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We present to our readers this week something of importance to the workers. For years the labor movement has been bandied about from hall to hall in this city, sometimes getting fair accommodation and sometimes very bad.

The illustration presented herewith will give you an idea of what we might have as a home for all the unions.

We have 15,000 members in this city, and to obtain the home illustrated it would be necessary now to make a sacrifice upon your part of the small sum of ONE DOLLAR.

We believe you are prepared to do this if the matter is placed before you. Immediate action is requested upon the part of the unions to get this magnificent building with amusement perquisites that will entertain you upon any day or night you desire to use the same.

The privilege of having a place to entertain friends has been lacking in this big city all too long, and action by you now will forever remedy this lack of hospitality upon your part.

Think of it! you workers who have often kicked against the miserable holes you have had to meet in. Think of the pleasure it would afford to have one of the finest halls in the city you could always call your own. Think of such a hall combined with a first-class gymnasium, bowling alley, billiard room, shooting gallery, reading rooms, library and card rooms, as well as baths, etc., and then ask yourself if you are willing to assess yourselves the sum of one dollar now to secure possession of the treasure.

The combination of a lunch counter with all these means of entertainment, and you have set before you the picture of a labor temple such as every union man would be proud to show his friends.

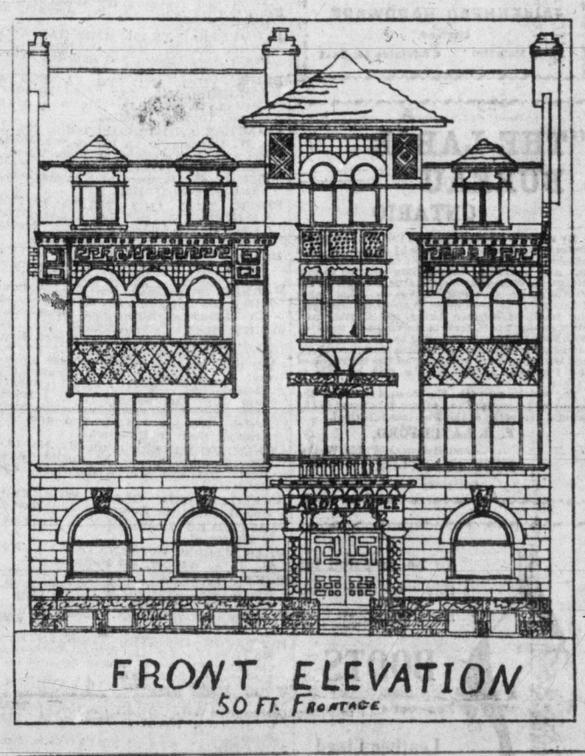
The place in prospect is one of the handsomest club buildings ever erected in Toronto, and will meet fully the requirements of all the labor organizations. It will give the sporting men an excuse for attending their meeting and furnish the groundwork for an athletic team second to none in the city. All this and more. It will offer a place where you may hold your concerts, your at-homes and all like entertainments, and if this is not sufficient inducement to make you give up your dollar, then you do not care whether your union has a hall to meet in.

We might go on in this strain for columns and tell of the oft-repeated cries for a hall, but it is sufficient as expressed herewith.

Now let us explain the practical side. It will be necessary to raise at least $7,000 to make the first payment and the necessary improvements, and inside of the next year it would be necessary to raise $5,000 more, which would carry the speculation and make the present rentals of the different unions pay the remainder of the principal in time, as well as the current running expenses of the building.

It is estimated that a revenue of something around $5,000 per year would be derived from the hall and club amusements. It would take about $3,000 a year to pay the interest and running expenses, and the balance would be set aside for the ultimate payment of the balance of the principal, and in something like ten years the unions would have the pleasure of meeting in a fine hall at about half the present rentals.

Your union should take the matter up and signify by a vote of its members that it is willing to pay an assessment of $1. If all will act now and let the committee in charge know of the action, it will spur them on to accomplish for Toronto labor men one of the grandest achievements in the history of the movement.



