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THE TOILER

Official Organ of the Toronto District Labor Council. Published Weekly in the Interests
of the Working Masses.

TORONTO, JULY 10, 1903

TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS

Important Notice

Ottawa, Ont., June 27th, 1903.

To Trade and Labor Councils and Inter-

national Local Trade Unions in Can-

ada, Greetings:

Fellow-Workers and Brothers.—The

time has arrived in the history of orga-

nized labor in Canada when a step in ad-

vance must be taken in order to meet the

aggressive methods of those opposed to

the union of workers. For many years

the trade union movement has followed

beaten tracks, discussed the same ques-

tions, proposed the same remedies and

received the same rebuffs, but a new de-

parture has occurred in the ranks of

those opposed to us—a departure that

must be met without delay, or else the

present status of trades unions and their

members will be changed to their detri-

ment.

The great fault of organized labor in

the past has been that it has kept its eyes

closed to the methods adopted by those

among the employing classes who oppose

our legitimate aims. Recent develop-

ments have shown the necessity of an

immediate awakening, and your body is

requested therefore, to give its prompt

consideration to the requests and propo-

sals contained in this circular.

The trend of the day is towards union,

and the employing classes have, as usual,

taken early notice and advantage of the

fact and have united into a compact

body, ostensibly for innocent objects, but

in reality to ring the death knell of

trades unionism. Thus there are orga-

nizations like the Employers' Association,

the National Foundrymen's Association,

the International Metal Trades Association,

and others of the kind. Though these

bodies come to us with sweet words in

their mouths, their actions declare, so

loudly as to make plain their object, that

their real intent is aggressive antagonism

to organized labor. No better proof of

this is required than the strenuous sup-

port given recently to the pernicious

legislation introduced in the Senate, at

Ottawa, for the exclusion of the officers

and the dismemberment of international

unions. A united front was presented

by these bodies, and their attitude was

a striking lesson to the representatives

of organized labor present at the discus-

sion of the bill. Then what is to be done?

Stated shortly and plainly, the one

feature emphasized is the absolute neces-

sity of organized labor in Canada be-

coming united into one compact body, so

as to be a unit upon questions affecting

the interests of wage-earners. There is

a lamentable lack of unity in this regard,

and our very existence now depends upon

an immediate alteration of this state of

affairs. The Trades and Labor Con-

gress of Canada must represent orga-

nized labor for legislative purposes, and

the goal of the day is, therefore, to streng-

then our ranks in every way possible. With

labor a solid phalanx, more respect will

be paid to its representations, more

weight be attached to its arguments and

more beneficial results will follow its

efforts.

Your body may, perhaps, not be in a

position that calls for action in the way

suggested, but, if not, then we urge you

with all the emphasis we can bring to

bear, to do your utmost to urge labor

bodies that are not now in affiliation with

affiliated. There are to-day many unions

that, though affiliated with their inter-

national organizations, have not become

affiliated with Congress, and to these

bodies we point out that, by a recent

decision of the Executive of the Ameri-

can Federation of Labor (with which in-

ternational bodies are federated) all

locals in Canada, whether affiliated with
international unions or not, and all fed-
eral unions, are directly urged to become
attached to the Congress without delay.
There is thus a unity of opinion upon
the necessity for this action, and what
is now required is a unity of action (for
legislative purposes) as well as a unity
of opinion.

Do not delay taking action in this mat-

ter, but follow the example of employers

and act at once.

Send applications for affiliation to P.

M. Draper, Secretary-Treasurer of the

Trades and Labor Congress of Canada,

Box 1017, Ottawa, Ont.

John A. Flett, P. M. Draper,
President, Secretary-Treas.,
P. O. Box 1317, Ottawa, Ont.

ABOUT LYING.

Some clever "Letters from Uncle Sam

to John Bull" are appearing in the

Public (Chicago). Here is an extract

about lying:

"What do you think about this lying

of niggers? I'm ashamed of it, and

I am, I believe it's a mistake! Any-

body can see the crime against white

women is increasing under it, and se-

verity of punishment is always did in-

crease the crime. When you, John,

hanged men for stealing 20 shillings,

you used to, there was more steal-

ing than now. Cause why? It advertises

the crime. Look at it! The specta-

cularly appeals to the nigger anyway.

