

## Communications.

## THE WORKINGMEN OF CANADA AND THE TWO POLITICAL PARTIES.

In looking at mere abstract political principles, it may be found that a majority of workingmen agree with the Clear Grit party. But in Canada, where all the great principles that have been contended for by workingmen in England for generations, have been conceded and are now fully enjoyed by all classes of the community, both political parties stand on the same political footing, and with one or two exceptions our political institutions are rather in advance than behind the times; and in the excepted cases, we find the present Government as far more in accord with the workingmen than the Opposition; and in one blot on our statute book—the criminal Law Amendment Act—the workingmen are assured that the Ministry are willing to consider favourable alterations or amendments they may make.

It can never be forgotten by the workingmen of the Dominion, the dastardly attempt made to crush the workmen by the great representative man of the Clear Grit party, in his unholy crusade against the Toronto Printers' Trade Union; and the satisfaction felt by many of the prominent men of that party, at the prospect of this unholy crusade against trade unions in general.

Neither will we forget to whom in our need we are indebted to for our escape from the vilification and debasement which it was the intention to throw around us all in crushing out our Trade Societies, and leaving us divided and helpless to be dealt with as capital saw fit.

An eminent writer says:—"There is a point in human nature where moral distinctions do not appear, as on the earth there are places where the compass will not traverse, and thence where the sun never shines. Seen from this point, right and wrong lose their distinction and run into each other; good seems evil and evil good, and both are the same." The Managing Director must have reached this point. From any other point or view, the man's conduct seems inexplicable; and when foiled by the generous aid of Sir John A. Macdonald, how he sought to cover his ignominious retreat in great clouds of subterfuge and lies about intimidation, stone throwing, and pistol firing, which never had even the least foundation, except in his own heated brain; and as a party, the Grits approved of this crusade against labour, and if they were in power to day, labour has nothing to expect from them. Under that part, the Criminal Law Amendment must remain on the statute book to be acted on and enforced at the first opportunity by the great Bow Park Thug himself.

We have a right to judge the party by the representative men thereof—Brown, Mackenzie & Co; and we find them narrow-minded, presumptuous, and, as far as we workingmen are concerned, oppressive and imperious. Taking them as exponents that indicate the character and degree of development the party has attained, what do we find?

Like Saturn in the fable, they seek to devour their own children; for no sooner does a member of the party show the least independence of spirit, and a desire to act on his own judgment, than he is grasped by the throat by the Thug in chief, who demands to control his speech and govern his votes. He is not allowed to make an induction from facts, a deduction from principles, to act from experience, reflection, or from thought; but must act and vote as the Globe compels, and woe to him if he has the manliness to resist. Then slander gasps out her vile abuse. From the Globe—that porch of slander, that lye of abuse—is let ship the dogs of war; a vile pack of slanderous curs, who, do their worst to hound him to a political death, and cast his unburied bones into the Gehenna of public shame.

Such has fallen to the lot or has been attempted to be carried out on every public man of note from my own recollection during the last twenty years. From Baldwin down to the late lamented Sir Geo. Cartier, every statesman that dared to differ with the Globe in politics has been denounced as corrupt and unprincipled in the last degree, and using their interest for personal gain and political power without regard to their country or their own fair fame. Now what is the truth in the matter? Who is the rich man among them to-day? There is not a statesman among them to-day but who would have been in a better position, financially, if he had attended to his own business instead of devoting his time and his talents to his country; and probably there is not one among them who has made more money than the managing director himself. So much for personal corruption! To believe the Globe you would think these men would be rich

as a Rothschild, and bloated with plunder and pelf.

I do not think that the workmen in Canada desire or need any political change. Labor in the struggle for advancement desires only a fair stage and no favor; and we are as likely—if not more so—to get that from the present Government as from the Opposition. The first thing the workman has to do, is to begin the reform wanted himself, and upon himself; to operate first on one individual, and make him understand clearly what he wants, and what is required of him; to make him honest, upright, and strong, labor and to wait; and to teach him what he is laboring and waiting for; to know what he wants; to raise him to his proper standard in the body politic, not to dominate over any class, but to insist that the representative of labor shall stand up to the man that represents capital in every respect—that he should not feel his position to be in any way derogatory or inferior to the man that possesses wealth; and to look forward to the time when workingmen will be their own employers,—when unlimited competition and unrestricted rivalry shall cease.

We do not wish the all and in all to be more money or more material prosperity. We do not believe we were sent into this world to be mere rivals in trade, but we are here for a better and nobler purpose—laboring for the advantage of ourselves and each other. All the help we need is self help; and in accomplishing this no legislative enactments are required but what we now enjoy; and if we did require them, we would be much more likely to receive them from those who have proved our friends in the past than those who have shown that they have no sympathy with us, and whose chief study is how much they can get from us, and how little they may return in exchange.

I am yours, &c.,  
H. ROBINSON.

