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THE ECHO is mailed to subscribers at a distance every Friday evening, and delivered in the city early on Saturday.

THE WATER TAX.

The judgment rendered in the Superior Court on Monday last by Mr. Justice Wurtelle, in the cases of Lafontaine and Lepine are disappointing to many who believed in the justice and equity of the plea submitted by the counsel for the petitioners.

Although the Trades Council have received a repulse in this instance they are by no means disheartened, and the case will be carried to a higher court, when they hope to have the judgment reversed.

Another case has been entered in court, that of St. Pierre vs. the city, which, if successful, will secure to every household his vote whether he has paid the water tax or not.

the City Hall), to the Lepine and Lafontaine cases. The Council claim that the Corporation has no legal right to deprive a man of his vote because of his failure to pay the water tax.

QUEBEC SHIP LABORERS.

Such an outrageous proposition as that recently made by certain merchants of Quebec to the Local Government has scarcely ever been heard of in what presumably is a free country, and makes us pause and ask ourselves the question whether the years have receded and we are not serfs under the bond of some despotic ruler.

In this connection we might notice the transparent and shamefaced hypocrisy of the Herald, of this city. In its heading to its Quebec correspondence relating the presentation of the petition, in order to gain the sympathy of workingmen who do not know its own hostile attitude towards Union labor, it pertinently asks 'Is this Russia or Canada?'

ter, until he allies himself with a society which is not recognized by any labor body in Canada or the United States, and which was originated by the outcasts from the ranks of Unionism.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

Apropos of the correspondence on "Woman in the Workshop," which has been running in our columns for the past two or three weeks, we find the New Zealand Herald lifting up its voice in lamentation on the subject of female labor, from which it would appear that this go-ahead colony looks with some concern upon the raid of women into the domain of men.

In several businesses women are supplanting men; that is, young women are supplanting young men. I hold that for a young woman to work in an unwholesome workroom at a tedious and fatiguing occupation, is utterly to spoil her for the duties of a wife and a mother.

Just so. If woman is going to take the place of man and drive him out of the country by taking his job from him then the population will dwindle away till nothing remains but the grim spectacle of a gaunt old maid, with a shrill voice and a cat, laboring in a tough and ancient fashion for four or five dollars per week.

The English Socialist, Mr. Hyndman, throws a side light on the advantages of labor which affords ground for reflection to intelligent readers. He says: No industry which was carried on under conditions which meant degradation to those who produced that industry was profitable.

namely, at 27 instead of 55. During periods of strike or distress the death rate actually fell below what was normal, although the workpeople were exposed to semi-starvation; and it was the majority who at the present time were being slave driven and injured for the benefit of a comparative few.

It is a pity that the world cannot muster a congress of its hoary veterans in order to verify this statement. The House of Lords could send along a noble contingent of octogenarian peers, and successfully explain the absence of many more who married, shady and prematurely bored to death in consequence.

A recent strike on the Wear (Eng.) against shipping with non-union men had no effect in delaying the vessel, and the unions affected held a private conference and formed an offensive and defensive alliance.

An explanation is given of the paragraph stating that judgment for a large sum had been obtained in the American courts against the Duchess of Marlborough. Her Grace is possessed of a life interest in property realising at least £40,000 a year in America, but the American courts do not allow life interests to be charged.

Lady doctors are rapidly increasing in England. Quite recently, of nine ladies who went in for the London degree of M. B. all of them passed the examinations.

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