

**WILL LABOR COST LESS.**

**ANOTHER LABORER'S SOCIETY MAY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

In the Charges Paid by Steamers and Sailing Vessels—Will There be a Conflict on Account of This Rival Organization—The Causes for Its Formation.

The most recent excitement in labor circles is the formation of a Ship Laborer's Society in opposition to the Ship Laborers' Union. There have been no special developments as yet from the formation of the society but there promise to be such. The Ship Laborers' Union has between 500 and 600 men. The new organization has about 250 members from all portions of the city but chiefly from the North End and Carleton. At present they are devoting themselves to the work of organization and the mustering of their strength for the time of battle which may come at any time.

They intend to make a bid for the work on the vessels and there is a provision in the by-laws of both societies which must necessarily bring them into conflict. This is the provision of the union that only union men may be employed on vessels of over 300 tons and of the society that only society men may be employed on vessels of over 300 tons. The remedy of the two societies is to strike if members of the opposition society are employed on such vessels with them. Of course the two bodies might be employed on different vessels but suppose a case where there was so much doing in harbor, as there was at one time last summer, to require all the ship laborers in the city to the number of 700 or more to be at work—the union might take advantage of such an occasion to strike and their pretext would be higher wages, perhaps not higher wages for themselves but against the employing of any men at lower wages, for the Ship Laborers Society have passed a resolution offering to work for less wages than that demanded by the Union. The union gets \$4.00 per nine hour day on steamers in summer and the society will work for 30 cents or \$2.70 for the nine hour day, a cut of 10 per cent.

It is said that the society has a prospect of having the loading of a steamer that will come here shortly and that a stevedore contractor has promised them the work when the time comes. This then may precipitate the conflict. If not the organizations will rest on their oars and the Society will devote itself to fostering and increasing its strength until the spring and the vessels come to load lumber. If the present stevedores will not take them up they will have stevedore contractors of their own to put in their tenders to McKay, Messrs Thomson, Scofield and the other ship brokers based on the employment of society men at the cut rate of wages. These will be able to tender lower than the contractors employing union men and as the society would have a sufficient number of men to make the contractors feel secure the society men will likely get their share of the work.

The effect may be that the Union will have to reduce their rate of wages in order to keep their quota of what is going. This would be very beneficial for the port for it is well known that the high rate of ship laborers wages in vogue here has driven quite a proportion of the shipping up the bay where men can be got to stow lumber for \$1.50 a day instead of \$4.00.

The reason why the society was formed was because they felt that they did not get a fair show in the distribution of the work. There were members of the Union belonging in the North End who had been members for years and who did not get a week's work in the course of the whole year, although the ostensible purpose of the union is to give out the work by turn and give every member a fair share. Furthermore about forty men had applied for membership in the Union last fall and were refused admittance. All these men have joined the Society as well as the North end men who were members of the Union but who were overlooked. Religious reasons have considerable to do with the formation of the Society which is a virtual protest in support of their claim that the Union is run by one sect.

One important feature of the Society's claim to consideration, that they are working in the interests of the port, is their system of hour labor. The Union works only by the day, half day and quarter day and if they work two hours they get pay for a quarter of the day. Furthermore they will only start work at 7 and 9.30, a. m. and 1 p. m. and if a vessel comes in after one o'clock she has to lie idle until the following morning. The society offers to go to work at any hour or half hour of the day which will certainly facilitate things.

They profess to be working in the in-

terests of the port and by so doing in the interests of themselves for if the port charges can be reduced in this way more shipping might be attracted here and more work created for the laborers.

They claim that their men are just as efficient as the union men and that a contractor should be perfectly safe in employing them. Of course the whole matter hinges on the contractors and time alone will tell what will be the outcome of the war of rates between the two unions.

The following are the officers of the society.

President—Harry Sellen.  
Vice-president—Wm. White.  
Recording secretary—Nelson Parlee.  
Treasurer—George McHarg.

**Permanently Cured.**

**A STORY TOLD BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.**

Attacked With La Grippe which Left Him Weak and Worn Out—Kidney Trouble Added in Complications and the sufferer Was Discouraged.

From the Journal, Summerside P. E. I.

One of the best known men around Bedouque and vicinity is Mr. Alfred Schurman, who has lately removed to North Carleton. Mr. Schurman was born in Bedouque about seventy years ago. Some twenty five years ago he was sworn in as a justice of the peace, and about twenty one years ago he was appointed clerk of the county court, in both of which offices he has given every satisfaction. Mr. Schurman was also a farmer on the large scale and like most men engaged in that occupation led a busy life, being compelled to attend strictly to business, but less than a year ago he retired from farming and now he lives in a cosy cottage in North Carleton. Before his retirement work such as only a man engaged in that occupation knows anything about, claimed his attention. His increasing years made the burden heavier and the spring work of 1898 wore him completely out. This is what he tells about it, and how he was cured.

