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Some time since the Label League committee invited all unions having a label to advertise it in our columns, so that well wishers would really know there were such things and what they were like. How do you expect to protect your label if you are too tired to tell people what it is like?

It is not much use of our columns trying to boom the label while most of our readers don't know what we mean. Some few only know the cigar label or the Tobacco Workers' label.

It makes hard work, and a discouraging work, for the Label League to try and work up the label question and the unions so careless they never think of lending a hand for their own protection and only cry out in the time of trouble.

Let us try and avoid all trouble by working earnestly at this label boom, introducing it everywhere and to everybody. This method will be found far more effective than strikes.

While we have charged through our columns that Mr. Coatsworth broke his pledge, so did Mr. Spence. Mr. Coatsworth PROMISES NOW TO DO AS THE PEOPLE SAY, WHILE MR. SPENCE SAYS HE WILL NOT, UNLESS IT SUITS HIMSELF. So of the two MR. COATSWORTH SHOULD BE SUPPORTED AND ELECTED AS MAYOR FOR 1906.

The License Commissioners are going to enforce the observance of the liquor law in all cases. This is a good move. Could they not recommend that the law be altered so that guests could be served in their rooms and the general public at certain hours on Sundays? This would save that inevitable flask being brought on Saturday night; also that everlasting loading up of the last drink before 7 o'clock because they cannot get another.

If the 7 o'clock law was cut out more money would go to the home—and, in many cases, a brighter papa.

The letter from Mr. J. Simpson, published in the "Star" on Saturday last under the heading, The Voice of Labor, is very misleading and we are more than surprised at the audacity of any man making such a claim in face of the two "tremendous" votes of the Labor Council previously cast.

There are many who have left the address given to us, and forgot to send in the change. Please be careful, remember, this cost time and money to chase up these changes.

Fifteen members of the Stone Mounters' Union in Hamilton arrested for conspiracy because they would not work with a non-union man—would it not be in good order for those men to lay a charge of conspiracy against this non-union man and the firm for conspiracy against their rights as union men.

CONTROLLER SPENCE has come out flatfooted and declares NO MATTER WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY on the license reduction question, HE WILL DO AS HE THINKS BEST. He did this on the \$700 question and will do so on any other question in all probability. MARK HIM FOR DEFEAT.

Ald Coatsworth PLEDGED HIMSELF (if elected) TO OBEY THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. This is what the People want, therefore HE SHOULD BE ELECTED as Mayor for 1906.

**VOTE FOR COATSWORTH.**

Vote for J. E. Stewart as alderman for ward six and secure the services of a straight trades unionist out for the good of the city at large and for that purpose alone. A man fearless in any cause and will see the workingman has his rights in every case or know the reason why.

Frank Moses, in ward three, pledged himself in the Labor Council that he would abide by the will of the people in the question of license reduction.

Vote for J. J. Ward as controller. He has always been the friend of organized labor and will stand by them.

Vote for Coatsworth for Mayor. A man who promises to consult with labor men on questions that concern them and on which they are the best judges.

Vote for John Tweed as school trustee. He is out for a straight, plain education with no frills or fads, and the education system to be run on a more economical system, at the same time to have it sound in all necessary branches.

Mr. Urquhart will stay at home next term, and if we leave his running companion—Controller Spence—there, Toronto will lose nothing and gain a great deal.

When the Ross government was in power they promised the temperance people everything, but gave them nothing; but Mr. Spence never kicked. And though he and his party were turned down time and again by Mr. Ross, they showed no inclination to sever their connection with that party. Mr. Whitney, on the other hand, promised Mr. Spence's party that if elected he would see that the liquor laws were lived up to, and the hotelkeepers made to keep hotel. In his endeavor to make good his promises he has alarmed Mr. Spence and his party, who, by the way, are now determined to have the licenses reduced in Toronto, thereby taking the wind out of Mr. Whitney's sails. What next will the people be held up for?

