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## RECIPROCITY

Are you one of those persons whom Laurier, Fielding and the rest are fooling with this measure of reciprocity? Are you looking to this to improve your condition? If you are wake up. Come out of your trance. Get wise. Laurier has no intention of helping anyone who works. He is out to help the labor skimmers? Can't you see that Laurier cares nothing for you?

Laurier is a cute one. He knows how easy you are fooled and consequently proceeds to fool you. And he relies upon your ignorance to do the trick.

The west has clamored for free trade. The west instead of fighting for the workingclass ownership of the means of production and distribution, instead of demanding social ownership and enjoyment of the means of wealth production, has demanded that the grip of the Canadian labor thieves be loosened a little through competition with American labor skimmers. The farmers have not realized that the trusts are international. The beef trust, the tobacco trust, the shoe trust, these are international trusts. More and more the trusts are becoming continent wide. The farmers do not see that free trade is no remedy.

Were Laurier a statesman he would come out boldly, explain the evils that now afflict Canada and, for the good of the Canadian people, would work for the betterment of the lot of the toiling many.

But he does not do this. He sends his colleagues to Washington and there has drawn up a convention for the admission of raw food stuffs without duty between the two countries. This convention will have to pass the legislative bodies at Washington and at Ottawa. In all likelihood it will not pass.

But do you see how cunning Laurier is? He has worked to dish the Conservatives. His government is corrupt. He does not work to purify it. He simply brings in a fake measure that he may gain a party victory over the Tories.

If the law passes, Canada's raw food products will travel free to the states. If this helps the farmers it necessarily means that they will get bigger prices across the border. The cost of living will go up in Canada. But the farmers will find that increased incomes mean increased expenses and the banks and the harvest-trust and the shoe trust will proceed to raise the price on the farmers. For the farmer is nothing but a working plug in the grip of the special interests that tear the vitals of Canada's laboring population to produce the wealth of the Strathconas, Pellatts and other useless parasites. The increased price of farm products will not benefit the farmers. But the increased cost of living will affect the wage earners who will find that their day's pay will buy less food and thus the standard of living will go down.

If the Conservatives oppose the measure the Laurierites will say that the Tories do not want to help the farmers. If the Tories support the measure then the Liberals will claim that the Tories are politically bankrupt. Thus Laurier has worked, not to benefit Canada, but to undermine the Tories. The Conservatives need have no pity wasted on them for their political jowells are watering for the patronage corner. They are itching to swing the slave driver's whip over the backs of the wage slaves of Canada that they may enjoy the sweets of office and eat out of the hands of the labor thieves.

Workers of Canada, you have nothing to hope for from Laurier but bitter slavery. You have nothing to hope for from Borden but bitter slavery. You must depend upon yourselves for your own emancipation.

There are three curses to those who toil. These three are rent, interest and profit. The remedy lies in abolishing these three evils. Those who live by evil will not stop the evil by which they live. The capitalists will strive to maintain themselves upon the backs of the workers.

Unite, workers of Canada, whether you are wage workers or working farmers. Unite on the revolutionary political field. The capitalists now control. You can shatter that control and free yourselves by organizing the workers into a revolutionary political party which will press forward in the fight for economic justice and will make no truce with the enemies of Canada, her capitalist blood suckers, but will fight on until the battle is won, until the capital-

ist revenues have been made to cease and the workingclass of Canada come to their own.

The big capitalists are confiscating the business of the little capitalists. Socialism will relieve many weary hearted little plutes from wearing anxiety.

Are you a wage slave and are you patriotic? Do you cheer for the British flag? Then my dear friend, keep right on whooping it up for the flag that waves over millions of slaves and over thousands of men trained as soldiers to murder slaves who dare aspire to a free civilization. Your case is sad and tragic. You are a dough head slave who yells for your own slavery.

The Montreal Star has this phrase in one of its editorials: "The awful contrast between wealth and poverty in Great Britain and Ireland would go far to justify the most radical socialistic reforms for the redistribution of wealth of the nation." If it were not possible to conceive of something infinitely better," Cotton's Weekly goes to the Montreal Star. Cotton's Weekly is making the blind to see.

There is many a capitalist sick unto death of capitalism. There is many a wage earner sick unto death of wage slavery. Men's hearts are human and they do not like to do many things they are forced to do. The brotherhood of man has been the dream of the ages. At last it is possible to realize that dream by the social ownership and enjoyment of the means of production and distribution.

Socialism won't make men over. It won't change human nature. Socialism will work according to human nature. Capitalism does not work according to human nature. That is why capitalism is making such a mess of things. That is why capitalism produces thieves and unemployed and houses of refuge and broken down workplugs. Socialism, because it is the only thing that works according to human nature, is the only thing that can clean up the messes of society that capitalism has produced.

