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I will be pleased to give three hundred and fifty thousand dollars for a new Central Library Building and three branch library buildings (the latter to cost \$75,000, conditional upon Toronto guaranteeing, by resolution of Council, to support the library at a cost of not less than \$35,000 per year, and to give suitable site for buildings.

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thought-out plan to perpetuate the name of one of the people's greatest enemies.
Ald. Lynd: "I would support the acceptance of the offer if it is as you represent. It would certainly extend the usefulness of the library to the citizens. Mr. Carnegie's money was taken from the people, I see no better way than the one he has adopted for returning it to the people. I believe that such a scheme would be greatly to the advantage of the branch libraries."

Controller Richardson: "If a man has sufficient public spirit to give away \$350,000, Toronto should take it and be thankful."
Ald. Graham: "I see no reason why the offer of Mr. Carnegie should not be accepted. Other cities are benefiting from these gifts, and Toronto should also have a share."

Ald. Stacey: "It is great news for Toronto. Such a building would be a decided acquisition to the city."

Ald. Harrison: "I would be in favor of promptly accepting the offer. I have very little use for this sentimentalism that we should not take a man's money unless he is a Canadian. He is a millionaire; if he wants to get rid of his millions, Toronto should assist him by accepting his kind offer."
Ald. McChes: "If not surrounded by onerous conditions, Mr. Carnegie's offer should be accepted."
Ald. Spence: "Toronto certainly wants a library in keeping with the city, and \$350,000 would go a long way. I don't think there will be a general opposition to the acceptance of the offer. It seems a good one."
Ald. Hubbard: "The city should leap at the chance. There should be no discussion about it."

Mayor Equihart, while not expressing a definite opinion on the subject, until investigation showed him where the question was at, can safely be depended upon to be found on the right side in the end. We feel sure that investigation will show him that this is merely a well-

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OPPOSES ACCEPTANCE

Lieut. Col. G. T. Denson: "We are rich enough to provide libraries for ourselves. I would decline the offer."
Thomas Crawford, M.P.P.: "I do not care to say much on the subject, as I have not looked into it very thoroughly, but I should think that if it is necessary for libraries to be established in Canada, Canadians can do it without outside help."
Mr. E. B. Oster, M.P.: "I would thank Mr. Carnegie for his offer, but I would tell him that Toronto has dignity enough to attend to her own education and her own libraries in her own way. I think it is an outrage that Mr. Carnegie should give money to get Toronto to erect a building to perpetuate his name, and dictate terms as to how much should be spent upon it and in maintaining it. If it were a building for the study of science or something of that nature there might be some excuse, but of libraries of fiction and that sort of thing there is already sufficient. I think it is a piece of impudence."
This is fine evidence that good may come out of Nazareth.

The Allied Printing Trades Council at their meeting on Tuesday night passed a strong resolution against accepting the donation which the Library Board have been fishing for.

OPPRESS OPINIONS
The Star is the only daily that opposes acceptance, but is inclined to the belief that the bait is too tempting to be withheld by the City Council's self-respect. The Globe and the News grab at the offer eagerly.

The World would prefer the city to put up the cost for new buildings or have a purse made up by decent citizens, but intimates that some one's money must be accepted.
Up to the time of writing, the Mail and Telegram have expressed no opinions, and probably have none, but the Telegram will probably concisely express its opinion by Prof. Goldwin Smith.

LIBRARY BOARD "ACCEPTS"
At its meeting Tuesday night the Public Library Board unanimously accepted a recommendation of a committee to "accept the offer."

It would have been more appropriate if the resolution had read "to express our humble gratitude to Mr. Carnegie for having saved us from the disgrace of erecting a lasting monument to our own degradation."
As an excuse or justification for its acceptance of the Library Board gives the following list of Canadian cities and towns that have accepted grants from the Carnegie Trust:

1901—Ottawa, \$100,000; Vancouver, \$50,000; Collingwood, \$10,000; Montreal, \$150,000; Winnipeg, \$100,000; Pembroke, \$10,000; total, \$490,000.
1902—Berlin, \$150,000; Dawson, \$25,000; Galt, \$17,500; Guelph, \$10,000; St. Catharines, \$20,000; St. Thomas, \$15,000; Sarnia, \$15,000; Smith's Falls, \$10,000; Strathroy, \$12,000; Thorold, \$10,000; Victoria, \$50,000; Winfield, \$15,000; total, \$244,500.

