

NOW IS THE TIME FOR AN AGITATION LEAGUE

If Cotton's is to Get That 10,000 Circulation

Propaganda Hustlers Voice Their Confidence and Faith in Cotton's and Show How the Circulation Ladder Can be Climbed

THE time has now arrived when an Agitation League is urgently necessary in connection with Cotton's, to help boost along the circulation to the 10,000 mark.

Comrades on the firing line have been urging on and off that there was much need for an Agitation League.

There must be many comrades who want to help in the PROPAGANDA WORK, but have not time to hunt up names or canvass for subs.

To such, the Agitation League should be a welcome opportunity. All that will be necessary to enroll, will be to forward the amount they can spare for propaganda, and let Cotton's place the subs to the best advantage or where most needed, on the advice of comrades.

We have lists of districts where socialism has no foothold. There are thousands of little towns and villages in Canada where valuable educational work can be done, and the voters reached with our propaganda.

Who will be the first on the Agitation League? Will some comrade come forward before next issue and start the League humming on its mission of spreading our propaganda in Canada.

Cotton's is over the third rung in the Circulation Ladder, but there is seven more to climb before it will be high enough to see all that capitalism is doing, and put it before the world fearlessly.

Read below what some of Cotton's hustlers and subscribers have to say about 10,000 and other matters: Let the good work go, on till Cotton's has a solid phalanx from Atlantic to Pacific.

A LIVE WIRE FROM THE WEST.

Here is a live wire from Com. Wm. Watts, who has been travelling through the wheat towns of the west: It shows the need of an Agitation League.

"Dear Comrade—Just a few lines to let you know that I am still keeping up the fire, have still got a bunch of names for Manitoba yet, but am working in Saskatchewan now and hope to send in a bunch for that province. I am pleased to notice the subs going in, but would like to see the firing line take up the whole of the page. I ask the comrades to send in a bunch of trials, surely most of them have a dollar to spare for the cause. Hunt up a few names and send them in with a small amount and help to scatter Cotton's all over the Dominion of Canada. Get the comrades who can't afford to send in a dollar to send in a bunch of names and perhaps the Comrade that can't get the names can supply the money. I am determining to spend a dollar a week for the cause and I may be in want of a few names myself, so let's all pull together for the next elections and help clear the Houses of Parliament of the grafters that now represent the people for the benefit of their own pockets. So here goes another dollar with ten names. Yours for the revolution."

BRITISH COLUMBIA SPEAKS

The following from British Columbia is interesting. Read it.

"Dear Cotton's—Your path may seem rather hard and the immediate results of your work may not appear large to you, so I thought that a few words of encouragement from a far distant comrade might cheer you up a little.

I wish to express my admiration for your splendid paper and the magnificent manner in which it advocates the cause of Socialism and I can assure you that the seed you are now sowing will result in a bountiful harvest of converts and before long. There is more attention being paid to Socialism just now than to any other political issue.

You had a good eye when you picked out Bellamy's parable of the "Water Tank." I think it is the finest piece of propaganda matter ever published. You may talk Social economics to the average working

plug (like myself) until you are black in the face, but let him read that parable and it will immediately soak into his "think tank."

I should like to see that parable printed on a single sheet and placed in the hands of every working man in Canada and I will send a dollar myself (out of what little the plutes let me have) to help the thing along.

You asked your subscribers to make any suggestions that would be helpful to the cause, I hope this may help and if you put a subscription blank to "Cotton's" on the bottom of each leaflet it might help us to get that 10,000 Circulation we need so much for the good of the cause.

Nelson Subscriber."

HITS THE NAIL SQUARELY.

Com. W. R. Hibberd comes at it in this characteristic manner. Hits the nail on the head:

"Dear Comrade—I read your appeal for support in last issue and I fully realize the pressure and hardships the worthy little fighting organ of the proletariat is undergoing and I wish I could do more for its upkeep and establishment than I now do. Cotton's needs fuel to keep the pressure up to drive the Socialist movement forward to make men of slaves, to educate and uplift the working class of Canada. If comrades of the S. P. of C. realize the power of the press as an educative medium they certainly could do a little more than they do. Now get busy comrades make it your business to get a new subscriber by next issue, and keep at it. You do not need to stand by while others are doing their utmost; swell the army of sub hustlers by doubling it. You have a press; keep it; it is not run for profit; so give it food; keep it alive. Deliver the goods in the way of new subscribers, so that Cotton's may develop to a fighting force to be reckoned with."

IN A HURRY FOR 10,000.

