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East year I indicated that there would be a substantial increase in the values of property, and a large number availed themselves of the timely advice then given.

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THE TOILER WISHES ITS PATRONS AND SUBSCRIBERS A MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

President Muleah, of the Amalgamated Woodworkers organized a new union in Saginaw last week.

The Executive Board of the Pressmen's International Union will meet in Toronto about the middle of January.

The possibilities are that the conference of the international union on the allied label question may be held in Toronto. The spec we believe is not arranged as yet, but in view of the Pressmen's Executive Board meeting in Toronto it may mean that the other international officers will come here to confer.

The sixty German machinists who signed contracts in Germany to work in Canada, thinking they were bona fide, and who had their passage paid out to Canada, were surprised when a representative of the I.A.M. interpreted the following Ontario statute of the legislative session of 1886:

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In a raid by constables and labor union leaders at Chicago last week it is believed the greatest plant in the country for counterfeiting union labels was discovered. The printing establishment of Hyman L. Meiters was entered. Meiters arrested, and ten counterfeit plates captured, from which it is believed all the counterfeit labels in the United States have been printed.

The annual joint meeting of the local branches of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America was held on Wednesday night last week, for the appointment of the "Joint Committee" of these two great organizations to act for the ensuing year. The result of the elections was as follows: For the Amalgamated Society—F. J. Wilson, A. E. Ford and Mr. White. For the United Brotherhood—Messrs. Hurl, Virtue and T. Ryan. Though essentially differing in their form of organization, these two bodies through their joint arrangement of working rules, are pulling together in this city in the most harmonious manner and without the least friction.

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The Winnipeg Trades Council has 35 affiliated unions. The barbers of Montreal have under consideration the formation of a local union with international affiliation.

The barbers' International Union has issued nine new stamps during the month, as well as suspended one, and received two by surrender.

During the ten days ended 1898, 35 municipal authorities in Great Britain acquired local gas undertakings by purchase from private companies.

In pursuance of the request of the Dominion Trades Congress, the Montreal Trades and Labor Council has decided to apply to the local body for a charter.

A. W. Holmes, International Vice-President of the International Association of Machinists and Steamfitters' Union at St. Catharines on Tuesday evening of last week.

Frank Morrison, the general secretary of A. F. of L., expects to visit his parents at Walkerton on Christmas, and will call on President Flett, of the Dominion Trades Congress in Hamilton.

The tinsmiths of Galt have been organized, and have affiliated with the Trades Congress, also the coopers of Toronto. The Order of Railway Conductors of Toronto, it is said, has also affiliated with the Congress.

Last week the engine at the Kingston Locomotive Works broke down and was carted across the road to the Kingston Foundry Company's works.

There is considerable excitement among the members of the Painters' and Decorators' International local branch over the coming election of officers, and the question of the appointment of a business agent.

Mr. Kelly, of Brockville, has been appointed a factory inspector. The additional help was needed in view of the increasing business. There is still room for the appointment of a few more and the transference of the department to the Bureau of Labor.

The time has arrived in the history of the labor movement when word will have to be sent to Europe, and to possessive and also to England, of any extensive strike here to prevent men being employed in this country.

The Amalgamated Sheet and Metal Workers' Union, No. 30, met last Friday night in Richmond Hall and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Wm. J. McLean; Vice-President, Geo. Taylor; Secretary, W. E. Rhodes; Financial Secretary, M. Whalen; Treasurer, F. Parker; Marshal, R. McLean; Guard, J. Langley.

The sum of \$261,658 has been devoted from the profits of 31 municipally-owned gas works in Great Britain to the relief of rates.

Leeds, England, has 55 miles of electric tramways, and 16 miles of other tramways constructed or under construction. From which a gross profit of \$21,797 was cleared last year.

The Municipal Ownership Commission of Chicago has recommended, in addition to the bill for the municipal ownership and operation of street railways, a bill for the ownership and operation of gas and electric lighting plants.

In Great Britain there are in operation 324 electric lighting installations—240 owned by municipalities, and 84 by private enterprises. Besides these, there are 115 installations being installed—84 by public bodies, and 31 by companies.

On the 16th the Board of Aldermen of New York granted the Pennsylvania Railroad a franchise to construct a tunnel under the Hudson and the East Rivers. The vote stood 41 to 36.

Hamsden should make a winning run of it this year in Three. The Council of 1902 have nothing to congratulate themselves upon, says the Globe, and that is about right.

All Alex. Stewart, in Ward 5, has treated labor questions in fairness, and while he has no brilliant record to boast of, he is considered a safe man.

Ward 2 looked at one time as though there would be a small field, but later members of the Council, and that he is entitled to support on this account.

A. R. Williamson is a new man in Ward 4. Untried, he has no past upon which to depend on command him. He is a successful business man, but whether or not he is the man for the position it will be for electors of Ward 4 to decide.

It is hard to come to conclusions as to whom to support at times, but there should be no question in the minds of the workers of Ward 2 when they strike the name of W. A. Douglas on the ballot. A cross opposite his name is a necessity upon the part of the workers.

Ald. Foster has presented the city with a handsome flagstaff and an unknown quantity of wood of an unknown quality—now probably in the way of productive crops for the future—and relies on reelection for this and other reasons.

Col. N. F. Patterson, the new candidate in Ward 4, is not a novice in municipal matters, having had over twenty years' experience as school trustee, alderman or city clerk before coming to the city. He is forceful, liberal and progressive, which is more than can be said of more than one of the sitting members.

Ald. Loudon is making a hot canvass for reelection in Ward 3, and will no doubt land the plum once more. His record on the Board of Control has been a surprise to many, as he went on at the first of the year as the weakest member of it, but has pretty nearly turned the trump of being the strongest man on the Board.

Ald. Bell is at a disadvantage in his canvass for reelection in Ward 5, owing to the great difficulty experienced in securing court for his customers. He has been unable to devote his personal time to the canvass, but his friends declare that he will lose nothing owing to the handicap. If he succeeds in furnishing coal, there is no doubt of his election.

Ald. O. B. Sheppard claims that the workers have given him "knocks" unmercifully every year. He is a large employer of labor, and has never had any difficulty with any of his men. All this is granted to O. B., but when the workers were sore on him due to the fact that he used to be a very bad habit of his to shirk voting when it came to the issue of which side of the fence he was on.

Ald. Dunn commends to recognize Canada to the extent of having the maple leaf outlined on his little election curbs. On the same little pasteboards he has had printed the union label of the Allied Printing Trades. The year when he was defeated, if we mistake not, he forgot the latter concession, but his present recognition of what is in his own interests is scarcely enough to warrant the support of friends of organized labor.

Nineteen hundred and two will go into history as the year of the coal famine, and upon this year's Council has been forced the honor of inaugurating the municipal fuel yard. While the citizens might grumble a good deal about the management of the business, they are not so inclined, and though the total loss when footed up will be considerable, they are willing to pay it for the satisfaction of playing tag with the coal men's dreams of monopoly and content, too.

Seven local government bodies near London, Eng., contributed \$150,000 to the welfare fund. The fund was arranged for the use of the people. Five other bodies have since contributed \$15,000 for the purchase of 15 acres adjoining the welfare fund to erect a park. It is intended to make the park and grounds a people's popular resort for recreation and amusement.

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Spence is a name to conjure with in Ward 2. Whether or not he will be a candidate for mayor or alderman is questionable just at the present time.

Ald. Crane, of Ward 4, will not be a candidate again, so one new man must be elected for this ward. Dr. Wm. S. Harrison is well known among the readers of The Toiler as an earnest advocate of municipal ownership, and a friend of unionism.

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