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Mr. Fred. Baker, the genial passenger agent of the steamer Argyle, paid us his first visit for the season.

Bakers' strike still on.

Great activity is going on at Hanlan's Point in addition to the grand new steamer, "Blue Bell," which will be ready for the 24th of May. An army is at work putting up new games and sports of all descriptions, which will far surpass all previous years.

Molders' strike still on.

The time is again approaching when the poor street railway conductor will have to use those dangerous running boards again. A few more sad accidents will occur, a little rustle by the alderman and explanations from the company, and, after all, no improvements made. What does it matter about a wage-earner's life? He is only a hand.

Have you paid your subscription to The Tribune?

We have had to destroy several letters sent us for publication because they had no signatures.

Are you booming the label?

Remember the street railway men's annual concert, to be held in the Massey Hall on February 24, 1906.

Have you paid your shares for the Labor Temple?

We understand that if every good union man, that is not already a shareholder, would take one share, the building would be paid for. Now is the chance for a grand rally, so that the unionists of Toronto may own a building that will do us credit.

One of the most enjoyable at home will be given by the Glass Bottle Blowers in their hall, Queen and Northcote, on Saturday, February 24.

The trouble with the Brunswick-Balke-Collender firm is not settled yet.

The bakers' strike is still on in Weston, Bredins and Tomlins' shops.

The lithographers on strike in Toronto have received the backing of the International Lithographers by a unanimous vote of the convention held in Buffalo. Now it will be to the finish. Let labor be firm, don't be led away by imaginary troubles and be frightened back to work, and capital will have to give way to just demands.

Mr. Merrick states that if the civic laborer gets his \$2.00 per day it will cause disquiet and unrest among the industrial workers.

We are sure there will be more disquiet if they don't get it. Men will never be satisfied as long as all the money is made to flow into the hands of the brood of young Rockefeller's that are now springing up in Canada. With their combines, mergers, etc., etc., what chance has the workingman to become anything else than a mere machine, allowed just enough to keep himself in condition for work for his greedy taskmaster, the capitalist. Labor is out now to assert itself, and as soon as we find out and know our own strength, the better. Let us organize more and get strength with more unionism. Again the market value of labor is not universally accepted, as Mr. Merrick claims, or will it ever be, until conditions are changed. He also says the civic employees' positions could be filled by men at 15 cents per hour. Even if this was the case, will that better mankind? Is it a fair stand to take? It merely shows that Mr. Merrick is a bit and prone not to understand the social and

grasping capitalists. It goes to show that labor and capital are not identical, nor will they ever be. Labor must stand for itself, fight its own battles, be prepared for any emergency, and watch the every move made by the bloated capitalist.

Patronize the merchants who advertise with us and who think your trade worth the catering for.

Mr. G. Stevenson, 110 Queen east, is offering great inducements to union men in all kinds of clothing, underwear, etc.

Say you good union man are you fighting for the union label on everything your money buys. The difference in cost is nothing compared with principle.

We thought by this time the Dominion Alliance would be on with some useful work for the reformation of the drunkard. We were in hopes they would have canvassers out taking up subscriptions for public lavatories (one of the greatest needs of Toronto), and one of the greatest excuses a man has for drinking or going into the cafe.

We want to know every time your paper does not reach you. We must find the cause. We post them and there is no excuse. If we have to complain and thereby hurt anyone, it is not our fault. This paper must reach subscribers and we are going to see that it does so, regardless of everything.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local No. 495, held their third annual concert and dance in the large assembly hall of the Labor Temple on Thursday, February 8, 1906. There was a large and appreciative audience who thoroughly enjoyed every number. After the concert was over the floor was cleared for the light fantastic, which was kept up and thoroughly enjoyed until 2 a.m., closing with the ever melodious strains of the National Anthem, in which everyone joined with the orchestra. We may mention that the talent and orchestra were supplied by that well-known impresario, Mr. Harry Rich, and everything was A No. 1, as usual.

Mr. Robert Hungerford will represent The Tribune. He will be around the Temple every night. Give him your subscriptions, also your orders for printing. He will take new subscriptions, take note and correct any errors, receive your reports, etc., etc.