If the reduction by-law is carried, how can we ever expect to develop the hotel business. We surely cannot expect men to improve their premises and invest their last dollar only to find that they have been served with a notice to get out within three months.

The man that votes for the reduction of licenses has no interest in the business man or the workingman of this city. He merely wishes to compel people to do what they don't want to do.

A good many hotelkeepers in Toronto were compelled by the license commissioners to spend large sums of money to improve their premises, and now those so-called Christian temperance workers would cast them adrift without one cent to recompense them for their loss. Is this the justice that we are to expect from Christians.

Some cities pay large bonuses to manufacturers because they employ men and thereby make business for the merchant, and thus build up the city. When an industry becomes financially embarrassed, or for some other reason is compelled to close up, we hear the people say, "What a pity; it will throw so many men out of employment, and thus make it very bad for business." But when we tell our temperance friends that the reduction by-law will throw men out of employment, they say, "Oh, that don't matter; they will get better jobs at something else." Thus they show us that they will say any old thing to suit their own selfish argument.

The District Labor Council, a legislative body that is second to none in this country, after a thorough discussion and careful consideration of all the arguments, have decided that certain benefits would accrue from a reduction of licenses; but that a great deal of harm and injustice would be done by it; and that the harm would far outweigh the good. Therefore they have no hesitation in asking the working people to vote and work to defeat the by-law.

See this Label is on all  
your Bread.  
Get no other

When our friend Jimmy Simpson spoke of cigars selling for less money in the hotels than in the cigar stores he was entirely wrong. Whoever bought four Bachelors for 25 cents in a hotel or five Marguerites, or four Arabellas; or who ever saw a hotel selling a \$35 per thousand cigar six or seven for a quarter, as you will find in a cigar store. It seems to us that a good many of his arguments might with safety be reversed, but the temperance people will talk about things they know nothing about.

We do not wish to encourage drinking, neither do we say that there are not a great many people that would be better off if they drank less; but we do say that it is far beyond the right of any crank to say we shall not take a drink when we feel like it. We reserve the right to say ourselves when and what we shall drink.

We would like to say to some of our temperance friends regarding hotel licenses: "We don't want it and you don't need it, so why don't you go along and sell your cider."

So long as liquor is made it will be drunk, and as long as there is anybody to drink it, and will pay the price, it will be made. So what is the use of robbing the country of the revenue of legitimate hotels when we are going to do nothing but harm by it?

Who is the Star's informant? It turned the report of the District Labor Council of a couple of weeks ago upside down, and now it says a referendum of the unions is to be taken on the question of hotel licenses, something that has never been thought of, and would be quite impossible in the time. If this thing keeps up we will soon be justified in saying: "If you see it in the Star it is not true!"

Every fair-minded person should condemn the reduction by-law, or any other scheme that tends to impoverish one citizen to enrich another.

People find fault with the high value placed on hotel licenses in Toronto, and say: "When a man has a license that he gets by a pull, he has a fortune." By reducing the number by 25 per cent, you add 25 per cent to the value of those remaining, but any old thing goes so long as it is a slap at the liquor trade.

The minister of the Gospel who does not recognize the injustice of closing a man's business without recompensing him in any way for his loss cannot surely expect to have much influence with fair-minded people.

Any prohibitionists are opposed to the proposed reduction by-law for the reason that it would create a greater monopoly without lessening the amount of liquor consumed, and would in no way tend to improve the moral standing of our city.

The people who are trying to force this by-law upon us are the people who tried to prevent us from having Sunday cars, and are now riding on them, and admit that in no way tend to demoralize our city. Vote down this unjust by-law and show once and for all that crank legislation no longer rules this city.

**HARD LOGIC FOR SPENCE**

Suppose that next Monday Mr. F. S. Spence were to get a majority of the majority votes of the electors, and the returning officer were to say: "I think that the vote polled by the people is wrong, and I shall use the God-given privilege of exercising my own judgment. Therefore I will not give effect to the will of the people, and I declare Mr. Coatsworth elected." What a roar of execration would arise, joined in by F. S. Spence!

