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WANING LAURIERISM

The plute papers are prophesying double elections. They are saying that there will be elections before re-distribution and elections after. The political pot is boiling and the capitalist politicians are stirring up the capitalist mess with a great deal of worry and concern, worry and concern, not for the welfare of the public but for their own political hides.

The Toronto World prophesies that there will be elections in September or October of this year. Let us look at the question and see if this is likely.

The Liberal government at Ottawa has been in power since 1896. They went into power because the voting mutts got tired of the stench of the Conservative gang that ruled previously to that date. The Liberals have been in power and have consistently upheld capitalist exploitation.

They have put through some mighty raw deals. They put through the navy deal. They put through the steel bonus deal. They put through the Grand Trunk Pacific deal. They have got onto board of directors of capitalist concerns. They have found feeding at the political trough fine. They do not want to give it up.

The Conservative politicians have been the outs. That does not mean that they have been denied all power. A Tory M. P. has much influence. He can put through deals that will give wealth to private concerns and incidentally himself. But the big plums are reserved, of course, for the government members.

The country has become dissatisfied with the Liberal regime. The voting cattle were bribed to return the Liberal members. They returned them and now are sick of the men they elected. The Tories are anxiously waiting the time when the common voting cattle will become sick enough of the Liberal gang to put in a Tory gang to run the country in the interests of the capitalist class and to the incidental benefit of the Tory politicians.

The navy deal sickened many voters of the Liberals. In Quebec Laurier has lost much prestige. Bourassa has left him. The Catholic church has turned on him. Many old time Liberals are sick of him.

Recently Sidney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, and our old friend, Rodolphe Lemieux, Postmaster General, held a political rally at Farnham, in the electoral district of Missisquoi, the same district in which Cowansville is located. These two big guns had the meeting widely advertised. They came and spoke. The crowd that gathered numbered about a hundred when they started and numbered about three hundred when they quit. Farnham has a population of four thousand. So they got the cold shoulder.

A couple of weeks later Fisher, and Bland, M. P. for Beauce, who is to go into the Cabinet in the next shuffle, held a political rally at Sherbrooke, the city that returns A. N. Worthington, Tory, to parliament. There were free tickets into Sherbrooke over the C. P. R., the G. T. R., the Quebec Central and the Boston and Maine railways. Yet these gentlemen received another frost. Even free railway trips would not draw the crowd.

Laurier went to England and Fielding was to go into Nova Scotia to help the Liberals in the local elections. Instead of that he took ship for England. Turned his back upon the fight.

Sifton, left the Liberal government. Sifton is one who wants to stay on the winning side. Like a rat that leaves a sinking ship he scurried over to the Tories.

The Tories have been watching these signs and are hopeful. In their hands lies the deciding of the question whether we are to have Dominion elections this fall or not.

They are against reciprocity and that is their weakness and their strength with the capitalist plunderers of Canada and the voting cattle who are herded to the polls by their political drovers. The question of reciprocity is therefore an important factor in deciding the question.

RECIPROCITY

The farmers of the west want reciprocity. Laurier went west last year and this question was thrust upon his attention many times. The farmers want reciprocity and the farmers form a considerable section of the voters in the prairie provinces.

In the west prices of the things

farmers buy are high and the grain he sells is low. The parasite owners of manufacturing establishments are bleeding the farmers. The farmers are nothing but working mules whose chief object of existence is to sweat for the profit of the profit lords. They suffer from high freight rates, and high priced goods which they buy, and from low priced wheat which they sell.

It is commonly reported that there are only two or three concerns to which the farmers of the west can sell their wheat. If they sell to these favored few at the price these favored few want to pay, cars are at their disposal to ship their wheat. If they sell to other parties it is almost impossible for them to get cars to transport their wheat. This is one reason why wheat that sells at Indianapolis for ninety cents a bushel sells at Port Arthur for sixty cents.

Jim Hill's railway lines nose up against the international boundary. Many branch lines have been built from the main line. Were reciprocity to come these lines would be pushed into the centres of the wheat area and the wheat could be shipped to Minneapolis.

So the farmers of the west want free interchange of wheat between the two countries and free interchange of manufacturing articles. Laurier saw his opportunity and he has proposed a reciprocity scheme of a very limited character. This scheme is too narrow to suit the farmers, but they think it better than what the Tories will offer and they may vote for it.

The Canadian parasites don't want reciprocity. They want to keep the bleeding of the Canadian toilers through rent, interest and profit for themselves as long as possible. The Tories are with them and are fighting the reciprocity agreement.

