

pared the ground of peaceful pursuits. The dark ages which commenced with the fall of Rome now give way to the grey dawn, where the last of the barbarians leave their home land to fatten on the products of peace. The story of man at this point contains the union between the warrior and the man of God. Pope and King enter upon a holy alliance, which, amidst doubts, fears, blood and treason, on both sides, has none the less been maintained to date. An interesting period, upon which Mr. Van Loon in his sketchy manner sheds much light, remarking that this empire lasted almost a thousand years till the upstart Napoleon scattered it like a house of cards. True to her appointed function, the Bride of Christ sanctified the usurper and he became the Lord's anointed. But Napoleon took the crown from the hands of God's Vicar on Earth, and crowned himself.

The Vikings, or Norsemen, were the last barbarians to assail the dawning civilization, and their conquests left Europe free to develop that great gap between states and empires known as Feudalism, a system, we are told, which resulted from the anarchy of that period.

Aside from some astonishing assertions, later contradicted, the account of feudalism is instructive, p. 158 we read: "Without the knights and their good friends, the monks, civilization would have been extinguished entirely, and the human race would have been forced to begin once more where the cave man had left off." We are tempted to tell some of the story ourselves here, but it would carry us far beyond our present task, so, instead, turn to p. 166.

"... Frederick II, a brilliant young man who in his youth had been exposed to the civilization of the Mohammedans of Sicily...."

On page 173: "But when the Crusader returned home, he was likely to imitate the manners which he had learned from his heathenish foe, compared to whom the average Western knight was still a good deal of a country bumpkin.... Indeed the Crusades... became a course of general instruction in civilization for millions of Europeans."

There is a very fine picture of the Mediaeval City, its progress, and the causes which promoted and insured its position as a power in later feudalism. Here we stand upon our own ground. The effect of the Crusades upon commerce, upon habits and customs, upon the increase of money as a medium of exchange, the invention of gunpowder, of the printing press; no great men raising humanity willy nilly, the steady development of the economic and material structure of society and the consequent change in moral and political concepts of mankind.

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SECRETARIAL NOTES.

The following is a summary of resolutions discussed at the Alberta Provincial convention of S. P. of C. Locals held at 134a 9th Ave. West, Calgary, Alta., 23rd January 1922. Chairman Frank Williams, secretary Wm. R. Lewin. The convention as a whole transacted business; no individual or separate committees were appointed.

Comrade D. MacPherson and Wm. Erwin represented Local Wimborne; A. Jorgensen and H. H. Hansen, Local Equity; Wiley Orr, Seven Persons; H. A. Wiertz, Hanna and Youngstown; Frank Williams and Wm. R. Lewin, Calgary. S. R. Keeling was delegated by Edmonton.

We invite comment on these resolutions and hope in this way to bring out further suggestions or criticism.

Resolution No. 1. Resolved that the convention go on record as favoring reorganization of Alberta and Saskatchewan locals according to this outline. (1) Opening up again of as many of the old locals as possible. (2) Organization of new locals. (3) Training and appointment of competent organizers to cover the territory as required by the P. E. C. (4) Linking up members at large. (5) Bringing into closer connection than now exists the D. E. C., P. E. C's, all Locals and members at large. (6) Devising ways and means to finance the P. E. C. to carry on the work. (7) The issuance of a monthly bulletin to contain news of activities, correspondence, sug-

gestions, outlines of study, reports, educational features. (8) The appointment of a committee from the convention to find ways and means of giving effect to these clauses.—Resolution No. 1 was adopted.

Resolution No. 2. Resolved that the P. E. C. be reorganized and arrangements made for representation from all existing Locals, headquarters to be changed from Edmonton to Calgary. Adopted.

Resolution No. 3. Respecting future organization, resolved that the following plan be adopted as a working basis.

(1) That the P.E.C. consist of seven members from the local or locals where the committee is located, together, with one corresponding member from each existing local. (2) That the P. E. C. as a whole meet quarterly. (3) That the ordinary business as defined by the constitution be conducted between meetings by the seven members at headquarters. (4) P. E. C. secretary maintain correspondence with P. E. C. members. (5) Special meetings of the executive as a whole to consider special matters as they arise. (6) Matters of disputed policy to be submitted for decision to locals and members at large by means of questionnaires, ballots, etc. (7) In event of corresponding secretaries being unable to act, substitute delegates may be elected. Executive members from outside points be changed as occasion may demand; changing about may be necessary to maintain representation. Adopted.

Resolution No. 4. Resolved that in contesting elections some such plan as the following be adopted.

