

The Firing Line



Keep Throwing Subs at this Fellow—Puts Life in Him

Comrade Culliford, of Beachville, orders a bunch of ten for May Day.

Comrade Wayman, of Cornwall, orders a bunch of Cotton's for May Day.

A Guelph comrade sends in a list of ten trials, but as he is bashful, we hide his name.

Two yearlies steal in very quietly from Com. Watson of Calgary. They have been looked after very carefully.

Here's one from a new quarter for Cotton's, though not for socialism. Com. Walker sends his sub from Shelburne, N. S.

Here we are from Wetaskiwin, Alta. Com. McDonald has been keeping his weather eye open. Result, one yearly and one half.

The old guard are being heard from. Comrade Symonds, of Lethbridge, Alta., is one of the latest arrivals. Sends two yearlies.

Clear across the continent comes the welcome order for two yearlies from Com. Austin, of Nelson, B. C. Steady work is what tells.

We have again heard from Olalla, B. C. Com. Northey keeps up the struggle. This time he lands one yearly and two halves.

We like to see these little bunches of yearlies come in. Among the latest arrivals is a bunch of three from Com. Cawthorne, of Bellevue, Alta.

Com. Roy, of North Battleford, sends in a yearly. Com. Sjostrom, of Kinley, Sask., does likewise. Com. Spence, of New Liskeard, drops in a trial enclosed in birch bark.

Com. Oliver, of Kaslo, B. C., has been heard from. To show his appreciation, he sends in two yearly and five trial subs, and orders a copy of "Marxian Economics."

Com. McQueen, of Galt, sends in a few lines in regard to Cotton's, and accompanying them was an order for three yearlies. These yearlies represent good solid work.

Keeping up with the procession in Woodstock, Ont. Com. Wilsdon finds time to land a sub for Cotton's occasionally. A list of one yearly, one half, and four trials looks encouraging.

The youngest Canadian socialist yet reporting to Cotton's. Com. Nick Stevens, of Ladner, B. C., says he is just seventeen, and has a grudge against the system. He sends in two trials as a starter.

The indefatigable Davenport, of Brantford, returns thanks for favors received. Sends in an order for one hundred copies of this issue for Brantford local. The Brantford boys are on to their job.

As he sends in a list of twelve trials, Com. Savage of Steelton, says: "I shall hit them for a years sub before the time is out. Have more in my eye, so expect to hear from me soon."

Comrade Biddlestone, of Preston, arrives with two yearlies, and promises more when he gets a bunch of papers he ordered. Be explicit in ordering comrades. If you want next issue, say so.

"Kindly send to these names some of that honest brain food known as Cotton's WEEKLY." So writes our hustling comrade Legge, of Brandon, Man. He enclosed an order for two yearlies and three trials.

It looks good the way that Alberta list is growing. Here's another list of ten trials from Com. Buckell of Con-

juring Creek. Don't forget to keep your trials under your eye comrades. Convert them into yearlies.

We have again heard from Com. Reynolds, of Beaver Point, B. C. He wants a bundle with something of interest to the farmers. As this issue has a good talk from Crandell, of Weyburn, we will send one hundred.

The province of Quebec is tumbling into line. Com. Workman, of Charteris, gets in with his sub, and a live communication. And Com. Cushing has sent in the necessary from Coaticook. Both old stagers and know the ropes.

We have received several complaints from various parts of Canada, that comrades have missed copies of their papers. In every case the names have been found in type in good condition on the lists, and have gone out regularly.

We have received the names of ten sick people needing stimulants. Complaints vary from "suffering from overproduction, under consumption, to don't want to divide up, etc." Comrade Boerma is the physician in charge.

The socialists in Kamloops, B. C., are firm supporters of Cotton's. Comrade Orchard has dropped in an order for two yearlies, one hundred copies of this number and an ad. for their local, all of which have had due attention.

"I have received a sample copy of your paper and I like it real well. It seems to have the right ring of pure gold." So says Com. Honens of High River, Alta., as he encloses his sub. He takes them all and ought to know the right ring.

"I received a sample copy of your paper two weeks ago. I do not know who sent in my address, but he did me the biggest favor of anyone since I came to Canada." So writes Comrade Asper, of Merna, Alta., and to give weight to his opinions, he makes a start with ten trials.

