

CANADA

Canadian stone must be used in the construction of the proposed new library building, the board inserting a clause to this effect in the specifications.

The Tribune is the name of a new labor paper which reached our exchange table. It is published at Toronto, Canada, by Fred Perry. It's a 16-page, four-column journal, and is well gotten up. We welcome The Tribune to our list, and wish it much success.—Union Sentinel, Fort Smith, Ark.

Toronto, Canada, has a new labor paper—The Tribune. Success to it.—Union Leaflet, Philadelphia.

Scientific circles in Winnipeg, Canada, are interested in the discovery of a process for welding copper, which has been made by a local blacksmith. It is said the process has been thoroughly tested and found perfect, and that copper can be welded to copper or to other metals without impairing the electrical conductivity and other properties of the metal. The process is said to be very simple, and no more costly than the welding of steel. The work can be done with a forge, blowpipe, or any apparatus which will heat the metal cherry red. Patents have been applied for in the United States and Canada.

MONTREAL

Montreal Star: "An agreement has been reached by which the United Garment Workers of America and the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America may become one great organization, with a membership of nearly one hundred thousand members. As a result of the merger, the labor leaders say the Garment Workers will now become one of the most powerful labor organizations on the continent. Mr. Samuel L. Landers, a member of the General Executive Board, of Hamilton, who is in the city, when seen to-day by a Star reporter in regard to the matter, said that he was very much interested in the amalgamation scheme.

"This society," he said, "shall be known as Garment Workers and Journeymen Tailors' International Union, and shall consist of four sections or branches, having an unlimited number of local unions, who acknowledge its jurisdiction and are subject to its laws and usages. The jurisdiction shall be the United States and Canada. One label shall be used on all garments made by members of the international union." Mr. Landers, who is also the Ontario vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, chatted freely about the labor movement in Montreal. It is his intention to build up a strong organization here, and on Friday evening there will be a public meeting of shirt and overall workers in St. Joseph's Hall, when several branches will be formed. All the employees of the Royal Shirt and Overall establishment will be initiated into the organization."

I have been persuading Local No. 216 of Montreal (overall workers) to elect a press secretary. Years ago, when Miss Russell acted as such, she sent some "hot stuff," and she is still an active member of the local. At the next meeting I will suggest her election as press secretary. Then look out for Montreal!

The Wilkins shirt and overall factory at Montreal is in an old convent building, latterly used for a church. The high ceiling is frescoed, the arched windows are of stained glass. The altar steps are yet in position on the lower floor, and all in all, the interior has a holy aspect. When Miss Daly, representing the General Executive Board, reached Montreal and struck the Wilkins factory, she entered, looked around, bowed her head in silence, feeling that she must have been misdirected, when lo! she

saw a couple of bales of blue denim where the baptismal font used to stand, and she knew she was in an overall factory.

There is a bright prospect of the Royal Shirt and Overall Company adopting our label. Cause? Too many orders coming in "Want union label goods or cancel order." There is one matter in which the U. G. W. of A. is handicapped, and that is, we have no constitutions printed in French. The Boot and Shoe Workers, Bricklayers, Carpenters, and, in fact, all international unions, have had to do this before they could make any headway. Our French brothers (and sisters especially) all want to know when Monsieur le President Rickert is going to visit Montreal.

The Montreal Trades and Labor Council has endorsed the union label of the Felt Hatters and Trimmers' Union of Great Britain. The Council has a committee out to report on the advisability of the establishment of a labor paper.

The Boot and Shoe Workers' Union repair shoe stamp has been introduced in Montreal. One large French firm of boot and shoe workers is negotiating for the general stamp. Organizer O'Dell is doing good work in Montreal. S. D. Landers.

Deck Laborers Strike

Two hundred dock laborers went on strike at Montreal for an increase in wages of 75 cents a day. The strikers were brought there several days ago to take the places of union longshoremen, who went on strike at that time, demanding a similar increase.

Some of our fellow citizens in Quebec are objecting to the commemoration of Trafalgar day. Would it not be a very wise thing to listen to their objection. Can we not let the dead bury the dead? There are events of vastly greater importance in the history of the world than the victory of Nelson and there are greater victories yet to be won. Perhaps, one of the greatest of these coming victories will be the winning of the affection and confidence of our fellow countrymen of French origin. The glorification of warfare is too much in the ascendant and anything that tends to peace should always be preferred.

