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TORONTO, NOV. 11th, 1914. The Government is going to give \$100,000 to aid in establishing a clinical hospital in connection with the School of Medicine, where young persons are taught how to save lives and make out death certificates. We wonder if it would grant an equal sum to establish an institution in which to teach working people their rights and how to obtain them.

Most men can make money if they devote all their energies to doing so, but who was ever made a man by money? Seeing that Mr. Borden has not a seat, it would be a grumpy act for Mr. Ostry to give him his. He never would be missed.

Major Erquhart did not find public ownership for Toronto and private ownership of the Grand Trunk Pacific work well as flatters for his parliamentary catamars. The reason is that one is sound and the other has all kinds of leaks in it.

The Dominion Government spent \$325,000 in beautifying Ottawa during the last four years, and Ottawa's citizens were so pleased that they returned the Government's gift with over a thousand majority each, whereas last election it split even, and previously last election it split even, and previously last election it split even.

There are rumors of police reform floating about, but don't be alarmed in regard to the matter, for the police force will never be "reformed" while it is under a board constituted as the present one is. Yet the Government in Queen's Park won't let Toronto run her own business by changing the constitution of the board, so all you may expect is changes in the management of the police, but "reform" - well, not for some time to come.

Labor men of Canada are generally inclined to think that they are further advanced in union and political principles than their fellows in Great Britain, but the election of Thomas Richards, the Labor candidate for West Monmouth, over Sir John Cookburn last Friday by a majority of 4,635 rather goes to contradict such an idea. When will Toronto labor men free themselves from the party tulle to such an extent as to make such a splendid showing? Few answers "When!" with a very large W.

Thousands of voters throughout the province were disfranchised in the recent election owing to changes since the voters' lists were compiled over two years ago in constituencies outside of cities where registration obtained. The result may not have been materially affected, but the fact is in itself sufficient for a change which will ensure every citizen the right to vote if he makes application to be placed on the voter's list within two weeks of election day. Rights should be secured regardless of cost, and under the present system they are not.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

We are not at all surprised at the result in the overwhelming vote cast for Borden. He has many characteristics which make him personally very popular and at his back he has the full power of the plutocracy. Besides that, he was supported unanimously by his own party. On the other hand, Parker was a comparatively unknown man, forced on his party by the power of Wall Street. Consequently, the rank and file of the Democrats were anything but enthusiastic, if they were not actually hostile. No one could read the appraisal of Bryan to his followers to support Parker without the feeling that there were signs of revolt.

The Democratic party has had an unfortunate history. It was closely identified with the Southern rebellion. After that was over it would have been much better if a new party had been formed. Especially has it become more necessary, as the Republican party has fallen more and more under the power of the plutocracy. The nomination of Bryan was in a measure the culmination of a feeling of the people against the gigantic extensions of the trusts, combine and other forces of financial power. Now is the time that there is likely to be a new alignment. Wall Street has failed in its effort to place a plutocratic Democrat in the Presidential chair. Evidently many who called themselves Democrats have bolted. Their votes have been scattered. The only way for these scattered forces to unite against the money power is to form a new party on some great issue which will unite the friends of true reform.

If Aid-Ward should run for the Board of Control, will it be as a Liberal or a Labor man, and if the latter, will be the transformation to take place? Mayor Erquhart did not find public ownership for Toronto and private ownership of the Grand Trunk Pacific work well as flatters for his parliamentary catamars. The reason is that one is sound and the other has all kinds of leaks in it.

Will we have the initiative and referendum, it will be impossible for the people to voice their opinions at the polls. Many candidates were in favor of imperialism and militarism as well as public ownership, while it is safe to say most who voted for the last-named principle were opposed to the former ideas.

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Socialism

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THE MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY

By Eugene V. Debs.

To free the workers of the world from the curse of wage-slavery and its countless brood of fostering evils, to reorganize society upon a basis of co-operation in industry in which all shall be workers owning in common the machinery of production and producing wealth for their own enjoyment, is the prime object of the International Socialist Movement.

To organize the workers into a working class political party through which to secure control of the powers of government, to force the adoption of a program of reforming machinery of the system, to put into effect the above declared object is the mission of the Socialist Party.

A more righteous cause never inspired more noble and more heroic men. The Socialist party appeals to the working class and the laborer. Through a revolutionary party in the sense that it proposes to put an end to the present industrial system and establish a new "social" order, its programme is one of perfect peace.

That violence and bloodshed are resorted to is not because of the Socialist party, but in spite of it. The present system, called the capitalist system because it is controlled by capitalists and operated in their interest, is based upon the slavery and robbery of the working class. Such a system has to be supported and protected by force.

The Socialist party, seeing all this and understanding from careful study the cause lack of it, does not advise the enjoining, assaulted, or imprisoned workers to combine with their heads down, to answer the club with the fire, or the bayonet with the revolver, but it does advise them to use their brains, remove the cause and walk forth free men.

There has been a great industrial change in our country. New conditions have arisen, and these demand a new system. Machines are now used instead of hand tools; great mills have taken the places of small shops, and the thousands of workers, cooperatively employed, are required to operate them.

These machines and mills are at present the private property of a few capitalists and are operated purely for their profit. All the wealth the armies of workers produce above a bare living is taken from them by the capitalist, the owners of the mills and machines, who are also their industrial masters. These owners and masters can close down their mills and factories, and they can starve the workers at their mercy.

In modern society the capitalist, the owner of the machine, the tool of production, without which the worker can not work, and therefore can not live, has the power of life and death over his workmen, their wives and children. It is essentially a barbarous and demoralizing system in all its affects.

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