Port Dalhousie,  
July 7th, 1873.

(To the Editor of the Ontario Workman.)

SIR,—It gives me a considerable amount of satisfaction to see that some of the working men of Canada patronize your columns. The paucity of numbers, nevertheless, astonishes me. There are doubtless, numbers of mechanics in the city of Toronto, who possess far more extended knowledge on practical subjects than I do. Yet from diffidence, or disinclination, never, or but very seldom, contribute to your pages, which are open to all reflective and reasonable comments. This astounds me. By mutual interchange of thought, much advantage may be obtained. If scientific minds lie dormant, it seems to me a disgrace. The object of all men should be to benefit their fellow men. Some of the brightest men we ever had, owe, to a great degree, their final success to this unselfish course. There are men, however, to be met with, who are so narrow-minded, that they would withhold anything and every thing that would tend to enlighten those around them. Such pigmy souls deserve the utmost reprobation. Men according to right principles, form a common brotherhood. They, therefore, should be kind and considerate to each other. I have now and then met with parties whose motto was "Learn all you can from others, but never return the compliment." This appears to me despicable in the extreme. If this policy were invariably pursued, there would soon be a break-down in the advancement of the age, and consequently among all classes of society. "Onward and upward," should be our constant idea in all things that appertain to the general weal.

D. H.

Toronto, June, 1873.

## CALEDONIAN GAMES.

We have been requested to publish the following account of the Caledonian Games at St. Catharines on the 1st inst:—

Yesterday (Dominion Day,) opened finely after the rain, and by an early hour the Orange Young Britons' Brass Band was out and drove round the town in Cole and O'Neill's large circus wagon drawn by six horses, and afterwards a procession was formed at the Caledonian Hall, consisting of the Band, the Indians, and the piper, Prof. McLennan, of Buffalo, and marched to the grounds, which had been ready for the occasion. There was a grand stand capable of seating 1000 people, which was well filled all afternoon. There were also three refreshment booths. A large number of visitors were present from both this side and the States. Amongst them were Messrs. Jas. Hamilton, J. Walls and others from Buffalo; Pro. Goldie the noted athlete of Princeton College, New Jersey; the McLennans, the champions from Glengary, A. Forbs of Syracuse; R. Harrison of

Toronto; Mr. John Walker of South Bond, Ind., Mr. Samuel Walker of Hartford, Conn., Mr. Wm. Douglas of Utica, N. Y., W. F. Singer of Brantford, the Bradys of Toronto. Besides these, there were nearly all the principal citizens of St. Catharines, who acted as judges and rendered great assistance. The crowd of people that were in the grounds at one hour in the afternoon must have numbered fully five thousand, and the Society ought certainly to congratulate themselves on the most successful celebration ever held in this town. Everything was conducted in an orderly manner, the Society having sworn policemen on the grounds. So many noted athletes being present, the competition was very keen and close. There were many entries for each game, as the prizes, through the generosity of their numerous friends were well worth contesting for, and the interest did not abate from eleven o'clock in the morning to nearly nine at night. The Indian Lacrosse match, which was won by the St. Regis Indians, came off in the afternoon, and the on-lookers manifested a great deal of interest in it. The two mile race and one or two minor games were postponed for want of time, and the prizes will be competed for on a future occasion to be decided upon by the Society. After paying all expenses, the Society netted the handsome sum of \$150. Too much praise cannot be given to the office bearers of the Society, and the games committee, not forgetting the judges, who did all in their power to make the annual gathering the grand success it proved. The following is the list of