Four-fifths of the educated mechanics are union men, and good ones at that. This is clearly shown on our subscription list.

It may take a merchant half an hour to tell you the merits of a non-union article. Demand the label just the same.

We know of a firm that has just got in workmen's union-made pants for \$1.50. This is a great boon for all, and gives us a clear conscience in the future. Their advertisement will appear in our columns. In the meantime we will tell anyone where to get them if we are asked—just for the good of our own men.

Don't be misled by any firm who pretends to cater for your trade unless it is done in your paper.

Don't think because you have paid your subscription, your duty to the paper ends there. Push it at every chance.

Are you supporting your paper that is supporting and upholding you? Don't lay by the wayside, be up and doing. Make your paper such an authority that it will be felt whenever it speaks. It lies within your power to do this.

Another of the best things our aldermen could do to beautify our city, that need not cost the city anything either, would be to have those big, unsightly telegraph and telephone poles taken down and the wires placed beneath the surface of the streets. Those poles are an eyesore to everyone.

Another good thing to beautify our city would be to have our streets swept at night and not to have those dirty sweepers around throwing up their beautiful dirt over everyone and anyone who should happen to be in the way. And it seems they are pretty regular around the theatre section from 7.30 to 8.30. By doing this work at night an unsightly thing would be hidden, and the health of the citizens would not be jeopardized.

One of the brightest pictures of the Labor Temple has been produced by Mr. Thomas Hopkins. A copy may be seen in our office. If you would like one, ask Mr. Jas. McDonald in the Labor Temple.

The Bartenders' Benevolent Association are arranging their annual concert, and if the present arrangements are not upset will far surpass any of their previous efforts, and their past efforts were of the very best of the kind.

Ald. G. of Ward 6 moved the increase for the aldermen. He seemed not satisfied with his work and tried to pat the blame on others. Play the man at all times. Workmen approve a reasonable increase so that they, too, can enter the Council and be paid for good services rendered. But there is no use playing the babe act after making a motion

If your paper is delivered irregular don't blame the Tribune office. Blame Postmaster-General Aylesworth. We pay the postage, and there is no excuse. So you see that Mr. Postman brings them regularly.

The Journeymen Tailors are demanding a slight increase in wages of 10 per cent. There are not many people who will grumble to pay a slight advance when it is caused by a raise of wage. It is the other increase that the merchant sticks on and says it is wages.

Now that the insurance companies are undergoing investigation we notice other companies who have mysterious ways of showing large profits. We notice that the whole maintenance account is put down under the head of losses, when really the company have not met one loss in their career. We get this explained thus: That this is the new way the auditors have of putting it. The same company declare a tremendous dividend on paid-up stock, which is an illusive way of putting it, whereas if the whole indebtedness of the firm was taken into consideration we doubt if any dividend could be shown. The insurance companies declare their capital account as an income account, just to deceive the policyholder, and undoubtedly the more this investigation is carried on the better it will be for the said policyholder.

We have been holding up our hands in horror at what the investigations of the U. S. companies have brought forth. Now let the searchlight be put on the Canadian companies, and we perhaps find something startling.

Mr. Hungerford, the representative of the Tribune, paid a visit to the meeting of the B. T. U. on Sunday last, and was presented with a very handsome stopper, which was much appreciated by Robert, who takes this means of returning thanks.

The Woodworkers of Local 286, who were discharged from the Brunswick-Balke-Collender firm because they were union men have sent affidavits to their international officer on account of the statement being denied by the Brunswick-Balke-Collender firm that the men were discharged for such a reason.

Mr. Chas. Laroie has been appointed International Organizer for the Tobacco Workers' Union. While we are sorry to lose Mr. Laroie, we are proud of his being selected for such an important position.

Union men and women, and men that are catering for the union trade, see that the teamster's card is on the delivery wagon; also note if the harness bears the label.

The aldermen want a raise too. Their pay now is 76 2/3 cents per day and they work nights and Sundays, too. Most of these in favor of the increase are good friends of organized labor and supporters of \$2 per day for workmen. \$750 to \$600 would have been better than making the limit \$1000. No objection could have been taken to the smaller increase about \$700.

