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A very successful and enjoyable reception was held in the large assembly room in the Labor Temple on Friday night, extended by the steam engineers of Toronto to the delegates attending the convention being held here and to their friends. The hall was packed.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE TRIBUNE.

Are you a subscriber! If not, why not? Send in your name or give it to your secretary who has plenty of subseription forms!

The Tribune can be obtained from all news dealers.

It is the duty of every unionist to support his own official paper. Make it a success.

The Tribune was informed this week by a youth who had attended the Star

the Tobacco Workers or if the trust succeeds in doing so it will only encourage a trust in your own line of production to try the same game. Look for the label and help the Tobacco Workers and vourselves.

Re non-payment of wages at the Fair by the Midway showmen, there is no reason in the world why these people and tradesmen cannot be protected and very simply at that. The showmen's percentage can be held back by the authorities until all local debts contracted are paid for. This would entail the expense of one man, which could be charged against all the shows. As a matter of fact the class of men who run the shows are a curse wherever they go, they are out for the graft, and if they make money they may be forced to pay. If they do not make money what have they to draw from. If this was insisted on then perhaps we should have a better class of show in the future than we have had in the past. If not, why do without them altogether. As a general rule the law of these men is pay if you have to and have got it, but get away if you can.

Every union should have its own correspondent for The Tribune so that we can keep in touch with the movement and have it up to date.

# Bakers' strike still on.

SHEET METAL WORKERS. General Organizer Downey Talks to the Local Union.

General Organizer Downey, of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Union, was a visitor to the Labor Temple last night and addressed a meeting of his organization. Mr. Downey is an earnest worker in the labor move ment, and left a splendid impression on the members of the trade in this city. Mr. Downey will visit all the unions of his trade in this city.

## Call for the Label.

NEW BRAKES ON THE CARS. Touch by the Motorman Will Bring Heavy Double Truck Cars to a Standstill.

Within the next three months the danger to life, limb and property in Toronto from the street cars will be decreased by one hundred per cent, at least, if we are to believe the claims set forth for the Magunn air brakes. On Monday the work of attaching these brakes begins, and the railway officials are very hopeful of having all the cars on the road equipped in short order.

The Magann air brakes, which have about some actions that took place dur- been chosen by the Street Bailway Com-

Secretary Meredith, of the Stage Employees' Union, is the first to hand in his list of subscribers to The Tribune. Every secretary should busy himself and roll up the list by the thousands. Lots of room!

Hurrah for the Knockers of the Tribune. Go ahead. Every knock a boost.

MEN EMPLOYED BY THE HOUR MAY LEAVE WITHOUT WARNING.

When wages are being paid by the hour and no definite arrangement is made with regard to notice when the employe is leaving, none is required. This was the decision of Judge Morson in a case in the Division Court yesterday.

Controllor Ward occupied the Mayor's chair this week. He was heard to remark that it, "Just Fit."

Last Saturday, the Brassworkers laid at rest the remains of the late Phillip

at rest the remains of the late Philip Sheridan, aged sixty-nine years. Phil as he was known among the craft, was brought to this country by a large firm a number of years ago from the old country. He changed positions a number of times, and at last becoming aged he was unable to secure employment. Al-though not a member of any union he though not a member of any union he was always a staunch believer in working-men's rights, and as such the union men of Toronto have voluntarily kept him for the past three years, furnishing him with meal tickets, etc., and the three months in Western Hospital, and as a last respect gave him a Christian funeral.

The Tobacco Workers' International Union is about to again start a vigorous campaign with a view of more firmly establishing their blue label in Canada. This organization, although a young one and by no means a large membership, has done considerable work during the past two years in bringing their blue label more prominently before the attention of the workers, and also in advocating a more general use for all union labels. Owing to the activity and the methods which it is claimed were employed in the past by the Tobacco Trust in forcing wholesale jobbers and dealers to discriminate against union label topaccos and cigarettes, the demand for the blue label of the Tobacco Workers' has not increased as rapidly as it otherwise would have done. Mr. Henry Fischer, the International President, when visiting the city recently, remarked that he believed that if the workers were more familiar with the conditions under which the workers were forced to toil in certain non-union factories, whose brands are sold extensively in Canada, he felt sure they would refuse to uphold such conditions and would give greater attention in insisting upon getting the article bearing the guarantee of fair conditions.

