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## STRIKES AND HARD TIMES.

The lake mariners went on strike some time ago over alleged grievances. No settlement has been reached at the opening of navigation.

The vessel owners said they could not grant the demands of the "long-shoremen and make a profit out of their business.

The railroad companies said they could not take the freight from the vessel owners at the rates demanded and make a profit.

Here is a contest between capital and labor that has far-reaching consequences. First, ten or fifteen thousand men stop making money. One result is a contraction of the spending capacity of these men. Most likely they spend less than one-half the amount they would when earning their usual wages. There is curtailment all round. Every time there is a strike there is contraction of business and a diminution of the amount of money put in circulation. The enforced curtailment of expenditure lessens the demand for transportation of supplies, and railroad and vessel men are thrown out of work. This adds to the contraction, and so it goes on from one stage to another until the whole country is affected, all lines of business become dull and we have "hard times."

When one reads of the laying off of men on the railroads, because of the dullness of business, it is given out that there has been over-production, when the truth is the dullness is due to the decreased demand, and the decreased demand is due to the curtailment of individual and family expenditure, following strikes. This is especially true when the earth has yielded abundantly, as it has the past few years; and there is no good reason whatever for the present contraction of business in the United States, and the laying off of train crews and mechanics by the railway companies.

The conflict between capital and labor is bad for both, and it is a pity that the Government or some other power cannot intervene to stop it. By a system of arbitration it should be possible to regulate wages. The effect of the building strikes in New York during the past year is now apparent in every line of trade, and right up to the farmer. Probably 100,000 or 150,000 on the continent of America are idle, and to calculate the effect on trade one would have to imagine a city the size of Buffalo, Cleveland, or Detroit cutting off at least one-half its business. Of course strikers and their families have to live, but they do not spend half so much as when all are working, and conditions are normal. The estimate of 150,000 idle men is probably far below the actual number, and the effect of a strike of one line of workmen often is to compel a stoppage of work in other lines, so there can be no doubt strikes and lockouts are responsible for a large proportion of the present dullness of trade over which the people across the line are worrying.

## GET A GAIT ON, SIR WILLIAM

The Liberal organs are constrained to acknowledge the justice of the charges brought by the opposition against the government for tolerating the employment of American engineers to conduct the Grand Trunk Pacific survey to the exclusion of Canadians. That precautions were not taken to guard against this in the terms of the contract is all the more inexcusable, having reference to the record of General Manager Hays, when he entered upon the duties of his office in Canada. The Brantford Expositor reminds the government that this discrimination was to be expected. It was not dealing with a man without a record and care should have been taken to provide safeguards. It says:—

"General Manager Hays should be above resorting to anything so clandestine as the practice of importing employees in violation of the law. It is perhaps natural that, being an ex-United States employer himself, he should want to gather his old officials about him, but there is really no necessity for any such course. His re-employment of Canadians by Americans in the train service when he assumed the general management was tolerated mainly because of the allegation that they were necessary to the successful introduction of the new system of train management. No such necessity can be pleaded now. A civil engineer is a civil engineer, no matter where he gets his training, and the work is as varied as the topography. The face of the country where a man has to work is unlike the face of the country anywhere

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else, and therefore experience of any one sort does not constitute a general qualification."

The Expositor is not satisfied that the minister of labor "found it necessary to give on the floor of the House of Commons an impressive warning to the management of the Grand Trunk railway, that so long as Canadian civil engineers are available none must be imported from the United States to work on the national transcontinental railway surveys." Why did not the minister remedy the evil when its existence was known? Why should he have waited till the facts were proclaimed in parliament to utter a "warning"; why not have invoked the law to protect the Canadian engineers? The Expositor reads the government this lecture:—

"There is reason to suspect that in order to evade the prohibitions of the Alien Labor act hints are sent across to people in the United States to come to Canada when they will be on the ground and it will not be necessary to contract with them in the United States. Sir William Mulock intimated that if the act is not sufficiently stringent to prevent a practice so palpably fraudulent parliament will be asked to make it so. This, too, would be unanimously approved by Canadians.

"The Canadian Alien Labor Act was passed to prevent just such practices as have been complained of. That act never would have been passed had it not been for the offensive manner in which the United States alien labor law is enforced. It is a poor rule that will not work both ways, and it will do no harm, but any quantity of good, to put the Canadian law into active operation and make it just as stringent as the occasion calls for. If our neighbors prefer to have it otherwise let them begin the relaxation, as they showed the way in the restriction. Now that, after years of endurance of provocation we have taken measures in self-defence let us make our measures effective."

Has Sir William any answer to make to this and like utterances in the Liberal press beyond the suggestion to appoint a commission to waste time and save the government enforcing the law to the annoyance of the G. T. P. management which holds it in the hollow of its hand?

