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## WORK AND WAGES.

### LABOR NOTES AND NEWS FROM ALL QUARTERS

Interesting Items, Facts and Figures—A Bird's Eye View of the World of Industry

CANADA  
THE St. John, N. B., Board of Trade has called a public meeting of the employers to discuss "Hillman's" checkbook deal bill, and has invited Nova Scotia owners to be present.  
REV. FAHNER HESTERINGTON gave an address in the Opera House, Peterborough, on the 21st inst., on the Single Tax question. The hall was packed, and the reverend gentleman's address was received with enthusiasm. His denunciation of hostile tariffs and argument in favor of free trade was highly applauded.

At the last meeting of New Westminster, held at the Lyceum, on the 23d, a motion was adopted favoring the immediate formation of a district union (to consist of the geographical union) to be known as District Union No. 1 of the North Pacific Coast, the district to be limited by the Rocky Mountains and British Columbia, Canada, one delegate to be sent on this union, such as Guyton authorized the meeting.

The question of the right of a labor union to protect against invasion by the distasteful mark it may put on its goods came up in a discussion of Wm. V. Todd's "Brener Bill," before Justice Robertson at Osgoode Hall last week. All the parties mentioned in the bill, who are in the manufacturing industry, are in the same line of business. Mr. Todd has been put in a position to label on his goods, and at the request of some of their customers Messrs. Brener proposed limitations of the union label and the present action is to protect the union labor from counterfeiting. Mr. Todd has been put in a position to label on his goods, and at the request of some of their customers Messrs. Brener proposed limitations of the union label and the present action is to protect the union labor from counterfeiting.

THE annual meeting of the District Assembly held on the 13th inst. at London, Ont., last week, was largely attended. Every Assembly in the jurisdiction was represented. The report from the various delegates in regard to the state of the world was very encouraging. Woodstock, Secord, and other afternoon meetings, at which the clergymen took their turn in giving addresses on social subjects. The order there was in the following: Port Burwell, Secord, and other afternoon meetings, at which the clergymen took their turn in giving addresses on social subjects.

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2,224, while in 1888 it was 1,487. The rate of increase in the population of the territory, nearly nineteen per cent. The increase in population during the same period was, at the same time, four per cent., so that the surplus increased five times as fast as the population.

THE delay in beginning work on the World's Fair grounds in Chicago, which is the city's fair overture with men who have drifted in there under the impression that it would be profitable. There are fifteen or twenty thousand men unemployed now, of whom five thousand are comparatively recent arrivals. The disappointment of most of the unemployed is great, when they realize that not even a farm, and nobody has the faintest idea when they will be back. The result of it is that thousands of men and their families are starving, and though willing to work cannot get it. The authorities are asked to do something to relieve the suffering which is so prevalent.

The miners of the United States have their own plans for the greatest industrial battle ever inaugurated in America. The conflict between it miners and the numerous owners is to be placed on May 1st, and will involve one hundred and fifty thousand men. This statement was made by W. J. Dillon, the United States organizer of the American Federation of Labor, who states that in the States of Illinois, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, there are at least 75,000 miners. In the anthracite region of Pennsylvania there are 200,000 miners. On the river and railroads in the Pittsburgh district there are nearly 12,000 men. Up in Clearfield and the surrounding counties there are 10,000, and the same thing is true of the American miners will take part in the strike, and will be ready to die for a place a limit on their working hours.

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THE Inquirer has closed the Workingmen's and Builders' Union, on Cumberland, Eng., on the ground that the wages paid by the company owning the works involved a loss of five shillings per ton. About 1,400 men are thrown out of work.

At Greenock, Scotland, on the 25th inst., several conflicts occurred between the strikers and the police. Several general officers were injured. There were slighter disorders at Larch, where several strikers were injured. The British Railway Company has lodged a solemn protest of the funds of the Scotch Railway Company, amounting to £200,000, in damages from the society for causing the present strike.

THE struggle between the silk and flannel employes of Manchester, England, and the directors of Messrs. S. Lister & Co. of Bradford, still continues, and there is no sign of an early settlement. The strikers of the mills are engaging from London as rapidly as possible. On the other hand, the strikers maintain that they very few strikers have been engaged, and are confident of their ability to hold out. Arrangements are being made for the distribution of food to the strikers.

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Bro. WILLIAM DERBY was born in 1865 in Oxford County, Ont. He removed to Hamilton in 1870 and received his education in the public schools and Collegiate Institute of that city. In 1879 he entered the employ of the Meriden Britannia Co., Institute of that city. In 1879 he entered the employ of the Meriden Britannia Co., Institute of that city. In 1879 he entered the employ of the Meriden Britannia Co., Institute of that city.

THE latter he has made a study for a number of years and is one of the ablest exponents in Hamilton of this great reform. Bro. Derby is a most labor-reformer being one of the trustees that ever held office in connection with the Hamilton labor organizations. He is a married man and has two children.

From Sunday work on alternate Sundays there are 367 thousands, gallons and Public Libraries in the United Kingdom. There are of which are open on Sundays. There are 500,000 persons employed in the amusement industry, and these persons are protected in the enjoyment of their Sunday. Victoria a law has been passed which prohibits the publishing and sale of newspapers on Sundays. In Germany, France, Holland, Austria, Russia and Switzerland, steps have been taken by the various Governments to lessen Sunday labor.

A FEARFUL account of destitution continues in the east district of Wolverhampton. The charity officers report that the people are in a state of starvation, that in some instances it is actually dangerous to administer food on account of the perit of the people. The relief of the people is a first order. A clergyman says it is impossible to describe the misery that prevails. Homes are without fire, the streets are without furniture, the women have only a single garment covering them, and the children are almost as bad.

A GOOD deal of the misery in Birmingham and other places is due to work being cut off by the new American tariff. In London, the result of death from starvation is returned in numerous cases. Some laborers who applied to a magistrat for relief said they had even sold their boots for bread. In many years there has not been a more terrible winter for the poor.

THE authorities of Cologne have decided to furnish employment to 13,000 day laborers in that city at eight pence per day.

IN virtue of the Invalided and Aged Working Men's Insurance Law, which came into force on the 1st inst., about 200 workmen living at Hildorf, a suburb of Berlin, having 35,000 inhabitants, claim a bounty from the State on the ground of old age.

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Portrait of a man, likely related to the mine explosion report.

A TERRIBLE MINE EXPLOSION.  
ONE HUNDRED AND TEN MEN KILLED IN EXCESSIVE CASE.

A TERRIBLE mine explosion occurred at the Mammoth mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, Mammouth, Pa., at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 17th inst. The mines are half way between Latrobe and Mount Pleasant. The explosion was so violent that the fire which followed the explosion succeeded every workman. The persons not killed are in such a critical condition that their deaths are momentarily expected. The fire which broke out after the explosion, was soon extinguished by the immense fans. General George Lynch of the Frick Coke Company is helping in the work of recovering the bodies. The Mammoth plant employs 600 men, one of the largest plants in the coke region, but it is hard to see it situated near the untold works, where an explosion recently destroyed the entire shaft. The appalling loss of life in the Dunbar disaster is now more overwhelming as the plant has been running full for some time and work has been scarce. The only man who escaped from the mine was Mine Boss Eaton. It is estimated there are sixty widows and families left homeless and fifty per 1,000 of the population is helping in this disaster. They are fortunate as the plant has not been running full for some time and work has been scarce.

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