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### SECRETARIAL NOTES.

Comrades D. MacPherson and W. Erwin, both of  
Wimbome, Alberta, now that the full significance  
and sad realisation of a slim harvest has rewarded  
their season's labor, have acquired or appropriated  
some kind of a contraption that moves on wheels,  
filled it full of socialist literature, and have departed  
for parts unknown but somewhere adjacent, to sow  
the seed of wisdom among the farmers. Should this  
perchance meet the eye of some farmer comrade  
upon whom they may with design or intention de-  
scend for help, encouragement, or an argument, that  
comrade is accordingly commanded!

The case of "The B. C. Federationist Ltd.," and  
A. S. Wells, manager, at this moment of writing  
stands adjourned until Monday October 31st, when  
it will again be presented at the Police Court, Van-  
couver, for hearing. The magistrate requires time  
to read the book ("Left Wing Communism"). Legal  
defence is an essential matter and in this case an  
appeal is made for funds to that end. All moneys  
received at this office for defence in this case will  
be acknowledged in the names of the contributors  
in the columns of the "Federationist."

"Geordie's" series will, we hope be continued in  
next issue. We promised continuation in this issue,  
it is true, but we can't help being at fault once in a  
while, and the punishment, if there be any, must be  
meted out to us and not to "Geordie."

The following item is sent by the Manitoba Pro-  
vincial Executive Committee.

"F. Kaplan, member of Local No. 3, Winnipeg,  
has been suspended from the Party for six months  
for a breach of Party discipline, in that he attempt-  
ed to form a political compromise with persons out-  
side the Party, contrary to the Constitution. Since  
his suspension he has sent his resignation to Local  
No. 3.

Comrade Frank Cassidy is roaming around New  
Brunswick educating the folk in that region. He  
reports good meetings en route from Alberta and  
the way points, including Winnipeg, Toronto and  
Ottawa. Frank says he is likely to be around the  
Maritime Provinces for months to come and for the  
sake of the innocent political consciousness of the  
workers there we hope he will.

The case of Robert Walker, of Cumberland, B. C.,  
suspended from Party membership for 30 days, is  
not yet definitely decided upon but is still under  
investigation. Announcement will be made in due  
course.

A letter to us from the Secretary of Local Vic-  
toria concerning a communication from the Com-  
munist Party of Canada advises us that Local Vic-  
toria considers itself well able to look after its own  
business without the aid of the unknown. This mes-  
sage caused us to send to Victoria for a copy of the  
communication, and here it is. It bears no address.  
**COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA**  
September 30, 1921.  
To All Secretaries of the Socialist Party of Canada

Will you kindly read the following to your local at the  
next meeting?

Comrades.—We have watched with interest the discus-  
sion which has been carried on during the last few months  
in your official organ.

The discussion shows that there is a large proportion of  
your membership who feel that the interests of the revol-  
utionary movement demand international unity of the mil-  
itants of the working class.

While we realize that all important questions of policy  
require careful consideration, we feel that ample time  
has been taken in this case for every viewpoint to be ex-  
pressed, and for every member to take a definite stand.

Comrades; the time for action is here. We appeal to  
you to demand a Party Convention at once to settle this  
vital question. Should this demand be not complied with,  
we hereby instruct all militants to leave the S. P. of C.  
and align themselves with the International of the World  
Revolution, through the Communist Party of Canada.

Central Executive Committee,

(Signed) T. JOHNSON,

Secretary.

Concerning the same communication we have the  
following (dated Oct. 24) from Local Equity:—

E. MacLeod, Editor,

"Western Clarion."

Dear Comrade:

Enclosed typewritten communication from the  
Communist Party of Canada was addressed to un-  
dersigned and the request to secretary therein con-  
tained was duly complied with. When a reply to  
them direct is not possible for want of knowing  
their whereabouts, as no address is given, I was in-  
structed by the Local to send our answer to them  
to the "Clarion" and have it published, if our Com-  
rade Editor should see fit.

We are aware that such an organisation as the  
Communist Party of Canada existed in "name,"  
but we, the members of Local "Equity" have not  
yet met any of the personell of that Party, nor have  
we received any of their literature. So we are some-  
what inclined to believe them trading upon a name,  
with but little stock-in-trade, if any at all. We  
hesitate to say anything derogatory to you until we  
know more of you, but you somewhat arouse our re-  
signment and distrust when you proceed to "in-  
struct" us militants of the S. P. of C. to leave that  
Party if we fail to obtain a Party Convention de-  
manded by you to settle the question of affiliation  
with the Third International. All this you demand  
without explanation either as to the benefit to be de-  
rived from such a consummation of your own qual-  
ification for making such a sweeping demand. And  
if you, after having "watched with interest the dis-  
cussion in our official organ on this question of af-  
filiation" have come to the conclusion that we "mil-  
itants" can be stamped by your appeal into the  
Third International you are afflicted with hysteria.  
We are not moved by impassioned appeals but by  
the logic whereupon it is conditioned, though of  
course only as far as our knowledge permits us to  
judge.