STREET CAR EMPLOYEES' CON-VENIENCES-DOES THE COM-PANY OWN BOTH THE

COUNCIL AND GOV-

ERNMENT TOOT

The Civic Legislation Committee got busy Wednesday morning, Ald. Church's motion was adopted for a committee to wait on the Government to secure direct legislation by way of a Railway Commission promised by the Government last session to give speedy decisions in disputes between municipalities and electrie railways, which will shut off recourse to the courts and speed matters generally.

In support of Ald. Church's motion Mr. Macdonald, business agent of the Toronto Railway Employees, was present in reference to the question of conveniences for the men. Ald. Church outlined what had been done last session, and how the Government had threshed the matter until the commission was ap-pointed. He said it was an outrage and disgrace to Toronto that this matter was not settled. Ald. Sheppard, Vaughan and Chisholm and Chairman Graham also used strong language in speaking of the matter and urged the city to act. Dr. Sheard will report on how the city can temporarily relieve. matters.

Another matter of a wise nature adopted was to ask for legislation introducing a private bill to validate the decision of the Board of Railway Commissioners in reference to the Yonge street bridge. This will shut off an appeal to the last courts and the most speedy way of settling matters, notwithstanding any law, usage or statute to the contrary. This act will make the above decision final. City Solicitor Chisholm was present and approved of this motion of Ald. Church's. It's about time for the city to get legislation to clean the matter up and drop law suits to kill time. Legislation was what Sir Wilfrid meant when he wired: "All right." The city should summon the aid of every municipality in Canada to carry the bill.

The Tribune wants the full report of every meeting from the secretary and is willing to make an advantageous proposition.

MACHINISTS' NEW BUSINESS AGENT.

At a special meeting of the Machinists' Union, held in the Labor Temple last night, Mr. L. H. Gibbons was elected business agent, in place of Mr. W. Boland, who has resigned to embark in business for himself. The contest was lively, twelve candidates for the position presenting themselves.

ing a dance called the Frog Dance that, if attempted in any other place would land the person attempting them in jail. The youth referred to, in great gles described the scene, for which the whole Morality Department should be arrested for allowing to occur.

At the meeting of the Tobacco Workers' Union, held last Tuesday, it was shown that the trust was trying to drive union-made cigarettes from the market. Did it ever occur to you that if a trust was trying to drive your product off the market you would want the support of

pany, are of a different type to the ordinary air brake system. The old-fashioned method was for the car to do its own compressing of the air as it went along, the axles or the motor driving the air pump. The Magann is what is known as a storage system-in fact it is the only one of that class that has been patented and successfully used in America. Several of the largest American cities are using it, as well as a great number of suburban lines and the Everett-Moore Syndicate, which controls more than 1,400 miles of electric railways.

THE PRINTERS' POSITION.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 20.-At the headquarters of the International Typographical Union to-night, this statenent was issued .

Strikes for the eight-hour day are on in 33 cities, and in most of these many of the employing printers have signed up. In 216 cities we have the eight-hour day now, or to become effective on Jan. 1. In 56 of these cities where strikes have been declared or threatened, all of the offices where union men have been employed have signed the new contract.

SOCIETY'S OBLIGATION. Allied society owes to the young-The new men, come to carry on the world-Account for all the past, the deeds, the keys, Full access to the riches of the earth. Why? That these new ones may not be compelled Each for himself to do our work again, But reach their manhood even with to day,

And gain to-morrow sooner. To go on-To start from where we are, and go

That is true progress, true human -Charlotte Perkins Statson.