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EASTER GREETINGS.

This is the season of glad tidings and general rejoicing...

What's up? Oh, just the fact that the suit of the Gurney Foundry Company...

Read the judgment in another column and judge for yourself.

You will probably say that this is a small thing to crow about...

Labor and its supporters have had before them the bogey of the courts...

Labor is giving its opponents all the law they require...

Labor was never more alive to the needs of the hour than it is at present...

We look about us, and upon every hand we see the men and women...

The fact of this is not a marvellous fact during these two years...

To some of us at times come our "black days," and we despair of ever accomplishing our ends...

Our cause is a battle for the right, and no matter how black the present outlook...

"Fear not, little flock," the preacher told his congregation...

"Fear not!" That is the point to remember. No matter how great your assailant...

WHAT ARE WE DOING? I am anxious to have a little plain talk with my friends of the labor party...

About two years ago the Government of Ontario appointed a Commission to review the Assessment Act...

Now we are told humanity is beginning to turn their faces towards Canada...

Germany led the way in religious democracy. America was the first to adopt a democratic government...

Now or never is our opportunity as Canadians to establish an industrial democracy...

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so surely do you have to maintain the status of the men who charge you for the occupation of the earth.

Our producers need to pay a dollar for the occupation of an acre, you have to pay ten thousand dollars to-day.

When this city doubles, you will have to pay twenty thousand dollars. Thus the obligation of industry keeps increasing every year.

The prospect with the present method of taxation is one of everlasting indebtedness to the holders of the lands, the mines, the forests and other natural opportunities.

This indebtedness keeps growing year after year. No possible combination of labor, no possible method of co-operation, no improvement in machinery can relieve labor from the constant and increasing exaction of the collector of ground-rent.

The debt is increasing, continuous and irredeemable. To permit this method of spoliation to continue is to submit to a virtual slavery for yourselves and your children.

So long as it continues you can never enter into that fulness of life which is the present means of civilization should afford.

The one part of society is now enabled and licensed by law to subject the other part to perpetual bondage and impoverishment.

Shall this system of enslavement continue? Shall labor still have to submit to the "long day's" pay and the short day's work?

At the present time there are two distinct relationships in society. Labor tries to get every possible device to produce the greatest abundance and thus to bless humanity.

With every man, woman and child in Canada enjoying national, religious, educational and industrial freedom, humanity would come in thousands to dwell in such a land of freedom.

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private ownership versus public ownership can be thoroughly discussed.

We cannot dispute the fact that the public ownership of our industrial life is the great question before the world to-day.

And there is no country offers such grand facilities for experimenting with this new principle.

Once let Canada become an industrial democracy, and humanity will flock here in thousands to enjoy the privilege of industrial freedom.

Canada, with her great waterways, and her railways stretching across the continent, with her thousands upon thousands of acres of undeveloped wheat-growing land, besides her great forests and mines and vast mining possibilities, offers a field for industrial development unsurpassed by any country in the world.

With only six millions of population, Canada offers such facilities for the teachers of the industries of the people, by the people, for the people, that cannot be found elsewhere.

With such a promising future before us, we find this great country entirely lacking in national spirit and national life. Everywhere we find our public life corrupted by men seeking their own selfish interests and aggrandisement, and we find this alarming condition existing in Dominion, provincial and municipal affairs.

The workmen of Canada should unite and form a Labor party and take as their motto "Canada for Canadians."

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You will never get ahead by following the crowd. The front rank in trade unionism is your proper place.

A movement to organize women waiters in the restaurants of New York and other cities has been started.

Be careful what you say and how you say it. Some people take offense when no offense is intended.

To the energetic man who has a purpose in life, failures are but stepping stones to real success.

Common sense enables a man to see things as they are and do things as they should be done.

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