

PLATFORM

Social-Democratic Party of Canada

We, the Social-Democratic Party of Canada in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to and support of, the International Socialist Movement.

By virtue of the ownership of the means of production and distribution (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) all wealth the workers produce, accrues into the hands of the capitalist class. This property the capitalist defends by means of the state (the army, the navy, the judiciary.)

The object of the Social-Democratic Party is to educate the workers of Canada to a consciousness of their class position in society, their economic servitude to the owners of capital, and to organize them into a political party to seize the reins of government and transform all capitalist property into the collective property of the working class. This social transformation means the liberation not only of the proletariat, but of the whole human race. Only the working class, however, can bring it about. All other classes maintain their existence by supporting the present social order.

The struggle of the working class against Capitalist exploitation produces a constant state of warfare between these two forces for the control of political and economic power.

As a means of preparing the minds of the working class for the inauguration of the Co-operative Commonwealth, the Social-Democratic Party of Canada will support any measure that will tend to better conditions under capitalism, such as:

- (1) Reduction of hours of labor.
- (2) The elimination of child labor.
- (3) Universal adult suffrage without distinction of sex or regard to property qualifications; and
- (4) The Initiative, Referendum, and right of Recall.

SECRETARIAL NOTES

The new executive has not yet taken office. The D. E. C. report shows the financial state of the party to be solvent. We started the half-year with a cash debit balance of \$24.00, and ended with over \$470.00 to our credit. We have, however, to meet a large debit balance on the printing institution, which will change the aspect somewhat, but the balance sheet is decidedly encouraging.

Subscriptions to the Forward for the last two weeks amounted to \$22.00. This is not sufficient, comrades; every member of the party should accept it as part of his or her duty to get new subscribers.

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I. BAINBRIDGE, Secretary.

PROFIT AND LOSS

(A Song of the Profiteers.)

Not of the fools am I who say
That war is waste and cannot pay.
Dear is grain, but I don't complain,
And human life is cheap to day.

Why must these wage-slaves grumble, pray?
No sacrifice too great, I say.
Our purpose one is to crush the Hun,
For human life is cheap to-day.

To it, my soldiers! Win the day,
And steal the Teuton's trade away.
The land I feed, (and you may bleed,
For human life is cheap to-day.

(Chorus)

War is waste and the cranks have said:
We gamble in ships, and coal, and bread,
And this is the burden of our lay:
Human life is cheap to-day.

—Albert Grieve, in Herald (Eng.)

Three hundred and thirty-three anthracite coal miners were killed and 6,958 disabled for periods greater than two weeks in the State of Pennsylvania during the first nine months of 1916. As the average wages of the miners of that State are only \$13.80 per week, it would appear that those who were killed were far more lucky than those who were only laid up for a couple of weeks or so.

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Announcement.

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Musicians' Temple,
University Avenue,

—on—

SUNDAY, Feb'y 18th
at 7.30 P.M.

Speaker: **J. T. MILLS, Cobalt, Ont.**

Subject—"The Future Industrial and Social Development of Ontario."

WATCH THIS NOTICE.

SOCIALIST BULLETS

Josh Wise aptly remarks that nothing has such poor health as the goose that lays the golden egg.

Socialism was not hit by the election, but many who voted against it are going to get smashed square in the mouth by the high cost of living.

The capitalist system leaves men so insecure that even John D. is afraid to give away a nickle lest he starve.

The ignorant man is the fellow who doesn't know what you do. And there are usually things he knows which you do not.

The Australian government handles the entire wheat crop of the country. The middleman has been completely cut out. A sale of twenty million bushels was recently made to the British government. The Australian farmer received the full amount realized from the sale, less the government's commission of one-sixth of a cent per bushel. The way the Canadian wheat crop is handled is far better, however. The Canadian farmer had much rather keep a gang of middlemen and other blood-suckers, than to get too much for himself. He is not so avaricious and heartless as his antipodean prototype. He is decent, he is.

A Socialist is an individual who didn't vote for Wilson, though one who voted for Wilson may be a Socialist some day.

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