Here is the situation which the Tory politicians think propitious. They can get up in Parliament and talk and talk and talk and so block the government that no money will be voted to carry on the government and Laurier will have to appeal to the people or else borrow money to carry on the government.

The census is being taken. After the census, will come the redistribution of the seats of parliament. Representation is based according to population. The province of Quebec, according to the British North America Act, has sixty-five members of parliament. At every census the population of Quebec is divided by sixty-five, the number of members, to see how much population there is to each Quebec member. This forms a basis for the whole of Canada. The other provinces are given members of parliament on that basis according to their population. It is figured out that the maritime provinces will lose, Ontario will lose, and that the prairie provinces will gain twenty-five members. Laurier has been figuring on a reduced membership of the east and an increased membership of the west. That is why he has plunged into reciprocity.

If the Tories can pull off an election this fall they may think it worth their while. They will have plenty of corruption funds with which to buy the voting cattle. The protected interests are behind them. The country is disgusted with Laurierism, and the free trade west will be hived up and underrepresented this fall.

THE JANGLING CRIES

The Liberals do not know whether there will be an election this fall and the Conservatives do not know. But there may be and so we see the politicians abroad in the land shouting their raucous cries to the people in order to stir them up over the issues that are dragged forth for the occasion.

The Liberals are pointing to the high prices for food products across the border, and they cite these prices as a thing in favor of reciprocity. Incidentally they send Alphonse Ver-ville, labor M. P. for Maisonneuve, near Montreal, to the wage slaves of the constituency to tell them that reciprocity will raise the price of wages and lower the cost of living. Of course this line of talk is not talked out west.

The Tories scream against reciprocity. They point to the trust ridden condition of the people across the border and tell us that if reciprocity comes the American trusts will fasten themselves upon our backs.

The jangling cries rise upon the air. The noise and the shouting of the politicians as they shout and crack their whips at the voting cat-

tle deafens the ears and gives no light to the reasoning faculties.

The workers of Canada are sore pushed to make both ends meet. Their wages are hovering round the subsistence level while the parasites get the rest. The working farmers are nothing but work mules who do not get a living wage because they have put their children on the farms as choreboys and their incomes have so sunk that child labor on the farm is a necessity for a living.

The workers cry for a remedy and Laurier, cute old Laurier, declares that the way of escape lies through reciprocity. The Tories scream that the conditions are as bad across the border and no relief lies that way.

Laurier is wrong when he says the remedy lies through free trade. The Tories are right when they say that free trade is not a remedy. But here both parties stick. Do you not see what a shameless brazen game the politicians are playing upon the workers for the benefit of the capitalists of Canada?

Conditions are rotten in Canada for the workers. Conditions are rotten for the farmers. To make the conditions wholesome there is only one remedy. Let the parasites get off the backs of the workers. Let the millionaires and the multi-millionaires who are bleeding the workers of Canada be cut loose. Let the bloodsuckers be choked away from the lifeblood of the workers.

To do that would create some havoc among the parasites. The whole capitalist class are up in arms against the remedy that will give justice to the workers. But as the workers are groping for a remedy the Liberal and the Conservative party are preparing a fake remedy.

Laurier says that reciprocity is the way to remedy the defects. Borden says it is not. As long as the voting fools can be got to listen to the yawn of the Fishers and the Lemieuxs and the Oliviers and the Borden and the Fosters over this question, the working mules will be fooled and the skin game can go on.

WHY BE FOOLED?

Here is where the Socialists come to the front and create havoc with the old politicians. The Socialists show up both parties to be the political henchmen of the master class who deceive the workers with false issues so that the master class may live on the unpaid labor of the workers.

Workers and farmers of Canada. You have nothing to hope from the Liberal politician. You have nothing to hope for from the Tory politician. The wage slave in the mill is robbed. The working farmer is robbed. To throw down the protective walls and admit a new set of robbers, the American labor skimmers, who are even now buying up the natural resources of Canada, is no remedy. For Borden to raise issues of nationalism and imperialism as against internationalism and continentalism is no remedy.

The remedy lies in the people who do the work collectively owning the machinery of production and distribution. The remedy lies in abolishing rent, interest and profit. The remedy lies in the workers managing industry and giving to themselves all they produce.

Why be fooled with the old party tricks? Why not become men, thinking, reasoning creatures? Why not use the brains you have in your own interests?

If elections come this fall you can do a lot to help on the good day of your freedom. If you can't vote for a Socialist KEEP AWAY FROM THE POLLS. Persuade your fellow workers to keep away from the polls. Show the political henchmen of the master class, whether Tory or Grits, that you are on their game of fake issues.

