

FIRING LINE

Local Berlin remits for bundle account per Com. H. Martin. Com. Schobinger of Montreal gets enrolled on Cotton's sub list for two years.

Three trials and a book order are the latest from Comrade S. Grainger of Fort William.

The necessary amount for two subs has arrived from Com. McMillan, La Calmette, Alta.

Yearly subs are to hand from J. M. Thomas, Victoria, B. C., and T. G. Davis, Calgary, Alta.

Read what Comrade Gribble has to say about subscribing to your papers in his article on this page.

A comrade in the Maritime Provinces writes: "Cotton's is doing great work. We are proud of it."

A further list of 20 trials is on file from Vernon Local, per Com. H. Gildemeester, the energetic secretary.

An interested reader for Cotton's has been found at Estevan, Sask., by Com. Arbuckle, for the full 52 issues.

Comrade Dinmore, of Hespeler, does his bit towards extending the circulation of Cotton's. Three trials and a yearly.

Two more subs are landed and placed where they will do effective work through the efforts of W. R. Hibberd, Toronto.

The boys in British Columbia know how to hustle subs. Here's Com. Austin in again from Nelson with 4 more yearly subs.

Comrade Esterbrook has been busy in his new quarters at Midgie Station, N. B. A list of ten trials should bring results.

Comrade Tribbeck has swung into line from Hamilton, Ont., with two yearly subs. Other comrades in that quarter get busy.

Comrade French, of Fort Bragg, Cal., calls Cotton's "A little great paper." Got a copy some time ago, and now subscribes.

Glad to know that Comrade Wright is still on the agitation force at Brussels. He sends a sub, and is given credit for another.

Com. Spence of Cherry Grove, Ont., sends along his renewal, accompanied by a new sub. Needs Cotton's to keep in proper tune.

Three more copies of Cotton's will travel regularly to Nanaimo, B. C., owing to the hustling done by Comrade Bob out there.

Socialism is the vital question of the hour. All others are insignificant in comparison. Boost the circulation of your paper.

Another new hustler reports from Salmo, B. C., Com. H. Isnor is on the firing line and his first despatch is good for four yearlies.

Com. Watts continues his good work through Manitoba. Another list of ten farmers will read of Socialism through Cotton's for three months.

Subs for six months have been received from: W. H. Taylor, Calgary, Alta., C. Rosoman, Mara, B. C.; Alex. Lyon, Oakville, Ont., and C. O. Erickson, Kabeyum, Sask.

New Brunswick is falling into line, and will be gradually educated up to the proper socialist standard. Com. Fillmore sends in a bunch of ten subs to help along, and there are more to follow.

Com. Wm. Atkinson sends along his sub from Parry Sound, Ont. Anyone knowing of comrades in that locality will confer a favor by dropping a card as above.

It will be good news to our little army of hustlers to know that a new recruit has joined at Mound, Alta. Com. Gleason fires in six yearlies from that locality. A good start.

Com. Baird of Fitzroy Harbor, Ont., while in Ottawa last week, picked up a copy of Cotton's in a barber shop, and learned that eastern Canada is now up-to-date. His sub has arrived safely.

If you send in a dollar bill to Cotton's, enclose it between thick, dark paper. Otherwise somebody may take a liking to it before it reaches its destination.

A new hustler is getting busy in St. Thomas, Ont. Comrade Burns locates three new subs and orders several of those excellent little books at a dime per copy.

Answers Co-operator

Editor Cotton's Weekly: Comrade—Mr. "Co-operator" in the current issue of Cotton's advocates co-operation under capitalism. We can not see that he gives any reason except that the working class needs the experience. The reason and the only reason why Cotton's Weekly and other So-

cialist papers do not "hammer continuously at the co-operative legislation demand" is because such legislation will not advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism.

If any capitalist, (or group of capitalists) wishes to admit his employees as co-partners (in order to avoid strikes etc., and to aid in advertising his business) he may instruct Senators and M. P.'s who represent his particular interests, to support the legislation referred to; but the S. P. of C. as the representative of the working class, must not interest itself in the advertising scheme of any corporation.

As to the experience which is necessary, the working class, can plough fields, dig coal, and handle rifles for the benefit of the capitalists, why can they not plough fields, dig coal, and handle rifles for themselves?

