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THE SEMI-WEEKLY SUN.

ST. JOHN, N. B., AUGUST 22, 1906.

INDEPENDENT CANADIAN LABOR.

The annual session of the National Trades Congress to be held in St. John next month promises to be one of the most important labor conventions ever held in Canada, as its leading purpose is to arrange a definite programme for an active campaign leading to a complete freedom of Canadian labor from the domination of the American unions.

Under present conditions Canadian unionism is divided into two factions, one frankly subservient and paying monthly tribute to the international unions centralized in the American Federation of Labor and the other built on an independent basis and animated by the belief that Canadian labor is capable of standing on its own feet and would be stronger and more influential if freed from foreign control.

The Toronto World calls timely attention to the efforts being made by European engineers to utilize power which, under present industrial conditions, is going to waste. In England the attention of manufacturers has been drawn more and more to the great vogue on the continent of Europe of the waste power gas engine.

At a time when industrial prosperity depends largely on cheapness of production, no country, says the World, can afford to ignore the utilization of waste products. In this respect a new country enjoys peculiar advantages since it can profit, if it will, by all the experiences of older nations.

PURE MILK.

The suggestion of Dr. Hodgetts, secretary of the Ontario Board of Health, that milk be made a public utility and that its production and distribution be placed in the hands of the local government, has caused considerable discussion, and has elicited not a little approval.

In Montreal and Toronto especially there has been shocking reason during the last couple of years to believe that the milk supply is adulterated and impure. Even in this city, the recent typhoid outbreak, traced to this source, shows the necessity of some drastic measures to ensure cleanliness and freedom from disease germs or deleterious mixtures in this article of universal diet.

According to this plan, certified dairies must comply with strict conditions. Buildings must be located on high grounds to ensure good drainage; there must be an abundant supply of pure water; the barnyard must be covered with concrete or other hard material; the stable must be well ventilated and well lighted; each cow must be groomed with a curry comb and stiff brush each day, and the udder must be free from disease, and must undergo veterinary examinations once a month; milkers must wear white clothes, which must be washed three times a week; all utensils must be sterilized, and the milk strained through absorbent cotton.

In Rochester the careful inspection of milk has had the best results. In the nine years from 1888 to 1896 there were 6,623 deaths of children under five years of age. In 1897 the new system of inspection was begun. In the next period of nine years the deaths had declined to 4,003. For July and August the contrast was still more striking. In the former period the deaths in those months were 2,005; in the second period they were 1,000.

During July and August four municipal stations and a portable laboratory are maintained by the city. Thither come the mothers of the poor to receive, besides certified milk, instructions printed in four languages as to the care of their infants.

The St. John Board of Health, since the recent epidemic, has exercised greater care in supervising the sale of milk in this city and there is reason to believe that this care has resulted beneficially. But to ensure permanent purity, especially as the city grows, some more comprehensive plan must be adopted and this one which has proved so successful in other places is certainly worthy of consideration.

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BOSTON, Aug. 18.—Thomas Ryan, aged 22, formerly of Sussex and Boston was drowned while swimming at Coal Point, near Worcester, last night. Ryan was an orderly at Worcester City Hospital and got beyond his depth. The body was recovered today. Ryan had been in Worcester since June 5. His relatives live in Sussex, N. B.

EDISON TALKS ON CANADA OF PRIZES MADE

SAYS HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN THE DOMINION

JEALOUSLY INTIMATES THAT MARCONI GOT MARRIED AT THE WRONG TIME—WILL SUCCEED HOWEVER

MONTREAL, Aug. 17.—Why do you not say "our" country instead of "my" country? To me there is little difference; the people appear the same, and the march of progress is equally visible on both sides of the line. These were the sentiments expressed today by Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, in the course of an interview.

Edison, with a party composed mostly of members of his own family, arrived here by automobile in the morning and left this evening for Quebec.

Mr. Edison said he took an especial interest in Canada. As a young man he was a telegraph operator on the old Grand Trunk at Stratford. But the Grand Trunk at that time seemed to be dead. But he was glad to see that the present management had installed a new life into the same.

"Yes, their enlarged project, the Grand Trunk Pacific, is a scheme worthy of Canada. Three transcontinental railways," he exclaimed, "and children are taught to love good melodies, they will not be content in later life with trivial airs. This section, accordingly is full of good things. My friends, I am very glad to see you here. The more roads the better, but the Canadians must see that they do not get too much power in the community."

The accumulated storage battery problem, Mr. Edison said, was near a solution and would mean much for transportation. Referring to the wireless telegraph and to the discoveries made by men who had studied with him, Mr. Edison was asked what he thought of Signor Marconi's change of the Atlantic with his wireless system. The great man from Orange said: "Marconi would have succeeded before, but at a very critical period he got married and that delayed matters. He, however, will eventually succeed."

"VACATION DAYS IN THE COUNTRY." Oh, oh! the joys of verdant fields! A country life for me; Come, flee from city dust, and lie beneath your spreading tree.

Who, Sunday, garnished with mint sauce, will play the part of "lamb." Behold the farmers gathering stumps within the tangled wood. Tomorrow they'll be nicely ground and changed to "breakfast food." At half-past-eight, or nine o'clock, away to bed you sink, And all the evening you have got such lots of time to think.

MOTHER TELLS DYING DAUGHTER'S STORY OF ILL-TREATMENT. Sensational Evidence Against Husband of Victim in Malpractice Case.

TORONTO, Aug. 17.—The evidence of the mother of Agnes Bridant, given at the investigation into the charge of murder against Edmund Bridant and Lillian Miller today, proved more sensational and pathetic than had been looked for. After a sharp struggle between the crown and defence, the dying statement of the daughter to the nurse was allowed.

Mr. Neville, counsel for the defence, introduced the name of Charles Driscoll, now a prisoner in the penitentiary, as one who had made the husband jealous, but the mother denied that there was anything in this charge.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Began the Big Star.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES FOR BUSY MEN.

ROMAN CATHOLIC. It is said that some parts of the Vatican are unsafe, and that the Palace is practically falling to pieces.

The temperance work inaugurated by Archbishop Bruchest (Roman Catholic) in Nova Scotia, and his return a few days ago from a visitation to a large number of parishes, he reported that the work begun about the beginning of the year is yielding good results, and, with his thoughts, in a comparatively short time, change the attitude of his people towards the drink evil.

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