Current Comment

The grand musical demonstration on Monday, the 20th, was grander than ever. The entertainment of the Musical Committee is highly appreciated as a popular entertainment. It improves popular every year. The national bands rendered some fine selections, which, together with the selections of national bands and individuals, made a most enjoyable evening.

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The Labor Day committee has decided to meet every Friday night in Richmond Hall, from now until Labor Day, and all organizations who have not attended on any previous day of the week and Friday night will be welcomed. The tickets for the Island are going very fast, and everything is in readiness for a successful one.

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The organizers will continue to arrive, and we are very much disappointed in hearing to find that things are not as rosy as they had been painted, for the Glasgow papers are publishing some of the grumblings of those who have been disappointed, and the agent, Mr. J. Bruce Walker, is strongly responsible for the actions of Jerome Hunter and his like. At the present time, the Government are continuing an advertisement in the old country which is very misleading. The advertisement says, among other things, that there are good positions for everybody. This is misleading, because it is applied to everybody—mechanics, farm laborers and all. That man Hunter, in his interviews, claims that he has applications from Canadian manufacturers for workers in different lines of work. It is false, and one of this character which take men out here, and they should be stopped by the Government.

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Very few of the unions are holding large meetings during this warm weather, and therefore there is very little doing in the way of news.

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MONTREAL CONVENTION CALL—TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS OF CANADA

Office of the Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 1047,

Ottawa, Ont., July 27, 1904.

Fellow Labor Unionists and Brothers:—The Twentieth Annual Session of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will convene in Jacques Cartier Hall, No. 157 Rue Francois Xavier Street, City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, on Monday, September 19, 1904, at 10 o'clock a.m., and all Trade and Labor Councils, National Trade Unions, Federal Labor Unions and International Local Trade Unions in the Dominion of Canada are invited to send representatives.

Representation, Revenue, Election of Delegates, Initiation Certificates and Stamps.

The basis of representation shall be as follows: International Local Trade Unions and Federal Labor Unions shall be allowed one delegate for each hundred members or under, and one for each additional one hundred or majority fraction thereof. Trade and Labor Councils and National Trade Unions, three delegates each. Two or more unions, whose aggregate membership does not exceed one hundred and fifty, may unite to send one delegate. No proxy representative will be allowed, and all delegates must be members of the body they represent, except in the case of bodies composed of delegates from local organizations, at least six months prior to and at the time of election, but nothing in this clause shall be construed to prevent unions from combining to send one representative who is a member of one of such unions; also provided that nothing in this clause shall prevent organizations being represented not six months organized.

All delegates will be required to produce certificates of election (blank forms of which are herewith forwarded) signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the organization they represent and bearing the seal of the same, where such exists. Where two or more organizations have united to send a delegate, the credential must bear the signatures of the presiding officer and secretary of such organizations, and seals of the same where such exist.

Notice of election of delegates, together with their names and addresses and the number of members in the organization they represent, must be forwarded to the secretary of the Congress on or before Monday, September 12, 1904.

Railway certificates are procurable from any railway ticket agent and will entitle the holder to a return fare of one third the regular rate, provided fifty delegates hold certificates, or fare and two-thirds if under fifty. Certificates must be signed by the secretary of the Congress at Montreal.

The headquarters of the Congress will be at the St. Lawrence Hall, James street. This hotel can accommodate about one hundred. A special rate of $2 and $2.25 per day has been secured upon the following conditions: Where two delegates desire to occupy the same room, $1 each per day; otherwise $2.25 per day for each delegate will be charged. The rooms are large and desirable. The location is in the heart of the city and adjacent to the building where the convention will hold its sessions.

The approaching convention promises to be one of the most important in the history of organized labor in Canada. As usual, the attendance of delegates will be large, and the fact of the convention being held in Montreal has awakened the whole province with a new interest in the movement. Quebec will be well represented and it behooves the other provinces not to be behind hand in the good work being done by the older provinces.