Some Comrade sent in a list of twelve trials from Hespeler, Ont., but we cannot give him credit, as he neglected to sign outside of the list. Sign your name plainly comrades, as we have a system to keep track of you, and it is very necessary in working for the cause. If you want your name kept out of this column, just say so.

SUB HUSTLING

Comrade Lavenne, of Springhill, N. S., is our premier sub-hustler, and what he says on this subject, is worth while sitting down and taking into serious consideration. He expends ten cents for a trial to a friend. Then after a little asks him if he likes the paper. If yes, he gets the sub and remits the balance to us to complete the full year, and again invests the ten cents on another like.

Comrade Lavenne also has other ideas. He has sent for one hundred sub cards, and will put them out among the comrades in his town to dispose of in return for books. He says: "I see that I have got to get to work for the propagation of our paper, in spite of the fact that I have no time. The boys do not work to get new subscribers as I would like to see them. They talk socialism all right, but that is not altogether the way. If they want to make Socialists they must get the people to read socialist papers, therefore send along sub cards and I will see that they are filled. Yours without rest or truce for the red flag."

P. S.—"Rest is lax and vile when the work must and can be done."

STAMPS, COMRADES

There is a poor fellow comrade in Montreal who has lost both his legs. He wants Canadian comrades to save all kinds of used postage stamps for him. Send to COTTON'S WEEKLY, and we will forward to our unfortunate comrade. Now comrades, swamp him with stamps.

There is a touch of refinement about many of our town houses. Every house could be the same. They only require one of these exquisite coats of Ramsay's Paints, and it takes so little to go so far. Ask Soule & Christie to show you the beautiful combinations of Ramsay's Paints.

PARTY NOTES

The meeting in Ottawa last Sunday afternoon was well attended. George Edward was the speaker and he received a good hearing. The capitalist papers in reporting the meeting took the usual method of quoting a few words from a sentence so as to distort its meaning.

Brandon, Man., socialists are keeping before the public. They are holding regular propaganda meetings, using an unrented store for the purpose. On Friday evening, April 16th, Com. Coyne spoke to an audience of one hundred. They have the window of the store decorated with cartoons and other matter, and it attracts considerable attention. The Brandon boys evidently believe in keeping socialism before the public.

Montreal local will stir things on May Day and day following. On the evening of Saturday, May 1st, a big open air meeting will be held on Dufferin Square, to be addressed by able socialist speakers. On Sunday the meeting in the labor temple at 2:30 will be addressed by Wilfrid Gribble, of Toronto, dominion organizer for the S. P. of C., and as he is an able speaker, a large audience is assured.

Winnipeg socialists are celebrating May Day in true style. A great international parade, headed by a band of twenty pieces, and made up of working-men, will form at the corner of Stella and Main streets and St. John's Park at 6 p.m., proceed along Main street to Graham avenue, thence to Garry, to Portage, back to Main and finally to Selkirk hall where a great mass meeting will be held. Addresses will be given by speakers who will present the Truth about labor and whose remarks will bear a refreshing freedom from the subsidizing influence of the capitalist class.

A PROBLEM FOR CLEMENCEAU

Recently in France the postal and telegraph officials employed by the government struck for the dismissal of a government official. They won out. Now the government employees have joined the General Confederation of Labor and are making new demands on the government. M. de Marial, president of the Comite d'Etude, is insisting upon the right of the civil servants to be not merely the employees of the government, but actual partners in the control and management of the respective departments. This would make the ministers of the crown not only responsible to Parliament, but also to the association of employees.

This is a new idea in government practice and yet one that is bound to grow. Why should not a minister of post-offices collaborate with his subordinates? Men who are employed by the state will no doubt have many grievances to set forth and also many improvements in the service to suggest.

If the state through its ministers becomes the employer of labor then the employed workmen will have the right to combine and to strike for higher pay just as any other laborers. When there are many state employees and as these state employees find their power like any other labor body they will demand better conditions. They will demand more pay for the rank and file and less pay for the men at the top.

