

## CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH

THE WORKING CLASS AND THE EMPLOYING CLASS HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON. THERE CAN BE NO PEACE AS LONG AS HUNGER AND WANT ARE FOUND AMONG MILLIONS OF WORKING PEOPLE, AND THE FEW WHO MAKE UP THE EMPLOYING CLASS HAVE ALL THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE.

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The workingmen do the work and the bosses enjoy the product.

What has the Laurier government done during the past session save spend the money of the people foolishly?

The department stores control the big dailies of Canada. Hence the big dailies are the henchmen of capitalism.

If the bosses elect the members of parliament what can the workingman expect to get from the deal?

How can there be freedom when men are bound to machines and are slaves from daylight till dark?

Socialism will free man from economic competition and raise the struggle into the moral and intellectual realms.

Socialism will not kill religion. It will only make it possible for men and women to live up to their ideas of right.

Christ endeavored to break the rule of priestcraft, and ever since he died the priests have fastened like leeches upon his doctrines.

When thieves fall out honest men get their due. The Liberal and Conservative parties do not fall out. They only pretend to fight while they are united in spirit.

Canada is a young country and extremely green. Her people still believe in letting a few men rob her and then worshipping the robbers as men of supreme ability.

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The firemen of the Georgia Railroad are on strike tying up the line. The road employs some negro firemen and the white firemen are enraged. Under capitalism men have to fight for their jobs. Under socialism they will have the right to work.

The masters tell the workers in what mill they shall work, what pay they shall get and how long they have to work to get it. And the workers are so enamored of being the slave of a profit hunting boss that they vote for that sort of a thing every time they get a chance.

Strikes are threatened by the street railway workers in Philadelphia and Chicago. The franchise grabbers make millions out of the public and treat their employees like dogs. When the workers get wise the franchise grabbers will have to direct their energies along useful lines and live simply.

Socialism will triumph just as soon as the working people of Canada decide that they want it. They will never decide in its favor as long as they listen to the lies of the profit hungry politicians and believe them.

Haldane, British Secretary of War, and Runciman, President of the Board of Education, have pronounced themselves in favor of woman suffrage. Agitation pays even if Madam Humphrey Ward does not approve.

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Socialism will give every farmer a farm and every laborer a home.

The quicker the socialists organize locals the sooner will come the social revolution.

Socialism comes to fulfil the Biblical command, "If a man does not work neither shall he eat."

The ideal of the capitalist is an open shop for his workers and a closed market for his goods.

The working class must free itself. Has there ever been a class of masters who have voluntarily freed their slaves?

The man who works with his hands or head need have no fear of socialism. It is only the idle rich who will find that they must do something useful or prove that they are disabled.

The promoters of the C. P. R. did not build the railway by their own ability. They hung on to the finances of Canada and were carried to wealth by increasing the national debt.

The workers must get possession of the mills and factories before they can own their own jobs. At present the workingmen have to pay big to be allowed to work.

There are many measures which the Liberals of Great Britain are introducing which they do not like. The bogey of socialism has gripped their imagination and they are giving many sops to the dreaded thing.

Emma Goldman, a philosophical anarchist, a refined and cultured lady, is hounded by the New York police whenever she tries to speak in public. She is winning many friends through the unjustifiable persecution she is undergoing. They do not believe in anarchism but they want every one to have the right of freely giving their views to the public.

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## The ONLY MOVEMENT

## Worth While for the Working Class

ROSCOE A. FILLMORE

Say, fellows, I read a good joke in the paper today. A capital joke! It was headed "Rap Methods of Labor Unions." Wondering who was doing the "rapping" stunt I glanced down the column. The following sentence enlightened me somewhat. "An attack on the methods of organized labor broke the otherwise calm routine of the National Association of Manufacturers which convened . . . at the Waldorf-Astoria." By the way, how many of you wage-mules ever put up at the Waldorf-Astoria? Eh! Speak a little louder, please!

