

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

Reflections on Current Events by the Boarders.

"Stanley, the maurader, is having a pretty hard time of it just now in Lambeth, where he is running in the Conservative interest as member of parliament," said Phil. "The workingmen of Surrey don't seem to have any use for him despite the fact that he is married to Miss Dorothy Tenant, who claims to be a descendant of Oliver Cromwell, and whom he trots out on every possible occasion to help him in his canvass. Stanley may take all right with men like Chauncey Depew or Jay Gould, or in a constituency of pot-bellied capitalists, whose abject slave he has always been, but the experience of the last few weeks must have taught both him and that relic of old decency which has unfortunately married him that intelligent workingmen regard his exploits in Africa far differently than the money bags who sent him there. The relief of Emin Pasha was a fake; Emin did not want to be relieved, and was in no danger except that which threatened him through Stanley, and Stanley knew it. It was a mighty good excuse, however, for the promoters of that raid to secure a semi-official recognition by the English Government to their undertaking, which virtually amounted to a free license to rob and plunder without let or hindrance throughout the length and breadth of Africa. Cortez, Pizarro, De Soto and the other licensed Spanish and Portuguese robbers who ever ran this hemisphere some centuries ago, perpetrated innumerable barbarities and crimes; but it was left to Stanley's expedition to encourage and incite the natives to cannibalism for no other purpose than that of enabling one of his lieutenants to take sketches of the proceedings, presumably for the delectation of such audiences as greeted Stanley last year at New York. With the revolting deeds of his expedition still fresh in the memory of men, the bone and sinew of Lambeth regards his candidacy as an outrage on their feelings and an insult to their intelligence. The man who, at the behests of European landsharks and capitalistic thieves, devastated a continent with fire and sword is unfit to represent any constituency anywhere, not even if he had married a half a dozen great-grand-daughters of such a staunch and honest Commoner as Oliver Cromwell was. It is one thing to rob and murder defenceless niggers and quite another thing to justify your action before an English electorate. If Stanley were the shrewd and farseeing man which his admirers claim him to be, the protest which John Burns and his colleagues lodged against a public reception being tendered to him on his return would have been a sufficient indication of the feeling of the masses, and would have prevented him making a fool of himself at present in Lambeth. The only good thing about his candidacy is that his want of popularity and tact will ensure the election of his opponent."

"The opposition to his candidature by the working classes is one of the most encouraging signs of the times," said Brown, "for, take him all in all, Stanley is no ordinary man. He has any amount of pluck and determination, qualities which, perhaps more than any others, would endear him to all classes of Englishmen, for your truly British subject is more or less of a hero worshipper. His march through Africa was such a daring expedition, successfully accomplished, that fifty or even twenty years ago with his record almost any constituency in England would have elected him to any position in the gift of the people without opposition. But now they question his motives, and finding that he was but he hired leader of an expedition

whose real purpose was the robbery of land rather than the relief of Emin Bey, they turn from him in disgust, and treat his candidacy as the trick of an unscrupulous adventurer. This shows that the character of the laborer and mechanic of England has been elevated and that he occupies higher moral ground than he did a quarter of a century ago. Let him but continue to be guided by his own sound reasoning for another decade and the candidacy of sycophants and time-servers will become an impossibility. Stanley is being judged by his record; if the public men of Canada were judged in the same way but few of them would ever again be elected to the positions they occupy at present. Stanley carried destruction and war among a peaceful and contented people for the purpose of robbing them of their heritage and enriching the capitalists who sent him. This is a heinous crime and the darkest blot in the history of the nineteenth century, but the fastening of a set of horse leeches on the national life of our country is a crime as great and a blot as black as any that disgraced the civilization of our day."

BILL BLADES.

THE TRADES COUNCIL.

Semi-Annual Meeting—Election of Officers—Labor Day Celebration, Etc., Etc.

The semi-annual meeting of the above Council was held on Thursday evening last, the President in the chair. There was a large attendance of delegates, and the orders were gone through in a business-like manner. After the reading and confirming of the minutes of the preceding meeting, credentials were read and accepted from Jas. Drury, H. Rush and L. Z. Boudreau, representing Typographical Union, No. 176; Henri Cardinal, of Typographical Union, No. 145, and Geo. McLeod, of the Plasterers' Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing six months then took place and resulted as follows:—

President—L. Z. Boudreau.
Vice-President—R. Keys.
English Recording Secretary—P. J. Ryan.
French Recording Secretary—Geo. Lesage.
Corresponding Secretary—P. C. Chatel.
Financial Secretary—V. DuBreuil.
Treasurer—Jos. Corbeil.
Sergeant-at-Arms—P. C. Chatel.
Organization Committee—E. Farrell, J. Mercier, P. J. Ryan, W. Sandilands and Geo. Holland.
Legislative Committee—U. Lafontaine, J. A. Rodier, R. Keys, A. Friedlander and W. Darlington.
Committee on Credentials—P. Howard, A. Garipey, E. Farrell, Geo. Holland and W. McCleave.
Auditors—A. Deguire, Geo. Lesage and W. Sandilands.
Trustees—E. Farrell, A. Deguire and Jas. Williams.

ORGANIZATION.

The Organization Committee then presented the following report:—
"The Organization Committee beg leave to report having held a public meeting on Tuesday, July 5th instant, for the purpose of organizing the machine woodworkers into a union. We succeeded in securing the names and addresses of a large number who promised to join. The committee beg to return thanks to the gentlemen who, by their kind co-operation, assisted in making the meeting a success."