C. V. HOAR Albert, N. B.

The Religion of Love

Conversation between Buddha and Confucius, at the time of the Boxer troubles in China.

Scene Confucius discovered sleeping. Bud.—Confucius, sleep not in such a time as this.

Con.—Who calls me? O, Buddha, what happens?

Bud.—Hearst thou not the great noise, as of thunder.

Con.—Yes, what doth the noise portend.

Bud.—Behold the Christians from Europe are here.

Con.—Who are the Christians

Bud.—The Christians are Preachers of the Religion of Love.

Con.—And who leads these people who teach a religion?

Bud.—Jesus Christ, the only Son of the great Lord of Heaven is called the leader.

Con.—And has this Christ come here to teach our children?

Bud.—Yes.

Con.—I am glad for our children. This sounds so good. And what sample of the religion of love have they brought to our children?

Bud.—Behold the cannons of the British, the great lances of the French, the powerful and bloody bayonets of the Germans, and the cruelty of the Russians. They have proved themselves experts and have killed many thousands of our children.

Con.—O, Buddha, if this is the sample of their religion, call it not a religion of love but a religion of cruel murder. I will return to my sleep. Awake me when the true religion of love appears.

JACOB RESNICK Spriggill, N. S.

Alaska Speaks

The New York custom-house has seized a dozen monkeys and if the duty is not paid at once they will be sold, says an exchange. Congress probably put a tariff on monkeys as a matter of self-protection. These pauper simian legislators are a menace to the well-paid full-dinner-pail brigade now chattering in the halls of Congress. The infant monkey industry of this land of the free must be protected or our factories will stand idle and soup kitchens be established in the nation's capital.

Shall a chimpanzee ever hold the gavel and stifle legislation in our beloved House of Representatives, as long as we are able to build a tariff wall too high for them to climb over? Never. Shall an ape, a gibbon and a baboon revise our tariff in secret committee while our Senators, just as capable in every way, remain idle and become a charge upon the public? Again we say no. What this country needs is protection to American statesmen. Let in the Japs, the Hindus, the Dagoes, and Chinks to compete with labor, but tax the gorillas and gigos. It a marmoset or a sapaïou should frame our laws some of them might be declared constitutional and then the present system would be overthrown and chaos would reign. Congress, you did well when you excluded the monk. Self-preservation is the first law of nature.—Ketchikan, Alaska, Daily Miner.

PAID IN ADVANCE

Every copy of Cotton's is paid for before it leaves this office. If you get Cotton's through the mail with a little red address label on it, your subscription has been paid by some friend who wishes you to look into the socialist doctrines. You need not hesitate to take Cotton's from the post office as no bill will be rendered, and the paper will be promptly discontinued when the subscription expires.

EAST AND WEST

Were Nip and Tuck for the August Prize

The subs sent in during August have been totalled up; and the prize of \$10.00 in books goes down east, to that unceasing hustler, Comrade Jules Lavenne, of Springhill, N. S., whose total counts up to 35 yearlies. The boys of Vernon, B. C., per Comrade Ed. Smith, ran a very close second, sending in a count of 32 yearly subs. This is going some in sub hustling, and it should be encouraging to our little army of hustlers all over Canada, to see the way comrades situated down on the Atlantic coast vie with those on the Pacific coast to spread the grand truths of Socialism. 'Keep up the good work comrades. Let Cotton's hear from you for September, with no uncertain sound.

The following is a list of those sending in subs, arranged by Provinces:

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

R. S. Bowers, Summerside, 1 yearly.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Jules Lavenne, Springhill, 31 yearlies, 1 half, 17 trials. C. V. Hoar, Joggins Mines, 4 yearlies, 15 trials.

H. G. Ross, Glace Bay, 3 yearlies, 4 halves, 6 trials. Chas. Kernick, Sydney Mines, 2 yearlies, 1 half, 4 trials.

H. J. Lawrence, Halifax, 3 yearlies. R. H. McPherson, Marble Mountains, 1 half, 5 trials.

Daniel McLeod, Dominion, C. B. 1 yearly. T. J. Eagleson, Bridgewater, 1 half.

