

INDUSTRIAL TORONTO--Continued

Central Business College.

There is no agency at the present time which does more towards moulding the character and standing of our young men and women than does a well equipped, commandable business college. In this respect Toronto has reason to feel proud of having in its midst a business college so well established and thoroughly reliable as The Central Business College, located at Yonge and Gerrard streets.

We feel safe in stating that this institution has not a peer in the Dominion of Canada. The curriculum offered embraces all that is essential in acquiring a thorough and complete business education.

Mr. W. H. Shaw, its Principal, has always exhibited the most frugal attitude towards labor and his excellent college has proved a boon to thousands of artisans in providing a means for their sons and daughters to qualify for good positions at nominal cost. Labor should therefore aid in every way possible in making this desirable concern a greater and if possible, a more important factor in our educational system.

Mr. Shaw, a member of the Public School Board and has rendered the public splendid service in that capacity. He is a candidate for election to the new Board of Education and on account of his wide experience in educational matters, and the reliance to be placed in his efforts to remove the frills from our public and high school courses and reduce them to a sensible, practical basis, he should receive the most liberal support from our cause.

The hosts of union men of this city and throughout the province will make no mistake in extending to the Central Business College their hearty influence and co-operation.

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company.

Labor should spare no effort to make the business of an enterprise such as that of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. a greater and more progressive success.

This company has built up a splendid business, and its dealings have always been fair and considerate, and its attitude toward the cause of the unskilled labor has never been antagonistic.

The offices are located in the McKinnon Building, 19 Melinda street. It is a well known company, and enjoys the patronage of a large number of our members.

They have proven on many occasions that they are staunch champions of union labor. We feel that this company is deserving of every success, and we do not hesitate to patronize this company when looking for life insurance.

Canada Paper Company.

No concern in Toronto has been more thoroughly public-spirited and more thoroughly interested in the welfare of the welfare of our city than the Canada Paper Co. This commendable and thoroughly reliable concern from its infancy has had a most remarkable success. The management are men of the most conservative ability, and can be depended upon to be courteous and considerate, honorable and just in their dealings.

It is our candid opinion that no concern deserves more creditable mention in this issue of The Toiler, which is devoted to a combined mention of the fair and just firms of the city, than the concern of the Canada Paper Co.

This establishment has ever shown a broad minded interest in the cause of labor, and labor should reciprocate by giving the concern their support, and patronizing this firm.

The firm is located at 15 Front street west, where the public will find them, as above stated, honest, reliable and courteous in all transactions.

The company's mills are located at Windsor Mills, Que., on the St. Lawrence River. Their new mill there, the buildings of which will cost over \$250,000, will have the largest paper machine in the world, and the plant has all the modern facilities are needed for the constantly increasing trade of the company in wrapping paper, and in fact, paper for all purposes.

The Standard Fuel Company, of Toronto, Limited.

A concern which is of vast importance to the community of Toronto is splendidly exemplified in that of the Standard Fuel Co. This company stands pre-eminent among the leading concerns of this city. They are worthy of commendation, not only because of the excellent service which they render to the public, but also on account of the manifestly fair and honorable manner of dealing with their employees as well as the public.

This firm is well and favorably known in the city and throughout the province, and since the date of its inception the business has constantly increased, so that it holds a position of prominence in this important branch of industry.

It is a well known fact that the men at the head of this company can always be relied upon to be thoroughly reasonable and honorable in all their dealings. A concern of this kind adds greatly to the commercial value of a city and increases the prosperity of the people of whom the workmen form the larger percentage.

The laboring men will make no mistake in extending their co-operation to this deserving enterprise. Their efforts to keep the public supplied with fuel at a reasonable price during the anthracite coal famine last year will readily be recalled and not soon forgotten.

Mason & Risch Piano Company.

The name of the Mason & Risch Piano Co. is well known in this section, not only because of the fair and honorable manner of which they deal with their customers, but also on account of their courteous and considerate attitude toward labor. This firm can always be relied upon for courteous attention and reliable goods. Their stock is very large and complete and they are in a position at all times to meet the demands of their patrons for goods in their line.

These gentlemen are well known as broad-minded and public-spirited citizens, and their attitude toward labor has been most satisfactory and we take pleasure in placing the name of Mason & Risch Piano Co. among the leading substantial concerns of our city who are most worthy of our co-operation and patronage.

An institution of this kind should receive the hearty support and encouragement of all who have the best interests of the city's welfare at heart, as their presence in our city adds materially to our success and commercial prosperity.

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An Investment.

With the element of risk entirely eliminated appeals to conservative people. A policy of life insurance in a reliable company like the North American Life makes just such an investment. The company has very attractive policy contracts, which its representatives claim are suited to the wants of all classes of people. Its specialty is the Compound Investment Plan, and that this form of contract is appreciated, is shown by the insurers to the extent of about seventy-five per cent. selecting this form of policy.

