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## WORKMAN WILL VOTE FOR FARES BY-LAW IN JUSTICE TO STREET RAILWAY MEN

Had No "Kick" Coming When the Fare Readjustment was in Effect—Is Willing to Live and Let Live—Everything but Street Car Rides have Gone Up.

Two men were riding on the back of a Hamilton Road street car enjoying a smoke on the way home. They were talking street railway matters.

"What do you think of the change of fares they are going to vote on shortly?" asked one.

"I don't hardly know, Jack," replied the other. *"To tell the truth I had no kick coming when the change was made last summer. I didn't feel it."*

"What was the idea of getting the courts to dump the thing, Jim? It really wasn't worth the trouble."

### YOU NEVER CAN TELL

"No, it wasn't. But you can never tell whose axe is being ground when a thing like that is pulled off. Of course, understand me, I find it hard enough to live, and I am not breaking my neck to hand out any more money to anybody. But I was figuring out my house expenses last night with the wife, and I found that everywhere I looked I was paying more money than I was one, two, three, four or five years ago.

**"Bread, milk, butter, eggs, meat—in fact everything to eat is gone up and is still going up. My clothes and the clothes for my family cost me three times what they did before the war. I pay eighteen dollars now for the house that I rented for ten dollars in 1915. Coal is twelve dollars a ton now, as compared with eight dollars before the war."**

"Of course, my wages have gone up. You remember, back in 1914, \$20 dollars a week was looked on as good wages in our business. I get thirty now, but it won't go round. **WE ARE GOING TO ASK FOR MORE MONEY AND WE WILL GET IT.** In fact, we had a

chat with the boss, and he said he was putting ten per cent. onto his goods the first of January, and that he will meet our demands. We went into the matter and found he was not making a fortune and we believe the ten per cent. boost for him is only fair."

### ROUGH ON SOME

"But the thought occurred to me," continued Jim, "that it must be a pretty rough time on the boss who has to pay more money to his hands and cannot get any more for his goods. Did you ever think of that? I noticed the argument in a street railway 'ad.' and, to be fair and square, I think there is something to it.

**"The street railway boys have to live the same as the rest of us, and the company has to pay them a living wage. But the company can't get any more money for its tickets unless we say so. I don't see why I should knock the street railway man's chances of a decent living by voting against the change in the fares, when I do not object to my boss increasing the price of his goods in order that I and the other fellows in the shop shall get more money. What do you think of it, Jack?"**

### WILL VOTE FOR BY-LAW

"I think I'll vote for the by-law, Jim," was the reply. "I think the change is justified. The fellow who works for the street railway has as much right to live as I have. You know I always supported Adam Beck and public ownership. He has been compelled to raise the rates on the London and Port Stanley Railway. When he had to do it. I can easily believe that the street railway has a right to the change in fares.