

and between them, no section or class of wage-earners need be without organization—and consequent protection! In the perfection of organization lies education, and a consequent raising of the masses to a thorough realization of their own power under our present advanced system of government—although yet a system capable of many improvements.

Although no programme has been provided as to the measures that ought to receive your earnest attention, still, speaking now for myself I think you should not overlook in your deliberations such questions as the extension of the franchise to a much greater degree than at present prevails, the Chinese immigration curse, pauper and assisted Passage immigration from Europe, the necessity for factory and sanitary legislation, such legislation by the Dominion Parliament as would amply protect the wages of mechanics and laborers involved in insolvent estates; a protest against placing the product of convict labor in an open market in competition with the product of labor of honest men, and the liability of employers when employees suffer disability through unprotected machinery and so forth. It appears to me, too, that some action will be necessary, with the view of devising ways and means for the better prosecution of efforts towards securing such legislation as may be required in repealing such unjust laws, as well as securing the passage of such measures as may be deemed requisite in justice to the working classes from time to time. With these hurriedly conceived remarks, I heartily welcome you to the Queen City of the West, with the hope that the result of your labors may reflect much credit on yourselves, both individually and collectively, and be productive of the greatest possible amount of good to the wage-earners of the Dominion at large. I now declare this Congress regularly open for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it.

On motion, W. E. Meredith, Typographical Union, was elected Secretary, and Messrs. S. Dunbar and W. Wilson Sergeant-at-arms and Messenger respectively.

Moved by D. J. O'Donoghue, seconded by J. Armstrong,

"That the usual privileges be accorded the representatives of the press, excluding those of the *Telegram*."

Moved in amendment by J. Gardiner, and seconded,

"That as liberal-minded men, we accord the privilege without any exception."