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## THE STREET RAILWAY.

THE street milway fight is over. The road was formally handed over to the Syndicate on Tuesday last, and the monopoly are now in possession of the coveted franchise for a term of at least twenty years. The solidity, stupidity and prejudice of the people of Toronto, more especially those of the wealthy and self-styled intelligent and respectable classes, have proved cared enough about the public interest and the rights of labor to make a stand for the principle of civic operation.
When in addition to this slavish in difference of the citizens, the influence odle was thrown into the scale the drive many thousands more of our people across the line. The result is fight became a hopeless one.

The suit brought by the editor of

the Lindon ADVOCATE to provent inc surrender failed for want of publi support. As was intimated in on issue, the further persecution of the case depended entirely on the receipt of sufficient money from such of the citizens as might feel sufficiently interested in the matter to aid the in vestigation financially. The contribu-tions which we asked—but scarcely expected-have not been forthcoming so there the matter rests. We have established enough to deepen the strong suspicions which have all along been entertained that some of the alderroe who voted for the syndicate were cor ruptly influenced. If the City Council o members whose course has given rise to these suspicions think them ur the remedy lies in their own hands. Let them insist on a civic in vestigation. But that we can well imagine is just about the last thing they want.

As for the organized workingmenthey have foolishly thrown away the best opportunity offered them in years for dealing a crushing blow to majority of those belonging to labor A few true and tried men have done their duty nobly and manfully to the end But they have no been lovally supported by the mass Had organized labor as a whole, showed the same resolute and determined spirit that they did at the tim of the street railway strike no council dare have sanctioned the agreement

As regards our own course we have nothing to be ashamed of, nothing to apologize for, nothing to regree wa se that the contract is a public misfortune which will deprive the citizens of many trillion dollars to enrich the members of the syndicate, and that its acceptance was procured by bribery. Somer or later the whole portion to the value accruing from hameful story will come out In any public improvements and the develop-

ADVOCATE coming numerical terms and institutions platfeally against capitalism, it might may go to the dead so far as they are ADVOCATE coming numerical tections, such of from the rist of this North American as well dissolve for all the good it will concerned provided they are under the syndicates tools as may offer them. Continent, in sympathy with European ever accomplish. And for the future, turbed in their money gradeling and selves for reduction, and secondly, to notions and methods, and commercially labor organizations, in order to accord fashionable desiptions and the large legislature

BURSTING OF THE BURBLE.

THE publication of the census re on the northern half of this continent a nation by antiquated turiff restrictions, coupled with enormous expenditures on unprofitable enterprises and the granting of wholesale monopoly privileges. In spite of the "cucourwholesale over the lines, and the uniteragement given to native industry by the protective tariif, the opening of The whole political factions. The whole political fabric built upon a the Canadian Pacific Rathay, the delusion and a fraud. Is a construction of the protective of the protective of the protective of the protection of the North-West to private corporations and the expenditure of many millions to assist immigration, the result is a a standstill this is just about what we might have expected as the natural in- to attainment. crease of population. But when we consider that according to Government returns the immigration into Canada for which the people are so heavily taxed, amounts during the last ten the effort to attract population here has been worse than wasted and that gates. It is to be hoped that in ara number of Canadians or immigrants to Canada coust in volume to the on tire immigration of the last ten years, for the United States. Meanwhile our debt, owing to the rockless and prolligate expenditure of borrowed money, has increased enormously, and the burdens thus entailed upon industry will make Canada a less inviting

The whole policy of the Governments, both Grit and Tory, which have been in power since Confederation, in the matter of developing the country has been radically wrong. The Can-ada Pacific scheme was a ridiculous attempt to emulate the bull-free of the fable who tried to blow hinself up leave to the size of an ox, and burst in the effort. It was a needless, foolish, disastrous undertaking. Mackenzie. Blake and the rest of the Grit leaders who were not so much under the domination of the patriotic illusion as the Tories had the sense to see this but lacked the moral courage to proclaim it, and vielded to the insensate clame of a besotted and bedevilled publi opinion, possibly also to British in fluence, for English statesmen encour aged the delusion for political reasons. The country should have been left to develop naturally by the steady growth of population and the voluntary setby our natural advantages instead of the abolition of land. minor the being bribed, coaxed and deluded into the abolition of land. minor coming here. Then, as population in creased, local railroads should have been constructed by the Government in accordance with the demands of ex isting traffic, instead of being pushed all at once across the continent, traversing hundreds of miles of rocky and

sterile regions where no local traffic

of making haste to give away many

title but granted free use and occu-

what any one of ordinary common

bonise, not with the my by nonsensical notions of patriotism, could easily have

foretold

soled his life-to this end was the of self-seeking politicians and oth CPR built, the protective taril, whose interests are indentified with or shout for the thievish politicians ordered, the North-West land mone, the existing order of things. turns last week is the severest blow Police endorsed and the people's money which has yet been dealt to the so squandered in imagration science, called National Policy of building up And the result of this costly and senseless struggle against nature and ple is seen in the pitiful exhibit of the ensus of '91, the chronic stagnation of industry which is driving our people

