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LABOR DAY

The cleavage between labor unions and those who are not members of labor unions in St. John is not strongly marked. This city has not as yet attracted large numbers of foreigners, and therefore the members of the labor unions are our own people, who have the same ideals and have had the same early training in a general way as have the members of the community who are not members of the unions. This no doubt explains the general good feeling that exists in St. John, and the absence of any such troubles as accompany labor disputes in most American and some Canadian centres.

Yesterday's celebration of Labor Day in this city reflected the highest credit upon those by whom it was organized, and upon all who took part in the procession and the later events. The day was an ideal one, and the whole affair was marked by a spirit of great good humor and general enjoyment. It is claimed, no doubt with truth, that yesterday was the greatest Labor Day demonstration the city has witnessed. Every citizen will hope that the friendly relations which have so long existed between employer and employed in this city will never be marred by any such disturbances as this year has witnessed in many cities on this continent.

CO-OPERATION

The recent address of Earl Grey on co-operation as the basis of the ideal state of the future has attracted world-wide interest. The fact that his address was heard by delegates representing two million members of successful co-operative societies gives added force to his remarks. The benefits of organized distribution, co-operative buying, co-operative transportation and marketing, and the co-operative use of power for machinery have been demonstrated; and while the producer has received benefit therefrom, the consumer has secured a reduction in the cost of living. Earl Grey has long been an able advocate of co-operation, has carefully studied its workings in the United Kingdom and Europe generally, and it is doubtless true, as the Montreal Star observes, that "he claimed no more than its due for co-operation when he declared that in European countries it had bettered the industrial position of both consumers and producers." There are co-operative societies in Canada, some of the most successful being in Cape Breton. The movement, however, although it has also made some progress in Ontario and in the far west, does not appear to have appealed to the great mass of the people. It is said that the total turnover of the co-operative societies in England is considerably more than \$500,000,000 a year, while in Ireland the co-operative agricultural societies have been of enormous benefit to the farmers. The increasing cost of living, and the widening margin between what the producer gets and the consumer pays, will direct attention more and more to co-operation as a means of bettering the conditions under which the people live in Canada as well as in other countries, but the growth of the movement will doubtless be slow, because it is somewhat revolutionary in its tendency, and would cause a serious disturbance of the existing system of doing business.

We are told that Hon. Robt. Rogers does not look for the opening of parliament before January. With the new closure rule he, of course, anticipates no difficulty in shortening the debates.

The New Freeman is right when it observes that a member of the federal government is very unwise if he boasts that he and his colleagues are "masters of the situation." Our Mr. Hazen should take note of the fact.

The Hon. Robt. Rogers has returned to Ottawa and announced that he made a thorough inspection of the public works in that city and found the progress satisfactory in every respect. Now if Mr. Rogers will come down to St. John and look over the situation at West St. John, and also at Courtenay Bay, and ensure such satisfactory progress that there will be no congestion at West St. John next winter, and that the terminals at Courtenay Bay will be ready as soon as they are needed by the Grand Trunk Pacific, he will be doing the trade of Canada some service.

The Ottawa Journal says that leading financial men hold the view that credit rather than money is tight in Canada today. Some figures are quoted to prove that there is an abundance of money. At the end of May, the latest date at which figures were available, the savings deposited in Canadian chartered banks amounted to \$881,000,000, compared with \$838,000,000 in 1908. Of course there has been a large increase in population since 1908, but the Journal contends that the increase has not been as rapid in proportion as have been the savings deposits. Adding to the savings in chartered banks those in post office savings, Dominion savings banks, and two provincial savings banks in Quebec, there is a total of \$727,000,000 on deposit. There may be a scarcity of money for speculative purposes, but, as intimated by the

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Major A. E. Campbell, a prominent officer in the Canadian regular military forces, now stationed at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, observes his forty-sixth birthday today.

His Honor J. J. Kehoe, district judge of Sudbury, Ont., and long a prominent member of the bar, is fifty-nine years of age today.

J. D. Taylor, M. P., for New Westminster since 1908 and proprietor of the New Westminster Columbian, celebrates his fiftieth birthday today. He is a native of Quebec province.

LIGHTER VEIN

Angelic Influence

Old Lady (offering policeman a tract)—I often think you poor policemen run such a risk of becoming bad, being so constantly mixed up with crime. Policeman—You needn't fear, mum. It's the criminals who run the risk of becoming saints, being mixed up with us!—Punch.

"Why won't you buy something at my table?" demanded the girl at the charity fair. "Because I only buy from the homey girls," said the man. "They have a harder time making sales." "The girl was not offended, and he worked this right down the line."

A Friendly Hint

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Explained

"Is that your ladder?" "Sure." "It doesn't look like yours." "Well, you see, it's my stepladder."

Up Against It

"That woodpecker is persistent, but I think he's beaten this time." "What's he trying to do?" "Drill a hole in an iron trolley pole."

A Rival

"The equator is an imaginary line, running around the earth," said the boy who likes to tell what he has learned at school. "An imaginary line," repeated the great railway financier, absent-mindedly. "Who is promoting it?"

Suffrage in the Home

"What right have women got to vote?" sternly asked my wife. "Of politics they take no note. And little know of life. Why, they could not select good men!" Said she: "My dear, that's true; I must confess I proved it when I picked out you!" "Pshaw! that is different," said I. "For in affairs of state one should not judge officials by the standards of one's mate." "Perhaps I shouldn't," dear," said she; "I'll ask you to advise, Well knowing, since you picked out me, That you are wise?"

"How silly is she talk!" I cried. "That method would not do!" "Indeed?" the goddess one replied. "Pshaw—so trust in you?" "You make a fool of me!" I said. Said she: "Nobody can. You are, if I've not been misled, A self-made man!"

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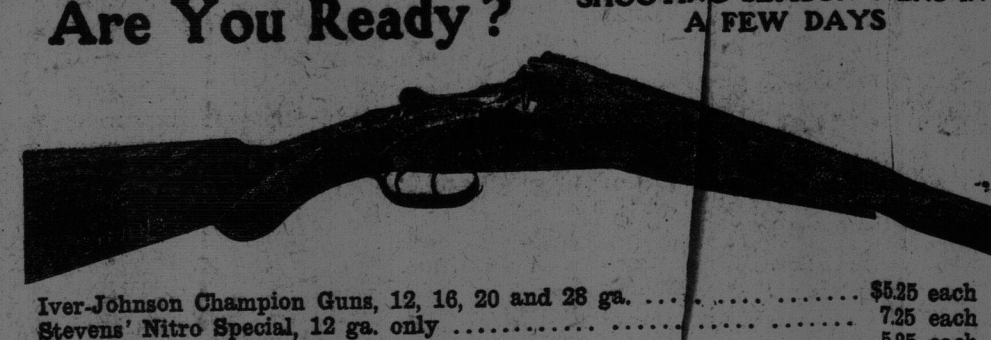
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A HINT FOR MR. HAZEN

(New Freeman)
"We are masters of the situation and intend to hold that position." The foregoing statement is purported to have been delivered by Mr. Hazen at a banquet given in Vancouver by the Conservatives of that city in honor of himself and the Hon. Mr. Rogers. We do Mr. Hazen the honor to believe that he has been iniquitous, for such is not the example of a judicious statesman. Just so soon as a government, or its members, become so intoxicated with their own conceit and self-importance as to forget that they are the chosen servants of the people, just so soon does their usefulness as representatives of the people cease. We heard such bombastic talk as the above statement prior to the last Federal election by members of the government of that day, and we all know the result of that fatal September day. Our representatives in the present Federal government would do well to keep this fact fresh in their minds.

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