Com. Geo. Toseland, of Dauphin, cartoonist, takes an infatigable interest in Cotton's. He does it thusly:

"Dear Editor—Enclosed find enough to cover four yearlies and five trials. I want to congratulate you on the improvement in your "our" paper. I expect Webb is back by now. Tell him to keep in the footsteps of Wayland when he runs a two-horse paper in a one-horse office. Say, sometime when you get space, just throw in Warren's "Boy Town Railway." You must excuse my scribbling, I cannot sit still until we reach the turning point. I cannot stand the soap box; my vocal organs are very weak, so I must scribble. If my dope don't hit, burn it. I'm nothing out."

Yours in a hurry for 10,000."

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

Another hustler shows the spirit necessary to secure the subs needed for Cotton's. Com. Geo. Faulkner, of Conjur Creek, Alta., blazes the trail in this fashion:

"Please find enclosed list of scalps and \$2 to pay their way, they will be on the 10,000 and perhaps I can catch some more when the snow comes so that I can track them. If every comrade would be on the alert for subs they would soon send ten thousand home. Tell the boys to get busy. Cotton's has got the goods and it is up to us to distribute it. All together now and we'll shake this nation from centre to circumference.

Yours in the Revolution."

THE POCKET LIBRARY

A comrade in Northern Ontario finds the "Pocket Library," which can be obtained from Cotton's Book Dept., a good paying venture. He conducts a store, so was able to place the sixty little books in a prominent place on the counter, marking on the box "5c each." He says: "I have sold half the books already. It's a good paying proposition. In a couple of cases I gave a book free, and one of them came back and got another pamphlet, paying for the first one, too. If any of our readers are selling books, let them try this game. It spreads the light and is profitable as well."

FROM THE SHOULDER

Here you are, right from the shoulder, from a western farmer;

"I first learned of your existence in our mutual friend the little Appeal, and intended to send for your paper, but didn't. However, someone a socialist friend, must have sent you my name because a short time ago I received a sample copy of your paper. We certainly need somebody to wake up the working and farming class in Canada and in order to help you I hereby send you my own sub, and one of a friend. If I can be of any service to you out here in a community of farmers in Alberta, don't be backwards in calling on me. I am living in the Edmonton district but I did not vote for any of the old parties last election, because I believe they are too rotten for an honest man's vote."

Cotton's was the Socialist friend. See the good work a sample will accomplish.

A COPY WORTH SUB PRICE.

This comes from Com. Wood, Manitoba:

"I received a sample copy sent to my address. Am so pleased with your paper that I send in my subscription with another who has read it. The educational matter contained in this copy alone is worth the subscription price."

Your paper should have a circulation of at least 50,000 in Canada. Many a poor fellow I suppose would gladly subscribe for it if he could afford to do without his whisky and cigars. How can you educate such people? The fact of the matter is, society has been lulled to sleep by the church and the press and it will take some awful force to string it into life."

Make Cotton's the force.

A MERCHANT TALKS.

This is from an Ontario merchant: "I am a retail store-keeper and convinced that we will have to disappear sooner or later. And the sooner we get into the ranks of the international socialists, the better. We have nothing to lose but a whole lot to win."

BE ON THE LOOKOUT.

Comrade Wm. Allen, of Sydney Mines, gets round it this way: "Our way of getting subs is for all to be on the lookout, and recommend names to Com. Kernick, who supplies the physis. We earnestly hope to see Cotton's up to the 10,000 mark in the near future."

GETS INTERESTED.

A Saskatchewan comrade says that: "Since I have subscribed for your paper, I have become interested and wish to introduce Cotton's to some of my friends." He sent a bunch of subs and ordered some copies of "Merrie England."

GOOD LITERATURE

A word from Com. Karley, of Chesley, Ont.: "I received your Pocket Library of Socialism, and like it fine, as they are good pamphlets to hand out, for they are not long and people are more apt to read them on that account."

DOING GOOD WORK.

This emanates from an Ontario comrade: "Yours to hand re bundle. Find enclosed a plunk to renew same. I cover about 65 miles per week gathering cream, and am opening some eyes with Cotton's."

A POSTMASTER TALKS.

Says a postmaster: "I greatly enjoy Cotton's, and will try and interest my neighbors in the questions of the day which you discuss, and try and get them to see your side of the story."

GOOD LITTLE PAPER.

Says Com. Volland of Calgary: "I enclose postal note for which I want your really good little paper for one year."

FIRING LINE

From Will. Shier, Toronto, comes a half-yearly sub.