Will you wonder, friend, that we consider your  
method of doing business similar to the notorious  
Kau-KluxKlan? We are "militants," but not to the  
extent of using coercive methods towards our Com-  
rades.

Now, we would like to know who "we" are that  
make this appeal to us. What is the date and place  
of your birth? Your record in the proletarian move-  
ment? Justification for your existence—personell  
and strength. Principles and program and mode of  
procedure of putting these principles into practise?

You have our ear, and we are open to conviction.  
We will respect your confidence if entrusted to us.  
But we are not an object for dictation nor victims  
of bombastic pretension. Friend, you will have to  
come out into daylight for inspection, for nearly all  
danger to the proletariat is to be found reared in  
hidden places, so we eschew it. If you are a giant  
of the right quality you may depend on us. If you  
are not—though you be a giant we shall disown you.

Yours for Socialism,  
Local Equity No. 87.

P. O. Seal, Alberta.

(Signed) H. H. Hanson,  
Secy.

It appears that the Communists are worrying  
much and plenty about our overwhelming calm, in

face of the fact that these same wise men of the east  
have from time to time read our burial-service and  
have consigned us and all our works to the oblivion  
of the grave. With all the will in the world we give  
the above document publicity, and we hereby regist-  
er a "hunch" that there may be more reasons than  
those alleged by its votaries for Psychology as an  
increasingly popular study in Socialist ranks. The  
Psychology of the East should constitute an allur-  
ing chapter of itself. The Communists of the East  
are looking for publicity and, unhappily (for them)  
they are getting it. They have changed their minds  
with changing winds, as witness "The Commu-  
nist Bulletin." "The Communist," and  
now "The Workers' Guard." We shall see  
more changes yet to come for if we mistake not  
another tune has been called, and we have a notion  
that this play-acting business behind the scenes of  
everyday life is due for a realistic shock.

The heroics of self-imposed "illegality" is dis-  
covered to be unsuccessful and unfruitful and to be  
a wrongful interpretation of policy anyway, and  
now that the interpretation as well as the policy  
have come to hand the rudder of the Communist  
ship goes over a point or two over to sanity. East-  
ern Canada will come to its senses in time. Men  
can't blind themselves to the realities and hard,  
everyday facts of life forever, that is, provided they  
come into contact with them.

As to us and the matter of the much discussed  
question of affiliation with the Third International  
and the referendum, we are not without appreciation  
of the confidence and good sense expressed by these  
Locals. It is worth noting in this connection that  
Local Equity have already, in the course of discus-  
sion of the question, declared themselves in the  
Clarion columns as favoring affiliation. We have  
this to say—that confidence will not be abused. And  
we may say further, that efforts made to override  
our judgment by the C. P. or its agents, real or al-  
leged, in no way tend to drive us to hasty action.

As we go to press this issue we are somewhat  
driven into a corner for time. Some matter on  
"The Farmers' Policy—as laid down by Mr. Crerar"  
by C. S., and a book review of "The Farmers in  
Politics,"—the book by Wm. Irvine and the re-  
view by Jack Harrington—are unfortunately crowd-  
ed out. They will keep 'till next issue and our far-  
mer readers may look for an issue wherein they and  
their activities come in for special mention.

And O! Before we go—How about that sub-  
you said (to yourself) you'd send? You know our  
address.

### TOWARDS THE NEXT WAR

The Tokio correspondent of London "Daily Ex-  
press" on June 22, sent a sensational telegram en-  
titled: "Rays of War on the Pacific Ocean."

He states that Japanese insurance companies have  
been asked by their clients to accept insurance from  
the risk of war between Japan and the U.S.A. dur-  
ing the next twelve months. The correspondent adds  
that the naval armament programmes of both coun-  
tries is interpreted as a proof of preparation for war.

The correspondent states that an atmosphere of  
war is already being felt in the East—"Common  
Cause."

## DOMINION ELECTIONS, 1921

### SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA CANDIDATES

#### B. C. CONTITUENCIES:

NANAIMO—W. A. Pritchard  
VANCOUVER (3 Seats)—  
Burrard: J. D. Harrington  
Centre: T. O'Connor  
South: J. Kavanagh

#### MANITOBA CONSTITUENCIES:

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Centre: H. M. Bartholemew  
North: R. B. Russell

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