

Technical School

At the last Council meeting Principal Packenham of the Technical School addressed the delegates on the pressing needs of that institution, showing that the school has not only had its grant reduced as a technical school, but the Government will not allow any grant as a high school.

At the present time there are over 570 high school pupils attending the Technical School, and there is no accommodation for other pupils who wish to attend. The High School Inspector has reported that the school does not come up to the standard stipulated by the Educational Department, and for that reason cannot receive the grant.

The objections are principally on the ground of construction and not because of any fault with the teaching staff of the curriculum. An appeal has been made to the Board of Control to make an addition to the school or build a new one that will comply in every respect with the conditions stipulated by the Department of Education, but the Board refused to take up the matter. The probability is that the manufacturers and labor men will combine to urge the Board of Control to either enlarge the present school or erect a new school.

The other High schools in the city receive a grant of over \$1,300 every year.

A BETTER MAN COULD HARDLY BE SELECTED.

Want to Keep Gloeking—Labor Men Write Premier About Ontario Labor Bureau.

President Verville, of the Trades Congress of Canada, sent a communication to Premier Whitney protesting on behalf of organized labor against any change being made in the position of Labor Secretary, held by R. Gloeking. While the Ontario Executive Committee of the Trades Congress was in conference with Mr. Whitney and his Cabinet Friday afternoon reference was made to Mr. Gloeking's position, and the Premier assured them that he had no knowledge of a change being made. Mr. Gloeking was giving the Government satisfaction, and there was no reason for his removal.

LABOR AND INTEMPERANCE.

As working men are constantly reminded by the Smart Alecks—who are a class all to themselves, composed of "burehwa" laborers and snobbish plutocrats, but capitalistic apologists first, last and all the time—that whenever there are unemployed toilers it is their own fault, and usually the cause is drunkenness. Over and over again this lying charge has been made until many fair-minded people have actually come to believe it and stupidly pass the falsehood along. To show just how true this claim that "booze" is the cause of unemployment is we quote from the statistics gathered by the United States Bureau of Labor (eighteenth annual report); the agents of which bureau have thoroughly investigated the question. The totals are summarized as follows: "Establishments closed, unable to get work and slack work, 56.96; sickness, 23.65; vacation, 6.45; bad weather, 2.25; strike, 2.07; accident, 1.66; not given, 6.68; drunkenness, 0.26."

So here we have about one quarter of one per cent. returned as idle on account of the drink habit, the very least of all the causes. It does seem to us that the Smart Aleck gang might be in better business than to insult honest laboring people at every opportunity. Why don't they inquire why establishments are closed and work is slack? Because then they would probably annoy the capitalistic crowd in control of those establishments and expose the planlessness and injustice of the present profit-mongering system of production. That's why!—Cleveland Citizen.

The union label brings about these conditions without any expense to anybody—only a little effort on the part of the union men and women.

When a trades union thinks it has grown so strong that it can get along without the central body, it is mighty near the verge of a backset. Study the history of organized labor.

An insistent demand for the union label will overcome the injunction in every case. The union label cannot be enjoined. Demand it upon all occasions.

PRESIDENT OF UNION HURT.

John A. McIntyre, President of the Local Union of Structural Steel Workers, was injured on Saturday morning at the new Traders' Bank building. He was working about a big beam which was being hoisted, when an order was given by mistake to lower. His hand was caught and the back of it lacerated badly. The thumb was also smashed. He was attended to at the Emergency Hospital.

THE HERITAGE.

(By Rudyard Kipling.)
Our fathers in a wondrous age
Ere yet the earth was small,
Ensured to us an heritage,
And doubted not at all
That we, the children of their heart,
Which then did beat so high,
In later time should play like part
Of men who made the world.

NOTES AND NOTELETS.

Two most important meetings were held lately in the States just about the same time. The one was the Federation of the Labor Unions, the other was a conference of the different churches with a view to some sort of federation. It is very remarkable that these two meetings were organized for the same end, namely, to secure the triumph of justice, and yet they had as little thought of one another as though they had been on different planets and existed for totally different purposes.

Religion will never be a success till it has solved the labor problem and the labor party will never prove a success till it has solved the religious problem. When religion shall have enthroned justice, then it will have attained a grand success; when the labor organizations shall have secured the enactment of just laws, then they will have been crowned with success.

The religious bodies have yet to learn that the labor movement is a religious movement, inasmuch as its aim must be to enthrone justice. At the same time, unfortunately, many of the labor unions have yet to learn that they are engaged in a religious movement.