The city of Vancouver is very prosperous. So states an article in the Vancouver Daily Province of December 31st. There were seventeen million dollars worth of new buildings built. That is very prosperous according to the Province. For the labor skimmers are that much richer. The wage slaves built seventeen million dollars worth of new buildings which they do not own. Seventeen million dollars have been added to the wealth of the labor skimmers out of the unpaid labor of wage slaves. No wonder a plute paper declares that there is prosperity.

The Colchester, N. S., Sun declares that people minus a leg, a hand, or a foot are common sights now, and this is due to the multiplicity of railways, sawmills and machinery. It advocates the social care of these victims of our industrial civilization. At the opposite end of Canada the wage workers through their Trades and Labor Congress are demanding of the B. C. legislature that all workers permanently disabled in the industries of the province be granted a pension. The economic revolution is forcing Canadians both east and west to rely upon the social resources for the relief of social injustices.

Two burglars committed a murder in London and the cry was raised of anarchism and police and galling guns and troops were rushed to the slum dwelling of the two burglars. Hundreds of bullets were fired into the building and as the troops and police dared not tackle two men so the building was set on fire and the two men burnt like flies in a fly trap. I was wondering why all this commotion was raised over two burglars who were resolved to sell their lives dearly, when I heard the reason given by a capitalist. He said that the slums of London were seething with unrest and misery and if ever that squalid wretchedness was given a chance to break loose, God help the West End of London. The troops were needed to show the slum dwellers what they would get if they endeavored to right their wrongs by force. There was the reason. Parasite London showed its serial rankers of bayonet stickers to the east enders to impress them with the fact that the robbers were still powerful and that wealth and privilege were ready to murder to maintain their vested wrongs.

Premier McBride says that British Columbia is entering on an era of great industrial prosperity, and the coal barons echo, "You bet. Just watch us boost the price of coal."

## BOY SCOUTS

We are creatures who have evolved from the lower types of animals. Christ taught peace. Tennyson taught peace. Tolstoy taught peace. And yet our Canadian labor skimmers are wild for war. The political puppets are putting guns into the hands of our infants and telling them, "Go, learn to shoot your fellow man." Our governor general and the lieutenant governors of our provinces are teaching babes to lisp in terms of murder. Even our ministers of the Man of Peace are turning themselves into hounds of war.

We have evolved from the lower brutes. According to Haeckel each human being reproduces in himself the history of the race. We have come out of the brute. The baby cannot talk. This is a remnant of the history when men were dumb like the brutes. A baby has the habit of putting things into its mouth. This is remnant of the history of the race when men felt with their lips like dogs and horses. A baby creeps on all fours. This is a remnant of the four legged stage. The boy delights in savage pursuits and games of war. This is a remnant of the savage history of man. Tennyson tells man, "Move upward, working out the beast, and let the ape and tiger die."

But what do our rulers do? Do they teach peace? No. They teach war. They gather together all the evil tendencies of the boy and turn them into blood lust. They preach obedience to a tyrant. They strive to make the boy a savage so that the savage stage of man may be prolonged on the earth and the tyrants may rule by bloodshed.

Sir Baden Powell the originator of the scheme should be a hissing and a byword wherever civilized man meets. Our preachers who preach that boys should be turned into murder demons should be taken by the seat of their trousers and deposited outside the edifices wherein the doctrines of the Man of Peace are supposed to be taught.

Thank goodness the workers of Canada are sane. They oppose the Boy Scout movement. They long for peace and justice and the brotherhood of humanity based on common effort for their mutual good.

Of course the capitalists and their political and religious henchmen are for Boy Scouts. The murderers must be taught young to do their dirty work.

The Ontario government is extending the Hydro-electric scheme to the farmers. Electrical energy from Niagara will be distributed to the farmers. In Toronto the government controlled electricity is being sold at eighteen dollars per horse power per year. This energy will be at the disposal of farmers instead of the unreliable old horse. The horse costs a hundred and fifty dollars a year to keep. It gets sick. It has to rest. It becomes old and has to be replaced. Consider this expense as contrasted with electrical energy running day and night for twenty-five or thirty dollars a year. There is a great revolution taking place in Ontario. The old methods of doing things will have to go. The economic revolution produced by machines run by power will make production so easy that commodities will be so easily produced that they will no longer be able to be sold for profit.

The charity organizations of Montreal are preparing plans to centralize their work. The capitalist charity mongers are putting relief on a business basis. They want to make their alms go as far as possible in order to prevent the crushed and oppressed rising in wrath, not to beg for alms, but to demand justice.

F. D. Monk introduced a resolution into Parliament for a commission to probe the recent mergers. His resolution was snowed under. The M. P.'s not even bothering to divide over the matter. You think your M. P. wants to help you. He does if you are a capitalist skinner. Otherwise he does not.

