Workingmen in Line

Address a Great Gathering in Jubilee Rink.

The Street Railway Strike Discussed -Vicience Deprecated-Trusts and Monopolies Denounced - Firmness and Betermination Counseled.

Last night, when the union against the London Street Railway Company was resumed, the workingmen of this city engaged in a demonstration that illustrated more forcibly and more effectively than words can depict, their unswerving loyalty the one to the other. Not alone on account of its size was the demonstration notable, but also because in it there was manifested publicly the evidence of the cohesion of unions, and a recognition of the fact that the completest advantage towards the accoment of just aims can be obtained only by strong concerted and lawful effort. This manifestation was made by respectable, industrious citizens, soberminded and serious-thinking, not with en air of bravado nor with boisterness, but with quiet and firm determination. This aspect changed only as the cars glided swiftly by, and then a loud ery, half-anger, half-derision, rolled from end to end of the mile-long line

No attempts were made to arouse antagonistic feelings. No fireworks were tempted, except the banners of the various unions which were carried. IN THE PARK.

At 7:45 o'clock in Victoria Park, where the parade was organized, a stroller could observe nothing unusual in his associations. Within a few minutes, the scene changed from one of usual calm to one of movement, and exoftenent. Along every street that led to the park there came crowds of men, women and children. They thronged upon the lawns and crowded the neighboring boulevards and streets. numbers were increased by hundreds of bicyclists, who hastened towards the gathering place. The adjoining roads were black with the awaiting crowds

In the meantime, the members of the different unions had congregated in their halls and arranged themselves in parade order before proceeding to the park. Here they were greeted by the ROUNDING CHEERS OF THE

CROWD. then grown larger and denser, who were awaiting their approach. They were quickly marshaled in accordance terward the representative workmen of St. Thomas, of whom there were some three hundred, arrived, beaded by the band of the 25th Battalion.

THE PARADE. The order was given to march, and the procession started down Dufferin avenue. The advance guard was formed of hundreds of bicyclists. Then came the St. Thomas citizens and band. The following bodies had representatives in the parade:

Citizens of st. Thomas. President Gompers and President Mahou. Division 97, Amalgamated Association

of Street Railway Employes of America London Trades and Labor Council. Typographical Union, No. 133. United Garment Workers of America

> Teamsters' Union. Sandy Drennan's Band. Cigarmakers' Union. Stonecutters' Union. Molders' Union. Stonemasons' Union. Bricklayers' Union. Coal Drivers' Union. Polishers' and Brassworkers' Uniou.

Machinists' Union. Columbia Handle Works. Engineers' Union. Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers, No. 68. Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood Locomotive Firemen, No.

Brotherhood Locomotive Firemen, No. Order Railway Conductors. Brotherhood Railway Trainmen, No. Brotherhood Railway Trainmen, No.

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415. Order Railway Telegraphers. Brotherbood Railway Trackmen. Industrial Brotherbood, Directory No. 1.

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Laborers' Union. Hackmen's Protective Union. Painters' Union. Boilermakers' Union. Carriage and Wagon Makers' Union. Journeymen Bakers' Union.

All along the line of march, which was from Victoria Park along Dufferin avenue, thence to Richmond street, south to Dundas street, east to Lyle street, and thence to the Jubilee rink, the parade was conducted with the utmost decorum, except, as has been said, when the passing cars caused an outburst of feeling.

THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS. The streets on either side were lined with great numbers of spectators, deep. The cheers and comment occasioned by the various organizations became louder and more enthusiastic as the striking street railway men, of whom there were about 40 in

IN THE JUBILEE RINK. Even greater than the crowds down

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The chairs faced a temporary platform erected on the south side of the rink, but the large majority of the audience were forced to content them-selves with standing room.

On the Platform

THE SPEAKERS.