John Lestage, 1 trial.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Wilfrid Gribble, Organizer, 5 yearlies, 3 halves, 8 trials. Roscoe A. Fillmore, 1 half, 10 trials.

J. B. Johnston, McAdam Junction, 2 trials. G. Ernest Palmer, Douglas Haven, 1 trial.

QUEBEC.

R. Heilinger, Montreal, 1 yearly, 3 halves, 10 trials. Alf Gordon, Lachine, 4 yearlies, 1 half.

A. Schacter, Montreal, 3 yearlies, 2 halves, 1 trial. S. Garber, Montreal, 1 yearly, 2 halves, 1 trial.

Geo. Edward, Montreal, 1 yearly, 1 half, 1 trial. L. A. Cusson, Montreal, 2 yearlies. A. Jeserick, Montreal, 3 halves. M. Rebrag, Montreal, 1 yearly.

John McNeish, Montreal, 1 yearly, Hiram Hulburd, Farnham, 1 yearly. Otto Jahn, 1 trial.

ONTARIO.

John McKiernan, Cobalt, 7 yearlies. W. R. Hibberd, Toronto, 2 yearlies, 5 halves, 5 trials.

Isaac E. Ashton, Fort William, 2 yearlies. F. J. Caldwell, Cobalt, 1 yearly, 5 trials.

C. A. Kinder, West Toronto, 2 yearlies. Wm. G. Ogilbee, Hamilton, 2 yearlies.

S. Shayer, Ottawa, 10 trials. Jas. Simpson, Toronto, 2 yearlies. Bert Savage, Steelton, 2 halves, 3 trials.

Wm. Joyce, Cobalt, 9 trials. Alex. Lyon, Toronto, 2 halves, 3 trials.

J. Booth, Painswick, 8 trials. C. H. Robinson, Gow Ganda, 2 halves, 3 trials.

Steve Grainger, Fort William, 7 trials. H. H. Holland, Copper Cliff, 1 yearly, 1 trial.

John Wright, Brussels, 1 yearly, 1 trial. W. G. Glenn, Bradford, 1 yearly. Gustave Prager, Berlin, 1 yearly. J. F. Malcolm, Galt, 1 yearly. J. H. Chapman, Hespeler, 1 yearly. C. A. Arthur, Ottawa, 1 yearly. Geo. Taylor, Ravenswood, 1 yearly.

E. Biddlestone, Preston, 3 trials. W. E. French, Brockville, 1 half. L. Stewart, Toronto, 2 trials. Harry Peters, Galt, 2 trials. E. S. Oldham, Ottawa, 2 trials. H. H. Martin, Berlin, 1 trial. W. Chapman, Bolton, 1 trial.

MANITOBA.

S. Eldjarnson, Gimli, 3 yearlies, 1 half, 2 trials.

William Watts, Russell, 10 trials. W. Weatherburn, Winnipeg, 1 yearly, 1 half, 1 trial. Geo. Toseland, Dauphin, 1 yearly.

SASKATCHEWAN.

Wm. M. McCall, Kronon, 1 yearly. John Henderson, Belanger, 1 yearly.

R. T. Piercy, Oxbow, 1 yearly. John W. Peterson, Unity, 1 yearly. A. S. Root, Haddington, 1 half. Thos. Karppinen, New Finland, 1 trial.

ALBERTA.

Geo. McMillan, LaCalmette, 5 yearlies. C. Bradford, Entwistle, 1 yearly, 3 halves. F. McDonald, Calgary, 2 yearlies. A. J. Browning, Calgary, 2 yearlies.

C. Brooke, Lethbridge, 2 yearlies. Wm. McQuoid, Edmonton, 1 yearly, 1 trial. M. S. Bernon, Burdette, 1 yearly. A. F. Cobb, Okotoks, 5 trials. F. J. McNeey, Gopher Head, 1 yearly.

J. P. Sykes, Stavely, 1 yearly. G. Robson, Calgary, 1 trial.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Edgar Smith, Vernon, 7 yearlies, 2 halves, 121 trials. Robert Naylor, Nanaimo, 11 yearlies.

I. A. Austin, 10 yearlies, 1 half, 1 trial. A. M. Oliver, Poplar Creek, 4 yearlies. E. Anderson, Ymir, 19 trials. Fred Godwin, Vernon, 1 yearly. J. W. Graham, Grand Forks, 1 yearly.

