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Polished rice is much like "socialism"—it has the form and flavor, but not the substance.

If you vote because you expect a Government situation, you are not only a knave but a fool.

A Meeting of the Cabinetmakers will be held in Richmond Hall tonight to take up matters in that trade.

PATTERN MAKERS' TROUBLE. Remember when getting patterns made that the J. S. Joselin shop is on the unfair list.

"It's a stinging thing the Truth, but I like it," said a man we know. Are you sure you could honestly say the same thing?

When the cross-eyed man winks at you from the back end of the street car you can bet that he wants you to go the other way.

J. T. Garton has been elected by the Pattern Makers of Toronto to attend the Pattern Makers' Convention in Chicago the first week in June.

Undoubtedly there is "one more river to cross" after you get your dinner, but you can have that dinner cooked daintily without using OX-FORDS.

"There is no religion higher than truth," but there are some "religionists" lower than the door-mats at the back entrance to a kitchen basement.

The strike of the Pattern Makers is progressing favorably and by the end of the week will see all members working and four shops still on the strike list.

German Socialists publish 31 daily newspapers, 41 weeklies, one scientific review, one family magazine, and 55 trade journals.

The merchants of the city are warned against an individual who is canvassing for money on behalf of the printers to support the T. Eaton strike. The Typos desire it to be understood that for this affair their own membership are quite competent to supply all the money necessary to carry the strike to a successful conclusion.

When you are comfortable and others not prepare to die. Perhaps you earned your comfort, but if you did, and are comfortable in the presence of others' misery you are selfish and cowardly. Selfishness and cowardice should be considered dishonor—and "death rather than dishonor," according to the heroes.

The Carriage and Wagon Workers are still out, although all these employers outside the combine have agreed to their demands. They are still confident and have every reason to remain so. The combine will come to its senses one of these days and see the unfairness of their position in standing out against the most reasonable demands of this little band of mechanics.

The Typographical Union elections were held on Wednesday of this week. The size of the vote was not nearly as satisfactory as was desirable on this occasion. President Lynch, as was anticipated, secured the bulk of the vote (271) for another term as International President, while his opponent, Chas. H. Derry, got but 113 votes. For delegates to the Trades and Labor Congress, Messrs. Hugh Stevenson, E. S. Jackson and Jas. Wilson were the fortunate ones out of a bunch of nine candidates.

The trouble in the Kingston Locomotive Works is still on. This firm that is getting Government contracts at an enhanced price to what the goods can be gotten for in other works is trying to mislead the public into the belief that this is a question of only one man, who was a laborer and was put on a machine that had been run by a machinist. There is a lot of sympathy for the poor man whom the machinists are trying to relegate to his proper place, but the man who was discharged to make room for the laborer is unheard of. Not only that, but this company will not let it stop even at the one man. Their object is to reduce the cost by placing as many unskilled men doing machinist's work as is possible. This, too, on contracts from the Government that are given virtually at the company's own figure. The fight of the machinists is against the pronounced policy of the company in regard to the placing of laborers on certain machines over which jurisdiction is claimed by the machinists. They also say that they will put in as many apprentices as they wish. The arrogance of labor is often spoken of, but the grasping impudence of such corporations as the one here in question outstrips labor in every particular.

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ELECTION NOTINGS

The all-absorbing topic of this week and up to the 29th of May, is that of the elections. Whether Mr. Whitwell will win or Mr. Rogers will be favored with victory's laurels is the question agitating many minds. Aside from all this agitation, however, I propose to tell the readers of this paper something of the different candidates in the field in Toronto, leaving them, of course, to use their judgment upon the matter of just how they will vote.

Let me start from the east. In the constituency of East Toronto we have a candidate of the Socialist Labor Party. This party's aim is the disruption of the trades union movement. That should be sufficient to say to all workmen.

Then we have a candidate placed in the field by the Canadian Socialist League in the person of Mr. James Simpson. He is a young man, energetic and truly capable of representing this constituency in as able a manner as any candidate in the whole Toronto field. Then again the principles he stands for are those of the Trades Union—This alone should entitle him to the support of all organized workers and also those who believe in the welfare of the whole people. Mr. Simpson is an ardent trades unionist as well as a Socialist. The constituency of East Toronto would be best represented by electing Mr. Simpson.

Neither Dr. Pyne or Mr. McBrady have ever excelled in anything in the direct interests of the workers, nor have the parties which they represent been any more conspicuous except in the matter of legislation where the Liberal party have the best of the argument upon the question of introducing and passing this class of legislation, but are again sadly deficient when it comes to enforcing the laws passed in the interests of the workers. The only difference in the two candidates is that one has had the opportunity while the other has not.