The census returns and the profe consternation and disgust with which they have been received by the councomplete and humiliating failure The try indicate the beginning of the end, complete and lumiliating failure. The try indicate the beginning of the end, population has only increased in the and a rough awakening from the delucourse of ten years from 1 321,810 to sive dream which regarded a great 1,823,411. Had immigration been at Canadian nation built up on antidemocratic principles as on the road

### DOMINION LABOR CONGRESS

THE Trades and Labor Congress for the Dominion began its annual session on Monday last in Quehec. Toronto is well represented in the list of delo ranging the programme of measures for which the later organizations are to be asked to agitate, much more adthe past. the past. It is high time that the workers in Canada felt the impulse of the "new unionism" which has entirely transformed the character of the labor movement in Britain. Canadian workingmen ought surely to be canable field for immigration than ever, and of learning, as the workers of other countries have learned, that the thing to be aimed at is not merely a little more wages, or a few hours in the that craft, but the overthrow of th various forms of amnopoly and social injustice which keep the we zker in ar inferior and dependent position. It is folly to expect any material change for the better, either by trying to squeeze a little more out of the employer or clamoring for a few miserable inadequate legislative palliatives which kave the root of/social abuses un-

touched. If the labor movement is to be any thing but a donkey-engine for this that political party, and a bitter dis-appointment to thise who are sincere in desiring the enancipation of the wori ars-the efforts of its councils and congresses must be directed towards securing thorough going radical reforms of industry. They must not be content with labor bureaus, factory and ship-ping inspection, anti-Chinese laws, or any such wretched maked fts which the Government throws to th on in-transportation monopolies, and the have recognition of the right of the workers to all he produces. No one espects, of course, that social revolution of this kind can come suddenly or without long years of agitation. But that we do say is, that no labor reform organization in this day is worthy the name and moneyed corporations whose policy they have in view, and demand such measure. The success of the street is to hold them for a rise in value, the introducte measures of legislation as milway syndicate has shown how easily Government should have reserved the tend in that direction.

pancy in the meantime to actual set Fortier of Quebec, which appears the sentiment. thers, subject to a future rent in pro-portion to the value accruing from bodies to avoid the mistake of inviting

stives for reduction, and secondly, to inclose and methods, and connectually labor organizations, in order to avoid, fashionable dissipitions and the large oppose the targets extension in the looked from our neighbors. To this being placed in a false position, will do majority of the workingment are equally bigishative.

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#### THE "NEWS" AND THE NATIONALISTS.

Top Your in its house of last Rei day, assails the Nationalists with the proverbial bitterness of the turnount It attempts to obscure under a cloud of meaningless and pointless generalities the real issue. The Nationalist do not condemn the press because it does not adopt their views, but be cause it is notoriously venal and can be bought, or, what practically amounts

to the same thing, "influenced" by pressure from advertisers, wealthy cor orations, political heelers, etc. to take any course on public questions that will pay. It suits the purpose of gramme of the Nationalists as impracticable, but it is a very short time since that paper professed to hold the same ideas. In view of this fact. twaddle such as the following is altogether wide of the mark

gether wide of the mark.

The fabilities are unailly free blickers, that is, they believe that every man should be allowed to think as he pleaces, and to wore his thought freely, but when any one thought they have been also the conditionation in which reason gives way to the tyrannical holorance three in most men when their particular bobbles do not most with appreciation.

Nobody blames the News for no thinking as the Nationalists think The point is that it pretended to think as they do, and then suddenly and without ostensible cause or went back upon what it had advo ----

The principles of Nationalism so far as they are of immediate practical application, are virtually the same a those of the Knights of Labor. The eighteenth plank in the Declaration of Principles of the Knights reads as fol-

lows:

18. That the Government shall obtain
possession, by porchase under the right of
eminent domain, of all telegraphs, telephones and rathroads, and that hervafter no
chaster or license be issued to any corporation for construction or operation of any
no ans of transporting intelligence, passe
gers of freight.

