

Mr. Carey was of the opinion that nine hours would constitute a day's work when workmen looked for it as a unit. At present, one lot of men will strike for nine hours a day, and another lot will step in and take their places, and work ten hours per day at the same wages.

Robt. McCord was in favor of the resolution. His Union had the benefit of the nine hours for a day's work for some years; and, in fact, they worked the shortest number of hours of any trade in Canada—working only 50½ hours per week.

Jno. Armstrong held that the employers should be encouraged to set on more hands. He believed the shortening of the hours of labor would be a great boon to the working-classes, provided that they were unanimous in the matter.

J. Rooney was in favor of shortening the hours of labor. Man was not created solely to eat, work, and sleep, but for something higher. The working-classes ought to have time for education, recreation, family intercourse, and by all means should enter a protest against Sunday labor.

J. Booth thought they required more rest. The Union which he represented—the Builders' Labourers—was unanimously in favor of the nine-hour movement.

J. Aldridge said the matter was brought before the Congress simply as a "feeler." He thought those present were not prepared to discuss it, and he thought the matter should be laid over without taking a "catch-vote." He was not satisfied that a vote taken would be the square, honest vote of the delegates present.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Congress resumed at three o'clock, with the President in the chair.

The discussion was taken up on Mr. Aldridge's resolution with reference to the shortening of the hours of labor.

Alfred Jury thought the resolution was the most important one coming before the Congress at its present session. It was a well-known fact that in periods of depression the supply of labor was in excess of the demand. The price of labor always depended upon the law of supply and demand, no matter how they might try to evade

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