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The Forthcoming Dominion Elections

There does not seem to be the slightest doubt about a general election taking place next year. The Liberal and Conservative parties are already busily engaged with organization work. No doubt each faction is convinced that the affairs of the country will only be safe in the event of them being returned to power. Each will be able to tell us through its own particular party paper that the land will flow with milk and honey only in the event of the destinies of the nation being placed in their hands.

Of course there will be nothing new in these promises; we have heard them many times before, and have heeded them with the same old mule like devotion that has characterized us as working but unthinking men for ages past.

We have been clamoring for redress for our wrongs and for salvation from the autocratic power of our masters before and ever since we have had the privilege of the franchise. We have had our opportunities time and again to reverse the balance of power and next year we will probably have another opportunity of exercising our prerogative as free men to elect whomsoever we will to look after the nation's welfare for another term.

It would almost look as though there was considerable analogy between the working electors and the historic apes by the Dead Sea. We jabber incoherently about reform, about the abuse of power, about the grinding down of the masses beneath the relentless heel of capital and party power with one or two lucid intervals between in which to really KNOW OURSELVES and recognise the impotency of our misused power and then sink back into the gibing, mouthing, inarticulate inanities that we are—willing listeners to the eloquent silver-tongued orators who strut the platforms at election time painting pictures of the promised land which he and his particular party are preparing for our especial edification.

Meanwhile we are treated to brilliant examples of the kindness of both parties whenever occasion permits.

Commenting on the recent London election the Industrial Banner says:

"The Conservatives loved labor so well that they brought out a candidate to oppose the labor nominee; and so eager were the Liberals to emulate them, that they stayed at home for fear their votes would help elect a labor representative. Thank God the labor people are not blind. At the late election, with an imperfect baby organization, they had to face the whole of the Tory Party and the big wigs of the Grit Party thrown in, while the little Grits roosted on the fence. Next time, in a three-cornered fight, we will show our false friends where we are. Organized labor in London owes nothing either to the Grit or Tory Party. They both tried to give it to us in the neck and finish us up for good. However, the Labor Party had votes and its deposit was never in danger, and it is just as much alive as before the election."

How long will the Canadian workman continue to wait for reform and yet persist in his present course of election folly? It only requires a little difference in industrial matters to precipitate a strike or at any rate an awful difference of opinion, and the sooner the working men of the Dominion realise that the only effective place to strike is at the ballot, the sooner will the working men attain their object and realise that for which they have been fighting so long. It is useless wasting

any more valuable time. In every large centre of organized labor a branch of the Canadian Labor Party should at once be formed. The nomination of a candidate is not all that is necessary. An infinite amount of work will have to be attended to and the labor vote looked after on election day. Regina is an important centre of organized labor. A branch of the Canadian Labor Party has been formed and is doing some little work. Fellow worker and therefore vitally interested brother toiler, is your name down as a member of the peoples' party? If not—Why not?

American Labor Federation Meet

President Gompers Challenges Manufacturers' Association

Report of the proceedings of the 27th Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor is just to hand. President Gompers' report reveals a very encouraging state of affairs with regard to affiliated organizations.

There is now affiliated to the American Federation of Labor 117 International Unions, 37 State Federations, 574 City Central Bodies, and 661 Local Trade and Federal Labor Unions.

The International Unions are made up of approximately 28,500 local unions.

The Secretaries of 112 international unions report that they have issued from their respective organizations charters to 2,948 newly organized unions during the past year. There has been an increase in the membership in the organizations comprising our Federation of 188,373 during the same period. This leaves entirely out of account the forty thousand members of the brewery workers, formerly affiliated to our Federation.

President Gompers states that much good has been accomplished during the past year in the way of federating organizations to the American Federation of Labor, and it is pleasing to know that many of the differences of opinion existing between the several International Organizations are vanishing, and that a nearer kinship is being established between all organized bodies.

Every effort should be put forward to amalgamate the forces of labor under one common banner, for labor knows neither geographical or political bounds, and anything that tends to narrow or cripple the world wide fellowship and scope of labor should be cast aside to make room for the greater good. National unions are possibly capable of some good but there is neither the prestige or funds behind a national union to avail in the event of trouble which must inevitably occur in certain phases of industrial development, and as a chain is of a surety no stronger than its weakest link, so also is a National Organization no stronger than its weakest part—its paucity of affiliations and finances.

Contemptible Capitalist Antagonism

Under the Caption—Contemptible Capitalist Antagonism—President Gompers bitterly arraigns the Parry-Post-Van-Cleave outfit of union smashers and working-man oppressors for their attitude towards the workers. Finding that every effort to stem the tide of industrial freedom which is now sweeping with irresistible force over the whole world is unavailing the new President of the National Manufacturers' Association culled from

the recesses of his fertile brain a glorious scheme for the education and moral uplifting of the down-trodden sons of toil. He evolved the magnificent idea of raising a million and a half dollars from amongst the manufacturers, the whole of which vast sum to be devoted to "educational" purposes.