The evidence before Judge Winchester shows the aldermen are clean while some of the manufacturers methods are most depraved. Aldermen even have rights as well as editors of evening papers. They work as hard as controllers. Of a 45-page council report last meeting, 40 pages of work came from the committees and aldermen.

Give the aldermen a raise and workmen can then enter the Council. Toronto is a democratic city and should pay for honest services rendered. Several shufflers and trimmers in Council loudst for a raise skipped or skirted the vote. The controllers trimmed also. Their own salaries were not up though.

## JUST THINK THIS UP.

One non-union workman who spends his wages in buying union labor goods is of more benefit to the labor movement than a hundred so-called union men who spend their union wages for non-union goods. There are non-union men with better principles than some individuals whose only claim to unionism is the fact that they carry the working card. What a man says doesn't go for much unless it is supplemented by sincerity of action. The union dollar is potent just exactly in proportion as it is spent to a purpose. The open shop exists upon the patronage of the people who believe in buying open-shop goods. Just think this up, Mr. Union Man, and size up where you stand. It is the way in which you spend your dollar, and not the style in which you holler that counts.—Exchange.

## Against Sunday Cars

Lord's Day Alliance Wants an Act to Prevent Trolley Lines Operating on Sabbath.

The Lord's Day Alliance will send a deputation to interview the Whitney Cabinet on Monday to present for the Government's attention a draft amendment to the Lord's Day Act compelling all electric railroads operated locally in the Province of Ontario to give their employees the first day of the week as a day of rest. The amendment in other words aims to prohibit any trolley line in Ontario, other than those now running on Sunday, from procuring the right of operation on Sunday. It gives the Attorney-General the right of securing a perpetual injunction against any company operating in contravention of the proposed amendment.

## Toronto District Labor Council

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common schools, but in the High schools also, and it is the opinion of your committee that it is the duty of the School Board to provide sufficient accommodation, not by adding a room here and renting a room there, but by building new schools at convenient points if necessary; and your committee is also of the opinion that a new High school is imperatively necessary east of the Don, but there seems to be a tendency on the part of some of the members of the board to neglect this very obvious want, and seem to confine their attention to the High school in the north end of the city. Your committee recommends that the secretary of this Council be instructed to write to the Board of Education re this matter, calling their attention to the evident need of a High school in the east end of the city as well as in the north.

Your committee finds that in report No. 4 of minutes of Management Committee of School Board, Feb. 9th, Miss Martin's motion to abolish specialists in singing, sewing, drawing, manual training and penmanship was turned down by the Management Committee. In the opinion of your committee this is to be deplored, as we think that the regular staff of teachers should be competent to teach all branches of education necessary to the welfare of our children, and if it is necessary to cut out a few of the frills and fads that are all too prevalent in our schools, so much the better.

A special meeting of the committee was called Feb. 14th to deal with a communication from the School Board, which reads as follows:

Your committee recommends that the committee shall consist of two members of the Executive Committee and two from the Educational Committee, and that it shall be President Hungerford. Delegate Glocking for the Executive, and Delegates Tweed and Baneroff for the Educational Committee.

May Darwin, Secretary.

## Foreign Agitators

A bunch of foreign agitators arrived in Toronto the early part of this week. Their mission is looked upon with suspicion by our unions. Their first act was one of self. With three-buttoned vests and cutaway coats they sauntered leisurely into the Massey Music Hall on Tuesday evening and enjoyed the BEST; on Wednesday evening they devoured the CHOICEST, and lastly, on Thursday they concocted the WORST it was possible to conceive against Local 204, Bakery Workers' Union.

These foreign men are here to infuse into the minds of their CO-WORKERS in Canada how essential it is to their interest (irrespective of what political color they might vote), to be identical with the powers that be, so as to get whatever legislation is necessary from a BUSINESS POINT OF VIEW. They will also tell how the trick was done, in defeating the ten-hour-day in New York State by lobbying and bribery, showing how easily it is to defeat even the will of the people. But the members of 204 don't fear them in the least. We know how far they can go in Canada. Our people control the purchasing power, and by this power we will control the situation.

