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THE ECHO is mailed to subscribers at a distance every Friday evening, and delivered in the city early on Saturday.

LE TRAIT D'UNION AND THE NATIONALITY QUESTION.

Under the heading, "A Word to THE ECHO," Mr. Lepine's paper, Le Trait d'Union, has something to say on the nationality question.

In our article we desired to point out that the race cry was adopted solely by politicians. The two peoples of themselves would readily mingle, and indeed do mingle, together in business pursuits and as citizens, if they are let alone, but when their baser passions are appealed to by scheming politicians they become antagonistic and there is consequent danger to the State.

But while Le Trait d'Union claims

equal talent and ability for the French-Canadian race, a proposition which is not disputed, it is itself alone afraid to rely upon these qualifications for success, for it says that while its countrymen number three-fourths of the population—of the Province of Quebec, we presume, it means—"the English-speaking citizens would fill all public positions and honorary places, control all the business and the others could stay in the shade and keep quiet."

LABOR DAY.

Labor Day, under the auspices of the Central Trades and Labor Council, has now come to be looked upon as an established institution, and the forthcoming celebration of the famous first Monday in September will see united in one bond of harmony and equality the workingmen of Montreal.

dragged from the unwilling autocrats in power, they are none the less real, and with the rapidly advancing education of the people greater results, by the exercise of patience and fortitude will yet be attained.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The strike of plumbers in London, Ont., has terminated in favor of the men, who will in future receive twenty-five cents per hour.

Public morality in Canada must be at a very low ebb judging from the scandals now in course of investigation and others continually cropping up. Yet another case of corrupt practices has been brought to the attention of the House of Commons, the accused party being Edward Cochrane, M. P. for the East Riding of Northumberland.

The Government continues to decapitate the smaller fry of the departments under investigation who have been proved, or acknowledged to have accepted, bribes from contractors or firms with whom business brought them into contact. The latest of these to suffer is the Superintendent of the Stationery Department, Mr. Bronskill, who acknowledged to receiving several favors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

TREAT ALL THIEVES ALIKE.

Six months in the common jail was the sentence passed upon a widow woman the other day who had sunk so utterly low and depraved that she actually stole some preserves for her baby.

stealing because they are careful enough to take sufficient to be out of that category. To take a railway, a few million acres of land, two or three hundred thousands of dollars, a few thousand miles of timber limits, a million or two dollars' worth of mining lands, or get a canal built for the convenience of your mills—that is not considered stealing by our governing powers that be.

And when we consider that at the present time the reputation and credit of Canada is at stake, awaiting the verdict of the people on these matters, it behoves us, if we are to retain any vestige of our respectability and pave the way for anything like honest government in the future, that we must not let these public pilferers rest with their ill-gotten gains.

Now, Montreal being the heaviest taxpayer in the Dominion should take the initiative in this matter in calling a public meeting, so that the people could voice their sentiments.

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