Events in all lands during the past year have been such as to bring the labor movement to the front, and to this respect Canada has occupied a prominent place. The large influx of immigrants has accentuated many of the problems that confront Congress from year to year and the most conservative judgment will be necessary to cope with the new conditions.

The last session of the Dominion Parliament has been one of vast importance to organized labor, and the reports of the proceedings of that body, as they more immediately affect labor, will furnish food for the best thoughts of Congress. Each province, too, has furnished its budget of legislation, so that the Montreal Congress will partake of the nature of a real parliament of labor and its work will probably make a lasting impression on the labor movement in Canada.

Let no union imagine it has done its whole duty when it has dealt with its own particular affairs. There are many matters that affect all in the same degree, and if it is true that "the affairs of one are the concern of all," then every union should send delegates to the convention. Lose no time, therefore, in perfecting your arrangements to have your representatives at Montreal on September 19, 1904.

We are, yours fraternally,

JOHN A. FLETT,
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Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

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CHANGES HER MIND.

With bulging brow and eyes aflame,
With purpose strong and high
She comes to make herself a name
And write it on the sky.
To show what womankind can do,
And she as not surprise a few.

Just like a lady in a dream,
Arrayed in purest white,
She reads her graduation theme
To our intense delight.
To show it is her earnest plan
That woman is the peer of man.

She plans herself a great career
And builds it in her mind.
Where she may make her message clear
And leave poor man behind.
Then eager for the coming fray,
She puts her pretty dress away.

But long before her schemes have birth
A man comes round to say
That she's the sweetest thing on earth,
So in the same old way
She drops her chances for renown
And marries him and settles down.

Table of the Reformer Who Was Elected.

An Earnest, Talkative Gentleman with a High Forehead and a Sweet Voice who was putting up a $5,000 Front on a $1,000 Salary, seeing that Corruption was Rife and that things Were Going to the Dogs generally concluded that it was his Duty to give a Part of his Time to the Cause of Reform.

The Way things were Running was simply Awful or Even Worse. When he saw a Large Gentleman with a Red Neck drawing a Salary for Looking Pretty who did not Fit the Part, it gave him a Severe and Shooting Pain.

How the Taxpayers and Voters could Stand for Such a Gang was more than he could see through his Gold Rimmed Glasses, and he said as Much When Called on to Speak.

Methods used by the Politicians to Hold themselves in Power struck him as being Worthy of the Sultan of Turcy or Some Such Autocrat with a Flexible Conscience and a Desire for Pelf.

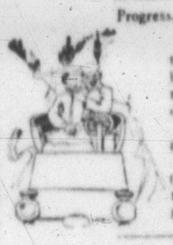
Just why men who should be Breaking Rock for the state should be elected to Office he could not Quite make out. Particularly as there was a Line of Patriots who had never Stolen Sheep ready to Sacrifice themselves on their Country's Altar.

His Line of Talk so impressed the Voters at last that one Fine Morning they Rose Up and Elected him to Office. "Now Surely," they said, "we will have Reform with the Bark on it."

Soon after he had Qualified for the Position a Suave Gentleman who was also a Reformer took him up on a High Mountain and offered him a Half Interest in a Public Contracting Firm for a Nominal Sum. He Accepted the Offer, as he could see at a Glance how by handling the Contracts himself he could Save the People Money.

Moral.—A Reformer is also Human.

Progress.



"To think that the girls once had a fad of marrying their coachmen!"

"Wasn't it just awful?"

"Yes, indeed. I think the chauffeurs are so much lovelier."

No Explanation.

These are the very longest days,
According to report.
Perhaps you wonder why in blazes
Es you are then so short.

Couldn't Miss That.

"Did you ever pass any counterfeit money?"

"A little, but I am thankful to say that I never passed any easy money."

Something of a Job.

"I would never marry a self made man. They are so conceited."

"It should be no trouble at all for a bright girl to make one over."

