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The sympathies of the Labor Gazette editor evidently lie with the fake "National" Congress, if one is to judge from the make-up of the two reports in the October number of that paper.

Clarke is a strong man—too strong to be put in a constituency where he has to devote his whole energy to get elected. Better that his Conservative party lose a host of Kamps and Oshes than one Clarke.

Clarke is a wonderful fellow, and if the Conservatives lose seats in Ontario they can blame this bright individual.

The political strife will be all over when you get this in your hand to read, and there is no harm in our predicting that present indications are that if the Liberals get one of the Toronto seats they will be doing all that they expect.

If all reports for the Labor Gazette are as inaccurate and misleading as the report of the last session of the Trades and Labor Congress held in Montreal, then we are not at all surprised at the recent action of some unions in condemning it.

D. M. Parry, the great union smasher, has had to come to it at last—he has had to hire union men to get out his new magazine, recently established to fight the unions. He could not find "rat" printers to get it out, and the work is consequently being done by members of the Typographical Union. You can't escape the Typo, Mr. Parry.

The Employers' Association would do well before throwing out insinuations as to the strength of the organized labor movement to look to their own size. Organized labor represents proportionately a greater number of the workers than does the Employers' Association among its own class. Organized labor stands for principles that will benefit the whole people. The Employers' Association stands for principles which will put more money in the pockets of employers and this money will come out of the workers' pockets. Labor has not pledged any candidates because it has passed that stage—faith in political pledges count for anything.

Workers, you have now the opportunity of joining your own political party. If you have not had enough disappointments yet, why stick to the old ones? They have one or two friends upon each side whose lights in our behalf make good campaign material to help in the election of a few dozen enemies. The old parties are great caterers to the worker, just about election time, but where are the benefits? Do you see any of them in a larger Canada or the G.T.P. millionaire poker? Yes, the old parties are doing a whole lot, and is about time you made up your mind to work and vote for yourself through candidates of your own.

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While English railways have only about one-fourth the mileage of those in the United States, they carry a greater number of passengers than the latter.

The explanation of this astonishing difference is not hard to find.

English railways are franchised to carry passengers under rigid laws—and incidentally to earn dividends for the stockholders as well—as in America, Canada included, railway franchises are granted to grafters on paper surveys, then hawked about to promoters who find capitalists with sufficient influence to get all they want, and these run the railways to pay dividends on bonds and wages regardless of the safety of passengers or the public who have to cross the tracks.

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If you ask how the matter is to be remedied, we would suggest that you alone can do it.

While the business of the country is in the hands of two great railway corporations and the politics of the country in the hands of two great parties there will never be effective rail legislation enacted to protect either the railway workers or the general public.

There is a strong connection between the two political parties and the two great railways—indeed those in a position to declare that it is destructive of the public welfare.

Well, if you'll ever have your rights in regard to railways or anything else protected you should cut out from the two great parties the two dominate and manipulated by the railway and other franchise grafters.

But remember, if your father was either a Grunt or Tory you might smash one of the Ten Commandments if you thought for yourself and changed, so watch out for the party lash—stand on your feet like a man and tell the lead past to bury its dead.

We live today for ourselves and posterity for the contemporaries of Sir John A. Macdonald & Hon. George Brown.

You cannot have friends if you stand for them.

Hoyle is said to be on the verge of another revolution.

When the labor leader feels that he is doing right, others come to think so, too.

If the toiler is left to himself without trade organization, he will sink and rot.

The union label is the emblem of Christian fellowship and sympathy. It eliminates selfishness.

The understanding with its reasoning, not the heart with its passions, says the activity of the trade union movement. And common sense reasoning at that.

The labor movement and the labor vote is too big for any one or two men to carry around in their pockets for the benefit of themselves and their friends.

If the trade unionist is not himself consistent, how can he expect to teach principle to others? We would willingly lay down our principles, and yet we mend not our own defects.

Don't forget to take the timbers out of your own eye—the union label is for everybody's use. Remember that it is an advantage to know one's self; but, to correct one's self is a virtue.

Do not look for the faults of others. Think of your own. In every person who comes near you, look for what is good and strong, honor itself, rejoice in that, and as you can try to imitate it, and your faults will drop off like dead leaves, when their time comes.—John Buskin.

YOU MUST OWN THE JOBS.
It is not very often you hear the country newspaper editor talk the way the Hastings Star man talks in the following:

"No man to-day can stand up and say he is certain of a livelihood. No working man is sure of getting another job. You may organize yourself into trade unions until you have in your organizations every worker on the face of the globe, and you cannot free yourself from the fear of want until you organize politically—you must own the jobs as well as them. You never can be sure you are as good as your next neighbor, and as long as you must beg for the job and you can't get it without bugging for it until you own them. The capitalists control the markets and the tools, and they own you. There is just one thing in this country that they do not own, and that is your vote." But you don't know enough to use that, and they might as well own it."