The chair was occupied by Joseph Kelly, president of the Cigarmakers' Union, and with him on the platform were President Gompers, A. F. L.; President W. D. Mahon, A. A. of S. R. E. of A.; F. Mitchell, president St. Thomas T. and L. Councit; J. T. Marks, John McLean and others. The chairman introduced

J. T. MARKS. who said he was glad to see the crowd, as by their presence and the procession they had participated in they had shown their sympathy with the toilers and their determination to bring an unjust corporation to time. He wanted this fight to be a clean fight, fought on moral grounds. No violence should

later point in the proceedings:
"Moved by Fred French, seconded George Talbot, that this assemblage wage-earners and wealth-producers in London, in mass meeting assembled, hereby desires to place on record its hearty appreciation and admiration of the noble struggle so gallantly waged by Division No. 97 of the Amalgamat-ed Association of Street Railway Employes of America for the right of Canadian workmen and British subjects to belong to a trade union, and we here-by pledge them our undivided support in the struggle with organized monopoly to gain the rights granted them the constitution of this Dominion, and we will aid them by all honorable means in our power to bring this con-flict to a successful conclusion."

W. D. MAHON.

W. D. Mahon, president of the A. A. of S. R. E. of America, then arose. This was not the first time, he said, that he had faced the workingmen of London on a public platform, but he regretted that it was on the same a word of difference with clergymen, question that he had to address them. yet on this occasion they must have

IN THE RIGHT TODAY. Trades unionism was based on the principle that a stand once taken must taken to favor or defend the street be maintained. He regretted that the railway, while in another they depretrouble had not been settled, but said it was no fault of labor organizations, pledged themselves to use them. kly marshaled in accordance had shown that they would not sur-had shown that they would not surtheir right to belong to unions fluence against the workingman? They to be dented. It was not the had no right to interfere in the condisposition of Canadian labor to be crushed. While some of the Canadian boys are so gallantly fighting in South Africa, the labor organizations of Canada are showing themselves pos-Canada are showing themselves pos-sessed of the same dauntless spirit, tinued, "he threw in his lot with the standing ready to defend their hearths, poor men, and the men of the cloth, and homes against the ruthless trusis and corporations. As long as one man stands up and continues the struggle against the London Street Railway Company, he will have the backing of the A. A. of S. R. E., and of the American Federation of Labor. The former organization has nine branches in Canada, and none of them have any difficulty with the employing com-panies except in London. He was ashamed to say that the apparent reason was that the London company

AN AMERICAN COMPANY.

That the labor organization was a law-abiding one its record showed. The men in London are more determined than ever to win in their fight. Like Napoleon's drummer-boy, who had never learned how to sound a retreat, they would take fresh inspiration and go forward in the march of progress in which labor will yet win the respect and the reasonable conditions to which it is entitled, and in the front ranks of which it will always be found.

FRED MITCHELL.

Mr. Fred Mitchell, president of the St. Thomas Trades and Labor Council, when asked to speak by the chairman, expressed the sympathy of his fellow-workmen with the strikers, and gave it as his opinion that the only sure remedy for existing evils was to elect their representatives of labor to the legislature.

PRESIDENT GOMPERS.

President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor was then introduced, and was given a splendid reception. He is a man of striking physique, one whose appearance causes people to turn and look at him on the street. Short, thickset, broad-shouldered, with long, curly, iron-gray hair, his features indicating a forceful character, he stands firmly upon his heels, and as he talks his whole appearance is one of power and aggressiveness.

Had it been possible, he said, he would have preferred to address them under different circumstances. It had been charged against organized labor that it was never happier than when it was warring with others. Although for years and years, endeavors had been made to open the eyes of the workingmen to what appeared to be inevitable, it had been impossible to do so, and it was necessary to take action against evils that were not being abolished nor even subsiding. In reference to the claim that United States agitators should not come to Canada, he argued that there was nothing to prevent the capitalists from either country going to the other and crushing the heart out of the workingman; he understood that the company in this city was virtually a United States company, and if that were so, was there any reason why the Yankee agitator should not fol-

low the Yankee capitalist?
Noting the Cleveland strike, where there were heart-burnings and injury wrought, he asked if it were not strange that here in London the employes of the same company should revolt against the treatment accorded

THE SAME COMPANY. The workingmen of this and other countries have realized that from the wealth produced, they have not received fair remuneration for their

work, their toil had been unrequited. Although wonderful progress had been made in the world the workers were not sharing in it, and ther were now determined to be targer sharers in the results of their efforts.