In the field of North Toronto we have the two Socialist candidates. The S. L. P. candidate stands against trades unionism, while the Canadian Socialist League candidate is admittedly in the running for educational purposes. The C. S. L. would have done something more to their credit by concentrating their energies and money upon one constituency and making a respectable fight where their candidate had a chance of winning. This sentiment applies to all the other Toronto constituencies, with the exception of the east.

Of the two other candidates in the North there is certainly a difference, so far as the workers are concerned. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt has never in his history, to my knowledge, done anything for the cause of labor, while it will be remembered that Mr. Nesbitt was one of the bitterest speakers against the audacity of labor placing a candidate in the field in West Toronto at the Dominion elections.

Another point about Dr. Beattie Nesbitt that the workers should investigate is his evidence before the Royal Labor Commission of a few years ago. I have not a copy of the evidence here before me, but you might ask some of his earnest friends just what he said the workingman could live upon when he was under oath before the Royal Labor Commission.

Mr. Marter stands for independence. That's what the workers stand for, but aside from this, I desire to point to Mr. Marter's attitude in the north when he represented that part of the country in the Local House. His attitude there can best be expressed in the words of a correspondent, whose letter arrives in a very opportune moment for Mr. Marter. It may be said that it was fired to arrive, but even admitting the truth of that statement, the truth should be told about them all. Here is what the correspondent says:

Noticing that Mr. G. F. Marter is again a candidate for parliamentary honors in North Toronto I have felt that it is due to him for his constant and timely offices for the labor cause when he was a resident of Gravenhurst, that the same should be known to the workmen of Toronto, and I therefore take this medium of placing my own views, and I am sure the same would be endorsed by many of his old friends in this place. Mr. Marter lived here for a number of years, when he kept a general store, and there are many who will gratefully remember his kindness to them on numberless occasions.

I wish particularly to refer to the support Mr. Marter gave to the work-

men in the saw mills in this town upon the occasion of a strike for shorter hours. I well remember the active part Mr. Marter took on behalf of the men, and the sympathy extended to them. I sincerely hope that the workmen of the City of Toronto will give their support to Mr. Marter on the 29th of May, who I am sure in the Legislature will do everything he can to promote the best interests of the workmen.

J. C. DAVIDSON.
Gravenhurst, Ont., May 18, 1902.

In another column Mr. Marter makes his own statement of just why he is an independent. Slavish partisanship is not in the best interests of the country, and Mr. Marter's course in deciding to no longer be a slave to party is one that should commend itself to every elector. With the controversy as to jobbery, etc., it can safely be left to the parties. Mr. Marter's stand in his address is for independence of party and free support to all good measures, no matter by whom introduced. Is that not a manly stand? Is that not what the workmen had been looking for in Parliament? Independence of thought.

In the South we have the same combination of Socialist candidates, which are being run as educational features without the campaign funds necessary to conduct the fight.

Coming to the two candidates of the old political parties, Mr. Fry is unquestionably a man of ability and is conceded on all sides as a fair-minded one. When it comes to a question of something done for labor, however, we have virtually nothing for his four years in the house.

Mr. Rogers is another man that is to be judged by the electors, not by his record in the House, because he has not had the opportunity. The electors will have to judge of him from his record in business and his general ability. Several trades unions in this city have cause to hold up their hands for favors rendered. His pocket and his ability have been at the service of almost every down-trodden individual for many years past. His services in the interests of the retail merchants will no doubt be remembered by many. I know that Mr. Rogers will receive support from many workers whom he has directly or indirectly helped in the past. This constituency is without doubt the closest one so far as passing judgment in favor of one candidate against the other. The story is told briefly—it is for you to judge.

In the West the Socialist is in the same position as in two other of the constituencies. The old party candidates are neither of the personally antagonistic to labor. Mr. Crawford has floated along on the tide of success and an easy constituency, without much thought of the workers.

Ald. Urquhart, the other old party candidate, has a reputation. It was made in the City Council, and it is certainly a very creditable one. He has consistently fought in the Council for principles that the workers of the world over are fighting for. If the workers can place confidence enough in his promises to carry the same principles into the Legislature they will no doubt be well represented.

These are the situations in the different Toronto constituencies as seen through the eyeglass of one small individual in the labor movement. An individual who would like to see the workers wake up, take of their goggles and form a political party of their own upon independent lines.

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