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Mr. J. H. Anderson and Capt. W. J. Colahan are authors of the new edition for the Labor Advocate to this city and neighborhood.

AN IMPRESSIVE OBJECT LESSON We have been hearing a good deal at intervals lately about the pitiable fate of the few survivors of the "Noble Six Hundred" who charged at Balaclava.

And this is military glory: This is the end of all the heroics and the highfaloots, all the drumming and trumpeting, all the metro-mongering and after-dinner oratory, the flag-waving and the haranguing, which is the reward by England for her hero warriors, at whose deeds "all the world wonders," whose actions are glorified in song and story as an encouragement for others to fight for "The Old Flag."

CHARITY IN PLACE OF JUSTICE A LONDON cablegram says:—Mr. S. Magnet left Portsmouth to-day for the coast of Galway. The Magnet is loaded with food and potatoes, with a quantity of Government stores of all descriptions. This cargo is one of a series sent and to be sent by the Government to relieve the distress of the famishing inhabitants of certain sections of Ireland.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS This movement for free school books is rapidly becoming popular. The justice and reasonableness of the proposal is so apparent that it only needs a little agitation to bring about the change. The Labor Advocate is pleased to note that at the last meeting of the Public School Board of this city, on Thursday last week, a resolution was adopted authorizing a petition to the Legislature for free text books as large number of the board will shortly have to face their constituents, this action indicates that they appreciate the popularity of the move.

CHILD LABOR IN QUEBEC SEVERAL measures in the interest of labor have lately been introduced into the Quebec Provincial Legislature. One of the most important is a Government bill, introduced by Premier Mercier, to amend the Factory Act. It creates two new classes of factories, in regard to which the age at which children can be employed is raised.

They buy their pickets by it, and the masses are duped by the rant about the old flag which is instilled into them from childhood into them through the ill paid and unscrupulous butcher work by which heads and skulls, captured and sold to the holders.

ORGANIZED LABOR SPEAKS In declaring in favor of the city retaining the Street Railway franchise and operating the road as a public enterprise, the Trades and Labor Council have taken the only ground they could possibly occupy without the grossest inconsistency. To have adopted the report of the Committee, recommending the leasing of the franchise, would have made the cause of organized labor a public laughing stock.

It is an instructive object lesson, this of the old and feeble band of veterans who have spent their best days in their country's service and wear their fill of glory and honor, and imperishable renown, as they stand in the hearts of their countrymen, and all that sort of things, actually left to perish in the midst of a wealthy community for lack of the very necessities of life. The heroes who too late have found out that the path of glory led but to the porkhouse and forgotten graves are performing a better service for humanity in their despised deceptions, than when they charged the Italian batteries. Such a spectacle will do more to knock the nonsense of "patriotism" and the craze for martial glory out of the heads of the British workmen than any quantity of argeant.

It would be impossible, in the absence of further knowledge, as to the degree of the road, for the electric force as a freighted one on the subject. The public do not yet know whether it is a road which will eventually be leased or a corporation or whether the city, with a vote of satisfactory tenders, will continue to operate it. Now this question is essential in order to enable the Government to submit an intelligent opinion. In the absence of definite information, it is to be supposed that the proposal will be lying in the dark.

the true sense of the word, instead of being on the alert for opportunities to the progressive agitator, is now trying to show that it is not to be done to the present of public opinion. It is a strenuous and unrelenting struggle to persuade Mr. Mowat to move, and no one can however often and only good has a chance of obligation, unless it is made perfectly clear to the mind of the administration that the public demand for it is so strong that they will lose votes by refusing it. That is just what the advocates of free school books will have to impress upon Mr. Mowat, and nothing will tend to a conviction of this sort more than making it known to the school board elections.

