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The Future of the S. D. P. of Canada.

Labor in all parts awakening and the
times pregnant with great
possibilities.

By James Simpson.

The Social Democratic Party of Canada is facing a new political situation in Canada. Old things are passing away and new conditions precipitate rapid changes. There are evidences that Trades Unionists and Socialists are getting together and that one strong working class political party, embracing Trades Unionists, Socialists, Co-operators, Fabians, Farmers, and those who are not affiliated to any of these organizations, but who are willing to adhere to the programme of such a party, will be organized upon a national basis. British Columbia, with its traditional revolutionary attitude, has thrown off the Shibboleth of a name and has decided to bring all elements of the working class under the name of the Federated Labor Party. Authoritative information points to the possibility of Alberta taking a similar stand in the near future. Manitoba workers have organized a Labor Party, and have made it clear that they will not cease their political activities until the "Collective Ownership of the Means of Life" is an accomplished reality. During the recent Federal elections the workers of Ontario, through the Labor Party and the Social Democratic Party, thoroughly justified faith in the possibility of co-operation between these two parties, and although "cards were stacked" and "dice were loaded" by the Union Government, the results indicated an awakening throughout the province that had never been experienced in any previous Federal contest. It is true that mistakes were made and questionable compromises were entered into, but on the whole the results indicated that there was a sincere effort to get away from old political traditions and support real working class political organizations.

Labor in Quebec Awakening.

In the Province of Quebec a Labor Party, on a much larger scale than ever before, has been organized, and is determined to make history for the workers in that province. In the eastern part of Canada there are also evidences of a great awakening, and with great unanimity in the industrial field (the Provincial Workmen's Association and the United Mine Workers having buried their differences), some interesting developments may be anticipated along political lines in the near future.

This changed condition forces the serious consideration of definite proposals in every province for the closest co-operation of all the genuine working class political organizations. The action of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in recommending the organization of a Labor Party after the pattern of the British Labor Party, was the most advanced step ever taken by that body to bring the Trades Unionists and Socialists into one camp to fight for definite and effective working class aims. The manner in which this proposal has already been received shows that both the extreme and moderate wings of the labor movement are ready for co-operative action. This merely proves the soundness of the position taken by the late Keir Hardie, when visiting Canada on several occasions, that any effective working class political organization must embrace both Socialists and Trades Unionists, and through this combination other groups of workers could be brought into effective co-operation. The experience of the British Labor Party proves that the intimate association of the Trades Unionists and Socialists in one political organization is mutually advantageous. Trades Unionists get a clearer vision of their duty to those of their own class and Socialists become more sympathetic with the psychology of the working class movement, thus compelling them to adopt methods of education through their propaganda that are safely adapted to the real conditions that have to be faced.

Future Pregnant With Possibilities.

The inevitable outcome of such co-operation on the part of the Trades Unionists and Socialists is the winning of large numbers of men and women outside their own organizations to a sympathetic attitude towards their programme and to ultimately co-operate as full members of the Labor Party either as pronounced Socialists or pronounced laborites. This has been the experience in Great Britain and Ireland, and the future is pregnant with tremendous possibilities for the Labor Party because of the combined strength of the various elements of progressive political thought. The divisions in the working class political organizations in Canada in the past may have been considered tragical at times, but those who have been actively participating in definite working class political action for the past fifteen or twenty years are compelled to admit that all the divisions of the past have had a share in developing that type of mind which make possible de-

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