The policy holders of this company, besides desiring to know that it is a thoroughly sound, well managed institution, are mainly interested in the net surplus, because from this source alone can dividends be paid. In this respect the North American stands in the front rank, as it is claimed by the company that its net surplus, now over half a million, is larger in proportion to its liabilities than that of any other company.

The conservative policy of the company is shown from the fact that its assets, which are all of a gilt-edge kind, are insured at their cost value, the result being that the company thereby has a large additional reserve or surplus.

Matured investment policies which have run for fifteen and twenty years under which of the most successful investments have been given the utmost satisfaction, and compare most favorably with those of similar policies in other leading companies.

The North American Life is a staunch company, and its policy is one of the most liberal and policy-holder, and from its financial position is justly able to use its motto "Solid as the Continent."

Judged from any standpoint, it would be difficult to find a more desirable company for an intending investor.

Queen City Mills.

Organized labor recognizes the firm as an enterprise which is a positive benefit to the masses of workmen throughout the province, not only because of the material benefit which it brings to business generally, and consequently to labor, which constitutes so large a percentage of the population, but also because of its conservative and public-spirited policy in which it has always treated the cause of labor.

Upon careful investigation we find that this company pays as good wages as is consistent with the maintenance of its integrity, and treats its employees right, and we are pleased to note that it is held in the highest esteem by the large number of people to whom it gives employment.

The officials are broad-minded and public-spirited citizens who have on numerous occasions exhibited the most friendly attitude toward the labor question, and have treated their employees with all due courtesy and consideration. We feel, therefore, that they are entitled to the most honorable mention, and take pleasure in placing the name of Queen City Mills foremost among the leading concerns of our city, who are always to be depended upon as substantial and considerate friends of conservative or organized labor.

The Queen City Mills are manufacturers of flour. They are located at Toronto Junction.

The York Manufacturing Co.

It is one of the broad underlying principles of unionism to foster and encourage and creditable home enterprise. We will be but acting in accordance with our belief in patronizing to the fullest extent possible such as the York Manufacturing Company.

On account of the liberal manner in dealing with their patrons and the courtesy and fairness always extended to them they have met with constantly increasing success and have gained the goodwill of all. The York Manufacturing Co. have always been painstaking and courteous and have exhibited at all times good will towards labor. Our workmen will do better to extend their interest by lending every possible assistance in making this deserving company a greater and even more splendid success.

We take pleasure in placing the name of the York Manufacturing Co. foremost among the prominent concerns and representative manufacturers whose laundry machinery, etc., have helped to advertise Toronto.

United Factories Limited.

We wish to call attention to this industrial issue to one of Toronto's leading enterprises that has been a prominent factor in its commercial growth. We refer to the United Factories, Limited.

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We take pleasure in placing the name of the United Factories foremost among the prominent concerns which are to be pointed to as an example of healthy business enterprise.

They manufacture the well known Bock's Brushes and Broom, and Cane's Pails and Tubs, and a line of other specialties known for their excellence and superiority.

The Bruce Manufacturing Co.

A concern such as the Bruce Mfg. Co., which they always exhibited the most friendly attitude toward labor, is certainly worthy of the hearty support and co-operation of the many workmen of Toronto and throughout this section of the Dominion.

The interest of this firm in labor has always been manifest, and they have treated the great questions pertaining to labor with the utmost fairness and consideration, and have upon numerous occasions shown that their attitude was not antagonistic.

The members of this firm are broad-minded and public-spirited citizens, who, in dealing with both labor and the public, have always been uniformly considerate and honorable.

We extend to this firm our hearty support and co-operation, and we feel that we are but showing that spirit of trade which is due to those concerns which treat labor with fairness and respect. Our Anniversary Edition would not be complete without the name of the Bruce Mfg. Co.

D. G. Douglas & Co.

Among the reliable tailoring firms of Toronto none is more worthy of patronage than that of D. G. Douglas & Co., located at 345 Queen street west, and succeeding to a trade Mr. Douglas established in 1887 and still holds the confidence and esteem of his patrons, who rely on this firm to be reasonable in price and certain in fit and satisfaction-giving clothes. Towards labor they have always been fair and take pleasure in paying their men a reasonable and reliable wage for their labor. We hope the business of this firm will continue to increase and can assure our readers it is conducted in a broad-minded and public-spirited manner.

The Ontario Wind Engine and Pump Co.