Don't Go That Way.

"Can you catch the toothache as you do the measles?"

"I don't know whether you can catch it. I know you can't lose it."

FERT PARAGRAPHS.

A man sometimes falls in love with his wife all over again when a rich uncle dies and leaves her a fortune.

A world's fair without a Pike is like a dinner without salt.

A few months ago you would not have believed that the lawn mower was so much harder to operate than the snow shovel.

If one half of the family knew how the other half lived, the relations might be strained for awhile.

When you can lose an objectionable friend no other way, lend him money.

According to his own notions, a self made man is the noblest work of God.

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FERT PARAGRAPHS.

It is not always spring, even in the spring.

Some women can't have the last word because with them there never is a last word.

Memory is the thing you don't have with you when you want it.

Policy is rarely any kind of honesty.

History can't repeat itself too often for a youngster who it comes in the shape of a circus.

The money that you spent is not what causes your regret, it is the money that you didn't get a chance to spend that makes you dissatisfied.

Some people are so constitutionally dishonest that they cheat themselves into the belief that they are honest even when they are getting their living off other people.

Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep and it laughs at you.

Coming through the rye is a hilarious walk for some men when the rye is in bottles.

Paradoxical as it may seem, an unpaid gas bill is no light matter.

Make Way For the Scourge.

Yes, Maggie, in this bloody war
For life I have enlisted.

The enemy shall writhe in gore
And get his old neck twisted.
Most terrible shall be his fate,
With not a thing to arbitrate.

Oh, I shall be as mean as Cain,
As bloody as old Nero,
And when my thousands I have slain
Then who will be the hero?

When I start out to be a scourge,
No one a second call will urge
The war, if I can have my wish,
Will be so fierce and bloody
That carmine floods will drown the fish
And rival old Big Muddy.

Gum boots in great demand will be
From those who cannot climb a tree.

Then let them sound the bugle call;
I wait its accents thrilling
That I may on this foeman fall
And start the wholesale killing.
I shall not rest or close my eyes
Until the last mosquito dies.

The Potato Bug.

When man, proud, pompous and dignified, the conqueror of nature and the self appointed lord of creation, goes forth in his might to raise a garden, the potato bug, small but earnest, spits on its hands and says it will see about this thing.

It would take several thousand potato bugs to make one good sized man, yet it only takes a few of them to make one good sized man mad.

After a man has carefully planted a patch of potatoes and hoed the same until his hands are blistered and his back is a candidate for the repair shop he is pretty apt to invent new words to adorn the language when he finds that the potato bug has dropped in for a small lunch and invited all of his sisters and cousins and aunts up to the forty-second degree to join him.

At such times it is well for mothers who are particular as to the language their children hear to lock the little ones in the ice chest until the storm blows over.

Marked Attention.

"Was your story accepted by the magazine?"

"No, but I think it must have made an impression. The editor went to all the trouble of having the note printed in which he explained to me that it was rejected through lack of space."

Not Companionable.

As steady, constant Shoma light shoes
Are hardly what a man would choose
To pick on them to take the cake,
For when his corns begin to ache
And, heeding not the eight hour days,
Work overtime for no more pay,
He wants to grab his trusty ax
And chase the shoes to Halifax.

Where New Thought Failed.

"A man can do anything he thinks he can."

"Is that so?"

"Certainly, that is a sure rule."

"I thought I could marry Miss Bland until I asked her."

Nature Helped.

"Did you have any trouble in moving the crops in your county last year?"

"No, we were afraid we were going to, but a cyclone came along and moved them for us."

Too Slow.

As lives of great men you peruse,
You find that once they shined their shoes.
Now for such things they haven't time,
Although they still might save a dime.
The half hour spent in brushing dust
They'd rather use to form a trust.

Difference of Opinion.

"I'd lick you for a cent."

"I'd hire you only I know you couldn't earn the money."

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F. J. WILSON, President. WM. BOLAND, Secretary.

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