OUR STORY

We begin in this issue the publication of a remarkable and interesting story entitled "Cousin Jerusha," the first instalment of which will be found on the second page. Though not written by the usual author it is a counterpart to "Looking Backward," presenting such wonderful power the same attractiveness as an opening which will develop on the reader, as once presented itself to us on that novel shown should prove fascinating. The author draws a fearful and terrible picture of the state of society which is probably possible to be the greatest horror, supposing the present tendency be somewhere on the bad.

The work is and work present for the remaining part of a year or so, appears from the working of energies as to the benefit of social legislation. Every Labor Man should read it.

The best time to make is the time to do. The best place to act is in the present hour. The best weapon to strike with is a labor paper. Work long and hard in your choice to strike against French Patch for cheap labor, distress wages and short hours, and so benefit the greedy and despotic money-makers. If you don't do it now you won't have another chance in twenty years.

Westminster: Remember the Street Railway bill, and, in which French Patch stands upon the sacred bulwarks of industry the rights of the ordinary rights of manhood and justing a labor organization. If you stand on or forget this ordinary and rights and you are unworthy to possess the rights of freemen. But to a by your votes that no alderman who is in favor of allowing French Patch to continue in possession of the Street Railway gets into the Council of 1891. Now is the time.

Years should be no further delay shall pass on the part of the City Council [illegible] the Street Railway [illegible] the public [illegible] the power belonging to the council in favor of the change as a marked improvement on the present report and considerably reduced of taxation, and the aldermen are not treating their constituents fairly in delaying action. The business is not but is in a way to the right of system of appropriating land values, created by the growth of the community for public uses. We hope to see a adopted when our further delay.

It seems that the Street Railway employes must set on made to measure the times, and agitate of Toronto could hold large public meetings to help them, and otherwise show sympathy. They would do all in their power to aid them, even though they felt the cause was hopeless. Now they have the chance to do for more than any strike could accomplish, by simply voting that the city shall return control of the road instead of handing it back to French Patch. It only needs a little effort and agitation on the part of the labor organizations. But the time is short, and if anything is to be done it must be done at once.

We hope that our subscribers and friends will have and to any news concerning to their employes hand, or are connected with their trade, of interest to organized labor. We particularly desire to obtain early information in advance to the conclusion of the labor market, such as increases or reductions of wages, alterations in the hours, the formation of new unions or associations, strikes, lockouts, etc. The Labor Advocate has no large staff of reporters and correspondents like a daily newspaper and will consequently be largely dependent on the voluntary efforts of the readers in furnishing news of the movement.

It is to be regretted that the proposed amendments to the school act likely to be passed at the approaching session of the Provincial Legislature will include a provision for free school books. Our [illegible] school system cannot be expected to really live so long as the heavy tax imposed by provincial legislation on the [illegible] of books is not [illegible] by the parents of the people. To make the books free to children would only be carrying out to logical completeness a principle already admitted and made the subject of such a national [illegible]. The majority are already provided free school houses, free teachers, and free [illegible] and yet [illegible] free school books be any more? Any improvement upon the reform is equally valid against the entire system of free education.

The English Liberal leaders, John Morley and Charles Bradlaugh are making a great mistake in opposing the government of Sir Charles Dilke's bill. It has taken the French [illegible] years to reach the conclusion that the government reduction in the hours of labor is the most important reform of a monetary character that has ever been proposed by the [illegible]. But having so well thoroughly grasped this idea, he is not going to let party considerations or the supposed necessity of yielding to [illegible] prejudices against [illegible] interfere, stand in the way. If the Liberals do it the road, or make the worse for them. They might by [illegible] to have [illegible] and by [illegible] that the Tories have no [illegible] of [illegible] the Whigs. By suddenly [illegible] up rule of [illegible], while the Liberals were [illegible] and [illegible] over them.

The case of The Labor Advocate is to be pay practical. While [illegible] overlook the importance of [illegible] and the violation of rights you [illegible] which may have [illegible] in the [illegible] future. [illegible] to our [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] such [illegible] by the [illegible] of [illegible]. There is nothing at all [illegible] interest in chronicling [illegible] of a social [illegible] which [illegible] be the [illegible] and [illegible] enjoy no [illegible] share of the [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]