

PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN.

ON December 6, 1889, the members of the Trades and Labor Council were asked for their co-operation in a movement to secure public playgrounds for children and young people. As a means of paying for such playgrounds, it was proposed to ask the Government to impose a legacy tax, the proceeds from which might be applied for this and other philanthropic objects.

This was the first occasion on which the legacy tax, afterwards adopted by the Ontario Government, was advocated in this Province. To Mr. Beverley Jones belongs the credit for this. The *Toronto News* of December 7, 1889, gave the following report of the meeting:

IN BEHALF OF THE KIDS.

THE TRADES COUNCIL ADVOCATES PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS.

The Trades' and Labor Council sat last night. President Glockling in the chair.

After routine business a deputation from the Humane Society was introduced and Messrs. Beverley Jones and J. J. Kelso, addressed the meeting, advocating the establishment of playgrounds in various parts of the city for children. The arguments of the deputation caught the members of the Council exactly and the following resolution, moved by W. H. Parr and seconded by J. W. Davey, was carried:

"That the 25,000 school children of Toronto are entitled to have proper play grounds, similar to those at-