THE schism recommended by the Trades and Labor Council contemplates the working of the road by a Commission, to be composed of the Mayor and two others, to be appointed by the Superior Court judge. On principle, we believe that all such enterprises should be conducted, not by nominated Commissions but by committees of the City Council. The discussion of the subject has, however, clearly developed the fact that, in the present state of public opinion, there would be little chance of getting the popular assent to entrusting the Council, as now constituted, with any fuller power. Under the circumstances therefore, it is well to fall in with the next best proposition, likely to command itself to the people. All who are in favor of the retention of the franchise would do well to freely and fully accept the Commission project, and use all their influence during the short time that remains for action to secure its adoption.

SUNDAY STREET CARS. On Monday evening last the regular meeting of the City Council was almost entirely devoted to the consideration of a resolution introduced by Ald. Lindsay, to the effect that the question of the running of street cars on Sunday should be submitted to the popular vote at the coming municipal election. After a warm and protracted discussion, the resolution was lost by a vote of sixteen to seventeen. In so deciding, the majority took a wise and sensible course and their action should meet the approval of every intelligent Labor Reformer.

It is a common thing to be made by the World—a better and malignant enemy of our cause—to bound down and oppress the men who voted against it. They are charged with sagging the People (with a big "P") and acting in an arbitrary manner. This is nonsense. The principle of submitting important questions to the electors is right and sound. It is entirely denied that, in order to make a popular decision of any value, there should be first, ample time for the full consideration of the question in all its bearings, and secondly, full information in regard to the conditions under which their Sunday will take effect. Now, this Sunday street car agitation has been suddenly sprung upon the public by a monopolist organ, with the object of directing public attention from the main issue—that of the city operating the railway—and for no other purpose. There is not time for so important a question to be thrashed out before the election. And, furthermore,

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NOT SUFFICIENTLY PROTECTED The provision of the street railway agreement regarding the hours and wages of labor as fixed by the City Council on Friday evening last, and by further amendments on Monday though an improvement on the original clause still reads that no conductor or driver "shall be compelled to work" over ten hours each day—thus leaving these classes of employees free to contract themselves out of the conditions by agreeing to work overtime. The minimum rate of wages for conductors and drivers was fixed at fifteen cents per hour and the same provision applies to all other classes. A proviso without effect was made by Ald. J. E. Verall to provide for the conductors and drivers receiving eighteen cents per hour for overtime last it was defeated.

ALDERMEN BAILEY, Carlyle of St. Andrew, Shaw, J. E. Verall and E. A. Macdonald deserve credit for the stand they took in Committee at the City Council Friday evening in favor of making the fifteen cents per hour minimum wage apply to other street railway employees as well as drivers and conductors.

The aldermen who voted against Sunday street cars will not be at all alarmed over the attempt of the World to hold them up to execration, when they remember that only one year ago aldermen candidates were anxious to repudiate the favor of the World and considered the imputation of having advertised in it injurious to their chances. Now although that paper has squared itself with the Typographical Union in the meantime, yet editors ally and so far as its influence extends it stands exactly where it did then, as the present and determined enemy of Labor Reform. Its friendship is a detriment rather than an advantage to any public man—so far as all events as the vote of organized labor is concerned.

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CORRESPONDENCE

HENRY GEORGE AS A POLITICAL LEADER

It is not to take exception to several of the points made by your article of the 12th, headed "Henry George as a Political Leader." The objection that I wish to make is that the article is a little too long and that the Standard is a little too long because of the tactical error of Henry George.

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Next and Pichard, members of the British Parliament, have sent a manifesto to the miners of England, Germany, France and Belgium, inviting them to send delegates to an International Congress, that is to meet in Paris on the 31st of March of the coming year. The object of this Congress will be to discuss the necessity of the passage of laws to make legal hours a legal day's work in the mines.

Everywhere in Europe employers are endeavoring to resist the demands of the miners for better conditions. But the laborers are not to be kept down. Out of darkness comes light. The greed of the capitalists is forcing the miners into co-operation and this, in turn, as a matter of necessity, will be one of the greatest factors in the solution of the world's economic and industrial problems.

THE LABOR ADVOCATE

**ELECTORS OF  
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**YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE**  
Are respectfully solicited for our re-election as Aldermen.