## PRIZE WINNERS.

Boys Race under 12 years.—1st prize Wm. Gould, 2nd, Jacob Smith, 3rd John Carnochan.  
Boys Race under 12 years, (members' sons), 1st prize (silver cup) James McIntire, 2nd Robert Cameron, 3rd Arthur Campbell.  
Putting Heavy Stone.—1st prize (silver medal) A. R. McLennan, 34ft 6in, 2nd R. Harrison, 32ft 4in.  
Putting Light Stone.—1st prize A. R. McLennan, 41ft 9in, 2nd E. Brady, 36ft 6in.  
Throwing Heavy Hammer.—1st prize (silver medal), A. R. McLennan, 66ft 6in, 2nd Prof. G. Goldie, 64ft 6in.  
Throwing Light Hammer.—1st prize Prof. G. Goldie, 88ft 6in, 2nd A. R. McLennan, 87ft.  
300 Yards Race.—1st prize (silver medal) R. Harrison, 45 seconds, 2nd T. Blackburn, 3rd Wm. McDonald.  
Highland Fling.—1st prize (silver medal) W. F. Singer, 2nd R. W. Craig, 3rd Donald Gray.  
Running Long Jump.—1st prize F. Blackburn, 18ft 6in, 2nd E. Moore, 18ft 2in, 3rd G. Foster.  
Standing Long Jump.—1st prize Prof. G. Goldie, 9ft 10in, 2nd Wm. Thomson, 9ft 8in, 3rd R. Harrison, 9ft 6in.  
Vaulting with Pole.—R. Harrison, Jas. Ross and Prof. Goldie (ornamental vase) all tied on this game.  
Hop, Step and Jump.—1st prize F. Blackburn, 41ft, 2nd G. Foster, 40ft 9in, 3rd E. Moore, 38ft 5in.  
Hurdle Race.—1st prize F. Blackburn, 2nd G. Foster, 3rd R. Harrison.  
Sword Dance or Ghille Gallum.—1st prize (silver cup), W. F. Singer, 2nd Wm. Donald, 3rd R. W. Craig.  
Standing High Jump.—1st prize R. Harrison, 2nd Prof. G. Goldie, 3rd E. Brady.  
Running High Jump.—1st prize Prof. G. Goldie and E. Brady equal, 5ft 4in, 3rd Jas. Ross.  
Best Bagpipe Player.—(silver medal), Prof. McLennan of Buffalo.  
Tossing the Caber.—1st prize E. Brady, 16 feet caber, 33ft 10in, 2nd D. McLennan, 15 feet caber, 33ft 10in.  
Mile Race.—1st prize (silver pitcher), Chief Black Eagle, time 4m 57s, Alex. Reid and Peter (St. Regis Indians) equal.  
Quoits.—1st prize T. Turner of Clifton, 2nd W. Bell of Clifton, 3rd H. Lucas of St. Catharines.  
100 Yards Race.—1st prize J. E. Wilson, and F. Immel equal, 3rd R. Harrison.  
Members' Prize, a silver mounted Colt's revolver, presented to the members of the St. Catharines Society, taking the most prizes during the day.—R. W. Craig.

The Montebella Gardens were opened in the evening, and quite a number tripped the light fantastic toe to the music of Holder's Quadrille Band till well on the evening.

## TORONTO TRADES' ASSEMBLY.

At the regular meeting of the Trades' Assembly, on Friday last, 4th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—President, J. W. Carter, Painters' Union; Vice-President, Mr. Stephens, M. & B. Union; Recording Sec., A. McClintchy, Coopers' Union; Corresponding Sec., J. Hewitt, Coopers' Union; Financial Sec., W. Brown, K.O.S.C. Lodge 159; Treasurer, T. Cherry, Bakers' Union; Sergeant-at-arms, J. C. MacMillan, Typographical Union.

## ARTISANS' VISIT TO THE VIENNA EXHIBITION.

At the ordinary monthly meeting of the Council of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, held on Wednesday 18th ult., the desirability of sending artisans to the Vienna Exhibition was fully discussed, and the following resolutions were subsequently agreed to:—1. "That it is desirable to send artisans or others to the Vienna Exhibition, to observe and report upon the various manufactures interesting to this district." 2. "That a committee be appointed and that a subscription list be now opened, for the purpose of defraying the expenses."

## SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRY.

A society for the Promotion of Scientific Industry has just been established. Its headquarters are in Manchester, but its scope is national. Its object is the increase of the technical knowledge and skill of those engaged in the various industries, the improvement and advancement of manufactures and the industrial arts and sciences, and the general progress, extension, and well-being of industry and trade. Lord Derby is its President; Mr. Hugh Mason Chairman of its Council; and Mr. W. G. Larkins, late Editor of the Society of Arts Journal, its Secretary. The Society is sending out artisans to Vienna to profit by the exhibition now being held there, as was done by the Society of Arts on the occasion of the Paris exhibition, and it proposes to hold in the autumn an exhibition of designs in textile fabrics and of fuel economisers.

## THE SUNDAY OPENING OF MUSEUMS.

A deputation numbering about 150 persons, representing the Lord's Day Observance Society, the East London Sunday Rest Association, and other societies of a similar character, on Wednesday waited by appointment on the Right Hon. W. E. Forster at the Education Department "to protest against the proposal of the Sunday League and the motion of Mr. P. A. Taylor for opening the British Museum, National Gallery, and the South Kensington and East London Museums on the Lord's Day." A memorial was presented, and the deputation was introduced by Mr. Charles Reed, M.P. for Hackney. After hearing the various speakers, Mr. Forster promised to lay the views of the speakers before his colleagues. While sympathizing with the motives of the deputation, and respecting them, Mr. Forster pointed out that this question had two sides, and reminded his hearers that some time ago opinions of a diametrically opposite character were urged upon him.

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Wentley, O. H.	1 Box Mds.
Wallace & B.	2 Boxes Hardware.
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JAMES E. SMITH,

Collector.

Custom House, Port of Toronto,  
2nd July, 1872.

## TO CONTRACTORS.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned, at this Department, will be received until noon on

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ARCH'D MCKELLAR,

Department of Public Works, Ontario,  
Toronto, 23rd June, 1873.

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