ORGANIZED LABOR DEFENDED.

Mr. Gompers then dwelt upon some of the claims made against organized labor. It had been said that trades unions were like trusts, a statement Mass Meeting of London's

Labor Element.

town were those in East London, who waited until the workingmen had entered, and then they, too, streamed into the rink. The galleries of the great structure were quickly filled by the younger element, who did not permit any periods of monotonius quiet. The band played a number of popular airs, while the immense crowd was arranging itself in a comfortable position to hear the speeches, a condition by no means easy of attainment, because of the inadequate seating capacity.

Of the claims made against organized labor. It had been said that trades unions were like trusts, a statement though it was impossible to break into trusts when once they are formed, the contrary rule prevailed among trades unions where it was expected and hoped that all would enter. People were told that trades unions were tyrannical, that they interfered with individual liberty. He suggested the difference that existed between organized and unorganized labor. If, in the latter an individual had a grievance tyrannical, that they interfered with individual liberty. He suggested the difference that existed between organized and unorganized labor. If, in the latter an individual had a grievance and sought to have it remedied, his employers "would not do a thing to

INDIVIDUAL WEAKNESS.

What was one man among thou-sands? The individual would be thrown into the street if he attempted to better his condition, but if thousands acted in unison then they might hope to maintain a position of equality. People spoke of the tyranny of trades unions, a tyranny that con-sisted solely of an insistance upon the observance of rules that they themselves had promulgated. Strikes were declared to be an awful method of accomplishing ends. It was awful, and they should be avoided, if possible although to deploy his sible; although so deplorable, a de-graded and demoralized manhood was worse. Where men had lost their in-dependence, where there were no there strikes, there was the greatest slavery and ignorance. There were no strikes in China. He assured them that he

be attempted, and the man who threw NOT AN ADVOCATE OF STRIKES. a stone or otherwise attempted to It had been his life work to guard damage a car or its crew proved him- against them. The plea for thorough self the worst foe of labor. He then organization was that it was the surread the following resolution, which est way of preventing strikes. Where was to be put to the meeting at a an individual would be told that there was nothing to arbitrate, a union would be asked to discuss grievances.

AN ERA OF ORGANIZATION. This era was one of organization; so the right of labor unions to exist could not be questioned. The doctors have their organizations, and those who break their laws were punished; so with the lawyers, with their bar associations. All employers of labor had organized, and it was necessary, in order that they should maintain their manhood, that the workingmen should

THAT "PUBLIC NOTICE."

His reference to the associations of ministers, afforded the speaker an opportunity to reply to the recently published local appeal, signed by two clergymen and a lawyer. The strike had never been declared off; one of the two opposing forces had simply delayed action in order to secure a better position. Although it was distressing to speak

He had heard there was a feeling among the citizens that this fight should them either to inform themselves not be renewed. To them he would more accurately or leave the unions say that the strikers were admitted to to transact their own business in their have been in the right a year ago, and own way. Mr. Gompers accused the were, therefore, equally clergymen of being inconsistent, in that they stated in one sentence in the circular that their action was not cated the boycotting of the cars, and test to the injury of the toilers. They said they would not place themselves "in opposition to honest labor." How did the two statements agree? "When the disciples of Christ, have no right to dwell in the Augean stables and live on the fatted calf at the expense of the workingmen.'