M. Lazzaris, South Wellington, 1 yearly. Harry Sibble, Vancouver, 1 yearly. M. W. Smith, Beaver Point, 1 half, 1 trial.

Jos. Godwin, Cranbrook, 1 half. Jos. Nathanson, Sydney, 1 half.

YUKON TERRITORY

Robert Alcorn, Bonanza, 1 two yearly.

The total number of subs for August is about 510, considerably below that of July. The subs were divided by provinces as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Province/Territory and Number of Subs. Includes Nova Scotia (100), Prince Edward Island (1), New Brunswick (30), Quebec (41), Ontario (100), Manitoba (20), Saskatchewan (6), Alberta (26), British Columbia (185), Yukon (1), Total (510).

We are trusting to your patriotism during September, and offer no incentive. We are after a circulation of 10,000 for Cotton's. Will you work with that figure in view? Steady work will do it.

RESOLUTION BY LOCAL ALBERT

The following resolutions were passed by Local Albert of the S. P. of C.

Whereas, a proposal has recently been submitted to the Dominion Executive Committee of the S. P. of C. asking that negotiations be set on foot with a view to affiliation with the International Socialist Bureau, and

Whereas, said I. S. B. has departed from the strictly revolutionary basis upon which it was founded by the admission of the British and Australian Labor (?) Parties and other non-socialist bodies, and

Whereas, the S. P. of C. has been and is today opposed to compromise, political trading, etc., and

Whereas, the Dominion Executive Committee has refused to consider such affiliation with the International body, therefore

Be it resolved, that Local Albert, No. 3 of N. B. S. P. of C., unanimously endorses and commends the action of said Executive Committee, and further: Be it resolved that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to COTTON'S WEEKLY and the Western Clarion for publication. (Signed) Clarence V. Hoar, Chairman ROSCOE A. FILLMORE, Sec'y.

Talk! Talk! Endless Talk!

If it were only as effective as literature, the Co-operative Commonwealth would now be here. The way to clinch a person for socialism is not to argue with him or her. The way to clinch people is to get them reading socialist books, pamphlets, papers and leaflets. Let the brainiest men in the socialist movement convince that friend of yours through the printed word. He'll not talk back to a book or paper.

TALE OF A TOUR

FOURTEENTH INSTALLMENT

From information received I find I owe a sincere apology to Sydney Mines Local. In my last contribution I "got on" to Sydney Mines for not acting but have since been informed they have.

I don't know how I failed to see the report of the issuing of their charter, but no one is gladder than I to find out I was in error in the matter.

Sydney Mines, I grovel before you! Don't know who has been spinning the yarn that Gribble is thinking of staying in the Maritime. It was new to me and no one is authorized to give such information but the one most concerned. However, it is harmless—though incorrect. The probability is that I shall be shortly coming west, meeting O'Brien at some point, and I shall be glad to shake his hand again, and that he will come on to the Maritime for a tour. I am giving you Maritime comrades lots of notice, letting you know as soon as I know myself, so you will have lots of time to work up good meetings. By the time O'Brien reaches you it will be too late in the season for open air meetings, so you must start right away advertising by word of mouth. Charlie is a real live M. P. P. (Glory be!) and that fact will keep. You have but to do your duty by getting the crowds and you can trust O'Brien to do his.

Since last writing I have held two meetings at Fredericton, where we obtained five new recruits, returning to St. John and holding two meetings there and landed yesterday in Moncton again, already for Labor Day.

We held a fine meeting on the street last evening, Comrade Clarence Hoar winning his spurs by making his first speech.

Hoar is but eighteen and is the youngest soapboxer I have seen, but he has a sound conception of Socialism, and a good cool style in speaking. Another colt shod.

You'll hear more of Clarence V. Hoar. Besides the writer, Comrade Fillmore and Miss Mushkat also spoke.

The last time I wrote of Moncton crowds, I spoke of them being attentive but irresponsible. This one was responsive in a high degree. Miss Mushkat receiving especially generous applause. Miss Mushkat was not able to get me on the list of speakers for Labor Day, but if the local "Labor Leaders" think they are going to prevent us getting at the workers they will be undecieved tomorrow.