## COSTIGAN'S CLASS.

Moncton Times. There is a difference between leaving a political party when it is in opposition. The man who supports a party in power for fifteen or twenty years, and deserts it the moment it is out, may be actuated by principle, but the chances are he is after the loaves and fishes. John Costigan is in the latter class and as he cannot be again elected for Victoria and Madawaska, he is making desperate efforts to get into the senate.

## STODDART AT BAPTIST SERVICE.

St. John Sun. The musical portion of the service in German Street Baptist church last evening was exceptionally good. Included was a solo by Mr. Easton, the tenor of the Bonnie Brier Bush company, who sang Oh, My Father. He was heard to good advantage in the sacred number. Prof. Titus and S. J. McGowan sang with good effect a duet from The Crucifixion. The congregation was a very large one and included J. H. Stoddart and his Bonnie Brier Bush company.

## How Iron-ox Tablets Cured a Toronto Lady of Nine Years' Dyspepsia.

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## THE QUESTION SHOULD BE ANSWERED.

Telegram Telegram. "The discredit of Gameyism" does not attach to the journals and people who insist upon the membership for Man'toulia should be fairly heard for his country's and the truth's sake and who never cease to contend that there is no decency and there should be no peace in Ontario politics until one party or the other finds an answer to the question: WHERE DID THE MONEY COME FROM?

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## SOILED NOTES.

Banker's Journal. The best proof of honest effort on the part of each chartered bank to provide the country with clean money is found in the records of circulation kept by the Canadian Bankers' Association. Examination of the monthly reports issued to the government, and to the chartered banks, shows that during the year of 1903, the directors of Canadian banks presided at the destruction of no less amount than \$16,622,281 in notes condemned as unfit for further circulation.

## FOOLED THE OLD MAN.

Belleville Ontario. An Eldorado trusting father told his girls that he would pay them one cent apiece for all the dandelion blossoms they would dig from his lawn. When he came home in the evening the girls counted 487 blossoms, and he had to pay them \$4.87. The next morning, as he started for his office, he was hailed at the gate by a small boy who wanted to know if "them girls wanted any more dandelions at half a cent apiece. I've found a bully place where I can get more'n a million," he said, confidentially.

## NO REST IN HELL.

New York Globe. What do children like to read? This is a question continually troubling authors and publishers of juvenile literature. It has often been said, if children themselves could write they could probably produce reading children themselves could relish. It is thus interesting to read on the children's page of a Chicago religious publication called The Burning Bush, the organ of the Holy Ghost work, a juvenile contribution by a boy twelve years old, called No Rest in Hell, of which the following is the first stanza:

From inmost recesses,  
I saw a flame of fire,  
And in the darkness wrapped in flame  
A body human, yet not human;  
Writhing in agony most intense.  
Then thundering through a valley  
Dark and deep, I heard a voice  
Shrieking, "No rest in Hell!"  
A body seeking death,  
But never dying;  
Crying aloud in Death's despair,  
"I am forever lost!"  
A serpent great, with glaring eye,  
Coiled around the being,  
Stinging with a deadly sting;  
And yet not unto death,  
There is no rest in Hell!

Other stanzas of the same cheerful and childish tenor follow, telling how Lazarus, Judas, and all the other sinners found "No Rest in Hell." Our great-grandfathers were set such fearful tasks to learn in the text-books provided them, but it is doubtful if they ever were found guilty of composing them at twelve years.

## Canadian Women Warned.

A caution to young Canadian women is as necessary as that which is finding place in many American religious papers, to the effect that an organized attempt is being made to entice young women to St. Louis for infamous purposes, under the guise of attractive and profitable employment. The great Exposition to be held there will call for domestic help of every class, and many favorable positions will open for industrious and competent girls, but there is fearful risk in any young woman going to such a city to find employment in answer to an ordinary advertisement, and without certainty as to the responsible and respectable character of the advertiser. A woman's society in the western cities is sending out circulars and publishing papers showing that there are gangs of vile wretches scouring the country towns and places to lure girls to cities where it is promised they will be met and cared for by kind friends and provided with a home and employment. To their dismay they are taken to dens of infamy, and only escape as by a miracle, if they escape at all. And the scoundrel who sent them forward is paid a large commission for every one he thus sends to the snare of the fiend. This seems too diabolical to be true, but the facts are verified, and the operators of the shameless game have been traced and convicted and imprisoned, though much oftener they escape. Knowing this, the young women of Canada should not only keep far away from all such treacherous schemes and schemers, but they should put all their young acquaintances in possession of the facts referred to, and unite with them in a crusade for purity and happiness within the range of their acquaintance.—Canadian Baptist.

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Examine what is said, but not him who speaks.

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