Here is the fire and the ketone and an

audience of 5,000 and the howling

death of one of the old martyrs. Then

next day 5,000 newspapers print it, and

500,000 young negroes read about it

and learn that here is a crime so seduc-

tive that men will be burned at the

stake for it. The spectacular strikes him.

He remembers it, and when he has a grudge

or feels ugly, or ornery, he recalls it.

Where is the good of advertising? This

crime? If the fool men have no more

reason, the women of the country should

take it up themselves and stop it. Let

every woman say to her husband, "No

more lying in niggers! No more ad-

vertising of me. Your act puts me in

danger. Stop it. Let the law take its

course." And it would stop.

Another gentle persuader to virtue

would be a state law that every citizen

who lynch a man should pay

\$5,000 to the next of kin. Then, at the

suggestion of lying every man in the

country would have palpitation of the

pocketbook. The suggester would get a

dash of cold water. The virtuous citizen

would say, "The nigger is worthless, but

man! you touch the dollar in my pocket!

You are meddlin' with sacred things!

You touch vested rights! Hush! Let

the jury attend to him!"

THE MIGHT WITH THE RIGHT.

May every year but draw more near

The time when strife shall cease,
And truth and love all hearts shall move
To live in joy and peace.

Now sorrow reigns, and earth complains,
For folly still her power maintains,
But the day shall yet appear
When the might with the right
And the truth shall be,
And come what there may to stand in
The way

That day the world shall see.

Let good men never of truth despair,
Though the world with evil fall;
Oh, give not o'er until one more
The righteous cause prevail.
In vain and long, enduring wrong,
The weak may strive against the strong;
But the day will yet appear,
When the might with the right, etc.

Though interest pleads that noble deeds
That noble world will not regard;
To noble minds, that duty binds,
No sacrifice is hard.
The brave and true may seem but few,
But hope has better things in view;
And the day will yet appear,
When the might with the right, etc.

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stringent regulations, and other unfor-
tunate measures, which have been the
only effective method of dealing with the
whiskey question is not only overlooked,
but actually opposed, by the so-called
friends of temperance—namely, take the
profit out of the traffic! Saloons and
joints of all grades are run because of
the enormous profits to be run them. Let
not because take the entire business into
their own hands and sell the staff under
suitable regulations at cost, and the Kansas
state that is producing this would not
be a single shilling or whiskey mill in the
ventures that in good earnest does so. Now
that old Vermont has determined to
change, let it try that—Pittsburg Kan-
sas.

The Nasmith Baking Company

IS UNFAIR TO
ORGANIZED LABOR.

Under False Pretences

Moulders Brought to This Country

Told That There Was No

Trouble On.

(From the Mail and Empire.)

Little has been heard for a couple of

weeks past of the progress of the iron

moulders' strike. It was well known that

four of the largest foundries in the city

still refused to give the nine-hour day,

and that they proposed to make a desper-

ate resistance, but the employers have

declined all along to mass any more than

the boldest kind of statement. In re-

sponse to a question relative to the ar-

rival of a large party of moulders in

the city yesterday, E. W. Day, secretary

of the Employers' Association, said:

"That is a matter we do not care to

speculate about, and further than this

would say nothing.

It was known, however, that the em-

ployers were by no means idle, and this

knowledge was more than confirmed by

the arrival at the Union Station yester-

day morning of 49 iron moulders, Scotch

and English, nine brass finishers and 11

patternmakers, nearly all of whom are

union men.

The Mail and Empire had a talk with

some of the men yesterday and also

with some of the members of the local

union. One of the Scotchmen, a young

brass dresser, named Alexander Harkum,

stated that most of the Scotch-

men came from Edinburgh or vicinity,

and were engaged by a Mr. Harkum,

whom he understood to be an agent of

the Canada Foundry, and who was still

in the Old Country engaging mechanics.