Carpenters Scarce

Brantford Courier: At the present time there is a scarcity of carpenters in the city. Local employers of that branch of skilled labor declare that it is practically impossible for them to procure enough men to fill their orders as promptly as they otherwise would. The shortage of hands is chiefly felt by the builders and contractors, who have found it hard for the past few months to fulfill their contracts owing to the lack of carpenters. Work on some houses has at different periods been suspended on this account.

Practical Demonstration

One of the most practical demonstrations that any person can give in favor of trade unionism is by a firm insistence on the article purchased to be ornamented with the emblem of fair wages, viz., the union label. No member of a trade union or any one that favors fair living conditions and is opposed to low wages and unsanitary conditions ought to accept any article that does not bear the union label.—Ex.

Nova Scotia Fishermen's Unions.

Within the last six months a number of Fishermen's Unions have been formed in various sections of Nova Scotia.

Cigar Makers, Attention

Union 414, Winnipeg, Man., requests the Secretary holding the card of Chas. Kelly (98444) to please hold it and correspond with the Secretary of 414, or collect \$13.50 board bill and send the same. Also, Union 414 would like to hear from Alex. Leonard (75102), and show reason why he should not be suspended.

Accept Arbitration Proposal.

At Montreal, the Plasterers' Union has accepted the proposal for the establishment of an arbitration tribunal to decide upon the disputes between masters and workmen. The Master Plasterers' Association has also signified its intention of accepting the proposal.

THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED

ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN RILED

Their Committee in Montreal Six Weeks and Continually Put Off—Brotherhoods to Meet Here.

The failure of the representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen to arrange a settlement with the Grand Trunk officials is causing considerable uneasiness among the men. They are not willing to continue working under their present conditions.

The committee have been in Montreal for nearly six weeks, and nothing has been done. They have been put off from day to day by the statement that this official or that official was out of town.

PLAYING THE BROTHERHOODS

In discussing the situation to-day one engineer said: "The management is playing one brotherhood against the other, until the condition is such that they are not making a decent living."

A representative visited the terminal points and asked the opinions of a number of engine men, all of whom agreed that their conditions were not of the best, but declined to discuss the subject.

It is understood that a meeting of a special character will be held in Toronto and vicinity to discuss the matter.

\$1,000 Sent as a Donation

TO THE

Labor Temple Company by LORD STRATHOONA

The Letter Explains Itself

28 Grosvenor Square, W.

London, 11th Oct., 1905

Dear Sir,—The letter which on behalf of the Labor Temple Company, Limited at Toronto, you addressed to me on the 26th September last, I beg to acknowledge.

Its contents are carefully noted, and the Labor Temple Company have my best wishes for the work

THE Sovereign Bank

OF CANADA

Established May, 1902

TOTAL DEPOSITS

on 30th April, 1903	\$3,252,919
30th April, 1904	5,707,703
29th April, 1905	8,316,204
31st August, 1905	9,138,437

YOUR CURRENT OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT INVITED

Main Office - 28 King St. West
Labor Temple Bch. 167 Church St.
Market Branch - 168 King St. East

they are doing, which doubtless cannot be otherwise than a great benefit to those in whose interests it is undertaken.

So many demands reach me from all quarters that it is really often quite impossible for me to give as I could wish; but I have pleasure in handing herewith my check on the Bank of Montreal, to your order, for one thousand dollars (\$1,000) as a contribution to the funds of your association, and with every good wish.

Many union men fail to instruct their wives in trade union principles, and thus contribute directly to non-union manufacturers and non-union workmen. Have you explained the benefits to your wife?

TAX ON CHINAMEN

Many Celestials Coming From Mexico on Account of New Service

Ottawa, Oct. 21—Unless there is something done to prevent it the revenue of the Dominion is likely to be increased on account of the new steamship service between Canada and Mexico, as there are a large number of Chinamen coming in from the latter point. The law provides that a poll tax of \$500 must be paid on every Chinaman, with certain exceptions, who land in Canada. The collection of \$500 on every Chinaman who passes through Canada to and from his native land, and the refunding of the money when he leaves the country would be a troublesome matter. In the case of Chinamen who travel over the C.P.R. system the difficulty is met by the company giving a bond, and they are responsible if any of their Chinese passengers settle in the country without paying capitation tax. With respect to Chinese who land at Halifax from Mexico it is a different matter. There is no through transportation company ready to take them and to be responsible for them, as the C.P.R. does. Unless some Amendment law can be devised each of these Chinamen will have to put up \$500 when he is passing through the Dominion.

Duty points with outstretched fingers,

Every soul to action high—
Woe betide the soul that lingers,
Onward, onward is the cry.