

## FIRING LINE

## Hot Weather Talk

Only a little over a week now to get in your lists for that crisp \$5.00 Bill. Remember that the prize goes to the comrade landing the most yearly subs. Two half-yearly or five trial subs count as one, so that all have an equal show. Who will be the hot weather champion. What part of Canada will he come from. Ten more days will tell. Name of the winner will be published in the issue of August 12th.

To get people reading Socialist literature is of the utmost importance. And by getting them to read Cotton's you are not only doing good work for the cause, but making possible a paper which is beginning to stir up things in Canada. You know that Cotton's is necessary. It is brought home to you every day. And the greater the circulation, the greater the power it will have to stir the rulers under the capitalist system and force the issues of the Socialist program before the public.

All comrades who have been working for books should get in the need subs as the offer closes on July 31st. There are splendid books to be obtained. The best books on socialism published today.

Bring up Cotton's in your local meetings and see that a bundle is ordered. Copies can be sold at a profit at street or hall meetings. Lots of locals are doing it. Or get into the bundle brigade yourself. Cotton's is a propaganda paper. Cotton's is a propaganda paper. Cotton's is a propaganda paper.

## ARE YOU GOING TO LAND THE \$5.00 PRIZE.

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A new trial goes to A. W. Galloway, Strathroy, Ont.

Here's a new one. G. S. Homer, Reid Hill, Alta., for a year.

A renewal for a year comes in from Jas. McLatchie, Cardinal, Ont.

Com. H. Collingwood calls again from North Battleford with one yearly sub.

Com. Meyer Libsohn of Montreal finds time to add two new subs to Cotton's.

A sub yearly has reached the correct place from W. H. Reveley, New Toronto.

Com. Hoar, of Portland, Me., is going to read Cotton's for three months.

Com. Schachter keeps busy landing subs in Montreal. Two subs are his latest.

Fifty-two copies of Cotton's will be sent to Sam Treasure, of Cardston, Alta.

Three renewals find their way into the office from Hespeler, Ont., accompanied by the correct change.

Brandon heard from per Comrade Fulcher. A renewal and a bundle order, accompanied by a good article.

Com. Moore, of West Toronto, says that Cotton's is the best yet for propaganda. Encloses his sub.

Comrade Joice has had the Pocket Library of Socialism sent to him at Cobalt. Good reading in these little books.

Com. Townsend of Dundas, Ont., is much pleased with the "fearless weekly." Sends along a yearly and one trial.

What are you doing to spread the light of socialism. Have you landed any subs for Cotton's yet. If not, why not.

Com. Savage has been doing some hustling around Steelton, Ont., and located two for a year and three for six months each.

There is some danger of that \$5.00 going to Brantford. Com. H. A. Fogal is an insistent hustler. Two yearlies this trip.

Com. Wm. Taylor, of Winnipeg, thinks the trial subs a splendid way to spread our gospel, and sends along ten names.

Propaganda work is still being pushed in Swift Current, Sask., by S. E. Haight, who has located three new trial subs.

With the firm opinion that Cotton's is O. K., Com. Carlson sends in his renewal for a year from Mannville, Alta.

Com. McNeill has sent in twenty-six yearlies and is after the book premium. This latest bunch contains four yearlies, Star City, Sask.

Appreciation of our hot weather editions in Brookville. A yearly, two halves and three trials from W. E. French.

Com. Wm. Watt sends a shin plaster for a bundle of Cotton's to distribute in his travels. Last heard from in Russell, Man.

Use Cotton's to propagate the doctrines of socialism. Nothing better or cheaper.

While wondering around Toronto, Com. W. R. Hibberd fell over a renewal sub for six months.

Com. Whitehead has a copy of "The World's Revolutions" sent to him in Fort William.

Don't forget to see that your barber shop is supplied with a copy of Cotton's every week. One copy will go through a good many hands.

Renew your sub before it runs out, so that no copies will be missed. If your sub does run out, you may get a sample copy to remind you.

Comrade Lavenne keeps the brad in operation in a judicious manner at Springhill, N. S. We acknowledge bundle orders and correct amounts.

Only a week comrades to get in your lists for the prize and the books. Stir yourselves a wee bit and close the month with a whirlwind finish.

Com. John Wright calls again from Brussels, Ont., orders his bundle renewed and leaves two trials and a balance for more.

Remember that the book offer in connection with Cotton's closes on Saturday, July 31st. Not much more time left to complete your lists.

That prize has an attraction for Com. Biddlestone, of Preston. Has landed three yearlies and four halves, which counts a total of 5. Also gets a bundle of 25.

Another new one. A sample copy reached Barrie, Ont., and fell into the hands of Comrade McQuarry, and as he was used to the Appeal, he found Cotton's very digestible. One year. Come again.

They evidently have an eye on that \$5.00 bill in Guelph, judging by the latest list received from Com. G. Penfold. There were four yearlies, one half and one trial.

The good work of exposing the evils of capitalism goes on at Nelson, B. C. Com. I. A. Austin is after the system all the time. Two yearly subs will help.