**Wm. Bell,  
R. H. Graham,  
John Bailey.**

Election takes place  
**JANUARY 5, 1891.**

**St. David's Ward**

Your Vote and Influence are respectfully requested for the election of

**J. A. McIlwain**  
As Alderman for 1891.

Election will take place on Monday, January 5, 1891.

**St. David's Ward.**

Your Vote and Influence

Are respectfully solicited for

**K. C. MARSHALL**  
—AS—  
School Trustee for 1891-2.

**St. Patrick's Ward.**

**YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE**

Are respectfully solicited for

**Fred Phillips**  
—AS—  
ALDERMAN FOR 1891.

ELECTION  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1891.**

**ST. ANDREW'S WARD.**

**YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE**

Are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

**ALD. W. CARLYLE**  
—AS—  
ALDERMAN FOR 1891.

**St. Andrew's Ward**

**YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE**

Are respectfully requested for the election of

**W. W. HODGSON**  
—FOR—  
SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Election takes place on January 4, 1891.

**St. Alban's Ward,**

**MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Your Vote and Influence

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**W. P. Atkinson**  
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Election, Monday, January 5, 1891.

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**YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE**

Are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

**G. & S. LINDSAY**  
ALDERMAN  
AS ALDERMAN FOR 1891.

Monday, January 5, 1891.

**St. Lawrence Ward.**

**YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE**

Are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

**C. E. FRANKLAND**  
—AS—  
ALDERMAN FOR 1891.

Monday, January 5, 1891.

**St. Matthew's Ward.**

**YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE**

Are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

**J. K. LESLIE**  
—AS—  
ALDERMAN FOR 1891.

Monday, January 5, 1891.

**St. David's Ward**

Your Vote and Influence

Are respectfully solicited for the election of

**J. S. BODDY**  
—AS—  
ALDERMAN FOR 1891.

Monday, January 5, 1891.

**St. Matthew's Ward.**

**YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE**

Are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

**Ald. Peter Macdonald,**  
—AS—  
ALDERMAN FOR 1891.

Monday, January 5, 1891.

**St. Patrick's Ward.**

**YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE**

Are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

**THOMAS PELLE**  
An Alderman for 1891.

St. Patrick's Ward.

**YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE**

Are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

**John Lucas**  
AS ALDERMAN FOR 1891.

St. Patrick's Ward

Your Vote and Influence are respectfully solicited for the election of

**JAS. JOLLIFFE**  
As Alderman for 1891.

Election takes place Monday, Jan. 5, 1891.

**YOUR VOTE AND CORDIAL SUPPORT**

Are respectfully requested for

**Ex-Ald. JAS. PAPE**  
AS ALDERMAN FOR THE

Ward of St. Lawrence.

**St. Alban's Ward.**

**YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE**

Are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

**GEO. S. BOOTH,**  
—AS—  
ALDERMAN FOR 1891.

Monday, January 5, 1891.

**St. David's Ward**

Your Vote and Influence

Are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

**J. S. WILLIAMS**  
—AS—  
School Trustee for 1891-2.

Monday, January 5, 1891.

**St. Patrick's Ward.**

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**W. J. LITTLE**  
AS ALDERMAN FOR 1891.

Monday, January 5, 1891.

**St. George's Ward.**

Your Vote and Influence

Are respectfully solicited for

**C. FLANAGAN**  
—AS—  
ALDERMAN FOR 1891.

Monday, January 5, 1891.



**ST. ALBAN'S WARD.**

**YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE**

Are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

**JAMES GOWANLOCK**  
As Alderman for 1891.

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Your Vote and Influence

Are respectfully solicited for

**WM. BURNS**  
As Alderman for 1891.

St. Mark's Ward

Your Vote and Influence

Are respectfully solicited for the election of

**B. SMITH**  
—AS—  
ALDERMAN FOR 1891

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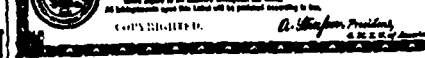
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