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Winnipeg will form a building trades council at once. There is trouble on in the building trade.
H. J. Hurd, special organizer for Canada for the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, is at Washington, D. C., attending a meeting of the executive board.

Mr. Jas. M. Lynch was presented with a handsome souvenir of his visit to Toronto in recognition of his service to the newspaper printers of the city in securing to them better conditions.
I must offer excuses for a scarcity of local items this week with all that has been happening in the field. Conditions have been such that it was impossible to give the time necessary to procuring the same. This is not like to occur again, however, for at least another year.
Last Saturday night Maple Leaf Assembly railroad teamsters held their regular meeting, which was largely attended. Several candidates were initiated and ten propositions were received. This is a good indication that we are likely to see this assembly grow larger from now on.
Presiding Elder J. H. Haddenston, of the Trades Council, Organization Committee, has been given an A. F. of L. commission as organizer. This Federation no doubt thought it right that recognition of the services of one of that evangelizing party which held forth in this city during the early spring.

The Wood Working Machinists at a meeting held on Saturday night last, decided to accept a compromise offer of an increase of 2 1/2 cents an hour on the basis of a nine-hour day. The original demand was for an increase of five cents an hour. This settlement, however, does not settle the special grievance that caused the strike. At J. B. Smith and Sons' Works.
The only trouble brought on by the Building Trades Council enforcement of union cards on all jobs was in the shop of Piper & Co., and affects about 10 Sheet Metal Workers who are at present on the street. The only defendant was a Mr. Lennox, former secretary of the union, who some time ago sent in his resignation as a member of the union and the cause of all the trouble.
At a meeting of the Journeymen Bakers' Union on Saturday night last, it was announced that the schedule of wages and hours of labor drawn up to govern the trade in Toronto had been approved by the International Executive, and would this week be submitted to the employers in the city. It was decided to set May 17 as the date for the schedule to go into effect.

The American Federationist, the official organ of the American Federation of Labor, contains a long article in the May number on the question of child labor in the textile industry in the Southern States. There are said to be 20,000 children under 14 years of age, boys and girls, who work from 10 to 12 hours a day, with a half-hour rest, in the cotton mills of the south. Part of that number are employed for as much as 12 hours on night shift, and instances have been found where children as young as 6 years of age were so employed. In North Carolina the State Commissioner of Labor gives in his last report statistics showing that in that State alone 7,665 children under 14 years of age were employed in 261 cotton mills. Various attempts to remedy this state of affairs by legislation have so far failed, but the campaign to that end is being kept up.

The international trade union movement affiliated with the A. F. of L. is in a very prosperous condition. The latest reports to hand for the past month are very encouraging. The bakers have added three new unions, and won a big battle in Boston. The blacksmiths have added ten new unions, with an aggregate membership of over 500. The boilermakers added three unions, making a total of 198. The carpenters gained thirty-seven unions during the month and paid out \$12,525 death and disability benefits. The Coopers' International is growing, having 140 unions. Stationary steam engineers added ten unions. Ladies' garment workers gained thirteen locals.