The religious conference passed certain resolutions bearing on the social problems; but the resolutions were of the usual character of such assemblies and treated rather of symptoms than causes and emphasized the proximate and forgot the ultimate. They denounced grafting; but said not a word about the great fundamental principles that are essential to the success both of the labor problem and also of the religious problem.

If an engineer were to spend most of the whole of his time talking of the marvellous power of steam and what it would accomplish, but pay no attention to the adjustment of the parts of the machine so as to get the best results from the expansive force of that steam, then he would furnish a parallel to the manner of most of the preaching of today. The speakers glorify the principles enunciated with such surpassing beauty

in the Sermon on the Mount, but how to apply the golden rule to the complex organization of society that is conspicuous by its absence from the pulpit.

The problem is large, very large, and the student for the ministry is buried to such an extent in old doctrines that he is like a man in a pit. He can see the theological side of the various texts; but the great humanitarian problems and principles involved he sees not, and therefore does not talk like man to man; but like a theological dry as dust to a number of students.

We are glad to see that the editor of the New York Independent begins to appreciate some of these truths. He says in a recent issue: The question of the theological standards is being merged into the moral and we are being summoned to show the correspondence between our profession and our lives. The astounding divorce between the ethical ideas of Christianity and its normal practice, the freedom with which one thing is professed and another practiced—the disgraceful sophisms by which the Christian conscience is taught to be blind to its own faithfulness, these and many other truths of like nature have during the last few years been revealed in their true color.

Sometime some gentlemen got possession of some valuable coal mines. These men had sufficient influence to get the government to build a railroad to the mines, thus adding enormously to their value. The debt for the building of the road comes out of the food, clothing and other necessities of the people who are taxed for this debt. On the other hand the owners of the mine have become very wealthy. The people get the debt and the nabobs the fortune. The depression of the one is the exaltation of the other. There are other ways of getting your neighbor's ox or his ass than taking to the highway.

The laborers are by far the largest part of the population. In spite of this fact they are practically unrepresented. Hence the monstrous wrongs to which they are subjected. An immigration policy for the worker and a protection policy for the employer. To

attempt to place members in the house is a hopeless task. But to acquire the right of direct legislation is quite in the range of possibility. With the power in the hands of the people, the working classes would be at once in the control of the making of the laws. Then it would be the fault of the toilers if they did not make the laws such as they should be.

Democracy, says one writer, is a great failure. No doubt of it, and the cure is, not the small fragment of democracy we have at present; but the full democracy of the government in the hands of the people, so that they can make their own laws independent of the legislatures.

With direct legislation the work of the grafter would be gone.

The papers are all the time telling of the wonderful prosperity. To the starving people in the large cities it is a great consolation to know that the tonnage of the Sault Ste. Marie is twice that of the Suez canal.

They must be mentally deficient who cannot see and will not heed the necessity for demanding the union label.

NOTICE.

There are many trades or callings in which a sufficient number of workers are engaged to form unions, which are still unorganized, in this city. The Toronto District Council are ready and willing to organize all such, and while they call on workers in such callings as soon as they are known, they may overlook some who desire to be organized. This is not intentional. A communication addressed to D. W. Kennedy, Secretary, 59 Edward St., from anyone who desires his trade or calling to be organized, will receive immediate attention, and secrecy will be observed if necessary.

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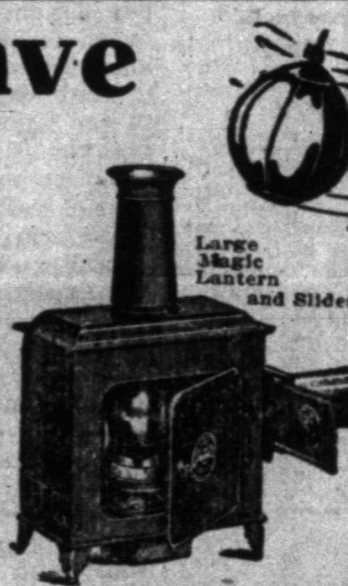
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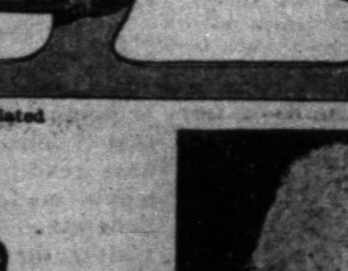
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