Montreal comrades will take notice that the Monoline Fund is closed. All new subs should be accompanied by the necessary, as it is very hard to keep track of them.

Comrades Funcheon and Green at Cornwall, Ont., must have been thinking about that \$5.00 Prize, as they have sent in a list of one yearly, two half yearlies and ten trials.

Don't waste time arguing with your friend. Let Cotton's talk to him every week in his leisure moments. There is always something that will make him think hard.

The familiar red cross from Vernon, B. C., is again in evidence. That energetic purveyor of medicine for the workers, Com. Smith, lands another patient for a year.

Com. Ross is kind of handicapped in his struggle for that \$5.00 prize by the strike at Glace Bay. Nevertheless he gets in one yearly, two for six months and ten trials. Good work under strenuous conditions.

The Halifax list is getting quite formidable. Com. H. J. Lawrence has been one of the hustlers, and has taken \$1.00 worth of books as a premium for landing sixteen yearlies. His latest order is for six yearly subs and bundle of fifty.

There is one determined Montreal comrade after that crisp \$5.00 Bill, and he is after it early and late. Com. Heilinger's latest list contains five yearlies, four half-yearlies and six trials.

New Brunswick is beginning to fall into line, especially the City of Moncton. A list of fifty trials is cheering. Half of the list is credited to Miss E. Levy and the rest to Miss S. Mushkat.

Comrades can do no better work for the cause than canvass for subs to the party papers. You cannot estimate the results. The big majority of socialists today have been won over by reading the papers.

## How to Read Solid Literature

One cannot read scientific and philosophical books like novels or newspapers. If he does, he won't get much out of them. A good plan is to pause at the end of each paragraph and mentally note its contents. Then do the same at the end of each chapter. In this way one will fix in his own mind the chief points brought out by the author. Some people read a whole lot and understand very little. The way to understand is to read critically and to review the various facts and argument advanced by your author.

W. R. S.

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## The Seventh Blind Man

We were moving at the rate of forty miles an hour through the most beautiful part of the Province of Quebec. I and the elderly gentleman on the opposite seat were the only occupants of the smoke room. Turning abruptly towards me after a spell of gazing through the window, he said, "I never cared for travelling alone, no matter how charming nature may be; I like a little human nature with it."

"I'm in agreement with you," I said, "so let us talk. I'm a socialist."

"Oh," he said, and for a few seconds he was silent. I didn't know whether he was sorry that he had spoken or was searching his brain for a reply. Presently it came.

"What kind of a socialist are you?" I looked at him; an old man; passing rich, a flow of white beard, white hair, and comfortable appearance—a man of means—so I answered, "I know of no qualification. I'm a socialist. A man must either be a socialist or an opponent of them."

"Nay," he replied. "I know of various kinds. For instance, the Christian socialists, the infidel socialists, the mild variety and the rabid kind, the evolutionary and the revolutionary, the scientific and the idealistic."

Here I interrupted, "You have me guessing. I think, that you are the seventh blind man."

"The which?"

"The seventh blind man."

"Explain."

"The story runs that seven blind men went to visit the elephant house at the Zoo and six of them ventured in and the seventh waited outside. After a while they returned and he enquired of them what kind of an animal it was."

"Why," said number one, "it's like a rope." He had come in contact with the tail.

"Thicker than a rope," said number two, "More like a snake. He had felt its trunk."

"Nay, but snakes coil, and this could not. It was more like a tree, said number three, who had approached the leg of the beast."

"It's like a fan," said the fourth, who had touched the ear.

"Or like a rough wall," answered the fifth. He had placed his hands on its huge sides.

The sixth said, "It's distinctly like a cow, for I felt of its horns."

And they all fell into a heated argument as to the kind of a beast they had visited and the seventh walked away and reasoned thus: there are many kinds. As he walked a man approached him and said, "Would you like to see the elephant? I'm its keeper."

"Indeed," said number seven, "And what kind of an elephant is yours a snake elephant, a fan elephant, a tree?"

"My man are you crazy, as well as blind? There is only kind of elephant. Come and see for yourself." And together they went.

"Well," said the fellow traveller, "I confess I'm something like that for I never tried to understand directly what this thing socialism is. I agreed with some socialists and disagreed with others and of course I thought there was a variety of kinds. What would you advise me to do?"

"Why, study for yourself. Here's a copy of Cotton's Weekly, fifty cents per year. Read that and in it is advertised a list of books; get some and read for yourself. First knowledge is safest."

"I will do so and now goodbye, for here is my station."

M. WAYMAN

## INTERNATIONAL NOTES

Progress of the Movement in the Various Parts of the World

## ITALY.

As the election in the Palermo district was annulled by the Commission, a fresh election had to take place on June 28. Our comrade Milano was elected unopposed. Thus the Socialist fraction remains at its former strength, as this election makes up for the loss of comrade Tasea, whose victory the Commission annulled in favour of his Ministerial opponent.

## NEW ZEALAND.

The distress among the unemployed workers, skilled and unskilled, is causing many of them to leave for Australia. No hope was held out by the Finance Minister to the deputations which a few days since waited on him—in fact, Government retrenchment is the order of the day, as the traders are somewhat aghast at the fact that nearly one-seventh of the population are employed by the State. Mr. Millar could only promise to introduce next year an Unemployment Insurance Bill on the lines of that proposed by Winston Churchill for the United Kingdom.