Good advice for the workers if they will but wake up and get together in the new political party for the workingman—The Canadian Labor League.

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Teach the union man to look for this self-interest in the public good. Teach every man to rely upon the mass of his kind, and that his highest interest is a mass interest, making the security more secure. Teach the man in labor for his own interest at the expense of the mass he is always slipping both his own and the mass' security. Teach the man to look upon himself as an immortal soul; that he is an eternal entity, residing in a changeable, uncertain, temporal house—his body—and that the real substance of which he is composed belongs to the changeless order of harmony, but that he is a long way from it. Teach the man that he can have all or none of the world's theories and aims, and he will stand no better, or worse, for that, but that there is only one religion on this planet and that his services consist in doing justice and serving God by serving his neighbor, his fellowmen. Teach them things, lamass them into the brains of workingmen, and into the brains of the world's bumptious educators; drill them into the lives of the great "subversives." Ding dong them from the belfries of your gilded temples, and you will then have done your part in avoiding the pit into which all prior civilizations have fallen.

A man is not saved until he becomes the saviour of men.

I saw a child of God seeking for God, and he was breathing God and knew it not.

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Socialism

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THE SOCIALIST MIND.

Socialism is something that you can't convey by chinks out of books this logical brain; it must have a genesis, a very beginning, in a man, and in him it must be duly evolved into a way of viewing conditions, a settled conviction of unity which constitute the Socialist mind.

The worker with a Socialist mind is a class-conscious fellow, who feels every day's labor that he gives to his master to be a day of wrongful restraint, an exploiter's day; he resents the power of the capitalist over his labor, he rebels against the justice of expediency of forcing men to work by use of physical punishment, he denies any form of equitable relation or any spirit of "false" partnership between labor and private capital.

The worker with a Socialist mind is a man who has been educated to think for himself, who feels that his economic condition is the result of the capitalist's system, and that the workers together with the capitalist together together are the cause of the workers' woes.

To this whole arrangement of wage slavery he rises against with all his human soul; he hates it; he tries to rise above it and he enters politics only to destroy it and replace it by a system more human and more kind. Alone but with a determined will, as a result of his personal experience and abuse, having parted with all patriotic delusions, the Socialist mind stands before the ballot box, and by the voting power to smite the present system until all the economic victims of the present false democracy shall know and become conscious of themselves as the classists is doomed to be perpetually manipulated and sacrificed on the altar of rent, interest and profit, as perpetuated in the teachings, bargains and laws of the old capitalist parties. Capitalists are making as mistakes these days; they know that by maintaining the present system of industrial slavery they can leave all the gains of their own lifetime to their children, with the power to take more and more for ever.

In the educated workers, standing before the ballot box the capitalist not only sees an immediate resistance against the strides of his own great avatars, but also a menace to his children's enjoyment of the well-banked surplus labor value of the workers. The old parties have something very real and very concrete in their "class interests," to appeal them to hustle at the ballot box. Any savage can fight well from behind a chunk of real estate, but we poor dispossessed have to fight that strong property reality with but our class sense against wrong and our entire dissatisfaction and utter disgust with the present wicked and unjust industrial arrangements.

Though ours is a material goal, yet a goal that is set in grander and better conditions, and a battle for the substantiation of a higher civilization, yet at this stage with all the world's money powers against us, our entire strength is of the mind, no political cause was ever set up completely back upon the consciousness and convictions of the minds of the men in this, the workers' party; no army of men ever so drew their strength from one point of view, from one deep conviction, from one thought, as we do—the thought of our economic and industrial subjection.

With this thought alone let the workers go to the ballot box bitterly and vigorously and intelligently class conscious, then all the power of the money kings and princes will avail them as nothing.

Let us go to the ballot box nursing our dissatisfaction, urgently thrusting the chains of wage slavery from our selves, and the children cultivating resentment, reputation and resistance every hour these virtues alone fit for us to bind, seeking within our own labor organizations the entire range of our satisfaction, finding our pleasure as well as our duty in its struggles.

Let us, seeing we are a doomed people, become an intensely separtate people, become an intensely independent people, resolved to make our true value felt everywhere and in every place, resolved to make every ballot cast to be felt but this first resolve of ours—to be free from the paralyzing blight and tyranny of the profiteers. This is the plain and narrow way. "There is no other way" to industrial freedom and equity, and the narrower the way now, the broader shall we make the life of the future.

This is the Socialist mind; it will never again be in so straight a place as this. It is a harsh and bitter position to be in, "a forced battle with a discovered condition," but nevertheless there shall we stand until this present wretched system ends and the people of the world settle down upon their everlasting true foundation of industrial democracy.—P. E. Burroughs' Essays.

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There are some people who never enjoy themselves so much as when telling how ill they have been.

Lov and money have each in turn been accused of making the world go round, but labor alone knows how it is done.

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