OPPOSED TO VIOLENCE. No one would be coerced, nor would they ask anyone to do anything repugnant to their conscience. He spoke strongly against any 11legal action being done. No stones should be thrown, not only because it was wrong, but because it would harm their cause. He was inclined to consider that these misdeeds were the work of enemies of the strikers, done in order that their names might be opprobrious to all right-thinking citizens. He mentioned the fact that six or seven cars had passed the procession in as many minutes, which was a most unusual occurrence. The cause of labor could best be helped

by doing no illegal act. understood that the state of health in London had never been better than during the past year. A new fad of walking had been created that would no doubt continue to be popular.

THE LATEST STRIKE. He mentioned the fact that the building laborers had gone on strike for \$1 50 for an eight-hour day. He did not consider that to be an ex-orbitant price, and desired their suc-He admired the firm stand taken by the London men in their strike. "We have been unjustly treated," he said, in conclusion, be it a day or a decade, so help us God, we will maintain the fight and never surrender until justice prevails.'

THE RESOLUTION PASSED. The resolution that had previously been read was then carried.

As President Gompers concluded, Mr. Frederick Appleton, who is sup-posed to be a member of the Socialistic labor party, stood up and said: "Do you know, Mr. Gompers, of any



The reply was that it was being solved every day. The accial millennium would be when there was the highest possible comfort and happiness in life as the result of that labor. This was not possible in a day. However, reductions of time were being made and wages were being increased. The problem was working out its own solution.

Mr. Appleton then wanted to know what the laborer's exact share of his labor should be.

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Mr. Gompers answered, but the former was not satisfied, nor were his friends in the hall, and for some time

friends in the hall, and for some time confusion reigned.

Mr. Fred Darch essayed to make a speech, but was unable to make himself heard. During this time a man named Hucker repeatedly shouted to President Gompers that he had told untruths. At this juncture the owner of the rink turned out the lights, and the large demonstration terminated.

Licenses Granted.

The city license commissioners have decided to renew all the licenses held during the year. They will also issue a new license to Jerry Collins for his hotel in West London. The application of Jas. James for a license for the Riverside Hotel was refused. The Britannia House license was issued in the name of John W. Doyle, the former proprietor. The hotel passed into the hands of Mr. Heffernan this week, as Mr. Doyle is removing to Stratford. Following is the list of licenses issued:

Hotels—The Tecumseh House; Jas. Butler, Grand Trunk station; Jerry Collins, West London; Robt. E. Lloyd, Albion Hotel; Martin O'Meara, Grigg House; Jerry McDonald, European Hotel; Robt. H. Reid, Ross House; Frank McLean, Duke of York; Mrs. M. Avey & Son, Metropolitan Hotel; B. Harrison, Boswell House; Hunter & Son, Grand Central Hotel, King and Ridout streets; Mahen & Patten, Hodgins House, King and Talbot; John Howe, Atlantic House, York and Clarence; Wm. Collins, O'Neil House, Talbot and York; J. J. Cox, Dominion House, York and Clarence; John Mc-Martin, City Hotel; J. P. Evans, Lan-Martin, City Hotel; J. P. Evans, London House; D. Sare, Office Hotel and Restaurant; Harry Raison, Ontario House, King street; John Fraser, Fraser House, King street; Gustin & Son, Gustin House, Dundas street; Ed. Morkin, Morkin House, King street; J. D. Fleming, Royal Hotel, Richmond street; Chas. Stevens, the Ladysmith, Clarence street; H. L. Peine, The Richmond; Harry Walsh, Walsh House, King street; J. O'Flaherty, Wellington House; John W. Doyle, Britannia House; John B. Jennings, Western Hotel; W. S. Hodgins, King and Talbot; W. Bernard, Bernard House, Carling street; James McDonald, Queen's Hotel, Carling street; John Lewis, Huron Hotel, Richmond street; Elf Griffith, Grand Pacific, Richmond street; Harry M. Ryan, Clarence House. Ryan, Clarence House.

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