Advertisements had also appeared, he

said, in the Dundee Weekly News and

Township Weekly Record, asking

moulders to go to Toronto, and stating

that there was no trouble here.

Holmes stated that he had gone from

Edinburgh to Glasgow in response to a

letter, and had called on Mr. Harkum

"in course of conversation," said

Holmes, "I asked him if there was any

trouble in Toronto, or, if so, I would

not work. He got quite huffed at my

question, and said there was no trouble

and that he knew I would like the work

and get along well. So the end of it

was I signed an agreement, which guar-

anteed me double pay for any time that

is lost over labor loss, and would rather

make me also two years salary work, fifty-

five hours a week. All the mechanics in

our party have similar agreements. At

Norwood we first heard something of

the real state of affairs. I do not know

what the Englishmen will do, but I know

none of us will do any work where there

is a strike of our trade. I do not want

to stay in the town and not work, rather

get out than hang around and do nothing.

An officer of the local union added,

relative to the plans of the Canada

Foundry Co. with regard to the strike

weeks: "The company has now got in

their employ from 24 to 28 professional

strike-breakers working at from \$4 to \$6

a day. Our regular wages before the

strike were \$1.25 a day over and

above their regular pay for each day

work, and foremen still more. These

men are out simply for what there is in

it, and travel from place to place, ac-

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LABOR WORLD News and Views of the Ever-Advancing Army of Workers

THE BRICKLAYERS' UNION No. 2, at their meeting Tuesday night, elected the following officers: President, George Hill

Some street railway companies find it an advantage to deal direct with the union of their employees, and sign agreements from one to three years, while others shun the union and will not even recognize a committee therefrom.

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John A. Flett, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, was a visitor to the city this week.

Robert Glocking, Secretary Labor Bureau, paid a visit to the city this week in connection with some trouble up that way.

The cigarmakers of Montreal have voted their London brothers \$200 to assist them in their strike.

The daily press during this week make the statement that the builders' laborers are about to call off their strike.

The United Garment Workers of America have 20,000 members in the New York City alone—and many in some instances a greater membership than some international unions have altogether.

Six non-union girls employed by the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Co., Chicago, have sued union pickets for \$1,000 each, claiming they were assaulted and prevented from working during the recent strike.

The carpenters are still out, largely owing to the stubbornness of the bosses, who have refused arbitration in any form.

London Trades and Labor Council is arranging for a mammoth Labor Day celebration in Queen's Park. Labor affairs in the Forest City are forging ahead.

Twenty-two new labor organizations are reported in the current issue of the Labor Gazette.

The Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees issued 132 new charters during the past fifteen months.

Never in the history of the organization has the Order of Railroad Telegraphers met with such success.

Shoe dealers after the general public are warned that they should be on the lookout for counterfeit or imitation union stamps intended as substitutes for the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union stamp.

The Superior Class is a burden. No nation ever survived it long, none ever can. This volunteer Superior Class has always thought that good is to be gained by avoiding labor.

WHY THEY DON'T GO TO CHURCH. The assertion that workmen seem to go to church less each year in England is responsible for a pamphlet published by the Rev. Eric M. Farrar.

THE CURRENT ISSUE of the Labor Gazette contains a considerable discussion as to the source from which the labor for the construction of the different transcontinental railroads projected will be drawn.

A BILLIONAIRE'S BIBLE (Editor's Note—Brinkenhoff is a Billionaire. He is said to be a Christian. Brinkenhoff loves his billion. He is said to love his Bible.)

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1. "In the beginning" Capital created everything of value. 2. And the world's work was without form and void, for the darkness of indolence was upon the face of the industrial deep.

TO THE REV. EDNA NEHEMIAH, D.D. SECOND EPISTLE. The subject of your discourse last Sunday was one of the most beautiful in the whole range of pulpit thought.

CHAPTER II. THE PARADISE OF PROSPERITY. 1. And the Lord Capital planted a garden in the Great West, and there he put his wits to work to make more capital.

11. And the working man gave hard names to the machinery that robbed him of his position every now and then. But it remained yet to find someone who wanted the same job who had a back to cover, and a stomach to fill, even as the man himself.

