

## SECRETARIAL NOTES

The first issue of the Canadian Forward has been delayed two weeks by a breakdown of the press, and the delay consequent upon the action of the postal authorities in tying us down to technicalities.

The official opening of the plant took place on Saturday, the 28th of October, in the presence of a large number of comrades. The pressman gave a practical demonstration of the plant in operation.

Ex-Controller Jimmie Simpson was the privileged person to turn off the first copy for \$5.00, which was sold by Methodist auction later for \$16.00 to J. W. Ahlquist, Executive Secretary of the Finnish section.

Copy No. 2 was bought by Jewish Local No. 4, Montreal, for \$1.75.

No. 3 was bought by Comrade J. Blugerman, of Toronto, for the sum of \$1.00.

Congratulations are coming in from many places expressing pleasure at the re-appearance of the paper, and the comment on the new form is favorable.

Your Dominion Secretary and Business Manager paid a visit to Niagara Falls and held two fairly successful meetings under the auspices of the Falls Local. The apathy manifested by this local for some time past has been a cause for anxiety to the faithful. It is hoped that the exchange of light experienced by the comrades may result in a better appreciation of the principles for which they are organized.

Incidentally we received a very instructive lesson in socialization, by viewing the wonderful motive power of Niagara at work, the lesson being brought forcibly to our minds by the recognition of the important fact that by the aid of Niagara power you are enabled to get your copy of the Canadian Forward.

The comrades in Niagara are a good bunch, but they need a little Buechram.

Our trade union brothers are trying to form an Independent Labor Party. It may be well to state that Socialists are essentially labor men, and that labor men would be Socialists if they were prepared to advance a political economy suited to their needs. However, we are not going to place any obstacles in the way of independent political action, as all true and honest labor men will ultimately accept our interpretation of "independence" in its class-conscious aspect.

A comrade from Prince Edward Island wants to know how to advance Socialism amongst the workers. He was posted as to what Socialism was and its significance to the toiling masses.

The Dominion Executive has been called upon to state its attitude towards militarism. We desire to refer enquirers to the previous attitude taken early in the year, which, in brief, stated that militarism is the enemy of Social-Democracy, the tool of despots, and the instrument used by the ruling capitalist-class in every country to keep the workers in subjection. Nuff said.

The women of Toronto are organizing a grand bazaar in aid of the paper.

A National Red Week Campaign will be mooted in the next issue with the specific object in view of making Canada more red, and to help feed our war baby, The Canadian Forward.

Readers are requested to note the literature specials on insert and order at once.

The manager reports business increasing, prospects good, and requests locals and labor organizations to send

in their job work. Union Label, Union Labor, and Union Paper used exclusively at this shop.

Locals are requested to order the twin-stamps for the use of married comrades, if they so desire. Price, 10c per twin.

The day after Ontario went dry the price of bread went up in Toronto. The capitalists are still in the saddle and the people cry for bread.

I. BAINBRIDGE.

## NEWS OF THE MOVEMENT

Notice to Locals.—We shall be glad to publish each week beneath this heading reports of the doings and activities of any local. Copy sent in should be written clearly on one side of the paper only. Reports should be brief as possible.

## WINNIPEG INTERNATIONAL CHOIR.

This organization was formed in the early fall of the year 1915, so it has now been in existence for a full twelve-month, during which time all the preliminary work of organization has been accomplished and the choir finds itself with an approximate membership of twenty singers and a splendid library of choral music. The success we have attained makes us feel confident that it would be a splendid thing for the Socialist movement if choirs were formed in other cities to take up the study of the same musical numbers, especially "The Comrades' Song of Hope" and "The March of Progress." Why could we not arrange a musical festival of the combined voices of as many choirs as could be got together? While our choir was formed by members of the Social Democratic Party, it is, in some respects, an independent organization and is open to all who care to join. Of course it is understood that it is a Socialist choir by all those who are associated with it. Amongst our most ambitious attempts we have produced "Faust," several humorous numbers and many part songs and glees.

## A PERTINENT QUESTION.

In many parts of the Dominion the question of political independence is much to the fore. In Saskatchewan there has been formed what is termed The Non-Partisan Political League, and in Niagara Falls an Independent Labor Party.

To the casual observer the rottenness of the old party organizations, bound up in the principles of graft and patronage, are largely responsible for this. Running concurrent with a legitimate demand for cleaner politics is the politico-economic welfare of the farming communities, based on the demand for Government regulation of banks, railways and shipping combinations.

In regard to the introduction of a Labor Party, no doubt it is occasioned by the misgovernment of the employing class, combined with the important question of "The High Cost of Living." Who, we are led to ask, is going to prescribe the preamble and constitution of this body? Is it to be decided by those who pull the strings for the two effete political organizations of the master class?

