TEN THOUSAND MEN STOOD BY!

Ten thousand men, the records say, were not upon our roll

When Carter sent the order out for Eastern roads to poll.

Ten thousand firemen who should be among the tried and true,

Who should be working for the cause as earnestly as you,

Were found to be outside the pale of unionism, still,

These men responded in a way that caused our hearts to thrill,

When asked if they would stand with us and back up our demand,

Thus demonstrating that they had a good full box of sand.

'Twas when the crucial test was made they showed us where they stood;

Their hearts were right although they failed to join the Brotherhood.

No doubt they're good material to place before the "goat"

Because they stood, yea, to a man, prepared to sink or float