

SECRETARIAL NOTES

The effects of the War have been felt to full extent and we are now down to bedrock. Approximately 50 per cent. of the English-speaking locals have succumbed to its effects—some of them dying of heart failure. The situation looks brighter now than at any time since the War commenced as some of the locals are picking up and others organized or reorganized.

Language Executive.

The Finnish semi-annual report shows 2,145 members on books, with 1,450 in good standing. There has been an appreciable falling off in their number. These can be accounted for, not in going to Europe for the good of their health, but to the United States in order to procure a slave's privilege—"work."

Ukrainian.—We have not received the usual semi-annual report, but from information to hand they are on the job organizing. Comrade J. Popovitch has been touring the Eastern Provinces and reports good work done for "the workers' cause."

B. C. Elections.—Out of four (4) Social-Democrats that ran in the Provincial election, three (3) of them lost their deposits.

Provincial Executives.

The British Columbia Executive has been reorganized with headquarters in Victoria.

Alberta Executive reports nothing doing; things very quiet. They need a reorganization in Alberta. Comrades, take note.

Saskatchewan Executive (New).—The referendum for an Executive in this Province was carried, the voting was as follows: For 68, Against 15. Headquarters located in Vanguard, by decision of D. E. C. F. G. Witzel, Secretary, reports getting into shape, and will hold office until the end of current financial year. The province is troubled with a Non-Partizan Political League. We await further investigation; perhaps another wolf in sheep-clothing? It is worth watching.

Manitoba Executive.—No report, but information to hand points to a period of recuperation. Since Comrade Rigg, M.P.P., took over the secretaryship a good debt of \$104.00 has been paid up. There are rumblings of constitutional unrest in Winnipeg. Investigation pending.

Ontario Executive.—The report to hand gives 19 English-speaking locals, with a membership of 279. In Hamilton, Berlin, Guelph, Toronto, things are looking up. Some of these locals are recruited to pre-War strength, and the winter course in process of construction.

Quebec Executive (New).—The referendum vote carried for the organization of a Provincial Executive; the division lobby count shows: For 98, Against 9. Montreal Headquarters.—No report to hand. From communications received they are like the Irishman's watch, getting quick slowly. The Bourassic acid may help them to slow a little quicker. The Jewish Local is very much alive, and the Comrades are just waking up to the significance of our new Canadian Forward.

The Twin Stamp—"Married at Last."

The referendum for the introduction of the twin stamp, on the second count, shows: For 665, Against 195. This is not sex equality; this is sex preference. It does, however, meet a very important economic consideration in the payment of dues. If I were a woman and not a wife in the legal statutes, I would want to bear equal financial responsibility; this does not prevent them anyhow.

The Dominion Executive Committee has been increased from seven to eleven, in order to make provision for the two important but subordinate committees, Editorial and Management. We are now a business concern, as we have now a permanent business headquarters,

with a printing plant and literature department, all our own.

We are in business to stay. At the time of writing the big press is being groomed down preparatory to her trial spin. "We are going to have a christening and call her Mary Ann." You can all participate in this epoch-making event by sending "solution of green-back," not water—we have of that lots in the Bay.

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ISAAC BAINBRIDGE,
Dominion Secretary.

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NEWS OF THE MOVEMENT

Notice to Locals.—We shall be glad to publish each week beneath this heading reports of the doings and activities of any local. Copy sent in should be written clearly on one side of the paper only. Reports should be brief as possible.

TORONTO SOCIALIST WOMEN IN LINE.

By Gertrude Mance, Secretary Women's Social-Democratic League.

The women of Toronto, in common with the women of all other parts of the civilized world, are experiencing the inspiration of the great forward urge of half of the human race which is reaching out after larger means of expressing itself. The Socialists of every land were among the first organizations to boldly declare for equal political, social and legal privileges for men and women.

For many years the Socialist women of Toronto have taken an active part in all the activities of the various forward movement, but it was not until September, 1914, that the Women's Social-Democratic League was inaugurated. It started with a membership of thirty. Its principal object is to further the propaganda and educational work of the Socialist movement, and more particularly among the women.

The League is not a party branch, but a separate women's organization, open to all progressive women. However, most of its members also belong to the local party branches.

There have been many and varied avenues found for our activities. Entertainments, socials, lectures, and discussions have been held under the League's auspices from time to time, also several debates among the women themselves on various subjects of special interest to women, to which no

men were invited. But probably the best work done by the League was the holding of a very successful bazaar last December. Three hundred dollars was cleared through this undertaking, and we succeeded in wiping out the party debt at that time.

At present, with the cold weather coming on, there is a strong revival of interest. A hall in the Labor Temple has been rented. Our first meeting there will be held the 1st of November. After that, meetings will be held every first and third Wednesday evenings of the month.

We are arranging for a sale of work on the 9th of December. We hope the party members will remember that they will be able to buy at least part of their Christmas presents at this sale. We are arranging to get a consignment of dolls, and hope to sell them "dressed." The money from this sale of work will be used to some purpose in the interests of the party at large, but it is not yet definitely decided what purpose to put it to. Further announcement in regard to our sale of work will be made in future issues of The Forward.

At our next meeting we will begin reading Olive Schreiner's book, "Woman and Labor."

There will no doubt be many interesting meetings, discussions, lectures and entertainments this winter. Every woman party member and all those interested in social progress should join our league.

If we increase our membership and all put our shoulder to the wheel, we can help finance the party for one thing. We can further the propaganda among women, educate and enjoy ourselves. Every woman needs some interest outside of her own home. Let us all make this our hobby. Let us work together socially as well as individually for the better enjoyment of life.

Our league meets but twice a month (first and third Wednesdays) thus enabling every member to get to each meeting. We hope that every woman who reads this will make it a point to visit us at our next meeting, the 1st of November.

The time has arrived for the Socialist women of Canada to put forth every effort possible to guide the awakening interest of women in public affairs along lines which will be effectual in emancipating both sexes from the evils of the competitive wage system.

TORONTO.

Local 71 (Dovercourt).—Active work has been carried on by our local throughout the summer. We are glad to report that by energetic work we have been able to bring this local's membership up to its pre-war strength. Each Sunday evening we have held big, enthusiastic meetings in the open-air, which have been exceptionally well attended. Not the least opposition has been encountered even in this centre of capitalism and conservatism. Our winter programme is now in full swing. Already two enthusiastic meetings have been held. The collections and sales of literature have more than covered expenses. We fully anticipate that before our season closes we shall have brought many more active members within the folds of our movement.

IS THIS TRUE?

Geneva, Sept. 5.—The German Socialist newspapers publish a manifesto of the Union of German Miners in Canada complaining that "our Canadian Socialist comrades instead of working with us as good comrades, chase us away from our jobs, and generally make our lives unpleasant."

Comrade E. W. Brink of Tulsa, Okla., U.S.A., writes asking us to bring to the notice of our readers his little sereed bearing the name "Brain Physic." Spicy stuff we call it—at \$1.00 a year with 100 copies for distribution.

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