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## Theatre Furniture Suit

The American School Furniture Company is suing A. J. Small, of Toronto, and the Fuller-Claffin Theatre Building Company, New York, for \$3,266.80 for goods sold to the latter company. The Toronto man is alleged to have guaranteed payment of the account. James Dickson, for the plaintiff, obtained an order from Judge Monck for service of the writ out of the jurisdiction.

## Quebec Labor Delegation

Interviews the Government

No Exemptions—Tax Everything the Same as the Poor Man is Taxed

A delegation from the Trades and Labor Congress interviewed the Government at the Parliament Buildings respecting certain amendments desired by special laws legislated by the province:

The Government to provide the necessary ways and means to combat tuberculosis; the Government to supply pupils of Public schools with free books; the Government to establish and enforce a law that every establishment using steam power of 25 horse-power be obliged to have an engineer holding a stationary engineer's certificate; factory inspectors be specially instructed to enforce proper light in factories; to punish employers by imprisonment who do not pay workmen their wages; protest against the incorporation of labor unions; the Government to establish a labor bureau in all cities; to enforce taxation of all institutions, religious or charitable, who compete with labor by having laundries or any other source of employment with profit.

The delegates also wished to submit that they were in favor of taxing all institutions the same as a poor man was taxed. There should be no exemption.

## Whistles and Bells

Now and then you hear of the cry on the part of some public man—or one who wishes to be known more publicly—to abolish the crude and ancient custom of "bell ringing," whistle shrieking, and horn blowing as unnecessary and un-called for in this enlightened age.

How far he would desire the reform to go he has not yet explained. We are led to naturally suppose that when he says "Stop them" that will mean all noise produced by these relics of the past. Let us consider for a moment the composition and the nature of this man's proposed reform, and the effect.

We would have no chimes on Sundays—that would follow what he advocates—that would suit his atheistic friend, for there is nothing grates on the conscience of this person so much as to be compelled to listen to Rock of Ages being chimed on the Sabbath. He would send forth the mandate to the factories to cease disturbing the "night owls" and people of leisure at such an early hour as 6.45 a.m. Again, the fire alarm bell is not a necessity to him; he has his telephone, and if he desires, may know in a few moments the place, and nature of the fire; the street cars must use more discretion, during the night they should only stop at the transfer points, and from 5.30 a.m. up to 10 a.m. stop at all crossings, doing away with the necessity of ringing for starts or stops, as it would be so annoying, you know! Also the school bells, they must cease for the Public school children's parents should be compelled to carry into effect that wise saw—early to bed, early to rise, will make them healthy, witty and wise, and perhaps wealthy—if they happen to be lucky in addition. The clocks in St. James' Church and the City Hall must be modernized, for how silly it is to suppose the people want to know every fifteen minutes the correct time. The umpires officiating at the various games will leave their whistles at home if the game is to be up-to-date, and further, we are to assume the steam railways will catch on and abolish that Americanized "Ding-dong-ding" introduced in the days of the pioneer. The farmer will also see the cruelty of victimizing one poor cow out of a herd by placing a bell to its neck for the benefit of the farmer, to the annoyance of not only the cow that carries the bell, but all the cows in general. Oh, yes! We are away behind the times, both on land and on water. Legislation will, in the natural order of things, reach the steamboats and yachts on our bays and rivers, and while we are careful not to interfere with individual liberty, the door bell, the electric bell and even the dinner bell, must cease, and then we will enjoy such a reign of quietude that we will be able to dream secure while sleeping and to think in peace while awake.

## OPERA SINGERS FORM UNION.

The officers of the Actors' Protective Union of New York, announces that a union of opera singers has been formed in that city with a membership of 182. The new union will be known as No. 14 of the Actors' National Protective Union and will have a charter from the American Federation of Labor. Its members include German, French, English and Italian singers.

## LABOR STRONGER THAN EVER.

No doubt there was a time when the shortsighted, bigoted employers thought unionism could and would be crushed by injunctions, damage suits, denunciation and similar weapons. They ought to know better now.

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