W. R. Farrell of North Bay, Ont., subscribes for a year.

A. J. Gordon sends in two yearly postcards from Lachine, Que.

Chas. Sandquist, of Dominion, Y. T. forwards two yearlies.

Jos. Rummion, of Sedley, Alta., becomes a reader for six months.

M. Marawtebik, of Port Cobalt, Ont., has captured another yearly.

Alex. Lyons of Toronto sends along a yearly and a trial. The Toronto list is looking up.

Geo. Penfold is again on the firing line. This time he bags eight trials, all for Guelph, Ont.

W. B. Burk, of Springfield, Ill., sends in his sub for a year. Says that Cotton's is a fine paper.

A. W. Galloway, of Strathroy, Ont., renews his sub to Cotton's.

Robt. Murray, of Hamilton, Ont., comes along with a year's sub for himself and another for a neighbor.

F. Reynolds, of Beaver Point, B. C. writes, "Keep carrying the big light and things will come your way." To back up his statement he sends along two yearly subs.

H. G. Ross, of Glace Bay, N. S., sends in five yearlies, seven halves and seven trials. As Comrade Gribble found, Glace Bay is ripe for the revolution.

B. Wing, of Brockville, Ont., forwards a yearly, and two halves. Every new reader of Cotton's means another nail in the coffin of Canadian capitalism.

Mrs. M. C. Smith, of Cornwall, Ont., renews her sub for Cotton's Weekly. Declares that she would miss it exceedingly if anything should happen that she could not get the paper.

H. C. Besant, of Red Deer, Alta., sends along a yearly and a renewal for a friend. Says that circumstances over which he had no control in the economic line kept him from subscribing sooner.

Wm. J. Warren, of Cardston, Alta., takes a yearly and a trial, both for himself. He takes the two copies that he may have an extra one to hand to friends whom he thinks ripe for the socialist doctrine.

Three papers intended for J. T. McKenzie, G. Watson, and A. M. Mullan, of Dominion, Cape Breton, recently arrived in Dominion, Yukon Territory. Thus does Cotton's travel. Two new subs are in as a result of this misdelivery.

S. Robrag, of Montreal, lands with a yearly, two halves and five trials. Says this was the result of ten minutes work, and that it is easy to get subs for Cotton's. "In the name of the revolution," he adds, "I demand of the Comrades to secure one reader a month and fifty thousand circulation will be accomplished in a short time."

Two yearlies, one half and twenty-eight trials have been received from Brockville, Ont. Comrade LaFlaver, Wing, Stewart and others are the responsible parties. The comrades of Brockville write in that they have been meeting some Montreal men who declared that socialism was sweeping through Montreal on winged wheels. The Comrades add that Cotton's is getting better all the time.

Gerald Desmond sends along two yearlies from Elk Lake, Ont. Comrade Desmond was billed to speak in Elk Lake at the local but skipped out to escape the ordeal and landed in Cowansville to see what Cotton's Weekly looked like in the making. The Editor nabbed him before he could make a get-away again and took him to Montreal and hoisted him on the soap box at St. Lawrence Market. The Editor also nabbed him for a spiel in Cowansville in the Town Hall which is scheduled to take place on Friday, the 29th. So Comrade Desmond found that in flying from one box he struck two.

The revolutionary spirit is growing in Montreal. Every little while the organized comrades run across a little centre of socialist activity which they did not suspect. The question of Capital and Labor is uppermost. Two advocates of Montreal have recently become socialists. One has joined the new Westmount Local. The other cannot join for business reasons but he is helping on the movement all he can. A Montreal doctor has been discovered with strong socialist opinions and a circle of friends whom he has been gradually influencing in the direction of the Revolution. A Roman Catholic priest is about to be expelled from the church of Rome for advocating socialist doctrines. On my way to Montreal last week I began to converse with a Montreal advocate. He did not know who I was and spoke quite sympathetically of the hard fight the workingmen have to undergo to make both ends meet. When I told him I was a socialist he would not talk. He was a French Catholic and his business would be ruined if it were known that he sympathized with socialist ideals. The light is breaking in dark places.

Chas. H. Lowthian, of Elk Lake, Ont., sends along two yearlies and remarks that a Socialist Local has been formed in that locality. According to reports the revolutionists of Elk Lake have done their work pretty thoroughly and have made most of the miners of that place thorough going revolutionaries. The mineowners cannot discriminate by sacking a socialist and replacing him with a nonsocialist because there are no nonsocialists in that neck of the woods.