## THE NEW CHRISTIANITY

## Set Forth by a Model Bishop

The following letter is self-explanatory when one reads first the paper in which it was published and then the writer's name and standing. The refreshing truculence, the unconscionable "authority," and the blatant perversion of Christian utterances are all in keeping with the new paths now trodden by our churches.

To the Editor of The Mail and Empire: Sir—I have just finished reading your

## GOOD BUSINESS

It is a sign of good business when you keep all the wheels constantly turning at a profit. Keep your printing plant busy. Make it a good business by sending all your job printing to your own printing institution. Secretaries, see that you are using the standard letter-head now being adopted throughout the party. Get them printed at once in your own printing plant, where costs are lower than in any profit-making institution.

## SAVING WITH PROFIT

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## THE FORWARD PRESS

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editorial, "Hiding Eligible Sons," and am filled with indignation. While conducting a "Mission" in Toronto two weeks ago I heard these on dits at dinner tables, but would not believe them, and I said many times, "O, I can't believe that." Now you give the statement editorial publicity. Well, the English language, blunt as it is and bluntly as some of us can speak it, fails to find a mode wherein to express one's contempt for these "hiding eligibles." If I were a Toronto rector and any of such kidney presented themselves at the table of the Great Soldier of the Cross and "the Captain of our Salvation," I should pass them by as I do the United States divorcees when they have the nerve to approach the altar. Let them go, Mr. Editor, to the United States. The U.S.A. will suit them, especially under the present regime, and its watchword, "Too proud to fight." But in the name of the great empire they have negatively betrayed, see to it that they cannot return when "war is no more."

I had a very interesting conversation with a woman (employee) in Eaton's store the other day about these "skippers out." She was disgusted, as all right-minded and normal women should be, with slackers, and shirkers. I said, "Why don't you women cut 'em dead? Put 'em in Coventry at your boarding houses. Don't be seen at theatre or church or on the street with 'em. Shame 'em, my dear girl, shame 'em good and proper. The thing who will run away from his flag will run away from his wife and children when he wants to shirk other burdens."

Only the other day I met a Canadian who coolly told me (it was here in the United States) that when the war was over he "thought" he would return. What did I say? Well, you wouldn't print what I said, but I added: "Don't ever show up in the church again as a civilian." And, knowing me, you can be sure the young man won't show up.

High-handed? Yes, probably it was; but at least there was nothing underhanded about my proposal. You have to bowl a swift overhand ball sometimes in order to take the other chap's wicket, and I daresay "pussyfoot" and ladylike Christians thought somebody else rather high-handed upon the memorable occasion (Acts ix, 4-9), when a great Jew needed bringing to his proper sense of duty. The Prince of Peace did raise us up in holy baptism to be His soldier sons. And British subjects had far better, like Alfred the Great and other fine English rulers, go to Him for their teaching and ethics than to you modern Blifils and Bourassas and Rockefeller's (J. D.). Keep these "hiding eligibles" out of the grand Dominion, as the Duke rightly called Canada, in his almost parting words the other day. If churches weren't so timid they would also keep them out until they had repented and had gone to an army tailor. Let your public opinion see to it that they are kept out as the very worst kind of undesirables when Pax rules once again. That would be a far better form of prohibition than anything Canada has attempted yet.

I am the rector of a very wealthy

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parish, richly endowed, so that I am more or less "irremovable," but all the same I offered the Bishop of Toronto my services two years ago at half the stipend I receive here if his Lordship could place me in a cure of souls while the tyranny was on. That's one reason why I am so indignant with men who hide and then coolly propose to return when the tyranny is overpast.

Yours, etc.,  
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(Archdeacon).

## GERMAN SOCIALISTS EAGER TO CLOSE WAR

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to Russia, whom our people have been urged to fight for two years, don't exactly redound to our honor. In addition, they are hopeless.

"What is the fundamental vice of the German policy? What is it which turns even our sincere friends in times of peace into our adversaries? It is the extreme mistrust with which not only the Governments, but the people of other countries regard us.

"One of the principal results of the progress of our civilization was the confining of war to combatants only. Now we have petitions to the Reichstag urging war upon non-combatants, with the most brutal weapons. The bombing of open cities is advocated in order to bring the enemy nation concerned to its knees, but this betrays a complete misconception of popular psychology which was better understood by Sophocles, who said that an enemy must be fought in such a way that he will once more become a friend.

"The number killed in this war is estimated already as 4,500,000. The number of wounded is estimated at 11,000,000. How long is this massacre to last. To put an end to it, it is unnecessary to make an unequivocal statement. I will tell you what kind is needed. Let it be proclaimed authoritatively on the German side that we are prepared to conclude an armistice as preliminary to a general European congress, which should restore peace on the basis of the democratic rights of all nations."