Yet such an action of the returning officer would be similar in character to the act of F. S. Spence himself when last March he said: "I think that the vote polled by the people on the \$700 exemption . . . is wrong, and I shall use the God-given privilege of exercising my own judgment. Therefore I will not give effect to the will of the people, and I vote against the \$700 exemption."

Apart from the mere legal aspect of the question, which does not affect the principle involved, what reason is there why a majority vote of the people on a measure is contemptuously kicked aside?

A vote of the people is a vote of the people, whether on a man or on a measure.

Voting on a measure like the \$700 exemption or the reduction of licenses has the advantage that the issue is clear-cut and unmistakable; but in voting for a man, he may be in favor of some things that you want, and of some things you do not want. Hence the importance of having the will of the people implicitly obeyed when they vote on measures, no less than when they vote on men.

Mr. Spence says that if he is elected every power that God has given him will be devoted to the service of his fellow-citizens.

Which fellow-citizens? Chiefly the land monopolists and the prohibitionists. The rest of us come in a long way in the rear.

**Mr. Coatsworth's Answers**

On Saturday last Mr. Virtue sent a letter and question blank to Mr. Emerson Coatsworth, and promptly received the form filled in as follows:

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?

Answer—Yes, if there is a reasonable number 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?

Answer—In the main I approve of this. I certainly believe and will urge that the expressed will of the people shall always govern.

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 granting, amending or renewing franchises for public utilities?

Answer—I believe that the people should be consulted in regard to important franchises, and when they speak with a reasonable sized vote it should be accepted.

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?

Answer—I am in favor of obtaining and accepting the mandate of the people.

5. Will you, if elected, use the power of your office to carry out the will of the majority, as expressed by the vote of 1905 on the \$700 exemption, the vote of 1906 on the reduction of licenses, and any future referendum votes that may be taken.

Answer—I believe there should be another vote on the \$700 exemption, as I don't think proper information was furnished before. I am in favor of following the will of the people on any matter properly laid before them, when a reasonable number of votes are cast.

E. COATSWORTH.

27th December, 1905.

It seems strange that the citizens who are anxious to have some of the hotel licenses cut off are taking no steps to get the government to cut off the licenses held by some clubs and a restaurant in the city. Because these places we claim are doing more harm to the youth of the land than the hotels that the citizens are desirous of closing up. The best young men of the city belong to some of these clubs and they are worth saving. And this cannot be done if temptation is put in their way. And if they do not drink when they become members it is not very long before the majority of them do so. And the restaurant that is selling light wine and liquors and which is not connected with a hotel is doing greater harm. Because men take their young lady companions there for luncheon and dinners and oftentimes wine and other liquors are served to them. And any newspaper reporter will tell you the result of young women drinking. They commence with wine or beer and in ninety nine cases out of a hundred end up with whiskey or gin. A large number of parents are not aware their daughters can be served with wine, etc., in this restaurant and do not know that sometimes the young ladies will go there and drink with their female or male companions. Unless we protect the women of the land we will not be able to point with pride to our nation. The young in both sexes is apt to think that they are strong enough to withstand temptation and can leave liquor alone or take it just as they please. But the Police Court reports do not bear this out. And the poor outcast sister who takes her jug to the corner store is on no lower level than her rich sister who sips her wine and liquor in the high-toned restaurant. The bloom is soon rubbed off the flower that comes in contact with evil temptation; and if parents are not able to protect their young daughters the state ought to jump in and protect those that are worth saving. Therefore if it is necessary to reduce hotel licenses it is right to cut off the licenses from the clubs and the restaurant that do not pretend to be hotels in any sense of the word. But these places are controlled by parties who have strong influence at present, but this influence would soon cease if the labor men kept their obligation.