In the face of the clear and emphatic unciation of the principle of public ownership of all means of tration, let the editor of the News, A. F. Jury and all other Knightsof Labor who has opposed the carrying out of this principle justify their action if they can Random talk about "faddists," "Look ing Backward dreams" and "tyranni cal intolerance," is no answer to the charge of having antagonized a n ure they were pledged to support.

CANADIAN patriotism isn't in it with the persuasive American greenback, as the street railway deal clearly shows. This city of Toronto is the head-quar ers of loyalty, the home of the Denise Jim Hughes and Dr. Wild, where it anywhere in Canada the grave sus picion that our representatives wer being bought by Yankee boodlers night be expected to arouse the public to a white heat of indignation. But on the contrary, they take it quit complacently and even approvingly. Some day should the Americans ever think Canada worth buying, nothing will be easier for them than to send over a "clean skater" of the Mahler sterile regions where no local trailer zation in this day is woring the name power a second and every have ear his ore and bedveloped. Insite ad which does not clearly realize and type with a few millions to Exceeding the making haste to give away many boldly preclaim that the reorganization and buy up the press and politicians millions of acres to railread companies of the industrial system is the end right and let to support an annexation chate measures of legislation as railway syndicate has shown how easily in that direction. the trick can be done and how little The address of welcome by Mayor sincerity there is in Canadian potriotic

shamed) story will come out. In any entitive communication will some day come to the people will some day come to their senses and realize what they have their senses and realize what they have the people will some day come to their senses and realize what they have the people will some day come to their senses and realize what they have the folly of trackery of their use blunder which underlies the presentatives. Future destropancially will amply similar to our course. In the recantine, though the main issue has gone against us, two thin, and the people was a whole hardly early the folly of trackery of desirable or possible to find in any civilized community. But the great stand to be honest on the line of the country will underlies the presentatives. Future destroy of their will use the system is the idea that it is in the system is the idea that it is the system is the idea that it is incompleted by the folly of trackery of their interests of the authority or appeal." If the Labo people was a whole hardly early under the limits to the presentative in the presentative in the presentative in the presentative in the resulting of the presentative in partizan politicians and capitalisic sible to find in any civilized commun.

rs stomachs with beer or rot-gut whiskey them Toronto profes itself upon its loyalty and patriotism, yet our abiect and craven voters are allowing them-selves to be builted into silence by a purchased press while a game of Yan kee sharpers buy up our aldermen and rob the people of a franchise worth

THE cable di-patches antiounce a very large crop of labor and Socialist candi dates for the coming British elections, including Ben Tillett, John Burns and H. M. Hyndman. It is anticipated that there will be a compact phalanx of thirty labor members in the next the front Their supporters as a guarantee of their carnestness in most cases undertake to pay the expenses of the contest and provide the members with a yearly allowance, as British M.P.'s receive no pay. If the contrast between this encouraging state of affairs and the apathy which prevails on the subject of political action in Canada does not shame the labor organizations here it is simply because they have no sense of shame remaining.

THE Evening News speaks as follows concerning Chauncey M. Depew, one of the most malignant and hypocritical enemies of labor among American capitalists.

capitalists.

Mr. Depow is the head of one of the greatest railing corporations in the world, it is a clever to prove the property of the control of the con

And a short time since the News pretended, and probably still does, to be a labor paper !

THE slaughter of two train men by so called "accident" at Burlington Beach last Sunday night, when a freight train was precipitated into the canal, adds another to the long list of murders due to the greed and negligence of railway corporations. There was only one semaphore at the approach to the fatal bridge instead of wo as in the case at all other bridges. The whole melancholy affair is owing to the niggardly policy of the G.T.R., and whichever of the high officials of that road is responsible for it should do a long term in the penitentiary. But there is no justice in this world for murders of that stamp.

NATIONALISM is a strong influence in American politics. The People's Party of Massachusetts will put a state ticket in the field this fall, and has adopted a strong platform, nine of the planks of which are distinctly Nationalist, including national currency, taxation of inheritances, nationalization of telegraphs and railways, municipal ownership of street railways, municipal coal yards, and the manu-facture and sale of liquor by the government only. The platform also declares for an eight hour day and roman suffrage.

John Callahan an employee of the Hamilton Street Railway Company has been sent to the penitentiary for two years, having pleaded guilty to stealing \$8,000 of the Company's funds. It came out on the trial that his pay was \$1 to per day. Any company that has so little sense as to place a man in Ir would be difficult, perhaps importantly of dollars passing through his