But to return. We are told that these manufacturers "rapped" Union Labor or rather the "methods of Union Labor." Some big snob (hanged if I remember his name) objected to a direct and outspoken attack upon labor organizations. Hence this change to the "methods of Union Labor." You see he thought it would look too raw in print if they absolutely condemned the organized labor movement. He feared that some of you fellows might begin to use that war that you have upon your shoulders for other purposes than merely as a "dummy" upon which to exhibit the latest thing in hats. So they merely condemned the "methods." Can you see the joke? It's certainly plain enough for any intelligent man, be he a unionist or otherwise, to see through.

You may be sure that the Manufacturers Association loves you and your organizations so long as you use them for their benefit. They love the "safe and sane," "industrious and abstemious" union man who swallows all the dope about "identity of interests" that is dished out by their hired preachers and "Labor leaders." They often invite some of your "prominent Labor leaders" to take part in Sunday "love feasts" and "mutual admiration" shows. Have any of you fellows ever attended any of these Glory-be-to-God-Golden-Rule-in-business pink teas? No? Well you don't know what you've missed.

You fellows should know that the bosses won't kick so long as you devote your time to pretty little speeches regarding the advisability of presenting them with a gold-headed cane apiece as a mark of your love of and admiration for their methods. Of course not. They don't seriously object to your organizations. No more do they object to the church. But let the church turn its zeal towards the betterment of your conditions and they will strenuously object. They object to your "methods." That's where the shoe pinches. They object to the habit which you have formed of demanding higher wages occasionally. They also object to the publication of lists of "scab" concerns in the labor press. These of course come under the heading "methods."

In short they object to any and all "methods" which will in any way aid you at their expense. And why shouldn't they? You would do the same. So would I. I would skin you fellows closer than you were ever skinned before if I possessed the power. Therefore I am not blaming them for doing just what I would do under the same circumstances.

All this is but preliminary to my next statement which is, there can be absolutely no "identity of interests" between capital and labor. Capital is skinning you and me closer every day while we are trying to return the compliment. Pray where is your "identity of interests," my friend?

The only position for the workingman to take comes in right here. You should say, "You say that you don't like labor organizations? Allright. I don't care a d—n whether you do or not. I am in the field for all I can produce and I intend to stay right on the job until I receive the full social value of my labor. I don't care a rap whether this interferes with your so called rights or not. While you have had the power to oppress me you have not paid the slightest attention to my rights therefore I don't intend to lay awake many nights worrying over yours. When I and my class get the power, through education, we intend to assert our rights and you can come in with us as co-partners or 'go chase yourselves' just as it may please you. This question is immaterial to me."

If the world's workers would take this position they would have the Manufacturers Association and all similar organizations on the run within a week. For the capitalists hate a class-conscious

worker as the devil is said to hate holy water.

Now, my readers, the most practical and useful way to let the Manufacturer's Association know that you have taken this class-conscious position is by filling in an application for membership in the socialist party of Canada. When you have done this and been accepted you must "tell the news" to everybody. Hammer it into your fellow workmen in the shop, mine or factory. When you can get four of them, form a local, study socialism, read it, write it, think it, in fact you can almost live on it; it becomes such an absorbing study. If you are alone in the world, have no relatives, socialism will become father, mother, brother and sister, everything to you. "You can become a better and happier man by studying it and getting into the only movement worth working for today. Won't you come?"

## WHAT MAKES SOCIALISTS

The latest National Bulletin of the Socialist party contains the result of an investigation into the characteristics of the party members. Because of the fact that only about one-eighth of the total membership were reached by the investigation it is impossible to draw any accurate general conclusions on many of the points covered.

There was one question, however, that would be little affected by these omissions. This was the question concerning the factor which made the member a Socialist. It may be safely concluded that what holds true of the nearly six thousand who replied to this question would be true of those who did not reply.

The first place as a propaganda method is held by periodicals, and this by a long lead. Thirty-nine per cent trace their conversion to Socialism to the reading of Socialist periodicals. This is more than twice the number reached by any other agency.

The second best method of propaganda, according to this report, is personal discussion. Nineteen per cent were brought to Socialism by this means. We should have expected this to have been even larger. One thing that would tend to make this factor seem small is that one of the principal METHODS used by successful workers for Socialism is the party press.

