reported by R. G. Dunn & Co. Canada number 37, against 31 last week, 32 the preceding week and 24 last year.

## Local No. 495, I.B. of T.

Held an open meeting to welcome their general auditor, Bro. Geo. Wm. Briggs, who is out for organization purposes, sent direct from their headquarters, Indianapolis, and the results of the meeting was a very large gain in membership. He also addressed a very enthusiastic meeting and initiated a number of new members, and it is an understood fact that Local No. 495 is here to stay. After the initiation the following brethren took part in the entertainment: Bro. D. McKinnon, Violinist; Bro. I. Johnson, Ship Dance (encore); Bro. A. McIntyre, Sword Dance (encore); Mr. F. Scott, song; Bro. F. Thompson, song; Bro. J. Robertson, song; Bro. J. Donaldson, song; Mr. Armitage, song; Bro. McClelland, song; Bro. Murray, song.

## Another Prominent Torontonian



## Let the Opponents of Industrialism Read

LOCAL OPTION IS FELT BY CIGAR MANUFACTURERS

London, Jan. 24.—The wholesale cigar trade of this city is suffering already from the effects of local option through Ontario.

It is estimated that losses in business already aggregates 200,000 or 300,000 cigars.

## Iron Moulders

The regular meeting of the Iron Moulders, held Wednesday evening, President William Worrell in the chair. Three applications for membership and two initiations were received. Communication from headquarters in regard to holding convention was received and laid on the table until the first meeting in February for debate. Communication from the Home for Incurables was received, and ten dollars donated. Communications from the Sheet Metal Workers in regard to the decision of the courts against them was received, and fifty dollars donated towards the appeal of the case. The committee in regard to the Roman Stone Works, reported that all things were settled satisfactory to the employers and moulders still on strike at McCarty's of London, the Canada Foundry and Gurneys, of Toronto. All members are requested to be present at the next meeting, as a vote on the convention will be taken.

## Local No. 457, Coal Drivers, I.B. of T.

Met Sunday afternoon, January 21st, in the Labor Temple to discuss matters pertaining to their calling, and they came to the conclusion to make a running fight against organized labor in general for not supporting their label. As they are doing their best to support the other fellow, they want the other fellow to be consistent and support them.

There are many trades or callings in which a sufficient number of workers are engaged to form unions, which are still unorganized, in this city. The Toronto District Council are ready and willing to organize all such, and while they call on workers in such callings as soon as they are known, they may overlook some who desire to be organized. This is not intentional. A communication addressed to D. W. Kennedy, Secretary, 59 Edward St., from anyone who desires his trade or calling to be organized, will receive immediate attention, and secrecy will be observed if necessary.



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