"Socialism will not relieve poverty," says the landlord as he raises the rent on the working family and turns the widow and the orphan out on the streets because they cannot pay the rent.

"Socialism is based on selfish impulses," says the capitalist as he swipes a railroad from the people through a bribed legislature and fights the demands of the wage slaves for home and comfort for their families.

## GOOD RED BLOOD

Have you good red blood pumping through your arteries and veins? Are you made of loving, hoping, longing human flesh? Have you the desire to see your wife enjoy the comforts of home life without the worry of the landlord? Have you the desire to see your children have an equal shake for the advantages of education and health that comes from a plentiful supply of the means of life? Have you this red blood and these desires, workers of Canada? If you have, then prepare for your own emancipation.

Go forth for the fight for your own liberty. Read Karl Marx, not as a student, but as revolutionary workers who are tired of being robbed, who are tired of living on the scraps of the wealth you produce, who are tired of wage slavery and misery. It has been the good red blood of the working classes that has dyed the fields of battle with their heart's blood for liberty. And still that liberty is not achieved. Still we have the plunderers of humanity astride the backs of labor. Still we have privilege backed by force.

Let the good red blood in you, workers of Canada, leap in your bodies at the thought of the liberty and leisure that will be yours when your masters are overthrown.

Are you one with your revolting ancestors? Are you one in heart with the heroes of past achievements? Can you stand alone against those who see not your vision of liberty to be?

Then are you fit to join the army of the revolution. They are you fit to take your place with the Comrades of the Social Revolution?

Are you a paltrone? Are you one who fawns upon your masters who rob you? Has your mind been blinded to the light of freedom by the dense clouds of superstition with which the master class dim the eyes of your class? Then stand aside. You are dead timber. You are a weakness to the cause of liberty. Your Comrades will fight and strive for your liberty. They will be blacklisted, locked out, discharged, spied upon, surrounded by troops, jailed for contempt, many of them broken on the wheel of adversity. Then when the revolution has been won and your class walks free, you will crawl into your liberty, the scorn of the clear eyed men who have suffered the brunt of the fighting.

Edison is prophesying the metal book in place of the paper one. He figures that certain metals rolled very thin will be more flexible and durable than paper. Metal rolled to one-tenth of an inch thick would produce forty thousand pages for a book two inches thick. Thus with the Edison metal book we can have a library of two hundred books placed in one book of but two inches. This book, Edison says, can be sold for a dollar. Edison has made good. What he says people no longer take for idle dreaming. Can you not see the finish of the paper making trade? The craft union that contents itself with fighting for higher pay cannot fight the battles of the workers successfully. The battles will only be won by the revolutionary demand that the workers should own the means of wealth production instead of the capitalists.

Mylius, who is said to have slandered King George by publishing an account of an alleged morganatic marriage of George, has been condemned to a year's imprisonment for libel. Mylius asked to be confronted with George his accuser. The request was refused as the king is monarch and could not testify in court. Nevertheless the prosecuting attorney, the jury and the judge, all took the view that they were vindicating George, not as monarch, but as a man, a husband and a father. Is there anything more idiotic than that? The king is king, therefore he cannot be questioned by the person who accuses him of bigamy. Nevertheless the accused person is convicted of having libeled George, not as a king but as a man. The courts of Great Britain are full of tommyrot and Lord Averstone on the bench has to be one of the tommyrotters to earn his salary.

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The Socialists in power will give the capitalists what they don't want—justice.

The rulers of the world fear and tremble. For the wrath of their risen peoples is demanding justice.

In Canada injustice reigns. Our courts, our judges, our prisons are contemptible institutions for the enforcement of capitalist robbery.

The progress of Socialism means for the workers higher wages, shorter hours, better workshop conditions, care-free old age, more comfortable homes, steadier employment.

A new bank is to be formed in Canada with ten million dollars of French money. The plucking of the Canadian labor goose is fine, and the pluckers are flocking for a share.

"Socialism won't work" whines the plute. If Socialism won't work do you think the receivers of rent, interest and profit would be so frightened of it?

I asked a wealthy gentleman if the problem of poverty can be solved. He replied, "Certainly not. We will always have wretched poverty." This gentleman does not believe in Socialism. Enough said.

The Socialist movement is the great international champion of the working class. It seeks to raise the standard of living of those who toil. It seeks to reduce their hours of labor. It seeks to win substantial compensation for them when they are injured in the factories. It seeks to provide their children with more liberal education. It seeks to make life worth while for the masses.

In olden days it was the labor of human hands that produced the wealth. So the labor skimmers owned the means of production, the human hands, by owning the bodies of the slaves. This was chattel slavery. Now the machines do the work. The labor skimmers still own the means of wealth production by owning the machines.

