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If a trade union were incorporated it could be thrown into court by any detective, spy or "company man" who is a member of the union, and a property-worshipping judge would decide that the union's activities are not sustained by its incorporation declarations.

With the changing of social viewpoints and the adoption of new methods to meet industrial situations, no militant trade union could function under this system of court espionage.

Into that this money simply goes into the cost of the product, which has to be paid by the community of which he forms so large a part. Since, super-ficially, it seems vital to the interest of both of them to keep the process moving as long as possible, the ma-Aside from reasonable hours, wages and working conditions, which affect the national life, there are high moral reasons for moving as long as possible, the manufaceturer is driven to sell, by ad the trade union. The reasons for the corporation are efficiency, vertisement or otherwise, useless of inferior and quickly worn out article

profits and limited liability. The trade union is inseparably linked with each individual member of the union. The success of the union develops the intellectual and physical life of each member. The success of Consider, then, the position resent time. It is certain th the corporation is judged by dividends.

If trade unions were incorporated national and international organizations would be rather the jurisdiction of federal courts, and able to work on t This would permit injunction judges of the Anderson type to sit in judgment on a union's policies and ideals. These are the reasons, rather than the professed purpose, eity of the nation unless the

eir defenders want trade unions in-suming capacity is enormou-viciously inflated by waste, pecially that culminating waste, pecially that culminating waste, pecially that culminating waste, pecially the individual of the individual of the individual needs of the individual of the why crafty feudalists, and their defenders want trade unions incorporated.

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organization: At the time of the am-algamation of the two miners' unions in the Province, these men with the others came into the joint union. Mr. McLachlan stated in the most emphatic way, that the obligation the union was under to these fellow mem-bers would be carried out in spirit and in letter and no dictation from the Company would be allowed to interfere with the fulfillment of this obligation. out any effective demand (demand backed by money) as soon as his wages cease. The worker, sensing this, does in his sphere precisely the same thing—he uses his trade com-binations to obtain the maximum amount of money for the minimum amount of production, not realizing that this money simply cases into the

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The establishment of a eivic pension fund, the basis of which would be a contribution of 2 per cent of salary-by employees and an addition of an equal total amount by the eity, was considered by a committee of the Montreal City Conncil, appointed to study the subject, which met yester-day salary, with a contribution cent of the city; in the service of average salary, for Jonstitution of a

A draft of the constitution of a pension fund was proposed by the Union of Civie Employees, but pend-ing consultation with officials of the Sun Life Company who had offered their services in formulating such a fund a definite decision was not made. Representatives of all the classes of municipal employees dra

A reserve fund of \$300,000 i for by the employees' draft, a yision is made for increases contribution. classes of municipal employees at tended and took part in the discus

With the The special committee to study the Subject was formed in December, fol-lowing a motion to that effect which was proposed by the late Ald. John P. Dixon, who was appointed chair man of the committee. Ald. Gabias man of the committee. Ald. Gabias was elected to the chairmanship yes journ the meeting untill th mittee could make a report





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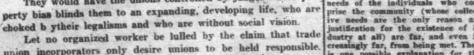
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union incorporators only desire unions to be held responsible.

Our opponents know this full well. What they are now them. aiming at is the heart of trade unionism. They would have their judicial tools pass on its activities, its purposes and aspirations.

They would kll the soul of the labor movement with their judicial dagger and wrap it in the dead parchment of court procedure, custom and judge-made law.



Time works its changes in all things unions not excepted and from 1887 up to the present year the Dock Wharf Riverside and General Workers' Union has been an active force in the organized movement of the British Isles. Ben Tillett wrote its birth and death and its passing into the new Transport Union. Its obituary was written by the genial Ben in the following terms : "1887-1921.

"The Moving Finger writes; and having writ, Moves on: all thy Piety nor Wit

Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,

Nor all thy Tears wash out a word of it."

"With the passing of the year 1921 the old Dockers' Union ceases to exist as a separate entity and merges into the Transport and General Workers' Union.

"The signatory to this message had the honour of founding the Dockers' Union and remaining its General Secretary to the end.

BEN TILLETT, General Secretary."

HARBOR TUGS TIED UP.

New York .-- Tug boat owners are ... Washington .-- The senate has an thorized the federal trade commission being remisted in their attempt to stabilish the 72-bour week and a nishings industry. An attempt was wage cut of 20 per cent. Of the 400 tage in this harbor one-half are tied changes, but the motion was with up because they refuse to sign last year's agreement.