REVOLUTIONISTS

We Socialists are revolutionists. Make no mistake about that.

We are out to raise the working class to political and economic supremacy.

We are out to abolish rent, interest and profit.

We are out to vest the ownership and control of the means of production and distribution in the collective working class.

Do you understand the full import of what we are after? Do you comprehend the vast change that this will work in society?

The power of every capitalist will

be broken. The income of every parasite will vanish. It will reappear as added income to the working class.

MacKenzie and Mann would become salaried experts, provided the working class wants to employ them. If the working class refused to employ MacKenzie and Mann as experts, then these gentlemen would have to become ordinary clerks or even ditch diggers. Instead of controlling parliaments and having millions given them they would sink into ordinary individuals deriving their income from the useful labor they did, unless indeed the working class decided to give them old age pensions.

The social order will be completely changed. The capitalist will vanish like the feudal lord has vanished. His hangers-on will vanish like the heralds and pages and armorers have vanished.

We will not see magnificent residences sprawling over vast grounds in one section of a city and miserable hovels huddled in narrow lanes in another section. For the revenues of the capitalists having been removed, the capitalists will no longer be able to maintain large establishments, and the revenues of the working class having been largely increased and rent having been abolished, the working man and woman will be able to live in comfortable homes on broad streets.

We are revolutionists. We are out to break the power of the ruling capitalist class.

We would prefer the revolution to come peacefully by the ballot. But this may be a vain hope. The French Revolution, the American revolution, the freeing of the chattel slaves in the U. S., the winning of Canadian constitutional rights by Papineau and MacKenzie, all had to be brought about by force of arms. It may be that the winning of the Socialist revolution will have to be by force.

We are revolutionists. The capitalist class know it and fear us. We are revolutionists. The working class are recognizing this fact and are flocking to the crimson banner of Socialism.

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I was talking with a prominent educational man of the Province of Quebec. He wanted me to fight the Catholic Church. He said it was a shame that in Montreal the pope's flag flies higher than the king's flag and that the pope's flag heads many processions and the king's flag comes after. Here was a thing to fight. But I did not enthuse worth a cent. I told him that I considered that the pope and the king were both parasites, and why should I bend my efforts to having the flag of one parasite precede the flag of another. He was surprised and wanted to know if the British flag did not stand for law and justice and stable institutions and wanted to know if I wanted anarchy. I told him that was a question that did not arise in practical politics. Society is an organic production and the old form of society will not give way until the new society is ready to take its place. It really is a pity to see so many who seem to be intelligent stumbling over the most elementary facts of political science.

The U. S. tariff board has reported to the U. S. Senate the cost of manufactured newspaper. In Canada it costs \$27.53 to produce a ton of newspaper. This is sold for \$90 per ton. The parasite capitalists do not want Socialism that would do away with their more than one hundred per cent profit. But why the wage mules who get robbed of over half their labor product should kick at Socialism is strange. We can only lay it to the ignorance of the wage mules.

Since Cotton's Weekly entered the field the capitalist papers of Canada have been forced to give space to Socialist thought and activity. They could no longer keep dark about this great movement. And as Cotton's Weekly grows in power and influence the capitalist sheets will be forced to give more space still to Socialism, if it be only to warn their capitalist readers and to urge them to oppose the coming of the new freedom.

Socialism will do away with poverty and when poverty is done away with crime and prostitution will cease.

Socialism is the new civilization. The dream of the humanitarians leads the world upward.

The battle against slavery has yet to be fought on Canadian soil.

The working class have nothing to arbitrate with the master class.

The Conservative party and the Liberal party are both tarred with the same stick.

Socialism is not against religion unless you mix your business up with your religion.

The brotherhood of man can only be realized by the cessation of the class struggle.

Man was made to mourn, and the capitalist system is on to the job of making him mourn all right.

Men are not prosperous because of the capitalist system. The capitalist system produces misery and poverty.

What shall we do to help the criminals? Abolish the capitalist system which forces men to become criminals.

The discontent throughout the world is the most hopeful sign of the times.

Socialism is a political movement for the more equitable arrangement of the distribution of social products.

The capitalist, under the capitalist system, is a capitalist. Under the Socialist system he will be a fellow worker.

Socialism aims at the abolishing of all forms of economic parasitism. Let the people who do the work spend the money.

Shall the workers control or shall the useless capitalists. The workers have the votes and can control if they will but act together politically.

Society produces criminals and then hangs them for being produced. And the capitalist apologists declare this is justice.

The militia of Canada is a beautiful organization gotten together by the capitalists to pink holes in rebellious wage slaves.