On motion of Delegate Lafontaine, seconded by Delegate Darlington the report was adopted as read.

THE WIDOW FLYNN VICTORY.

Delegate Darlington then moved, seconded by Delegate Williams, that this Council appoint a committee of five for the purpose of giving a reception to Mr. J. C. Hutton, Widow Flynn's lawyer, on his arrival back from England, the said reception to be in whatever form the committee may think advisable, but if time and convenience allow the committee to report back to Council for their sanction as to the action they may deem it wise to take. The motion was carried, and Delegates Darlington, Howard, Williams, McCleave and Farrell were appointed such committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The committee appointed to confer with the Coopers' Union in reference to the trouble existing in several shops in this city, reported having attended the meeting of that union, and promised them all the assistance possible

in securing their just rights. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The Labor Day Committee reported progress, and read a communication from the Exposition Company containing the terms under which the Council could have the use of their grounds for the annual sports. It was decided to lease the grounds on the conditions contained in the letter. It was then moved by Delegate Darlington, seconded by Delegate Friedlander, that the Labor Day Committee be instructed to absolutely prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor and gambling of every description on the grounds on Labor Day. The motion was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE DOMINION TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS.

A communication signed by the President and Secretary of the Congress, and which was published in last week's issue, was then read, when it was moved by Delegate Darlington, seconded by Delegate Lafrance, that the communication be laid on the table till next meeting. In amendment by Delegate Rodier, seconded by Delegate Blondin, that the communication be acted on and delegates elected. The amendment was carried by 22 to 14.

It was then moved by Delegate Lafontaine, seconded by Delegate DuBreuil, that the Council be represented by three delegates at the Congress in Toronto. Carried.

The balloting then took place and resulted in the election of U. Lafontaine on the first ballot, L. Z. Boudreau on the second and P. J. Ryan on the fourth.

PRINTING THE CONSTITUTION.

It was moved by Delegate Corbeil, seconded by Delegate Cardinal, that a committee be appointed to get tenders for printing in French and English the Constitution as amended, 75 proofs of each to be ready for distribution amongst the members at next meeting. In amendment to the foregoing it was moved by Delegate Darlington, seconded by Delegate Howard, that the printing of the Constitution be done at THE ECHO office.

A short discussion took place on the question, the whole of the speakers being in favor of the amendment. Delegates Blondin, Rodier, Brennan, Darlington and Howard took the ground that THE ECHO being the official organ of the Council, the only exponent of the claims of organized labor in this city, and an out-and-out Union establishment, it was entitled to all the printing at the disposal of the Council.

On a vote being taken the amendment was carried a vote of 34 to 2. The meeting then adjourned.

COMING EVENTS.

The Coopers' Union intend holding a grand picnic and games on Saturday, Aug. 13. An energetic committee has the matter in hand, and are leaving no stone unturned to make their first venture a success in every sense of the word.

The Labor Day Committee will meet this (Saturday) evening in the Ville Marie Hall. They will also meet Tuesday evening next at the same place.

Arrangements for the Montreal Typographical Union picnic are rapidly taking shape. Judging from the returns there will be a very good prize list, and the clerk of the weather is to be interviewed as to the weather. So if you want a day's fun go to Otterburn Park with the Typos on the 6th August.

The permanent committees of the Central Trades and Labor Council do not intend to let the grass grow under their feet. Arrangements are being made for the holding of meetings for organization purposes, and everything points to a most successful season.

The K. of L. Juvenile Band are now holding two practices weekly. This is to put the boys in fine "fix" for Labor Day.

We understand it is the intention of Black Diamond Assembly to hold an excursion to Quebec some time during the summer. The boys will be received right royally by their friends in the Ancient Capital, and will doubtless have a good time. This is a good idea, and we hope 1711 will be successful socially, financially and otherwise.

Election of Officers.

At the general meeting of the Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Union held Friday, the 8th instant, the following officers were elected for the next six months' term: J. Donaldson, President; W. J. Graham, 1st Vice-President; Wm. Desormeau, 2nd Vice-President; T. Burke, Treasurer; Wm. McCleave, English Secretary; E. Roussel, French Secretary; P. Howard, Financial Secretary; J. Monger, Sergeant-at-Arms. Trustees, Messrs. Gibeau, McCleave and J. Welsh. Delegates to Trades and Labor Council, Messrs. McCleave, Howard and St. George.

The following have been elected officers of River Front L. A. 7628, for the ensuing six months:—M. H. Brennan, M.W.; John Condon, W.F.; John Kennedy, almoner; Joseph Warren, R. S.; Charles Parker, F.S.; Joseph Fuller, W.T.; James O'Brien, S.; Thomas McNamara, P.M.W.; Albert Watkins, W.G.; Mark Duggan, W.I.; Patrick Joyce, I. E.; Arthur Daly, O. E. Court officers—Thomas McNamara, J.; James O'Brien, J.A.; J. Warren, C. Trustees—M. H. Brennan, Joseph Fuller, Joseph Warren, John Condon.

THE FIRE FIEND.

St. John's, N.F., Swept by a Terrible Conflagration.

The most disastrous fire in the history of St. John's, Nfld., broke out yesterday evening during a heavy north-west gale. It originated in a small wooden building on Long's hill, near the top of the mountain. The high wind carried live embers in all directions, and soon a score of conflagrations were spreading destruction.

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