Now, just one moment, my worthy brother toiler in the industrial fight for bread, before kneeling down to offer a prayer of thankfulness for this unwonted manifestation of tender hearted solicitude for your welfare, think, first,—can it be true? A very little reflection will lead you to the conclusion that since the sun still shines by day and the stars by night according to their usual wont, so also do the capitalists and the toilers move in their several stations; and there is just as much likelihood of the sun changing places with the stars as there is of the Manufacturers' Association spending a million and a half cents for the education of the workers to a knowledge of those things which they should know. Referring to this fund President Gompers stated that it was not difficult to discern, and circumstances since have demonstrated, that this fund is to be devoted to the effort to weaken, cripple, and destroy the unions of labor; the unions which are the only means of defense of the workers from the cupidity and greed of the worst elements of the capitalist class; the only means by which the working people, the wealth producers of our country and our time, can hope to secure some of the advantages of advancing civilization, participate in the progress and become larger sharers of the wealth which they produce.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 20.—President Gompers of the American federation of labor at the afternoon session of the convention here, in an address, occupying two hours replied to the charges of the national association of manufacturers and their president Van Cleave. Documents were produced and facts were stated backed by proofs that the manufacturers' association are conducting a campaign with one Henry Rice.

Gompers also detailed the attempts made upon himself by a detective named Brandenburg, who declared he represented the manufacturers, and persistently presented himself at various places including New York and Washington, and finally tried to bring Gompers into signing a supposed confession, the original of which Gompers produced and read to the convention.

In closing his address he said, "I challenge the manufacturers' association to their worst." Gompers resumed his seat amid prolonged cheers from the huge gathering, every delegate in the hall rising to his feet.

Berger of Milwaukee, a pronounced socialist, who has always opposed Gompers, stated he would this year move his re-election and Feeley, another socialist, declared his intention of seconding the same.

Resolutions of confidence in the president and executive council were passed by a unanimous standing vote amid further cheering.

Start Union

Label Campaign

Union Men of Calgary Are Inaugurating a Move Which Should Bear Fruit

R. P. Pettipiece, organizer for the International Typographical Union and the Dominion Trades Congress, speaking

to a Daily News man to-day, said that nearly every town and city in the west is now well organized so far as the printers are concerned. An aggressive union label campaign is being organized and will be vigorously prosecuted this year. Winnipeg unionists will likely put up \$4,000 or more for a fund, and Calgary men are also going to take up the campaign.

The Typographical union of this city is making the initial step, and will wait on the Trades and Labor Council tonight to ask general co-operation. Part of the campaign mapped out is to have a union label tent at the Dominion fair, and it is likely a committee will be appointed tonight to approach the management in the matter. The union label will be the slogan of unionists in Western Canada this year, and if money, intelligence and push count for anything, goods bearing the sign of competent workmanship, good wages and fair hours should become popular.—Calgary News.

Alberta Executive

Trades Congress

CONVENTION CALL

A convention of delegates from all Trades Councils, Trades Unions, Society of Equity and others actively engaged in the labor movement in Alberta will assemble in the Trades and Labor Council's Hall, Stephen Avenue, Calgary, on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1907,

at 9 a.m., prompt, to form a platform to enable Labor to be united; to decide what measures to press before the Provincial House of Parliament (which assembles in January) for Labor's cause; to decide questions in regard to the forthcoming elections (Provincial and Federal); to take up subjects referred to the Alberta Executive by the Dominion Congress, and other matters necessary and for the advancement of Labor's cause in Alberta.

The Convention will be for one day only and will assemble prompt at 9 a.m. when delegates will please hand their Credentials to the Secretary. The Convention will be private, but union men will be admitted as visitors on producing a union card in good standing.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. has kindly offered the following rates to Delegates to the Convention on purchasing single fare ticket and securing standard Certificate as a receipt.

If there are 100 delegates with Standard Certificate the return will be free.

If there are less than 100 and more than 25 with S. C.: Return $\frac{1}{2}$ the fare.

If there are less than 25 with S. C.: Return journey will be $\frac{1}{4}$ the fare.

IMPORTANT

Nearly every week we have one or more papers returned to us because the subscriber has moved and has not given his new address. There is no excuse for this, for it would be but little trouble to call at our office, Rose St. next new City Hall or drop a postal in the post-office, addressed to Labor's Realm to have the paper sent to his new address, and the post-office would inform us of the change.

The regular meeting of the Regina Trades and Labor Council will be held to-morrow night, Nov. 23rd, in Trades Hall. The attendance of delegates is earnestly requested.