The growing business of the Dominion and the expanding trade gives opportunity for such a concern as the Ontario Wind Engine & Pump Co., manufacturers, whose office and plant is located at Atlantic avenue, corner Liberty street. This firm is an old and well established one and they have satisfactorily executed a large share of the business in their line, and their work has always met with universal satisfaction and commendation. In the prosecution of their extensive business employment is given a large force of workmen, to whom is accorded fair treatment and most liberal compensation for their labor. It is a pleasure to find that the employees of this firm hold their offices in the highest respect and esteem. They have always shown a most courteous attitude toward labor, and we take great pleasure in announcing that they are a most reliable and trustworthy working people. In the dawn of a new century we feel safe in predicting for this meritorious enterprise a period of constantly increasing and well-deserved patronage.

Imperial Life Assurance Co.

In Toronto there are a number of important concerns which are of great benefit to the welfare, prestige and prosperity of our city. Such a concern as that of the Imperial Life Assurance Company, located at 24 King St. East, for example, should receive the hearty support of the people of Toronto and the general public of the city.

It is a fact to be admired by the working classes that they have upon several occasions exhibited a most fair and considerate attitude toward labor and the labor movement.

This firm is deserving of the hearty support and co-operation of all who have the best interest of our city and people at heart.

The people of Toronto will make no mistake in extending their patronage to this deserving and meritorious concern.

We take pleasure in placing the name of the Imperial Life Assurance Company foremost among the prominent concerns which are a benefit to the community and deserving of a constantly increasing volume of business.

Mr. Fred G. Cox is Managing Director.

The Patterson Manufacturing Co.

The Patterson Mfg. Co. commends itself directly to our people, as its proprietors have always had true regard for the welfare of organized labor.

Employees of this establishment are treated with fairness, and hold the position in the highest esteem and confidence. The firm's management has been a constant endeavor to gain the goodwill of all. As manufacturers of the Patent Wire Eased Ready Roofing, which has been a success in the past, and is well known. This roofing may be put on over old, leaky shingle roofing, and the wires running through the ridge and eaves, and the roof is made better and stronger.

It is not an experiment, and comments itself to all contractors and house owners. A full description will be sent from the offices at Toronto, Montreal, St. John and Halifax for the asking.

No patronage should be withheld from a thoroughly dependable establishment of this kind.

The Canadian Bell Telephone Co.

In looking carefully among the large concerns represented in Toronto we find that the Canadian Bell Telephone Co. is a concern which is especially well represented. The wages paid are, as a rule, higher than ever before, and there are more large concerns which aim to be fair and reasonable in their relations with employees than ever before. This fact is most encouraging, both for capital and labor. The whole tendency of industrial progress at the present time is toward a better understanding between the representatives of these two forces.

We are pleased to note that the Canadian Bell Telephone Co. places itself in this issue among the other enterprises favorably disposed toward labor.

It should be a source of pride to all loyal citizens of the Dominion and especially to the workmen who constitute a large percentage of the population, that this company which is not only a prominent and influential factor in the business life of this section of the country has been such a progressive and successful enterprise.

It is a most remarkable growth, which may be attributed to careful and conscientious management and a regard for the rights of the public. The Canadian Bell Telephone Company has already made a host of friends among the thousands of men in Ontario and throughout this section, and we predict for it a continued era of prestige and popularity so long as it is conducted in a trustworthy and honorable manner.

Mr. K. J. Dunstan, General Manager, is the efficient officer of the company here. He is a man of broad experience in the telephone business and has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the community.

THE TOILER

THE STROLLERS

By FREDERIC S. ISHAM,
Author of "Under the Rose"

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PROLOGUE.

OLD Drury Lane rang with applause for the performance of Mme. Carver. Of British-French parentage, she was a recognized member among the favorite actresses on the English stage and a woman whose attractions of face and manner were of a high order.

The bill for the evening under consideration was "Adrienne Lecouvreur," and in no part had the actress been more natural and effective. Her triumph was secure.

The player had every stimulus to appear at her best on this particular evening, for the audience, frivolous, volatile, taking its character from the loose, weak king, was unusually complaisant through the presence of the first gentleman of Europe. As the last of the Georges declared himself in good humor, so every body grinned and even courtly fustians were in the billingsgate of that profane eloquent period.

With rare discretion and spirit had the latter played a queenly figure in that rithed, gross gathering. She had reached the scene where the actress turns upon her tormentors, those noble ladies of rank and position, and launches the curse of the nobles and the nobles. Sweeping forward to confront her adversaries, about to face them, her troubled glance changed to fall into one of the side boxes where were seated a certain foreign marquis, somewhat notorious, and a lady of insolent, patrician bearing. The anticipated action was arrested, for the sight of the nobles and his companion Adrienne swayed slightly, as though moved by a more overpowering emotion. Only for a moment she hesitated; then, fixing her blazing eyes upon the two and lifting her arm threateningly, the bitter words flowed from her lips with an earnestness that thrilled the audience. A pale, cold smile came over the face of the nobles, while the lady drew back behind the draperies almost as if in fear. At the conclusion of that effort the walls echoed with plaudits. The actress stood as in a trance. Her face was pale, her figure seemed changed to stone, and the light went out of her eyes.