The "Leaders" were smitten hip and thigh last night for a start, but it's nothing to what will happen tomorrow. On Wednesday I go on to Halifax and am hoping the comrades have been advertising well in order to get the crowds.

My impressions are there is a good bunch there and I hope they will be very prompt in sending in their application. Promptitude is a great virtue in anything, and is lacking in the case of many Socialists.

It is better to get the ones you are sure of signed up, dig down for the small sum necessary and send in your application right away than to wait and wait and wait and wait for more names, and perhaps get sick of it and not send at all. Send for your charter, get your supplies and start business. Act with decision, do the thing as if you meant it. Let the comrades all over the Dominion know as soon as you can there is another squad in training. It helps.

And don't forget that the first duty of a local is to train its own members. How much more have I got to harp on this string?

Start your meetings promptly, be men and women, not babies, don't stroll into the business meetings at half-past eight or a quarter to nine and flump down into the back seats even then. If you go to the opera you always manage to be prompt then, yet many of you seem to always have something to keep late for the Socialist meetings. It's very, very strange! Another thing when you know a speaker is going to speak at a street corner at 8 o'clock and you mean to be there at 8 o'clock. Why must so many of you be always a half an hour late?

It seems congenial. If the hour was fixed later, I suppose you would be late then. You know who I mean, I mean you whom the cap fits. Then when you turn out to hear the speaker the first nights he is in your vicinity, see if you can't keep it up or else he is inclined to think—and Socialist speakers do think mind you—that you have just turned up for the novelty of the thing and he is likely to be correct.

ABOUT SUBS.

And don't be so afraid of digging down for that dollar, fifty cents or a

quarter for the Clarion or Cotton's, you don't know what cheap guys you appear, when it is evident from the clothes you wear, your comfortable appearance, the ring on your finger and other signs that the eagle-eyed agitator takes in at a glance, that you are not the worse paid wage-slaves. I tell you it makes me feel like cutting loose and raising Paradise sometimes when I get such petty and palpably untrue excuses for not subscribing. There is not five per cent, I will venture to say of the Party membership but who can afford to subscribe to both the Clarion and Cotton's. And don't for my sake, don't anyone ever tell me again that they have so much to read already; I've heard that till I'm jolly well sick of it, and it's no excuse, after all, for not taking the papers you claim as yours—Socialist Papers. There now, that advice about subscriptions to papers will catch you who are handed a sample and when I get after you for a sub and you refuse the small price, you'll know what I'm thinking, without me taking the trouble to tell you. Don't be a cheap guy!

WILFRID GRIBBLE

CAPITALIST MINDS

The masses vote for the perpetuation of capitalism because they have capitalist ideas. They have capitalist ideas because they read capitalist books, capitalist sermons, capitalist newspapers. They feed on capitalist literature because that is the only literature they know anything about. They know nothing of anti-capitalist literature because no one has persistently brought the literature of Socialism to their attention. Now, if you, gentle reader, would only tackle someone every week for a sub to Cotton's, you would break down the strongest bulwark of the existing social order, namely, popular ignorance.

Commercial Travellers

Get after the commercial travellers. They are an intelligent bunch of fellows, and once they are imbued with the revolutionary spirit they can sow the seed over an extensive territory. In the railway coaches and in the smoking rooms of hotels they can start discussions upon Socialism very easily and distribute literature to advantage. And they know how to handle people, how to interest them, how to win them over, how to break down prejudice. If you have any friends in this business, see to it that they are provided with the right kind of papers and literature to read.

The Little Old Appeal has been hammering the Mexican Butcher President. It has exposed his monstrosities and the tyrannies of his government. All the capitalist papers held up their hands in horror and called the Appeal a liar. But the Appeal kept hammering away and now the middle class is taking up the fight. It is going to put Diaz out of business and put someone in his place who will do the trick of stealing the labor of the workers with a little more finesse.

The Canadian Rubber Co., of Montreal, has given \$1,000 towards the campaign expenses in favor of the commission plan. It is also going to gather its wage slaves and make them listen to the guff spouted by the labor thieves of Montreal. The Commission plan is evidently in great favor with the plunderbund.

If, comrade, you are not as yet active in the propagation of Socialism, suppose you make your first propaganda plunge by hustling for subs.

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