Without casting any reflections on the self-respecting citizens of the cities and towns of Canada who chanced to live in the same places as the sycophantic supplicants who succeeded in throwing them into disgrace, it is to be hoped that, by the inscrutable ways in which good sometimes comes out of evil, those who degraded the name of manhood will learn sufficient from the foully gained favors of their gain at the price paid therefore—surely nothing less than self-contempt.

It is true that good may come out of evil, but it is equally true that you cannot touch pitch without becoming defiled—except if he is removing it from a weaker one who has come in contact with it.
Let us pray that the City Council will set the latter part towards the weak and erring brothers of the Library Board.

The disgusting nature of the mere suggestion of accepting such a gift from such a source is so strong that words would have to be imported from Paradise Lost or Dante's Inferno to even mildly express one's protest.

What we want is not charity from one who never earned what he offers, but get it from the bloody sweat of his fellow-men, and in order to keep on getting it permitted bloodshed that could have been prevented by one word prompted by love, fairness or even only decency.

That word was not spoken, written, telegraphed—and most likely never thought voluntarily.
Favors conferred from such a source should give those accepting them a nightmare for the rest of their lives.

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The Brass Workers have been reorganized in Montreal, with Secretary-Treasurer Griffiths left out. After warning his heels on the outside for a while he will no doubt get back his sanity, and see what a chump he has been to follow the fortunes of that abortive attempt to bring discredit on labor.

The president, vice-president and secretary of the Dominion Trades Congress are arranging the provincial deputations to meet the several Governments to press for legislation requested by the delegates at the Berlin convention. When the Dominion House meets the vice-presidents of the different provinces will go to Ottawa with the president and secretary.

General Secretary Preston of the Machinists was a visitor to the city last Saturday, after attending the funeral of Russell Quinn. He came over to show honor to a late brother, as did also a party of ten machinists from Chicago. Russell Quinn must indeed have been a worthy member of a grand organization.

The labor ticket of aldermen in Vancouver, B.C., were all defeated in the recent municipal elections. Labor men failed to vote for their own—the old, old story so often told.

The Piano Workers, who retain their affiliation with the Amalgamated Wood Workers International Union, have now every prospect of getting their affairs into more satisfactory shape with the appointment from headquarters recently of Mr. William Ward to look after their interests. Officers were installed at their meeting in Richmond Hall last Tuesday night, and a brighter tone generally pervaded the meeting.

This is a sample of the kind of gush served up by the Bulletin of Labor, official organ of the so-called National Congress. "The old congress has received an increased grant from Washington, and nothing will be left undone to have the ancient congress controlled and directed from the Washington headquarters of the American Federation of Labor, and this money will be forthcoming, if necessary, to crush all labor men and labor unions in Canada who do not submit to the Gompers-Washington-Flett-Labor Trust."

The Allied Printing Trades Council held its election of officers last Tuesday night with the following results: President, William H. Walker; Vice-President, Miss Williams; Corresponding Secretary, John Armstrong; Financial Secretary, William Henderson; Treasurer, Ernest Webb; Sergeant-at-Arms, C. E. Harst; Trustees, William Henderson and William Glocking; Auditors, W. H. Walker, Thomas Morton, W. J. Shaw; representative on Technical School Board, William Henderson.

The new Woodworkers' Council, which has been reorganized since the split occurred among the piano workers, elected the officers as follows: President, F. E. Cluskey; Vice-President, C. E. Cooper; Recording Secretary, George U. Mitchell; Financial Secretary, S. R. Johnston; Treasurer, L. Bear; Warden, R. Hussey; Trustees, H. Weidman, James Wylie and A. W. Williams. The new Council will still do business under a charter from the International Wood Workers' organization. The various trades composing the membership of the Council are all in good condition at the present time, as regards their respective organizations.

The Machinists, at their regular meeting in Richmond Hall last Tuesday evening, passed a resolution and appointed a committee, which will wait upon the Board of Control to urge upon the members to do their utmost to have the new pumping engine for the city built in this city. The engines have usually been got from Boston, but the machinists say there is no reason why the engine should not be built here by local men under the superintendence, if necessary, of an expert from that, or any other foreign firm that may be decided upon. There are plenty of machinists in the city capable of doing the work, they state. Another committee was appointed to attend the funeral of Russell Quinn, a victim of the Wanstead disaster, who died on Monday. Mr. Quinn was a brother of Captain Quinn, of Oakville, and was a delegate from Chicago to the last convention of machinists in this city. Five candidates were elected.

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The most favorable comment that can be made on Mr. Fleming's opinion is that it is thoroughly characteristic of him—he would never let a dollar pass him if he could lay his hands on it.

As for Mr. Condy, he knows more about books to write in than to read, and as City Treasurer would naturally like to get all the money for the city that he could.

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