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## WHY THEY OPPOSE CIVIC MANAGEMENT.

Ir the workingmen of Toronto are blind to the significance of the move ment for the operation of the str railroad by the city, it is evident that e proposal with the outspoken, better, deter mixed opposition of every man who belongs to the parasite or predatory class -that is to say, every one who is living upon the labor of others and exploiting the totler by means of reat, as posting use totter of means of reat, interest or profit. At a meeting of ciple among the moneyed interests, the Council of the Board of Trade held and the increase in the use of labor on Monday a resolution was unast. having machinery, labor will get the

aly carried, declaring that it would he determental to the commercial intereets of the city to have the street railway arstem managed by the corrora-

The reason why platecrate and pro-The reason why platterate and pro-fit tenegers oppose the city tabling over- but the methods of action must be a laways and everywhere the parent the read is not far to reek. It is not changed and the old lines of trade of unnumbered frauds and abuses. By the road is not far to reek. It is not a minimum alandoned for a plan of cam-that they are so particelarly solicitous uninnum alandoned for a plan of cam-for the laterests of the city, or that they praign more adapted to the modern the single object of chaspoese, it drives fear civic management would result in citation with its changed conditions. adeficiand increase their taxes, buttle [To confine organized effect to figuring] of the field, and other things being because they realize that the operation, amployer for higher wages or shorter or goal given every advantage to the of public services in the public later. hears is to invite defeat "Organized conscienced as weaker who figures down cataby the representatives of the people for political action," should be the "conscienced as weaker who figures down into their order of the wedge of National, watchword. Workingness must commissioned project in order to moderated all itse. It is the principle underlying the bits to use their ballots as a lever to his rivals. It is greatly unfair to the agistaton that they dread. All their ac of pose consolulated capitalism and bonest and well-meaning quisitors continued and selfash fears are better their condition by changing that such an alternative aroused by the thought that such an alternative aroused by the thought that when once examing institutions. The only possible presented to him, and the aroused by the thought that when once existing institutions. The only position the people are that habitased to the idea, satisfion is to severe the control of the that whatever can be done by the land, the capital and the machinery, people's representatives better, cheape; instead of allowing them to remain and more satisfactorily than it can be in the hands of a few monopoluta. does by private menopolists ought to And this can only be done by making for who will do this kind of dirty be so does, their investments, monopo. Labor Reform the principal question work. lies and special privileges will be in at the polls. danger. They realize that every specials the r

class is quick to appreciate danger to their unjust privileges the IA stolen accumulations of the earn-politics. and stok ings of labor, should the nationalist ic a of doing everything by the pro and to continue unimpaired their now. proble for very slight services, we later movement on the old lines has as one of them, all goodnateds should be one. Three-bring was easy and desertion sweaters, profit mongers, achieves and more for them. If they deliberately minimum scale of rages, a light offence acceptable and instinctively oppose civic control, than now prevails to make the lailor women employed on city work should anything by their ball v until they and come to the reason of belongured as a means of manufaction, that is get less than day laborers, simply carry into political organization, the monomoult. This is not all I multiple the coverage of the coverag come to the rescue of beleagured as a means of sopoly. This is not all In addition; their own affair

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to the class feeling which finds expresson in the action of the Board of IABOR ADVOCATE Trade Council, it is well known that a the London organ of the Dominion Governtration have strong personal interests range of the British East Africa Com in the leaving of the road, as stock holders in projected companies which

hope to Mun the charter If the workingmen only understo their own interests and the moral of fect of the ownership of public frau been settled, and settled thoright way But, unfortunately, while organized labor is spathetic, divided and dust tracted with false and misleading be diverted from its sinister sime.

## ORGANIZE FOR POLITICAL ACTION (

of the strike and the boycott in this a good deal like opposing a armed with Armstrong guns and Win-chester rifes, with flint lock muskets. The capitalists everywhere are organ opposition to labor unions is liard enough to fight capitalism under any conditions, but when its interests are combined in the form of trusta or federations, it is almost imsaible for labor to hold its own, let alone toaks any appreciable advance. There is a time of trial ahead for organized labor under the new order of things, and many defeats and much suffering will result until wage-earners wisdom by experience and organ

are for political action. Labor agitatore have been abouting Organize !" "organise!" for many years, and the toilers have pretty well But the game is lay at With the urned the lesson. one that two can play at organization of capital the relative ition of the parties is just about as it was before labor began to combine, with the extension of the prin-

worst of it so long as it persists in the futile attempt to fight its task-masters with one hand tled behind it. The day of successful strikes is fast drawing to its close

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There is, fortunately, as yet no house, there the privilege of attending sizes be diverted from its sinister sime. demand for the services of mutary col. regal functions, have time and lege graduates in t anada, so those en ored of a military career, after get ting an education at the expense of the adian people, have to seek employ-FIGHTIVO great combinations of ment abroad. It is, perhaps, as well spital by the old fashioned methods that a number of these fellows should go and do the dirty work of the British land pirates in Africa. They will stand

a pretty good chance of being killed off, which will be a good riddance.

