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TORONTO, JANUARY 15th, 1904.

This city is not ready to receive a political  
 Tammany with open arms.

The wires should be well stretched after  
 the pulling of them this week.

Ald. Sheppard did not lie down like a  
 lamb, but he was slaughtered nevertheless.

Hubbard, Woods and London are the  
 outsiders in the Conservative ring at the  
 City Hall.

By the size of the gas bills to-day,  
 one wonders if it were not as well to go  
 back to the old price of gas.

The preliminary center before the Dom-  
 inion election contest is what is going on  
 at the City Hall this week.

Will the Grits be able to line up Ram-  
 sen and break the deadlock? is the ques-  
 tion asked on the streets these days.

The party spirit is lining up the mem-  
 bers of the City Council, and the citizens  
 are going to get the worst of the deal.

Labor must be up and doing every day,  
 or the politicians will take away from it  
 what little liberties it enjoys to-day.

The Grits and Tories are all alike in  
 this City Hall game; at least, they line  
 up with the same persistent regularity.

Sixteen-year-old Stewart wrestled one  
 of the plums from poor old man Crane.  
 Bill should have more respect for old age.

It's pretty near time the City Hall  
 and the members of the Council had  
 done with Dunn; at least so general Bob  
 thinks.

Mayor Urquhart will not have so peace-  
 ful a reign as last year if party lines  
 are to be drawn so sharply as during this  
 week.

The men who put party before the  
 capability of the individual to fill the  
 office are not serving the best interests  
 of the citizens.

Workmen in the United States are  
 rapidly being taught that the bottom  
 has fallen out of the "I'll dinner pull-  
 that, if it ever had one in.

Those abusing the Mayor for the with-  
 drawal of the trustees will do well to  
 wait the further outcome of this action  
 before condemning anybody.

The political pug may fairly be said  
 to be boiling, and the stuff brought to  
 the surface in the shape of candidates  
 is not always of the best material in the  
 party.

There is no very apparent reason to  
 think that the new blood introduced in  
 the Council will make any better mat-  
 terial than some of the old blood left at  
 home.

It is better to suffer for a short time  
 and obtain a remedy that is lasting than  
 to partially suffer and still go on kick-  
 ing and get little improvement in the  
 car service.

The prospects are that there will be  
 one or two people get their medicine  
 regularly for the next year at the City  
 Hall, and to some others will get theirs  
 next January.

Probably a me good fairy might be  
 able to tell us what was done with the  
 old metal, etc., that the Pavilion fire  
 left in the L-mis of some of our civic  
 officials. Did somebody get it as a hand-  
 out?

Reformers, you will have to agree up  
 on a definite plan of action if progress is  
 desired. We cannot hope to succeed with  
 the socialist pulling one way, the labor  
 man another, the single taxer another,  
 and so on.

A few New Year's resolutions were  
 presented to the City Council on Monday  
 last, and like the most of their kind, we  
 feel that many of them are made for  
 effect, and without any great strength of  
 purpose behind them.

The labor movement needs more atten-  
 tion than it is getting these days. The  
 manufacturers are out to destroy the  
 good influences of this little token of fair  
 wages and letter conditions, and the  
 workers will have to look sharp.

Mr. F. J. Eel has an interesting letter  
 in another column of this week's  
 issue, which criticizes our article on the  
 Socialist's motion at the last elections.  
 The letter touched us rather late for us  
 to take the opportunity of replying in  
 this issue; we will, however, avail our-  
 selves of the opportunity in next week's  
 paper.

**A REFORMATION PLATFORM.**  
 Public opinion is unanimous in its de-  
 cision that there is something wrong in  
 our industrial life. Now it is very easy  
 for us to discover what it is that is  
 wrong. If we will let our minds travel  
 back over the history of our industrial  
 life and take notice of the marvellous  
 changes that have taken place in our  
 methods of production, distribution and  
 exchange, we will perceive that we have  
 had an industrial reformation from the  
 mechanical standpoint.

This industrial reformation which has been  
 caused by our new methods of production,  
 distribution and exchange, has divided  
 the people into two classes, those who  
 believe in private ownership and every  
 man for himself and God for us all, and

those who believe in public ownership,  
 and the brotherhood of man, or all to  
 each and each for all.

The latter class are but a very small  
 minority of the whole, and it is a matter  
 for regret that although this small  
 minority are unanimous in the opinion  
 that we need a reformation of our in-  
 dustrial economies, yet they are divided as  
 to the methods we shall adopt in order to  
 bring about this reformation.