She faltered and fell, and the curtain descended quickly. The woman by the marquis' side, who had trembled at first, now forced a laugh as she said: "The trollop can curse! Let us go. Together they left the box, the marquis regretting the temerity which had led him to bring his companion to the theatre. He, too, was secretly unnerved, and when they entered the carriage they seated themselves as far apart as possible, the marquis detesting the lady and she for her part disliking him just as cordially.

Next day the critics referred to the scene with glowing words, while in the coffee houses they discussed the proposition. Should an actress feel the emotion of the nobles and his companion? With a cynical smile, the marquis read the different accounts of the performance when he and his companion found themselves in the old stagecoach en route for Brighton. He felt no regret for his action—had not the Prince of Wales taught the gentlemen of his kingdom that it was fashionable to desert actresses? Had he not left the "divine Perdita" to languish after snubbing her right royal in Hyde park?

Disdainfully the lady in the coach regarded her husband, and it was evident that the ties of affection which bound these two travelers together on life's road were neither strong nor enduring. Yet they were traveling together; their way was the same, their destination—but that belongs to the future. The marquis had been relieved in his mind after a consultation with a distinguished barrister, and moreover, was pleased at the prospect of leaving this island of fogs for the sunny shores of France. The time was exciting; the country on the verge of proposed electoral reforms. But in France the new social system had sprung into existence—and a lamentable fact!—duty toward one's country had assumed an empire-superior to ancient devotion toward kings.

To stem this tide and attach himself closely to King Charles X. was the marquis' ambitious purpose. For this he had selected a party in marrying a relative of the royal princess, thus enhancing the ties that bound him to the throne and throwing to the winds his Perdita, whose charms had once held him in foxy's chains. Did he regret the step? Has ravening aspiration any compunction, any contrite visitings of nature?

As the coach sped over the road the lady by his side smiled disagreeably from time to time, and my lord, when he became aware of it, winced beneath her glance. Had she fathomed his secret? Else why that eminently superior air, that manner which said as plainly as spoken words: "Now I have learned what to do if he should play the traitor. Now I see a way to liberty, equality, fraternity!" And beneath the baneful gleam of that look of enlightenment my lord cursed under his breath roundly. The only imperturbable person of the party was Francois, the marquis' valet, whose impassive countenance was that of a stoic, apathetic to the follies of his betters; philosopher of the wardrobe, to whom a wig array or a loosened buckle seemed of more moment than a derangement of the marriage tie or the disorder of conjugal affection.

Not long thereafter the player left for America, where she procured an engagement in New York city, and so far as London was concerned, she might have found rest and retirement in the waters of Lethe.

CHAPTER I.

IT was a drizzly day in the Shadog valley. A mist had settled down upon the old inn; lost to view was the landscape, with its varied foliage. Only the immediate foreground was visible to a teamster who came down the road, the trees with dripping branches and wet roofs of the houses, which water fell to the ground with depressing monotony the well with its pall for watering the horses and the log trough in whose limpid waters a number of speckled trout were swimming. The driver drew up his horses before the "Traveler's Friend," as the place was named, and the noise of the harness and the clatter of the wheels imperceptibly.

"Hello, there!"

No one appearing, he leaned over and impatiently rapped on the door with the heavy oak butt end of his whip. Still there was no response. Again he knocked, this time louder than before, and was preparing for an even more vigorous assault upon the unresponsive entrance when the door swung back and the landlord, a tall, gaunt individual, confronted the driver.

"Well, I heard ye," he said testily. "Are ye coming in or shall I bring it out?"

"Bring it out," was the gruff response of the disgruntled teamster.

Shortly afterward mine host reappeared with a tankard of generous dimensions. The teamster raised it slowly, drained it to the bottom, dropped a coin into the landlord's hand, cracked his whip in a lively manner and moved on. The steam from his horses' nostrils mingled with the mist, and he was soon swallowed up, although the cheerful snap of his whip could yet be heard. Then that became inaudible, and the landlord, who had stood for a brief space in the doorway, empty tankard in hand, re-entered the house, satisfied that no more transient patronage would be forthcoming at present.

Going through an outer room, called by courtesy a parlor, the landlord passed into an apartment which served as dining room, sitting room and bed room. Here the glow of a wood fire from the well swept hearth and the aspect of the varied assortment of bottles, glasses and tankards gave more proof of the fitness of the appellation on the creaking sign of the roadhouse than appeared from a superficial survey of its exterior and far from neat stable yard or from that chilly, forbidding room so common, especially in American residences in those days, the parlor. The ceiling of this dining room was blackened somewhat, and the huge beams overhead gave an idea of the substantial character of the construction of the place. That fuel was plentiful appeared in evidence in the open fireplace, where a bright, crackling fire burned. 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