Capitalism does not give its rewards to the man who works. It gives its rewards to the man who works others.

A bank account is no security under capitalism. The bank may fail or a bad investment may leave you poor. There is no security anywhere but in Socialism.

Why should not the capitalist's children have to work in the factory, and his daughter in a department store, if it is right that any one should have to work under such conditions?

If it is right for the capitalist to take part of the product of labor, why is it not right for the laborers to take away from them part of what they have?

Reciprocity is a nice side issue that the plutes of Canada have set before the working farmers and wage mules of Canada in order to keep them from thinking of their slavery.

There are quite a few workers who have been thinking they were free men. Thanks to the Socialist agitators this class of working mules is growing beautifully less in numbers.

Why should not the employer have to work just as much as any other man? Why should not the landlord have to pay another for the privilege of staying on the earth, if the principle of it is right?

The Chinese government has established a Cabinet, and will hold bourgeois elections. Chin Chin Chinaman and Johnny Canuck Wage Slave are now political equals, sharing the glorious liberty of voting themselves into slavery.

The Canadian government could abolish tuberculosis if it wanted to. All it would have to do would be to abolish poverty through the abolition of rent, interest and profit. But as that would hurt the incomes of the parasites we may expect to have consumption with us until Socialism shall arrive.

SOCIALISTS AND CAPITALISTS

The capitalist desires to increase the value of property rights. The Socialists desire to increase the value of living for the great body of useful workers.

The capitalists are anxious for bigger dividends, for more rent, for more profit, for reduced expenses of operating their plants, for cheaper help consistent with working ability, for efficiency of wage slaves so that fewer wage slaves may perform more work.

The Socialists aim at giving to the producers as much as possible and to the parasites as little as possible. The final aim of the Socialists is to abolish parasitism altogether.

The capitalist and the Socialist, looking at modern industrial conditions, see them in opposite light. What the capitalist considers fine, to the Socialist does not seem fine at all.

The capitalists are endeavoring to increase their unearned revenues. If the C. P. R. net profits are twenty million dollars then the parasites are glad to that extent. When the C. P. R. net profits touch thirty-three million dollars net income, as they did last year, the parasites rejoice much more. The greater the amount of unearned revenues the parasites receive the more prosperous the country appears to them. But to the Socialist, the greater the revenue of the parasite capitalists, the greater appears the injustice to the workers, for every dollar the capitalist gets is a dollar earned by labor which labor did not get.

The capitalists endeavor to increase the net incomes of their parasite concerns. The more the net incomes are, the more "stable and prosperous" the country is said to be. Labor troubles, political turmoil, rebellious workers are not wanted. For these things interfere with profit and cause the financial condition, according to the plutes, to become unstable. Capital it is said, will withdraw. Mills will close down and the poor parasite capitalists will temporarily lose some of their unearned revenues.

As revolutionary Socialists we do not worry over the parasites when their revenues fall. We do not rejoice when the price of shares in labor-thieving corporations go up and become more valuable. We do not give a hang whether the parasite capitalists have a good or a hard time of it.

We Socialists intend to make all the capitalist revenues to become non-existing. Under our democratic industrial condition, that will come with Socialism, all the net profits of the C. P. R. will fall. The C. P. R. shares and mortgage bonds will be worth only the value of waste paper.

For we are going to take the industries. When we come near success then there will be violent fluctuations on the stock exchange. Brokers will go smash. The large owners of industrial stock who have been living luxurious lives and clothing their families in fine raiment and giving them many servants, will find the shares they hold falling on the stock exchanges. We will press forward and among the parasite class excitement will run higher. Judges and lawyers and chiefs of police and officers in the militia will be summoned to devise some way of driving the slaves back to wage slavery.

But such councils will be useless. No doubt some capitalists will commit suicide in despair. The big lawyers, who have grown rich, advising criminal corporations will find their occupation gone. They will sit in their offices wondering where their practice has vanished.

Finally Socialism will triumph and the ideals of the capitalist class will vanish along with the class with whose economic interests they were in harmony. Then will come the reign of ideals of honor and dignity and reward for labor. Then the present rejoicings over unearned incomes will be ended and the man who tries to take a living without working, like the capitalist parasites do today, will be held in contempt.

Francisco Madero, the head of the revolutionists who dethroned Diaz, is the son of a multi-millionaire. The family, Madero Sr. and children, own 2,500,000 acres of land and receive \$800,000 per year from their rubber plantation. This is a bigger income than George Gould gets. The winning of the bourgeois revolution is far from doing away with rent, interest and profit in Mexico.