

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE

Reflections on Current Events by  
the Boarders.

"I have often heard it said that there was a compact between the politicians of both parties in Montreal Centre," said Brown, "under which the McShane clique are to support Curran in a Federal election and the Curran wing of the Conservative party are to help McShane in a Provincial one. To those who are prompted to take political action by a laudable desire to develop the resources of our country and advance the prosperity of its people and who regard our chosen representatives as disinterested patriots working to that end, such a compact would seem incredible and preposterous. With those, however, who understand that party politics is a mere game of grab in which patriotism or principle forms no part, and who know that such deals have been worked in both municipal and parliamentary elections in the past, this rumor will have considerable weight."

"Particularly if taken into consideration with the candidature of Ald. Kennedy in Montreal Centre," said Phil. "If that candidature means anything at all, it means the splitting of the vote in that division to enable McShane to step in if possible, and may perhaps explain Kennedy's walk over in the late municipal election. Either the Conservatives who are working the Kennedy 'boom' are working under contract or else they are in total ignorance of the feeling of the people towards their own candidate; neither do they seem incited to reap benefit by the experience which their party has had in the past in that self-same constituency. The strongest man they ever placed in opposition to McShane was the present Judge Doherty who, despite his great popularity and unquestioned ability, came out of the last three-cornered fight as a badly beaten third; and where Doherty has failed Kennedy need not try."

"I don't believe that the men who are bringing out Kennedy are working 'under contract,'" said Gaskill, "though it certainly looks suspicious, but I do know that the regulation hide-bound Conservative is so prejudiced against anything that smacks of labor reform that he would sooner vote for the devil than for a labor candidate. It is to accommodate this particular class of seventeenth century Tories that Kennedy is brought out; they can't vote for McShane because they hate him like sin, and they won't vote for Boudreau because they hate him—or rather those whom he represents—a great deal more. Happily their number is few; but if I had anything to do with directing the action of organized labor in this election I would teach these people such a lesson that they would not soon forget it as long as they lived. Since they made it their business to needlessly oppose us in the Centre, I would give them a double dose of their own medicine by running labor candidates in both Montreal West and St. Lawrence Division. Both Hall and Morris can be defeated by such a move, and that move should be made, and made at once. The tactics which they pursue in connection with Boudreau's candidature is conclusive proof that all their talk about purifying politics is mere buncombe calculated to catch 'suckers,' but they will find that Kennedy, Hall and Morris are mighty poor bait. It was a blunder on the part of organized labor which gave Hall his seat in the first place, and it will be a blunder on the part of his party which will make him loose it."

"I must say that I am in perfect accord with you on this question," said Brown, "and furthermore, I believe a labor candidate in St. Lawrence Division would stand a good chance of election. The Conservative candidate there is the head and front of a gigantic combine which, while paying ridiculously low wages to its employees, has

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become immensely wealthy and powerful, and will hardly be acceptable to the workingmen of that constituency. And since the purification of politics has become a secondary question with Conservatives, why not run a labor candidate there who would be acceptable to the Mercier party, and thus make sure of victory. If this election is going to be run on the plan of each for himself and devil take the hindmost, no sensible man will blame us for taking such a step, and anyway, I can't see that we have a greater stake in the country than anybody else. Since the Province is bound to go to the devil it might as well go there with a man at the helm who knows the shortest and most direct route. I am decidedly in favor of running candidates in both of these divisions. We have been ignored so long that it is really time to teach some of our two-penny-half-penny statesmen that we are a factor in politics, which is something which they seem to have forgotten."

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**FREE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.**

A recent report to the State Department from the United States Consul at St. Etienne, France, contains some facts of special interest to the working people of this country. It is calculated to bring into more general discussion the question of free industrial training as a part of our general system of education, a question upon which there is at present much diversity of opinion. St. Etienne is one of the greatest industrial and manufacturing cities in all France. It is

famous for its vast coal mines, iron and steel works of all kinds, from heaviest ordnance and naval armor plate down to the finest cutlery, its potteries and manufactories of every line of goods produced from silk, cotton and rubber.

The national school system of France permits in the elementary schools throughout the country the introduction of industrial training as part of the regular course of studies for the benefit of the children of the poorer parents, who find it necessary to withdraw them from school at an early age to assist in the support of the family. St. Etienne has taken advantage of this feature of the law in a very practical way and has established a very thorough system of industrial training. Its technical institute was built in 1885 at a cost of nearly \$150,000. It has three hundred students, and the trades taught are weaving, dyeing, sculpture, iron founding, cabinetmaking, etc. The apprenticeship is four years in duration, and the institution is free. At the end of four years a certificate of aptitude is given, which enables the pupil to obtain a situation in the line of industrial labor which he has chosen. The work of the school begins each day at seven in the morning and ends at seven in the evening.

The members of the Parnellite party met in London on Wednesday and appointed their parliamentary whips and secretaries. It was resolved to leave the chair vacant as a mark of respect to the memory of their late leader, Charles Stewart Parnell.

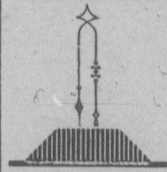
At a meeting of the members of the Parnellite party in London Mr. John E. Redmond was formally elected chairman.

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