Representative government is not truly representative. Minorities, for example, have no representation in parliament and no voice in framing the country's laws. Again, the supporters of a representative may be truly represented upon one important measure but misrepresented upon another. Under representative government party machines and individual men prosper, but the people have no voice in accepting or rejecting legislation.

Socialists in all countries stand for direct legislation through the Initiative, Referendum and Right of Recall. These are democratic measures of the first importance. They enable citizens to enact any law by majority vote. Thus, if the citizens of Toronto desire to municipalize the street railway, they could do so over the heads of the mayor, controllers and aldermen by the mandatory referendum.

Montreal workmen have met and denounced the reciprocity treaty. They declared that Canada's natural resources should be saved for the Canadian capitalist and the Canadian worker. What an immense sigh of relief the Montreal capitalist will give over that statement. The workers have the votes. They will continue to support the capitalists and the capitalists will continue to chew up Canada's raw materials and workmen in their profit mills.

Is it not queer? Under capitalism mills shut down because the markets are glutted with the things men need to live by. Men go workless and hungry because there has been too much food produced. Men go ill clad because too much clothing has been produced. This is what capitalism does for humanity. And yet we must not change the system for that of the Socialist one, because, you know, this is the best system and Socialism won't work. Do you believe Socialism won't work? Wake up. Get wise.

John Needham Longdon, a Fellow of the British Society of Engineers, and an inventor of note, died of starvation in New York city six months ago. He was endeavoring to discover the secret of generating cheap electricity and had spent a hundred thousand dollars in experiments. What would we do with inventors under Socialism? One thing we would not do. We would not let them starve to death under capitalism.

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## HARD CASH

We Socialists are material creatures. We recognize the question of hard cash.

Our eyes are not blinded by sentiment. We see the revenues of the master class. We see whence they arise, and we cease not our cries for economic justice.

So we get the name of being materialists. The men who live by plunder cry out against us. We are destroyers of God. We are confiscators. They spread abroad tears of sorrow. They turn loose the sentimentalists to work up feelings over poverty and they tell you that these conditions are ordained by some divine plan for your betterment.

We Socialists look the plunderers square in the face and give them this lie.

We point to them as being the cause of poverty, wretchedness, high cost of living, prostitution, disease, overwork, underfeeding. We point the finger at them and tell them that they are the cause of the wretchedness that their institutions of misery are built to relieve.

We are materialists. Yes. We realize that justice cannot be based on injustice.

The worker produces four times what he gets. Instead of getting a dollar and a half a day or two dollars he should be getting six and eight dollars.

Where does the difference go? It goes to the masters to support them in their luxurious houses and to pay the terrible cost of their waste and extravagance. How, think you can Henry Pellatt parade round the globe with a bunch of bayonet stickers were he not a master robber of labor? How think you could Lord Strathcona and Lord Mount Stephen come to Canada with hardly a shirt to their back and are now able to buy millions of shirts unless they robbed the workers?

The capitalists want to talk sentiment but the Socialists want to talk hard cash. Every cent that goes to a parasite means a cent taken away from the workers. Every dime that goes to the labor skimmers means a dime less to the man who toils. Every dollar that is paid in rent, interest and profit and waste means that workers are skimped in their living.

We are materialists because we realize that morality rests on materialism. The wife of the toiler lives in fear of eviction because the parasite landlord wants his rent. Little Johnny cannot have a pair of skates because McKenzie and Mann must have millions of dollars. The daughter of the toiler must go to work in the slave mills because the earnings of the father are taken to pay the official murderers of Canada to butcher the workers should they not submit to robbery.

How long, O men of Canada, will you submit to the immorality and injustice of the capitalist robbery that is practised upon you?

Socialism will give justice. It will abolish rent, interest and profit. With these three things abolished men and women will no longer be crowded together in dark quarters. There will be broad spaces in our cities to breathe in. Socialism will give light and air and homes. Capitalist reform builds narrow celled institutions like the Mills hotel in New York for gentlemen and narrow celled boarding houses for women workers. Socialism will give homes. Capitalism gives crowded buildings where many persons are crowded together in order that rent may be low. Abolish rent and the necessity for the crowded quarters will disappear.

The Y. W. C. A. building in Montreal has rooms so small that special furniture had to be designed to fit in. That is the kind of reform the plutes like. Build warrens for working girls and pack them together like sardines in a box. Right opposite the Y. W. C. A. is the Windsor Hotel with large and spacious rooms for the plutes. You see how it works? Big spaces for the plutes. Narrow spaces for toiling women.

D. Lorne McGibbon who formed the Canadian rubber trust, is now out to form a shoe trust. The grip of the capitalists is tightening over Canadian industries. The grip will not be loosened by the spasmodic squeals of the "consumer." It will be loosened and the capitalist system overthrown by the united working class marching into the co-operative commonwealth.