It is only fair to say that the establubraent of the Military College is not one of the sins that Canadian Toryism has to answer for. The foundation of that bothed of snobbery and class prejudice was an idea of Alexander Mackenzie's-one of those numerous instances in which Grits in power try to cutdo the Tories in pandering to reactionary influences

Like ta et of his party, Mackenzie ta a Liberal only in name.

## CITY CLOTHING CONTRACTS.

THE Trades and Labor Council have done well in taking up the case of the employees of clothing contractors have ing contracts with the city for the supplying of uniforms for the police and firemen. The necessity of underbidding competitors in order to get acts has given rise to a system of merciless sweating the low figures at which such contracts are a ward

chesp labor. Women are the principal sufferers, as being unorganized they are not in a position to issue upo something like adequate remuneration.

the matter, of course, but the principal fault is with the contract syste

We do not think that the mass of realize that every use: As the recent election shows, the the targayers desire that the mass of the working of wage carneer of Canada whether tions should be made a second to the terms of tions should be made a means of Vation, "that no independent political novi music D. Basco a incent of "estem, "toat no independent poli-oppression in onler that they may movement can live?" And then it processe labor attarvation wages. But on to argo that "loose, exact practicallythatisansetly whattherment, non-partizan associations, in w remeds to the notating or segmenters to common services by the community of general to oppression to only that they may be people as to what can be alamidor their party projection and procure labor attaination wages. But ly contract system does. Itseffect is had d to them by the fo every way, and the gain to the cry offence have little or no treasury by the changes secured is only ance w apparent, for cheap work is always bad, and the man who will grind down his

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shown their contempt for the rules of common decency, not to speak of eti-Princess Louise, at an early stage of her sojourn in Ottawa, was disgusted with the dunkenness and Loorish familiarity of men whose social and political standing entitled them to in-vitations to Rideau Hall. The banqueta given under vice-regal auspices have been scenes of dissipation and excess The stay of Prince a Louise in this country was considerably shortened by ber desire to escape from such un pleasant autroundings as those ere by the contseness and vulgarity of the anadian politicians and plutocrate whom she was forced to recognize by reason of their social and public positions.

Canadian citizens, male and female, are probably as cultivated and refined as those of any other country. But the trouble is that on political and industrial system th the scum to the top, and that the set of money grabbers, tricksters and pretenders who constitute our "self made sen and social leaders, are, as a rule ignorant, vulgar and pretentious, and apt to presume upon their money and position to sustain them in conduct which would not be tolerated for at in ordinary citizens.

## AN REPOTION MORAL

THE Canadian Nation deplores the almost complete subsidence of the "Equal Rights" agitation under the stress of political exciton strong party feeling aroused by the election contest. It is strongly im-pressed with the insincerity and weakmindedness of the politicians, who s couple of years ago were vowing to act the future independent of ut who have nearly all been whipped back toto the traces.

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Ma. J Exocu Thousand writes to the newspapers protesting against the city operating the street railroad. It would be a safe bet that Mr. Thompson is personally interested in some of the porations which hope to acquire the corporations which nope to acquire to-franchise and make enormous same of money out of the citizens, during the next thirty years. There is any amount of sordil self interest trying to pass itself off as public spirit and so for the poor tax payer in connection with this question. When a citizen is found advocating such a wholly preas the handing o nosterous solves of this valuable franchise for a genera tion to any irresponsible monopoly, the natural question is, "What is his little game?" There's mighty little dis-interestedness among the capitalistic معماء

You might as well talk of reconcil ing freedom and slavery as of harmon izing the interests of labor and capitalrm ... The two are assemble latterly irresonciable. Capit

the power by which labor is robbe the greater proportion of its earnings Laborers will only be reconciled to this process as long as they are kept to ignorance of their rights and powers. And the greater proportion of the products that they succeed in from capitalism, the more they will want until they get the whole. espitalism will be abolished as it ought to be, and capital, the creation and tool of labor, will be under the control of

етвикию Polish cloak maker A recently threw vitrial apon the daugh ter of the proprieter of a non union sh at Januaica, Long Island, inflicting terrible injuries. It was a brutal, duh act which no grievance at the hands of tyrannical employers, can in be elightest degree extenuate. Bat the capitalistic press will probably have e columns of type in denuncration of the outrage than they have lines to demustion of the far more Peneral and aretemptic lentalities of competitive system by which tens of thousands, just as deserving of juty as the victim of this case, are annu driven to starvation or lives of shame

THE Old Flag has been triumphantly restained at the polis and, as th in the critics shows, largely by the votes of workingmen. Evidently the counof workingmen. try is loyal, especially the wage-work m. All right -only next time your wages are cal down or you are thrown out of work don't go re end whening for sympathy and complaining about op-premier laws and harsh task masters. You're got your perceous (lid Flag and you're got your perceous Clid Flag and

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