

AN INCIDENT OF THE BOSTON FIRE.

BY HON. HENRY WILSON.

More than thirty years ago a business firm engaged in the leather trade in Boston. From small beginnings it became prominent and successful. Some years ago it established, in a town near the city, works for tanning and curing, in which it has for several years employed more than one hundred men. Some of these men have been in their employment more than twenty years. The senior member of the firm had served an apprenticeship, had learned a trade, had toiled with his own hands, and in the days of his success and prosperity as a business man he did not forget, as men too often do, the toils and trials which manual laborers who work for wages have to endure. He remembered, too, that Christianity teaches that property, labor, all worldly possessions, should be consecrated to the service of the Divine Master, to make this world better and brighter.

More than three years ago this firm made a proposition to their workmen to divide among them a certain per centage of the profits of their business. This was in no way to affect their wages. Though a little incredulous, the workmen gladly accepted the proffered promise, and, to show their appreciation of the interest manifested in their welfare, nearly one hundred of them signed a temperance pledge and joined in organizing a temperance association. At the end of the first year the proprietors divided among their workmen what was equal to half an hour's wages per day through the year. The workmen were surprised and gratified at the result, and the hearts of the employers were gladdened by witnessing during the next and the succeeding year a livelier interest on the part of the workmen in the success of their business.

The second year's business was not quite so successful, and, of course, a less amount was divided. From the third year's profits the firm had set apart six thousand dollars, and the senior member of the firm visited the workmen in the latter part of the week of the fire, and informed them that he should, on the following Tuesday, divide among them that amount of the profits of the business. On Saturday night the fire broke out within a short distance of their store, and before daylight that store and thousands of dollars in goods were consumed.

Now the time came for the workmen to manifest their spirit, and show the fruit of the seed their employers had been sowing. Noble and grand was the record they made. Promptly, and without the knowledge of the firm, they held a meeting, at which they adopted these resolutions:—

"To request their employers not to divide among them the six thousand dollars.

"To loan or place at their disposal the sum of about eleven thousand dollars they had in bank.

"To allow them, if it was necessary, to raise money by mortgaging their own houses for the benefit of the firm."

There is neither mystery nor magic in this experiment. It is simply adding a certain per centage of the profits of the business, pro rata, to the wages of the men and women employed. It is a simple sum in arithmetic, and is easily computed. But can there be any computation made of its moral value to both employers and employed? Will it not always and inevitably tend to make employers feel a deeper interest in the welfare of those who labor for them? Will it not quicken the zeal and excite the ambition of laboring men, by making them feel that they are co-partners in the profits of the business, if not in the business itself?

There are those who think there is an eternal antagonism between capital and labor. There are those who teach that rent is robbery, interest is extortion, property is plunder, and trade for profit is piracy. There are those, on the other hand, who care nothing for the toiling man's trials, and who sneer at every well-intended effort to lighten the burdens of labor as mis-directed philanthropy or blatant demagoguism. Would it not tend to soften the asperities between employers and employed which grow out of the conflicts of capital and labor, if the business men of the country the great manufacturing and railway corporations, should try an experiment which has, in the instance related, met with such signal success, and which has developed so touching an example of kind feelings and gratitude in a large number of workmen toward employers who had shown consideration and regard for them?—N. Y. Independent.

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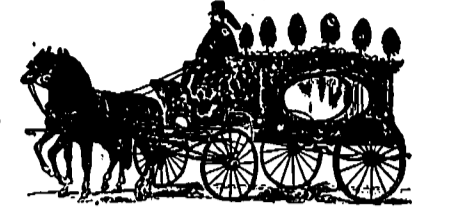
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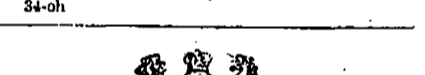
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The Inspection District of Windsor to comprise the Inland Revenue Divisions of Windsor, Saruia and Goderich.

The Inspection District of London, to comprise the Inland Revenue Divisions of London, Guelph, Paris, St. Catharines and Hamilton.

The Inspection District of Toronto to comprise the Inland Revenue Divisions of Algoma, Collingwood, Toronto, Cobourg, Peterborough and Belleville.

W. A. HIMSWORTH, Clerk Privy Council. December 27, 1872. 42-1c

NOTICE.

Customs Department, Ottawa, Dec. 27, 1872.

Notice is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor General, by an Order in Council, bearing date the 26th inst., and under the authority vested in him by the 3rd section of the 34th Victoria, Cap. 10, has been pleased to order and direct that the following articles be transferred to the list of goods which may be imported into Canada free of duty, viz.:

Felt, Cotton, and Woollen Notting and Flush, used in the manufacture of Gloves and Mitts

By Command, R. S. M. BOUCHETTE, Commissioner of Customs. Ottawa, Jan. 6, 1873. 43-1c