## SWITZERLAND.

Much as Switzerland is ahead of others as a democratic nation, it must not be supposed that it is perfect. Far from it.

It has plenty of capitalistic abuses.

And we now have the curious spectacle of the Catholic Conservatives and the Protestant parties making common cause with the Social-Democrats in an effort to force through a vote to give the voters proportional representation in the elections to the national council.

The Socialists have seven representatives there now, whereas their voting strength should entitle them to twenty.

The Social-Democrats alone have secured 100,000 signatures (only 60,000 are required in all) to initiate a vote on the subject of proportional representation, so that it will have to be submitted.

## GERMANY.

The increased tax on spirits, with permanent premiums for the Junkers who own distilleries, was passed last week in the Reichstag by the new Clerical Conservative Bloc, which then and there received the name of "Schnapsbloec" (spirit-bloc.) An amusing incident took place during the debate. Treasury-Secretary Sydow began his speech with the words: "The Government stands on the standpoint that..." He did not get any further, for the Socialists, amidst roars of laughter, called out: "The Government does not stand at all, it only vacillates, it has no standpoint!" Four times Sydow began again and tried to speak of the standpoint of the Government, and each time the growing protests of the Socialists prevented his finishing the sentence. The President rang his bell so violently that it slipped from his hand and flew across the Chamber. (More laughter.) The deputy Nebbel picked up the bell and returned it to the President. Sydow made another attempt: "The Government stands upon the standpoint..." Another burst of laughter from the Left. The President tried to ring his bell, but could make no sound, and it turned out that in its fall it had lost its clapper. The President made desperate attempts to make himself heard by knocking on a glass, and then with a ruler on the table. He then waved the bell, now only a symbol. All of no avail. Every time the unhappy Sydow began to speak the merriment broke out anew. At last the President managed to say: "Gentlemen, this noise is not in keeping with the dignity of the House. (Stormy applause on the Right. Cries from the Social Democrats: "Nor these premiums either." Noise on the Right. Cries of "Order, order. This is undignified." Cries on the Left: "Have you any dignity?") At last Sydow managed to continue his speech.

Owing, however, to the noise very little of it was heard. During this time unavailing efforts were made to hook the clapper into the bell again. At last another bell was procured. When the vote was taken on the single paragraphs, of which there are about 120, the agrarian majority was greeted each with the cry of "Schnapsbloec." The Schnapsbloec got its way each time. The last vote to be taken was on the Socialist motion to compensate the workers in the distilleries whose livelihood is taken away by this Bill. This was, however, refused by the Schnapsbloec.

## PARTY NOTES

Com. Roscoe Fillmore of Albion, visited Joggins, N. S., on July 1st, and organized local No. 3 of Cumberland County, S. P. of C. He held two well attended meetings. The U. M. W. A. voted their hall free for the occasion. There are some good comrades at Joggins and they will be heard from in future.

Com. Fillmore also visited Amherst where he addressed an open air meeting of about 1000 people at Victoria Square. At the close of the street meeting about 100 adjourned to the hall where a second meeting was held.

Local Albert. received three applications for membership recently. The heaven is beginning to work.

## Maritime Provinces Organization Fund

Following are further contributors to the Maritime Provinces Organization Fund, per Com. Fillmore, Albert, N. B.

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ROSCOE A. FILLMORE

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## A Squeak from Noah's Ark

The following "explanation" is clipped from the columns of a local contemporary, "The News," published at St. Johns, P. Q. It speaks for itself.

## AN EXPLANATION

In a recent issue of The News a quotation from Cotton's Weekly—an extreme Socialist and almost Anarchist organ, of Cowansville, was accidentally attributed to Collier's Weekly, of Toronto—a periodical of altogether different type, character and status. We regret the mistake extremely; but then we have the consolation of reflecting that the Collier's Weekly is too well known and too highly thought of to be affected by the accusation of printing anything that ever appeared in Cotton's unwholesome publication.

## Deny Wild Stories

The following notice appeared in Saturday's Eastern Labor News, published at Moncton, N. B.

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The United Mine Workers of America, through their officials at Glace Bay contradict most strenuously the wild stories sent abroad by some of the unreliable newspaper correspondents in reference to scenes of disorder and riot, that have not occurred.

## SEES SOCIALIST TREND

What was declared to be a trend of some of the people of America toward Socialism was depreciated at the recent international convention of the Epworth League at Seattle, Wash., by Dr. Chown of Toronto. He said:

"If adopted, Socialism would necessitate a quasi-military system in industry. Every reform must have a religious basis. An industrial system with a secular foundation must fail. The doctrine that each man must look out for himself is atheism applied to business.

"The millionaire and the tramp are alike loafers in the sight of God, whose only way of making the desert bloom is by labor. The man who corners the market, or in other ways takes advantage of the necessities of his fellows, is a thief and a robber."

Comment—Socialism will put the thieves and robbers out of business.

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