In the spring of 1898 the constant toil and drudgery connected with the work of farming wore me out completely, and the break down was the more complete because the results were coupled with the bad effects left by an attack of la grippe. One of the attacks of la grippe was a nasty cough, another was the complete loss of appetite. My spirits were greatly depressed and I felt that I had lived out my days. I always felt cold, and consequently the stove and I were great friends, but the cold affected me especially my feet and caused me great annoyance. Added to this complication was a serious kidney trouble which threatened to prove the worst enemy of all. I was unable to do any work, had no ambition and less strength, and was not a bit the better of all the doctor's medicine I had taken. It was my wife who advised me at last to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I bought six boxes and began taking them. My hope revived because a change for the better was soon taking place, and before they were done I was cured. The six bottles brought back my appetite, strength and ambition, in short, all that I had lost in the way of strength and health. The next spring however my health again gave way and I immediately began using the Pink Pills again and I am happy to say that they effected that time a permanent cure and to-day I am well and hearty as if I were only forty. I strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to all who are suffering as I was.

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**FAMOUS OLD PEOPLE.**

Three Aged men who Have Helped to Make World's History.

Among the world's oldest men known to fame three have preeminence in Europe. These are Mr. Gladstone, Pope Leo XIII. and Prince Bismarck.

Mr. Gladstone has lived to a greater age than any other English statesman who has been prime minister during the last two hundred years; and at eighty-eight his mental powers are unimpaired, although his sight has nearly failed him, and he is deaf. The pope at eighty-seven has remarkable health and vigor, and shows few of the infirmities of age. Prince Bismarck at eighty-two suffers as much from lack of occupation as from bodily weakness.

The oldest European artist is Thomas Sidney Cooper, who is now in his ninety-fifth year. He has been at work with pencil and brush over seventy years, and his paintings are still exhibited in London.

The oldest man of letters in Europe is James Martineau, who was born in 1805, and was preaching and writing religious essays more than seventy years ago. John Ruskin is generally regarded as the veter-

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an of English literature, but infirm as he is and unable to answer letters or to read books, he is fourteen years younger than Doctor Martineau.

Verdi is the oldest composer at eighty-four. The Italian cardinals ordinarily live to greater age than English bishops, but there is one prelate in the Anglican communion, the Bishop of Liverpool, who is eighty-two. The English peerage is long lived, the Earl of Mansfield being near to the top of the list at ninety-one, and having a large group of octogenarians around him.

Among European sovereigns the Queen of England, who is in her seventy-ninth year, is senior. Her memory is remarkably good. Her sight has fallen off so that she recognizes her friends with difficulty, but she bears the faintest word in ordinary conversation, and retains her old-time animation of manner.

Among all these worthies, who have attained to a green old age, Mr. Gladstone is perhaps the only one who has been incessant and immoderate in his mental occupations, and who has seemed willing at times to be imprudent and to neglect opportunities for relaxation and exercise, he is an exception to the rule that the secret of long life is moderation in all things.

**A Heavy Soul.**

A Methodist minister who has a keen sense of humor, and many good stories at his tongue's end, tells one of a prayer-meeting he attended during a revival in a Southern city.

He was standing near a colored man, who joined in the singing of stirring hymns with a fervor not at all lessened by the fact that he knew very few of the words and was unprovided with a book. The chorus of one hymn was:

My soul is heaven bound!  
Glory, halcyon!  
My soul is heaven bound!  
Praise ye the Lord!

During the singing of the first verse and the chorus the colored man listened, turning his head from side to side. When the chorus recurred at the end of the second verse, he joined in it with great vigor, singing to the minister's amusement and confusion:

My soul weighs seven pounds!  
Glory, halcyon!  
My soul weighs seven pounds!  
Praise ye the Lord!

The Origin of the Baconian Cipher.

'William,' said Bacon one day, 'I am short. Lend me an X'  
'Oh, wisest, etc., of mankind,' replied Shakespeare, 'I will lend thee just 1. Thou canst add a cipher and make a 10 out of it.'

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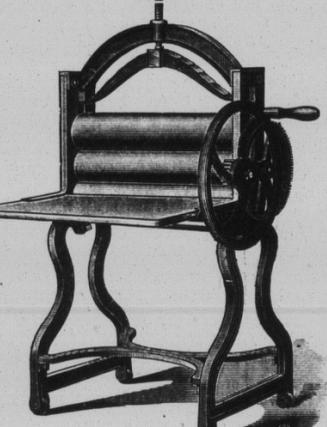
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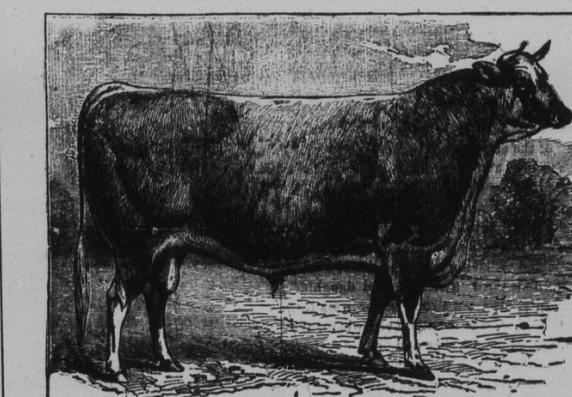
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