No doubt Clemenceau would like to stamp out all labor agitation among the employees. He would like to keep them on starvation wages. But fortunately the workingmen of France are standing by the state workers. Clemenceau has a problem on his hands which will not be easily solved by any of the old political maxims. France leads the world today as she led it in the past. The state workers' demands for joint management in the departments is the beginning of the practical demand for a change from a political to an industrial and labor state.

MONTREAL LOCAL NOTICE

The co-operative committee of Montreal local for May Day, will meet at the corner of Bleury and Lagache streets, in the Montreal Bill Posters office, to distribute the May Day number of COTTON'S from that point all over the city.

Business is business, and so is Hell, Hell.

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Reform benefits the capitalists, social revolution will benefit the workers.

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CULLINGS

"The leaders of Socialism today are for the most part clever and honest men, who fight a severe and profitless battle against great odds, and for the sake of humanity and truth."—Robt. Blatchford.

"All the ethical, political and economic tendencies of the age are rapidly converging toward Socialism. Society will soon be in the throes of a revolution, peaceful, let us hope, such as it has never passed through before."—Kestelle.

"Paine's ambition was not so much to enjoy the fruits of liberty as to toil for its achievement. Benjamin Franklin said: 'Where liberty is, there is my country,' to which Paine made a magnificent and characteristic reply: 'Where liberty is not, there is my country.'"

"Contrary to the opinion current in bourgeois circles, Socialism would increase individual initiative, would powerfully favor the expansion of human liberty, and would give a prodigious impulse to all production, in the triple domain of industry, science and art."—Emile Vandervelde.

"The only proper attitude to assume toward the various doctrines existing among men is the attitude of perfect willingness to investigate. The great majority of men, however, are intellectual solids—unable to move and unwilling to think."—Prof. W. H. Moore (P. 109 "The Universal Kinship.")

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

C. P. CULLIFORD

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COTTON'S may be classed as light literature, because it throws light on dark phases of life.

Little lumps of COTTON'S, little grains of sense, makes the common workman of some consequence.

COTTON'S is not all wool and a yard wide, yet it makes the plutocrats shrink like a flannel shirt in a snow storm.

Why is a bird in the hand worth two in the bush? Because the capitalists own your hand and the bush, but not the birds.

Why does a rolling stone gather no moss? Because a stone doesn't need any moss, any more than a working man needs leisure, luxury, and intellectual enjoyment (?)

'Tis better to be lowly born, and range with humble livers in content, than to be perked up in a glistering grief and wear a golden sorrow. (Shakespeare.)

TWENTIETH CENTURY VERSION—'Tis better to be perked up in a glistering grief, and wear a golden sorrow, if you have a hard and calloused heart, than to range with humble livers in content, and be compelled to eat pigs' heads and livers.

There is a great agitation among so-called philanthropists for homes where in curable consumptives may die. There is no suggestion from these philanthropists that the slums and consumption breeding occupations should be done away with. That would interfere with rents and dividends.

A national Socialist press-bureau has been established at Washington by the American Socialists. The news it gives out is different from the tariff stuff put forth by the henchmen of the vested interests.

The capitalist should remember that Canada really belongs to the Indians. The white man stole it from the Indian. The capitalist stole it from the white man; the workingman is going to take it from the capitalist.

If socialism is a disease, it is very catching.

Kamloops Local No. 50
S. P. of C.

Meetings held every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, in rear of D. D. Robinson's Furniture Store, Main Street.

C. F. ORCHARD,
Sec'y, P. O. Box 321, Kamloops, B. C.

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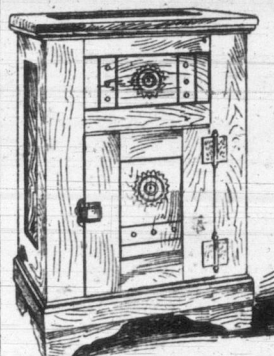
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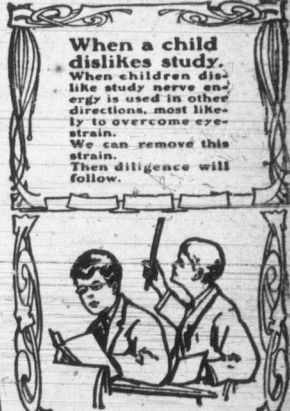
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