

# Socialist Party of Canada

Object—The Establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth

Method—By Capturing the Powers of Government

## *“Who are the Dreamers?”*

“You are dreamers!” How often we Socialists have had that thrown at us by those who believe in so-called Practical Policies, and in those days of 1918, when we look around us to study the effects of political control by those eminently Practical People, our Revered Masters, it strikes us that it might be to our advantage to look back into the records of the Dreamers (?) and see if a lesson cannot be derived for our future guidance.

Frederick Engels, one of the greatest minds the Socialist movement has ever produced, writing in London on March 13th, 1891, on the 20th anniversary of “The Paris Commune,” penned the following prophetic words:—

(Reprinted from the “Introduction to The Paris Commune,” by Karl Marx.)

“Does not the ‘Damocles Sword’ overhang us of a war, on the first day of which all written treaties will be blown into the wind like chaff, of a war as to which nothing is certain but the absolute uncertainty of the issue, of a race war which will expose all Europe to the devastation of fifteen or twenty million armed men, and which only hangs fire at present for the reason that even the strongest of the great military states shrinks before the absolute uncertainty of the final result.”

Everyone must admit the marvellous foresight displayed in that short paragraph, and to prove that the organization which publishes this leaflet had no false “Dreams” of Peace under the rule of those “Practical Politicians” who from Pulpit, Press and Platform pour forth the subtle lies which spell Working Class submission to the rule of Capital, we now reprint an editorial from “The Western Clarion,” of October 19th, 1912.