## MR. GURNEY AND HIS MOULDERS

#### onal Pres lent Fox-The Matter Talked Over Without Result.

The Iron Moulders Union took adva f the presence in the city of Mr. Martin Fox. resident of the International Moulders Gurney yesterday afternoon respecting the trouble with the moulders in that establishment. Mr. Fox was accompanied by J. Hickey and J. Pierce of the local union. W. H. Carrick, manager, and C. W. Pennis-toun, superintendent of the foundry, were also present,

The point in question was the old whether or not the shop should be a union one. About a year ago, in consequence of the employment of some non-union men, the mion demanded that none but union mould-ers should be employed, and that these should be paid \$2.40 a day without regard to their fitness. The company refused to comply but made three propositions. It offered to supply one helper for two mould-ers, or to fix a rate by the piece by which men comheting 34 loups a day would re-ceive \$3.15 a day and less in proportion to the work done, or the comp. ny offered to the shop to the union. These propositions were refused and the union moulders struck. The company, however, filled their places with non-union men and continued work, leaving the union men out of employment. one. About a year ago, in consequence of

continued work, leaving the union men out of employment. The conference yesterday was friendly on both sides but ended in nothing definite. Mr. Fox wanted the whole case reopened and the union men taken back. He said that in the United States there was a con-ference committee of moulders appointed to arbitrate difficulties and that the same would be appointed here so as to prevent strikes in future if possible.

ference committee of moulders appointed to arbitrate difficulties and that the same would be appointed here so as to prevent strikes in future if possible. Mr. Gurney replied that if there had been such a committee when the difficulty arose the strike might have been avoided. He certainly would not discharge the men now employed to take back those discharged. Many of the men now working were under engagements. They were good men carry-ing out their agreements, and sooner than discharge them he would close his shop. They were doing as good work in every line as the union men did last year. Some of the men last year who were getting \$2.40 a day were not worth \$1.50. The company re-quired two moulders to turn out 32 loups be tween 7 in the morning and 5 in the after-noon. A short time ago two greenhorns turned out the 32 loups - a day's work for the union moulders—in 3½ hours. He there-fore believed he was right in refusing to comply, with the requests of the moulders. It was not a question of minon or non-union men with him. He never said he would not employ a union to ray them according to their ability. There are some very good union men—men whom he would be glad to have. The shop was open to them but the union would not permit them to enter it. There were many thom be would be glad to have. The shop was open to them but the union would not permit them to enter it. There were many thom he would be glad to have. The shop was open to them but the union would not permit them to enter it. There were many things in connection with the strike, but the finniest, Mr. Gurney said, was the by hoppened, the only line affected was the by hoppened the only line affected was the by them percent on the union shop in tamilton. The rely to a question of Mr. Hickey, Mr.

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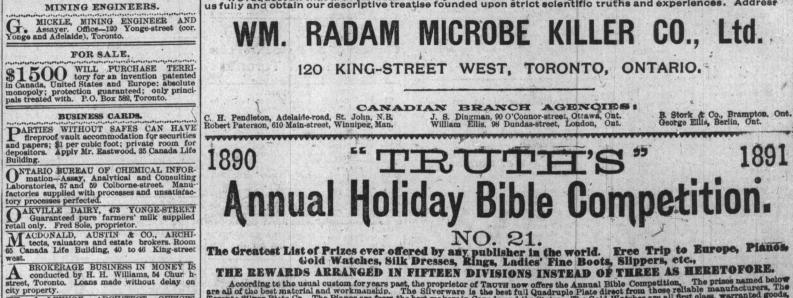
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