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- Rubs by Rambler.

One of the Herald's writers on "Socialism" frankly confesses that he only writes for 'fun'. Well, the confession is wholly unnecessary for no one, so far as my knowledge goes, is the least inclined to take him seriously. Up to date he has failed to tell the Herald to which group of the divided socialist army he belongs. He tells us in words that he is no individualist, and yet the spirit that breathes through all his effusions, is the rankest kind of individualism. One thing is certain that whatever sort he swears by he is not the least bit of a christian socialist, for there is not a spark of charity in him though socialists maintain that charity and it alone is the main spring of all their actions. Actions did I say, not actions, but frothings. Does not every socialist of the Herald's type demand that the government or somebody do something for the down trodden and oppressed, the while he himself stands idly by. But then why should he not; he is only a comic actor, actuated, in his writings, and his speech, by a spirit of fun. The Herald's funny will fare under socialism, says he will get a bite and a crust and what more does any man, genius or no genius, want, and—grandiloquently—he commands us to compare Humphry Davy with Rockefeller, Moses with Pharoah and so forth, and that's so. One was English and the other Yankee, one was a Jew and the other a Gentle. But Davy and Simpson had, or rather got, what to them was an equivalent for Harriman and Carnegie's gold. They got recognition, and for just would be willing to part with a million in clear cash. Davy and Simpson got what it would be impossible to get under a socialist regime. And his own fault. And then will our socialist friend please remember that Moses made his choice. "He choose rather" He was a patriot, and because he was that first he was no socialist, and did not become a Pharoah. Neither Humphry Davy, or Faraday or Simpson or Paul were socialists, for they were prepared to deny themselves for their fellows, and that's the last thing the red shirted socialist thinks of doing. He thinks

all the denying and the sacrificing should be done by the other fellows. Of course there is socialism and socialism, a kind one can love and a kind one can laugh at; and socialists and socialists, a kind that one takes to, and the Herald kind that he doesn't, because of his belief that they are blabs, —and nothing more.

Since the foregoing was written I came across an article from the Toronto News, from which I give the following extract:

"A socialist is a man who believes that the whole industrial fabric of the world is hopelessly out of date, that the accumulation of capital is wrong, that the man who sells his labor for less than the total value of his production is a slave, and that feudalism was only once removed from that other 'ism' which rules the world now; namely 'capitalism'. In fact the basis of Socialism as a theory can be found in the Golden Rule. It is supposedly based on the equality of man, and on a recognition of universal brotherhood. To the socialist war is a crime and when the world is remodelled on socialistic principles, will be impossible. As a matter of fact socialism as a theory is rather attractive, save that it proposes to sink the individual in the crowd. But those who recommend this economic panacea for the world's ills do not show by their methods of argument that they have been touched by the live coals from Karl Marx's altar. The average socialist agitator is not a pleasant person. His language is violent. His arguments are incendiary rather than convincing. He abuses the thousands of honest labor men who cannot accept his doctrines. He good that must be found in it. He scoffs at religion and pays no attention to the betterment of the world through its agency. He condemns popery to get into our Assemblies, often by false pretences, and to waste the money and the time of the nation in talking twaddle. The socialist is an Anarchist in the making. He may be a Professor of Economic in a college. If so he is a mere theorist, and wholly innocuous. But if he flaunts his principles in the face of everyone at all seasons, if he advertises himself by boorishness either towards governors or clergy, he is a firebrand whose value to the country requires a fifth decimal place to express."

Holders of licenses to search and of leases of mineral areas, especially of coal lands, got a bad fright a few weeks ago when a bill was introduced into the House of Assembly, and passed through its several stages there, increasing the rental by a hundred per cent. The government thought they had power to increase the rental on all coal areas, but it was pointed out that certain clauses in the leases put a different face on the matter. It was also pointed out to the government that an indiscriminate increase in the rental would entail loss and hardship on some holders of rights of search and leases, and would besides entail a heavy loss to the government, as many leases and rights would have to be abandoned. Take the Standard Coal Co'y, as an illustration of the latter statement. This company holds a large number of rights. The yearly expense in holding them is considerable. For years the company