



The gravest beast is the Ass; the gravest bird is the Owl;  
The gravest fish is the Oyster; the gravest man is the Fool.

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THE Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, which concluded its sessions in this city last week, did much good work, and put themselves on record in favor of many advanced measures. If the working class generally were as intelligent and progressive in their views as their representatives, the reign of social injustice would soon be over. But unfortunately this is not the case. The bulk of the workers are not merely apathetic and ignorant so far as economic questions are concerned, but what is worse, they are the willing slaves of party and sectarianism. This is not their

fault, but simply the result of the conditions in which they are placed, and more especially of the misleading teachings of the educated and professional classes to whom they look for guidance.

THE labor demonstration in connection with the Industrial cannot be regarded otherwise than as a costly piece of folly. What in the name of common sense has organized labor in this city done to demonstrate over? The supporters of a movement that has been repeatedly defeated at the polls—that cannot elect so much as an alderman or a school trustee, let alone an M.P.—that cannot win a strike on a large scale, or even support a newspaper, only expose themselves to ridicule by wasting means and energy in triumphal parades. Let labor accomplish something practical and show its influence at the polls before it indulges in silly self-glorification.

THE appointment of Prof. Loudon, as the successor of Sir Daniel Wilson in the Presidency of Toronto University, gives general satisfaction. It is a gratifying departure from the custom that has hitherto prevailed of looking for foreign talent wherever an important educational post is to be filled. Although the new President is a Canadian, he is in every way fitted for the position.



FOLLOWING the example of some of the more narrow-minded labor organizations, the Lawyers' Trade Union has declined to admit women as students. That the benchers should have taken this action will not surprise any one, as the law is the most conservative and hide-bound of all the professions. What Miss Martin, the applicant, and the friends of woman's emancipation may justly complain of, is the cowardly and hypocritical fashion in which the benchers endeavored to shirk the responsibility for and odium of their course. They gave out last year that they could not legally admit women, whereupon Miss Martin

went to the Legislature and procured an Act authorizing them to do so. As the benchers could no longer avail themselves of their former subterfuge they flatly refused her admission. No doubt individually, and in their private capacities, the benchers are very estimable gentlemen, but professionally and collectively they are an unmanly, contemptible lot.

WHEN the members of an ordinary trade union go on strike, as at Homestead, and endeavor to keep non-unionists from working, respectable public opinion at once raises an outcry and calls for the police and military to protect the would-be workers. We haven't noticed any articles in the press calling out for the suppression of the Lawyers' Trade Union and demanding liberty for Miss Martin to earn an honest living at the law business. Yet the outrage in her case is even more flagrant, inasmuch as she is willing and anxious to join the union and abide by its regulations.

THE *World*, which has justly berated the Americans for their cowardice in connection with the cholera scare, most inconsistently tries to get up a scare of its own in regard to American money. The absurd notion that it is incumbent upon Canadians to refuse American bills for fear of infection, is doubtless promulgated less from any belief in possible danger, than from the desire to forward the crusade against American money which our contemporary has been frantically attempting to promote in the interests of bankers and brokers. Canadians need all the circulating medium of any kind that is obtainable, and all restrictions, such as the *World* is advocating for the purpose of keeping out American money, play directly into the hands of the money-monopolists.

BUT American silver and silver certificates are intrinsically worth only 63 cents," say the monopolist organs. Well, if you come to intrinsic value, what are Canadian bank bills or Dominion notes worth? There isn't gold enough in the country to redeem a tenth part of them. Everybody knows it and nobody cares two straws because the true basis of currency is not