Next to personal discussion comes books as a successful method of propaganda—thirteen per cent tracing their introduction to Socialism to this source. It seems probable that the ten per cent who give "study" as the source of their first knowledge of Socialism should be added to this, for "study" generally implies books. If we add the four per cent who give "leaflets" as the beginning of their road to Socialism, we have a total of EIGHTY-FIVE PER CENT of the present members of the Socialist party who were gained through the PRINTED WORD.

Only Seven per cent were reached by hall meetings and Eight per cent by propaganda speeches delivered in the open air.

These are facts that should be considered by every Socialist organization. The conclusions that follow from them are irresistible.

IF THE ENERGY THAT HAS BEEN PUT INTO STREET MEETINGS HAD BEEN DEVOTED TO EXTENDING THE CIRCULATION OF THE SOCIALIST PRESS AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE THE SOCIALIST PARTY WOULD HAVE MADE FAR GREATER PROGRESS.

It is safe to say that in many cities ninety per cent of the energies have been spent in the methods that have brought in but fifteen per cent of the results, while eighty-five per cent of the results have been achieved with the other ten per cent of the effort which was effectively applied.—Chicago Daily Socialist.

## CIRCULATION STATEMENT

Nova Scotia	260
Prince Edward Island	2
New Brunswick	39
Prov. of Quebec	842
Ontario	890
Manitoba	108
Alberta	134
Saskatchewan	186
British Columbia	169
Yukon Territory	4
Elsewhere	54
Total	2688

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## IF ADAM AND EVE HAD NOT SINNED

How far would the world be in wisdom advanced,  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?  
Or where would us mortals be, if it perchanced  
That Adam and Eve had not sinned?  
What mode would be used to replenish the earth—  
Would it be creation or would it be birth?  
Would life be a mixture of sorrow and mirth,  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?

Would Justice and Liberty fully prevail,  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?  
Would some thieves be at large and some be in jail,  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?  
Would he who steals millions be hailed as a king?  
Would trusts and monopolies control everything?  
Would tyrants and despots be having full swing,  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?

Would children be "sweated" for dollars and cents,  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?  
And would there be interest, profits and rents,  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?  
Would gay politicians be living at ease,  
"Bamboozling" the public and pocketing the fees?  
Could the boodlers and grafters do as they please,  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?

Would there be such a thing as "immunity bath,"  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?  
Would corporate interests cut a big swath,  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?  
Would trial by jury to the poor be denied,  
And "injunction proceedings" instead be applied?  
Would the judges all favor the plutocrats' side,  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?

Would the toiler retain the proceeds of his toil,  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?  
Would a handful of "leeches" be owning the soil,  
If Adam and Eve had not sinned?  
Would workmen at forty be all Oslerized,  
And treated as things to be duly despised,  
If not, the old serpent, with intent devised  
That Adam and Eve should have sinned.

—H. B. JONES

## WHAT WILL SOCIALISM DO?

It will give to every worker the full value of the product of his labor.

It will reduce the hours of labor in proportion to the increased powers of production.

It will abolish child labor.

It will abolish the landlord, the landlord and the capitalist.

It will give employment to all who desire and will pension the old.

It will abolish charity and give the people justice.

It will abolish want, destitution and the poorhouse.

It will permit every member of society to develop the highest and the best.

It will abolish classes. It will abolish strikes and lockouts.

It will make possible a government of the people.

It will abolish the trusts by making them the property of all the people to be operated democratically for their benefit.

It will do away with private ownership of the means of life.

It will bring about collective ownership of the means of life.

It will make labor-saving machinery a benefit instead of a curse.

It will abolish the poor tramp and the rich tramp.

It will abolish rent, interest, profit and every form of usury.

It will organize armies of construction. It will abolish armies of destruction.

It will abolish crime and criminals. It will abolish competition for bread.

It will encourage competition in study, science, exploration, invention and the arts.

It will abolish prostitution. It will abolish "graft."

It will break up some of the shacks today called "homes."

It will make possible for every man a good home.

It will abolish "desertion" and cruelty. It will introduce love and harmony.

If you are in favor of this program you are with us. If you desire this and want it right in our time you will join the Socialist party and work for Socialism.