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We are not suffering from an over-supply of "the long green"—but when we do get it we like it to be clean, not germ-laden old rags.
A Trades and Labor Council, has been organized in Peterboro, with eleven unions represented. C. P. Murty, cigarmaker, being president, and Thomas G. Anderson, pattern-maker, secretary.
The International Painters' Union has adopted a union label. Previous to this, local unions had the option of using a label of their own. Hamilton Painters' Union was the first known to have adopted a label, followed by Buffalo, and latterly by the International Union.
What member of Parliament has enough sense, honesty and nerve to take up the question of adulterated foods and drinks? Don't all speak at once. These qualities are not distributed in a promiscuous way singly and so far no one has given evidence of possessing them in combination.
The Musical Protective Union, at a meeting last Sunday afternoon, elected President Edward Jarratt, David A. Carey and John Gowan as delegates to the International Convention of Musicians, to be held in Buffalo in June.
The Architectural and Structural Iron Workers' Union met on Saturday and received the refusal of the employers respecting the recent demand for an increase of five per cent. per hour, but it is probable that a settlement will be reached before May 10.
Politicians are proverbially plausible. If their words are good get them to put them down over their own names in print. What a candidate says before election day on the platform does not necessarily mean what he will do if elected. If he means what he says let him put it in print and pledge himself.
Some "business men" shake their supposed heads and say that the workmen's demand for increased wages will hurt trade, and yet fools that they are think the country is prospering when the banks increase their dividends and "rest accounts." Who pays these dividends and make up the "rests"? Workingmen have tumbled to the idea that they would like a dividend or two themselves and "a rest" as well.
Is your union setting aside as "a reserve fund" one-quarter of the increase in wages that it secured? Probably not, but why?
What a pity it is that \$333.33 1-3 per month-magistrate Denison did not put his mouth in cold storage before leaving Toronto to see that King Edward's coronation is carried out in accordance with his ideas.
The Cigarmakers' Union, at their regular meeting last Monday levied a further assessment of one dollar per member for their striking brothers in Montreal. This will make a total of eleven dollars per member which the Toronto local has sent for the Montreal strike, or about \$1,900. It is believed the cigar manufacturers in Montreal are weakening and the union expects a break in the bosses' ranks.
We are told that the police department will put men in plain clothes to pursue and prosecute vigorously the reprehensible vendors on Sunday-of pop and ice cream. What is this "department doing to suppress the blasphemy and abominable obscenity which obtains openly on the streets every day of the year? Perhaps they do not believe the statement in holy writ that "It is not that which entereth into a man that defileth him, but that which cometh out that defileth him."
The electrical workers of Hamilton presented their annual agreement to Manager Hawkins, of the Cataract Power Company, during the week. The agreement contains a scale of wages, being an increase of the present rates, also a clause asking the company to engage only members of the brotherhood. A special clause gives those in the present employment of the company not in the union until September to make application, when they will be admitted without the usual fee. The company has asked time to consider the proposals contained in the agreement.
At a meeting of the Typographical Union on Saturday night last James Lynch, president of the International Union, was present, and installed the recently elected officers of the local. Mr. W. M. Powell was elected to represent the local at the International convention, at Cincinnati. Three delegates are to be elected to the Dominion Trades Congress, and for these ten nominations were received. J. T. Edworthy, David Johnston, W. Steep, George Moore and William Moebus were elected as the Investigating Committee. The sum of \$10 was voted to the Hebrew-American Typographical Union of New York.

tant employes granted twenty-three charters. Laundry workers report five new unions, among which are Toronto and Vancouver. B. C. Steel metal workers have added 12 unions. Federated musicians have gained five unions, of which Ottawa and London are among the number. Journeymen tailors report four new unions. Trunk and bag workers have added only one union, and that is Toronto. Wood carvers added one. And thus all along the line the wage-earners of this continent are solidifying their forces.

To show the reason why Canadian trade unionists and workingmen in general object to "Organized Labor," an item from George Hargreaves, a member of the New Westminster Trades and Labor Council, is reproduced. The item refers to New Westminster brick manufacturing industries: "Orders are now on hand to deliver a million and a quarter of brick in Vancouver, and there are good prospects of exceeding the three million mark. Ninety white men are steadily employed, and some juvenile labor." "Nine white men and some juvenile labor." This infers that the rest are either Chinese or Japs, and the Canadians can "go way back and sit down"—and starve.

"Bouncer" DeBarry deported six more Canadians at the border within the last two weeks. He simply catches them at or near the line, and says "out you go," escorting them to the dividing line. When the deportation of the Dominion Trades Congress waited on the Government at Ottawa recently and asked for similar action on the part of Canada, the Premier pointed out that such a course would involve an apparent departure from one of the oldest and best established principles of British law, which refuses to allow any man to be taken into custody or in any way deprived of his personal liberty, or freedom of action, without due process of law. So, while Canada maintains principles, Americans can come here to work, and Canadians are not permitted to cross the line for the same purpose. "It's time for a change" — in the law.

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The trust magnates continue to reach out for daily newspapers. John W. is reported to have secured possession of The Chicago Inter-Ocean. Morgan is dickering in New York. Senator Clark now owns six leading papers in Montana. J. J. Hill owns the leading dailies in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Seattle, and other places are gradually absorbing stock of daily papers in various cities. As matters now stand, they control the foremost organs indirectly, but they want to own them outright.

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