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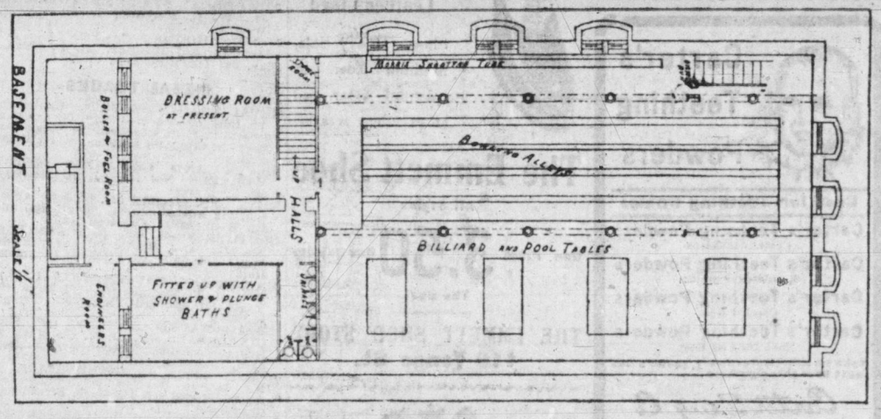

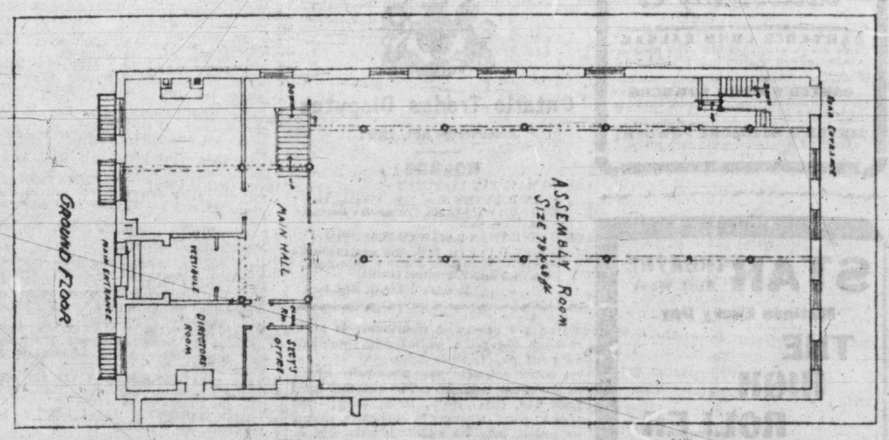

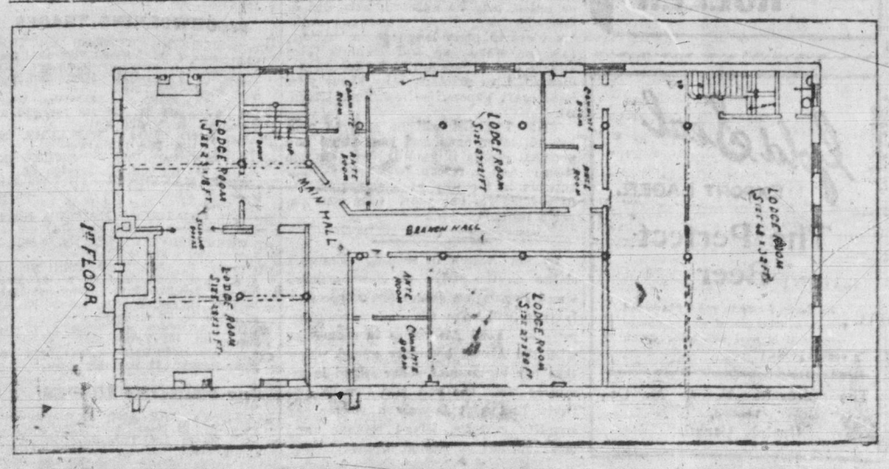

Current Comment

Chicago agitation for municipal ownership has had its results in the carrying of the proposition to own and control their own street railway service.

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The machinists and boilermakers in the employ of the Vancouver Iron Works, Vancouver, B.C., went on strike a few days ago, and the press in this part of the country refuse to let the people know of the fact even by paid advertisement. Men in this line will do well to give Vancouver the go-by for a time.

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Things are going from bad to worse up at the Queen's Park stone pile. The Premier gave a deputation of the Trades Council to understand that the cumulative vote would not be interfered with this session, yet the Attorney-General comes along and wipes it out by his consent when before the committee. Yet another. The Stationary Engineers were given promise of a consideration of their bill, but upon the advice of the Manufacturers' Association the bill was bowled out before a committee appointed to consider it. This sort of thing is giving the workers a lesson which they badly need, and that is, the promises of the two old parties are of no avail. The remedy is in their own hands, and they have so far neglected to use it. Will they wake up now and see that to get anything they must elect their own?

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The Board of Business Agents have removed to 76 Church street.

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Look up the ad. with reference to Toiler subscriptions and see what you can do about it during the next four months. The prizes are worth winning, and you can do it if you will only try.

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Labor should have a representative in the bye-election in Ward 5.

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The Hamilton Trades Council passed a congratulatory resolution to the Toiler for winning in its suit against the Gurney Foundry Co.