This small minority is divided into  
 four distinct organizations, namely, the  
 Socialists, the Socialist-Labor party, the  
 Single Taxers and last, but not least, the  
 Trades Unions, now in order for these  
 four organizations to avoid a bitter  
 sectarian struggle such as the church  
 has suffered from for years, as is evi-  
 denced in every city, town and village  
 where we see unnecessary waste of time,  
 energy and money in building churches  
 merely to gratify a bitter sectarian spirit,  
 they must decide on a reformation plat-  
 form, which they can unanimously ad-  
 opt, and support at the ballot box.

We can use a better illustration for  
 our argument than our own city volun-  
 teers. They are all volunteers to defend  
 Canada against an invading foe. Yet the  
 Socialists, the Socialist-Labor party, the  
 Single Taxers and the Trades Unions  
 are all united in one purpose, that is to  
 defend Canada against an invading foe.  
 They all have their different regiments,  
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And we know that his position in Ward  
 1 was due to the fact that he got so  
 many quadrupled plumpers. As regards  
 individual votes, it is easily seen that  
 the beautiful advantages of the Hare Spence  
 system, the stoutest champion of min-  
 orities, be he Socialist or Single Tax,  
 could not reasonably ask for a representa-  
 tive on the Board of Education unless  
 the minority numbers at least one-twelfth  
 as many voters as elected to the board.  
 But how can you find out how many  
 voters there are among the Socialists or  
 Single Taxers? And by the time you  
 have found out under the old system of  
 voting or under the cumulative system,  
 the election is over and the chance gone.  
 Among independent thinkers, men will  
 not vote as they are told. All social re-  
 formers are independent in their views.  
 One day, we were told, you can mark an  
 cross to a candidate on that ballot, four  
 crosses to a candidate on that ballot, and  
 three crosses to a candidate on the other  
 ballot, and if you mark more crosses to  
 a candidate than that, you will spoil your  
 ballot. Many felt it was out of the fry-  
 ing pan into the fire; if you don't get  
 cooked, you'll get roasted. Let every  
 ballot be marked on the Hare Spence  
 system. If you only mark one name, your  
 ballot is not spoiled, only it won't  
 possess any power to help elect a second  
 man if your first man should fail to be  
 elected for want of the quota of votes.  
 If you mark two or more names, your  
 ballot is not spoiled, but you have the  
 satisfaction of knowing that if your  
 numbers 1, 2 or 3 men are elected, and  
 have more votes than they need, then  
 your vote passes on with undiminished  
 power to elect the next most desir-  
 able man from your point of view. On  
 the other hand, if you have marked No.  
 1 opposite some true hero of social re-  
 form, who is not ashamed to stand for  
 his principles, and he has not and justly,  
 and he has not enough votes to elect  
 him, you and your fellow supporters of  
 that hero have encouraged him by show-  
 ing him the strength of his following,  
 and having done that important work,  
 you have done the next most desir-  
 able thing, you have not stop  
 until it assists into legislative power  
 the first man on your list who is able to  
 poll the required quota. Remember that  
 the fairer the more the number of votes  
 that fairly entitles a minority to repre-  
 sentation, without usurping the rights of  
 the majority. Just notice the tremen-  
 dous waste of votes that takes place un-  
 der the cumulative system, the same as  
 under the Hare Spence system. The four  
 candidates for the Board of Control  
 polled 41,509 votes, being 55.49 per cent.  
 of the total number of votes cast. The  
 four defeated candidates polled 33,368  
 votes, being 43.51 per cent. of the total  
 vote cast. For the Board of Education  
 the successful candidates polled 80,159  
 votes, being 58.45 per cent. of the total  
 number of ballots cast. The defeated  
 candidates polled 69,825 votes, being  
 49.55 per cent. of the total vote cast.  
 In the final count under the Hare Spence  
 system, it is one man, one vote, but by  
 means of the alternative powers possess-  
 ed by each ballot, at the end of the count  
 every vote is credited to one of the elect-  
 ed candidates, but strictly according to  
 the indicated wishes of the voter. If on  
 the long Board of Education ballot the  
 candidates had been bracketed in groups  
 according to their parties, Citizens, So-  
 cialist, Labor, etc., I think, would have  
 assisted the voter. Never despair; things  
 are mending. J.H.R.

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