C. A. Carlson, of Edmonton, Alta., lands with three trials. He reports that Comrade Haywood has been in Edmonton stirring up the boys. Haywood has been in Toronto and shocked the plutocratic press by declaring that bullets were a persuasive argument against tyranny. The plutocratic press would like to have the workingmen be peaceable and not object when a plute organization wants a few of them hung.

P. D. Mills, of Vancouver, B. C., enclosing two yearlies, writes as follows, "Just to keep the B. C. boys ahead of my old province of Nova Scotia and to help in overtaking Quebec and eventually Ontario in the matter of 'Sub Hustling.' I believe in this kind of competition, as it is the cleanest as well as the most valuable kind of sport."

Cobalt Miners' Union No. 146 takes twenty-five copies of Cotton's for a year. The Miners' Union have their treasury pretty well ripped up with death dues and sick benefits. The typhoid epidemic struck them hard and it speaks well of the revolutionary steadfastness of the union that they still have time and money to devote to the socialist cause.

A SOLITARY BRICKBAT.

A man rejoicing in the appropriate name of Knight, sends in the following from Moncton, N. B.: "You have been sending your foolish paper to my address. I gave you no permission to do so. Kindly discontinue sending same as it only goes into the waste basket." The darkness of night refuses the needed light.

SAYS IT'S SPLENDID.

Comrade McInnis, Phoenix, B. C., says "Cotton's is a splendid propaganda paper."

Socialism is to the fore. There is hardly a magazine or publication of any standing but what has some reference to it from time to time. Go where you will, all over the world, the finger of socialism points the way of progress for the human race.

Read the socialist papers and learn the why of things that are now bothering your untutored thinker.

You workers are easy. Shank's mare for yours. Automobiles for the boss.

COMRADES, this week's issue of Cotton's is a splendid propaganda sheet. If you appreciate this kind of paper, let us feel your appreciation either in subs, or by joining the League, by November 10th next. We are carrying a heavy load. Will you get into harness. By November 10th remember.

What It Costs to Print Cotton's

Following are the expenditure and receipts for Cotton's from Jan. 1st, to Sept. 30th, 1909:

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| Ordinary Expenditure..... | \$2,361.43 |
| Capital..... | 755.93 |
| Total..... | 3,117.36 |
| Cash Received..... | 1,563.87 |
| Deficit..... | 1,553.49 |

PARTY NOTES

A new local has been started at Elk Lake, Ont.

Toronto local is agitating for a book room on one of the public streets, after the pattern of that conducted in Patterson, N. J., which has been very successful.

Organizer Gribble will be in Montreal on Saturday, Oct. 30th, on his way to Toronto from the Maritime Provinces.

Montreal local has found the old headquarters too small, and have secured a new home. The new headquarters are situated at 22 St. Lawrence. All socialists visiting Montreal will be sure of a warm welcome. The movement is going ahead in Montreal.

Maritime Provinces Organization Fund

Following are further contributors to the Maritime Provinces Organization Fund:

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| Previously acknowledged..... | \$108.30 |
| English Branch, Toronto..... | 6.60 |
| Com. Jas. Simpson..... | 1.00 |
| Total..... | \$115.90 |

EXPENDITURES

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| Previously Reported..... | \$80.08 |
| Paid W. Gribble..... | 18.00 |
| Postage..... | 33 |
| Total..... | \$98.41 |

Amt. on hand Oct. 21, 09.....\$17.49
Yours in Revolt
ROSCOE A. FILLMORE.
Secy: Organization Com., Albert, Alberta Co. N. B.

Propaganda at Brantford

Brantford Local held a very successful propaganda hall meeting the other night. Comrade F. Watkinson spoke on "What Socialism Means." He dealt at length with the position of the working class today, how they were robbed as producers of the fruits of their labor. He spoke of the many remedies brought forth by would-be-saviors of society to cure the social problem. Labor unionism, reforms, capitalistic virtues were all dealt with.

More especially was Watkinson "death" on the "labor leader" who received the approval of the capitalist press. He showed this gentry up in fine style and his audience evidently saw the point.

His handling of the many questions that were put to him was a most effective piece of propaganda in itself. He shook the stuffing out of such fallacies as the class struggle on the industrial field, "finding" work for the unemployed and the question of a "fair" wage.

Brantford local is satisfied with their first attempt this fall at indoor propaganda and intend to make further use of the "speakers class" members of Toronto Local.

Keep hustling to be happy. But let the hustling be for the best cause on earth. The socialist cause.