John Adams, of the firm of John Adams &amp; Co., is seeking election as Alderman in Ward 6. A good man for who?

Did the Headless Rooster retire at the nominations, or is he still wandering around Ward 6?

**Horsehoers**

Horsehoers Local 49 met on Tuesday night. The business was routine, the discussion being on prospects for 1906.

**Machinists**

The Machinists met on Tuesday night and elected their officers as follows: Pres., B. Aikens; Vice-Pres., R. Wray; Rec.-Sec., H. Boyson; Fin.-Sec., T. A. White; Treas., W. Dill; Trustees, Abbott, Horwood and Stockhill; Bus. Agent, L. H. Gibbon; Executive Committee, Burke, Davidson, Thoms and Brent; Auditors, Aikens, Thoms and Montgomery.

**NOTES ON THE ELECTION**

"Ere, ere," said Sabine, "I guess I'm on time To occupy a front seat. If elected I'll be, I will surely see That the School Board is kept on its feet."

Mr. Spence says there is no politics in the Toronto municipal elections. Strange to say, however, in this Conservative city there is always a "Grit" on the job.

And if there is no politics in the Mayoralty, why did not Mr. Urquhart retire in favor of Mr. Coatsworth?

When any reference was made to the Yonge street bridge at the nominations everybody smiled out so as to be heard.

Any labor man who does not mark his ballot for Jack Ward will forget his duty as a labor man.

Mr. Coatsworth was once a carpenter. Mr. Spence must have been a sheet metal worker, principally on hot air appliances.

Vote and work for the election of John Tweed, as member of the Board of Education. If you are a labor man stop talking and vote for labor.

Mr. Spence says he will be guided only by his own ideas, irrespective of what the people say; however, we suppose he will be compelled to abide by the will of the people insofar as his occupancy of the mayor's chair is concerned.

Frank Woods has always been a true friend of the working classes and deserves your vote and influence. Ward 5 can put him at the head of the polls. See that you do it.

So poor Donald MacGregor was to be boycotted by the temperance party because his name was in the paper as being opposed to the reduction by-law. Drink what you like, Donald, my laddie, but you'll have to keep it to yourself.

If Mr. Spence is not willing to be controlled by the voice of the people why did he ask that the question of hotel reduction be submitted to the people? Does he mean that if we carry it we are to have it, and if we defeat it we must have it, whether we want it or not? Have we a czar in our midst?

Vote for the labor candidates. You have everything to win and nothing to lose.

Mr. Urquhart retired in favor of his friend Mr. Spence, thus turning down his temperance colleague, Mr. Coatsworth. Still they say there is no politics in the mayoralty campaign.

The Moral Reform Association has endorsed the candidature of Mr. Jones and Mr. Hastings for the Board of Control. It is even betting that no more than one of these gentlemen will suffer from the said endorsement.

Our daily papers are very reticent as to the reduction by-law. Who would have thought we had so many teetotal editors in the town? Never mind, boys, the by-law will be defeated and then you can all say "I told you so."

The eyes of the political world are upon us. See that all labor candidates are elected.

Do not wait for some one to come and tell you to vote. Get out and vote early for fear some kind friend may do so for you.

James Simpson says that if the reduction by-law passes the police will have more time to watch the dives. Yes, and they will have more dives to watch.

Boston, one of the best conducted cities in the United States, has lately voted overwhelmingly in favor of the licensing of saloons.

A man who openly declares that he will not be controlled by the will of the people has no business running for mayor in this democratic city.

Whatever induced our friend Jimmy Simpson to advocate the use of tobacco.

John Tweed for Board of Education. Jack Ward for Controller. J. Wilson as Alderman in Ward 1. F. Moses as Alderman in Ward 3. Frank Woods as Alderman in Ward 5. J. E. Stewart as Alderman in Ward 6. These men should all be elected. It is up to you.

Defeat the license reduction by-law and stand by your fellow-unionists.

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