(1) Selection of candidates and ridings to be in the hands of the P. E. C. (2) Locals to recommend to the P. E. C. candidates to be run. (3) No candidate to be run without endorsement of the P. E. C. All candidates to be able to present the Socialist analysis of society, the aims of the Party and its relation to the working class movement. (4) The P. E. C. shall supervise the activities of the Party in all districts and encourage the holding of classes of such a nature that prospective candidates will be developed. (5) In electoral campaigns the P. E. C. shall outline the policy to be pursued by candidates; such outlines to be submitted to Locals for endorsement. Adopted.

Resolution No. 5. As far as possible all published propaganda shall be uniform in content and character. If possible a hand press to be obtained and operated by P. E. C.

Resolutions A and B. These concerned the sending of a delegate to the W. P. convention to be held Feb. 16th at Toronto. Introduced to precipitate a discussion, Resolutions A. and B. were killed.

Resolution No. 6. (In full) "Whereas the 18 (or 21) points upon which affiliation to the Third (Moscow) International is based contain a body of principles which can be adopted and put into practice by all revolutionary parties, whether affiliated or not. Therefore be it resolved that this convention discuss the degree to which the principles in question can be put into operation and applied by the S. P. of C. with a view to making a recommendation to the D. E. C. covering our conclusions on this matter." Adopted.

Resolution No. 7. Resolved that the D. E. C. be persuaded to publish the articles of "Geordie" on economics in suitable book or pamphlet form for class purposes. Adopted.

Resolution No. 8. Requests the D. E. C. to make arrangements with the S. P. of G. B. to publish under S. P. of C. imprint the pamphlet "Socialism and Religion." Adopted.

Resolution No. 9. Resolved that in "Whitehead Library" pamphlets a "Foreword" be printed indicating the importance of the pamphlet. Adopted.

Resolution No. 10. Recommends extension of section "Politics" in the S. P. of C. manifesto and that as an appendix to the manifesto (or in any way desirable and suitable) a clear definition of the farmer's position in modern society be given. Adopted.

Resolution No. 11. Recommends (1) The working out of a consistent policy for dealing with reforms; the same to cover the application of principles to existing circumstances. (2) Arising out of this, the defining the limits of compromise. (3) Elaboration of a tactics resulting from bringing into relation

our Marxian principles with Canadian capitalist environment. Adopted.

Resolution No. 12. The S. P. of C. Manifesto would be more useful if it contained explanations of the periods of history and definitions of the terms in common use by us in economics. Recommended that future editions contain charts giving these explanations; that the Party platform be included; that the "Foreword" from the fourth edition be restored. Adopted.

Resolution No. 13. Reaffirms the Party's position in support of the Russian revolution of November 1917. Adopted.

Resolution No. 14. Resolved that a monthly report be received by the P. E. C. from all secretaries dealing with the local situation, changes in membership, classes, meetings, literature sales; these reports to be circulated by the P. E. C., pending the publication of the bulletin covered by Resolution No. 1. Adopted.

Resolution No. 15. That full membership in the Party be reserved until such time as the applicant is conversant with the Platform or is able to convince the Party as to suitability for membership. Adopted.

Resolution No. 16. Resolved that the Constitution of the S. P. of C. be submitted to review; all suggestions as to amendments, excisions or extensions be embodied in a recommendation to the D. E. C. for acceptance or rejection by the Party membership. Adopted.

Resolution No. 17. Concerned finance. These suggestions were made with a view to the adoption later of some definite proposals: (1) Members at large—dues to be 50 cents a month, payable to the P. E. C. (2) Locals to determine the amount payable by their own members, governed by local conditions. (3) P. E. C. to purchase dues stamps at 10c each from D. E. C. and charge Locals 25 cents. (4) All locals to pay to P. E. C. 10c or 25c per capita per paid up member per month. (5) The opening of a P. E. C. Maintenance Fund. (6) The making customary again the practice of taking subs. to the "Clarion" from all new members. (7) Entertainment with a view to propaganda through dances, concerts, plays, etc. (8) Extension of literature sales. (9) The publication of more cheap pamphlets, such as those recently published to sell at 5 cents—Veblen and Bax. (10) Handling of more literature issued by other organisations. (11) Establishment of literature sales agencies at various points. Adopted, but referred to the incoming P. E. C. to deal with as best it can.

Resolution No. 18. Resolved that all locals endeavor at all times to conduct study and speaker's training classes. Class leaders to be supplied by the P. E. C. if necessary, co-operation in the matter of maintaining them or obtaining employment for them locally to be given by the locals, or some practicable plan to be devised suitable at the time. Adopted.

Resolution No. 19. Outlines the most pressing need of the movement at this time as the need for competent teachers, lecturers and enthusiastic organizers, and states the best way to get them is to train and produce them ourselves in schools of our own, and resolves: That the convention urges the D. E. C. to take under consideration and evolve the most practical scheme it can for bringing about the founding of a training college or correspondence school (or both), for teaching the modern sciences, economic theory and the history of economic thought, history and philosophy, etc., etc. These schools or colleges to be modelled after the best in existence. Adopted.

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