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"TIME."

Kind reader, if you vainly imagine that in this the initial number of the Official Organ of the People's Political Party, that we are going to stop to discuss "the why's and the wherefore's" of this contest, in the words of common parlance, "you are greatly left." We don't propose to do anything of the kind, but simply to announce that "we are in the ring," it's to be "a fight to a finish," and somebody has got to be "knocked out," who that somebody is, we shall allow the judges—the down-trodden masses—the common people, to decide.—Ed.

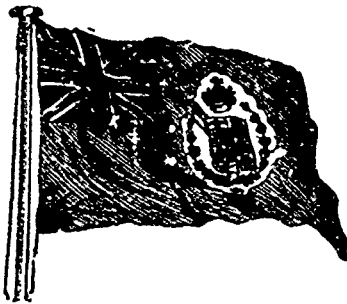
"FIRST BLOOD."

The people now possess the power to control the management of every department of State, and to arrange for a proper distribution of the national resources. Why, then, stand idle and allow the boodlers and political bummers to harvest the crop while you humbly gather up the crumbs? Because the masses have tamely submitted for centuries to be hounded and degraded in the old world, will the workingmen of Canada quietly allow the same system of oppression to operate in our new and progressive country? God forbid! Organize and organize. Get rid of your apathy and selfish indifference, muster your united strength, unite thoroughly and energetically, leave out all personal considerations and work zealously and harmoniously towards creating a prosperous future for the whole of the community.

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Instead of allowing the legislatures to be crowded with political hacks, schemers who are foisted on the public merely for their pliancy toadyism to their superiors, exercise your privilege and power at the ballot, and only elect men who will honestly endeavor to promote the welfare of all, and not work for the advantage of the few for the sake of securing some personal advantage. Seldom do we find men enter the political arena with high and pure conception of duty towards their country and people. The grand

THE People's Political Party!



DECLARATION

Whereas, capital by unfair combinations and undue influence upon every department of state, makes equity and justice impossible to the wealth producers of this nation; and since the history and legislation of the past demonstrates that no dependence whatever, can be placed upon the pledges and professions of representatives of existing political parties, so far as the interests of the industrial classes are concerned; therefore be it *Resolved*, that the time has come when the workingmen of Canada are compelled to cut loose all party ties and organize themselves into the people's political party, the object of which, briefly stated, shall be to secure justice to all.

If you approve, sign this also, detach it from Declaration, and enclose to T. D. ALLEN, Secretary, Wellington Street, Kingston.
I am in accord with the leading Principles and objects of the PEOPLE'S POLITICAL PARTY, as set forth in its Declaration and will co-operate by vote and influence to promote them.

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statesmen who devoted their lives and ability in the service of their country often at great personal sacrifice have given place in many cases to political schemers and tricksters, utterly devoid of the slightest spark of patriotism, whose sole aim is directed to cramming everything obtainable into their wolfish jaws.—*Canadian Workman.*

"COME AGAIN."

HOW WE INTEND TO "GET THERE."
In 1800, both the Whigs and the Democrats in the United States supported slavery. For forty years many of the people preached and talked and prayed against slavery, but neutralized their efforts by voting for the parties who defended the evil. In 1850 they formed a new party, calling it the "Liberty Party," which, in the next Presidential contest, received only some 7,000 votes. Four years later the vote rose to 62,000. After that a wing of the Democrats espoused the principles of the Liberty party, and called themselves "Free-soilers." In 1848 these two parties polled a vote of 291,000. In 1852 there was an apparent loss, but in 1856 the Liberty party and Whigs united under the name of the Republican party, and polled a vote of 1,541,000. The rising tide reached high-water mark in 1860, when Abraham Lincoln was elected and the doom of slavery sealed.

That is about the style in which we propose to "put to sleep" the degrading slavery of the present industrial system.

"GET ON YOUR MUSCLE."

PULL THE WOOL OUT OF YOUR EYES.
"Let us be diverted by none of these sophistical contrivances wherewith we are so industriously plied and belabored—contrivances such as groping for some middle ground between the right and the wrong, vain as the search for a man who should be neither a living nor a dead man. . . . Neither let us be slandered from our duty by false accusations against us, nor frightened from it by menaces. . . . Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."—*Abraham Lincoln in 1860.*

DO THEY FIND IT?

A young Irishman on applying to an old farmer for a job, was asked: "What brings so many of you Irishmen over here?" "Well sor, we lost a part of the Lord's Prayer in Oirland, and came here to find it." Farmer: "What part might that be?" Irishman: "Our daily bread."