

The 1910 Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress in the Twin Cities.

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THE Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada offers many new opportunities for progress and success for the great cause of labor and humanity. The hosts of labor the continent over have cause for rejoicing. Rejoicing that the advances made are due to labor's own proven powers; in its grit and determination to exercise them; at the achievements which have been wrung from unwilling and antagonistic employers; for be it understood that the advantages which have come to the toilers are the result of their better and more thorough organization, their higher intelligence, and their intense manifestations of solidarity and fraternity. The movements of many of our political representatives for the past few years has taught the wage-earners of our country more effectually than any number of warnings and urgings from their leaders, that if they hope to obtain their rights and the redress they are so justly entitled, they will be compelled to show their teeth to their political, as well as their economic opponents.

Labor has always taken political action more or less. The politics of labor have been for the laborers and the common people, without regard to party. As time goes on organization extends and the spirit of federation expands, gaining confidence, self-respect and power, and exerting these for the benefit and advantage primarily of the workers, and necessarily for all the people.

From all quarters of our broad Dominion come encouraging reports that wage-earners are