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The fight against immigration goes merrily on, and the unions are alive to the efforts of the manufacturers to flood this market. There is no need for more mechanics in this country until positions are found for those already here, and the sooner our English brethren realize this, the better it will be for them. We have been subjected to severe criticism for attempting to stop the growth of this country, but what we desire to point out is that men in large numbers may come here if they are going to settle on the land, but that the mechanics and laborers in the centres of population are more than sufficient for all present purposes.

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The strike of the G.N.W. operators is a result. The cause is the grasping selfishness of this age personified in Mr. McMichael. Anything which shows a tendency to better things for those who toil is quickly sat upon by these inhuman rascals who are seeking big dividends for the corporations at the expense of the worker.

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Remember the union's cause is the cause of the people, and whatever benefits they derive from the periodical fights you later will reap where you have not sown.

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We congratulate that earnest young thinker, Rev. W. E. Gilroy, for his carrying off the prize for the best topical poem given by the Munsey Magazine. His contribution shows that he has quite a grasp of the modern methods of buccaneering.

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3 cans Pie Peaches for	25c	1 lb. 40c. Cocoa	25c
3 cans Pink Salmon for	25c	3 lbs. Walnuts or Filberts	25c
2 cans best Red Salmon for	25c	1 lb. Shelled Almonds or Walnuts	25c
3 lbs. good Apricots	25c	3 ten-cent tins Syrup	25c
2½ lbs. fancy Apricots	25c	3 cans Pumpkins	25c
5 lbs. Dry Peaches	25c	4 ten-cent tins Armour's Soup	25c
3 lbs. Lemon or Orange Peel	25c	6 tins Sardines	25c
3 large cans Baking Powder	25c	3 tins imported Sardines	25c
1 lb. Cream Tartar	25c	3 packages Ammonia	25c
2 lbs. Ginger or Mustard	25c	6 packages Pearline	25c
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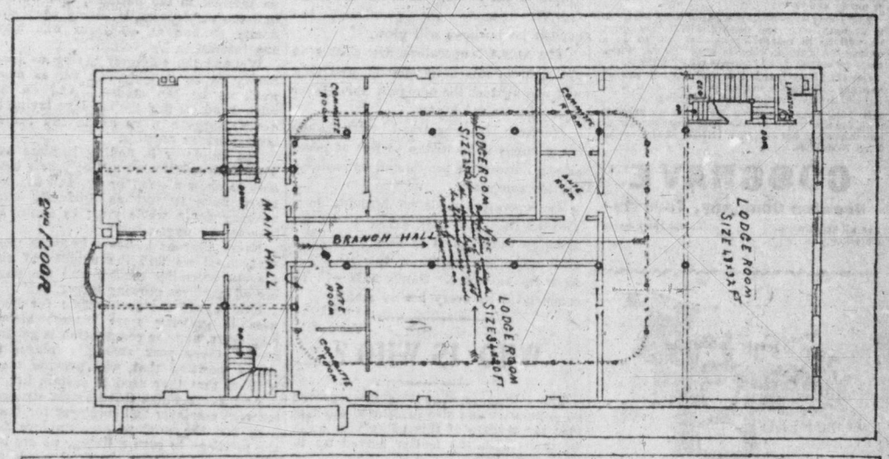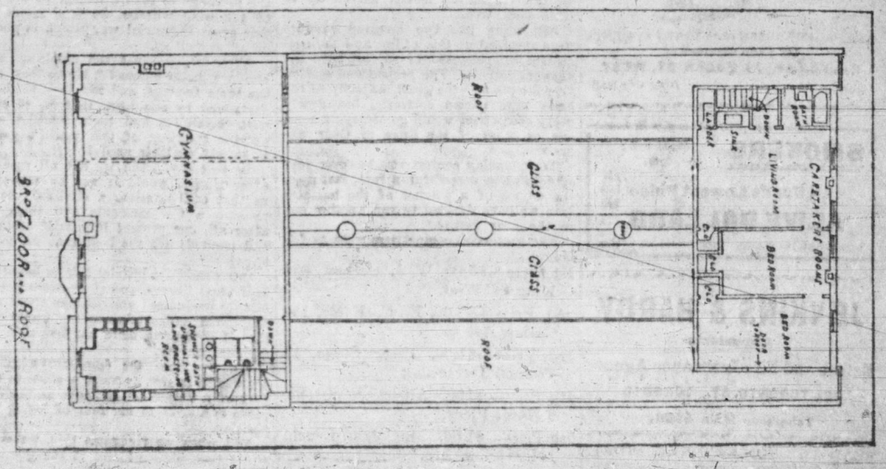
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