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A Remarkable Sermon

EMPLOYERS OF LABOR

BENEFACTORS OF RACE

by the Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan

At Last Year's Labor Day Services n Notre Dame Church, Montreal

T^{HE} English sermon on Labor Day, 1904, was delivered by Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, from

"Labor like a good soldier of Christ us."—Timothy chap. 2 v. 2.

and preached the following remark-

the ideal workingman, your model, your sole hope and consolation in life and in death.

and in death. The Roman Catholic Church has been at all times and in all places the fearless champion of the working-man in particular and of the laboring Divine Founder, is the world index-ed for the honor in which manual labor is held. Had the principles which she has always inculcated been which she has always inculcated been characterize them. Unless they be more strictly adhered to, had her heaven-inspired counsels and directions been more scrupulously follow-ed, there would be no necessity for

mutual rights be respected, unless their mutual obligations be strictly discharged, the solution of the mo-mentous question of the hour, "The Labor Question," will never be right-ed. The employer, whoever he may be, has rights, which must be re-spected. His capital is involved. He is, in a sense, a benefactor of the human race. Consequently, he is entitled to gratitude and considera tion, and to ample compensation for his enormous outlay of money which

DUTY OF EMPLOYEES.

the world by preaching the necessity of a godless education, divorce, and other pernicious evils whose trend is to rob you of what you hold most dear and most sacred, yea, to sap the very foundations of the social fabric. "Love your work. Glory in being

undermine your respect for authority in church or state, and dechristianize

hardy toilers. Manual labor has been always held in honor by the Church of Jesus Christ, who came upon earth to raise man to his proper Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, from the pulpit of Notre Dame Church, in Montreal. Father Callaghan took for his text: Taher Callaghan took for his text: The Apostles commissioned by Him to europelize the world and to com to evangelize the world and to con-tinue His mission till the end of time and preached the following remark-able discourse: Jesus Christ, the Founder of the Church, whose loyal warm-hearted sons you are, and claim to be, is the carpenter's son who is proposed to your admiration and invitation, as the ideal workingman. your model

> CHURCH NOT OPPOSED TO UNIONS.

"The Catholic Church does not op pose your unions. Those unions an classes in general. To her, after her Divine Founder, is the world indebtis strength. However, a spirit of Unless they be grounded in such solid bases, those grounded in such solid bases, those associations may thrive for a time, but eventually they will dwindle into insignificance and end in being a menace to the commonwealth. A ed, there would be no necessity for any struggle between capital and labor, between the employer and his employee, none of those scenes of strife, turmoil and hardship which we are called upon also, to witness, too often, on this and the other con-tinents of the globe.

RIGHTS OF WORKERS. The workingman has his rights and obligations. The capitalist, the master, have theirs. Unless their mutual rights be respected, unless "When listening to the farewell address, I bethought myself of the saying of His Grace's illustrious namesake, the great apostle of the Gentiles, St. Paul. 'We should live soberly, justly and piously in this world, looking for the blessed hope

A POWER FOR GOOD.

" Dear friends, you form a most he invests and risks in the wants of important factor in our community he invests and risks in the wants of trade and commerce. Still he must with like consideration, not as white enable them to provide for the neces-saries and the ordinary comforts of life for themselves and their families and to reward them for their services to the trade up to the neces-series and the ordinary comforts of life for themselves and their families to the trade up to the neces-series and the ordinary conforts of life to themselves and their families to the trade up to the neces-series to the neces-to the trade up to the neces-series and the ordinary conforts of life to themselves and their families to the trade up to the neces-to the trade up to the neces-to the necessarily trade up to the trade up to the trade up to the trade trade up to the necessarily trade up to the trade up to the trade up to the trade up to the necessarily the trade up to the necessarily the trade up to the necessarily the trade up to t in his behalf. Nor should the hours of labor be too prolonged. in promoting the prosperity and the best interests of the community a The employee must act fairly and grow up and be a credit to you, squarely by his employer, take a their families, their nationality, their deep interest in his concerns, and Church, their God, then be men of even remember the motto that God. Let prayer, the frequentation of the Sacraments, assistance at Holy of the Sacraments assista more economy and less extravagance, more sobriety and less intemperance to the Holy Mother Church, her were practised, if the atmosphere of the homestead were more redolent of the homestead were more redolent of home of Nazareth, there would Your compliance will afford you all actual wants, and to provide for the rainy day, for the daytime of sick-ness, adversity and death.



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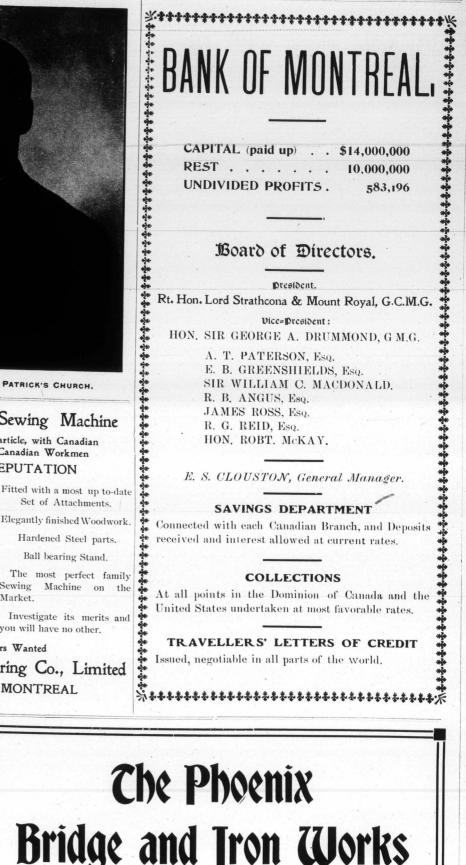


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