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says in part: "I would like very much to hear some of the top notchers of the S. P. of C. analyse and explain the mud slinging contest between the "Worker" and the "O. B. U. Bulletin." We suggest that he look up the Clarion of February 1st, 1922, and read the article under the title "Acrobatic Leadership." We have forwarded a copy of that issue. Thanks for the sub. and donation.

Com De Mott writes from Michichi, Alta., enclosing five dollars to the Maintenance Fund, and a sub. as well. His comments on the column "By the Way" are well taken. From Huxley, Haynes, Carbon, Ogden, Green Court, Whitla and Wimborne come greetings, subs., orders for literature and donations to the C. M. F. Bravo! Alberta!

Com. Geo. Donaldson, of Stanmore Local 110, writes to the effect that interest in our work is growing. He encloses thirteen subs. and an order for copies of "Slave of the Farm." He has been invited to attend a meeting north of the locality in which he lives, and requests that a few "Clarions" be sent for the occasion. Gloom has no place where Donaldson is. Strength and inspiration comes from the like of him.

Comrade Exelby writes from Calgary expressing much appreciation of Clarion writers. He encloses two subs. and promises vigorous assistance in the future. Cusack writes a business letter from Calgary dealing with matter concerning the local. Things are not very bright at present, but no matter. "Lash and stow!" Frank; that's all you can do till the weather clears.

From numerous points in British Columbia letters have arrived showing interest in our efforts, and expressing pleasure with the material in the "Clarion." Subs. also come from points in Oregon, California and Eastern States.

From far away New Zealand a letter has arrived which is as follows:

"IN NEW EALAND"

"My comment on J. A. McDonald's article under the above was more lengthy than I had intended, so I will be brief here. I do not want any argument as Mac suggests, and I have not the least animosity concerning him. Personally, I was pleased with his lectures such as I heard.

In his antipathy for the Labour Party I heartily concur. Still I believe he was prejudiced against the officials of the C. P. and that it was encouraged by the persons he mentions, and others. One of the persons he mentions who advised him against the linking up of the West Coast elements promised to do all he could to further the interests of the C. P. I have evidence of that from more than one source.

That Anderson and Hunt are in the front row of students here goes without saying. But to suggest that the officials of the Communist Party are boneheads or hero worshipers is simply childish.

Most of them have worked together before, why not now? This is my last word on the matter.

Yours, etc.,

ALBERT E. HUNT.

Huntley, N. Z., Feb. 18, 1923.

We have nothing to say regarding this letter, except that equal space will be given Com. J. A. McDonald should he think it advisable to engage in further comment. And that winds up the "Mail Bag" column up to 7th April.

**THE COMMUNE CELEBRATION.**

ONE of the happiest features of the gathering held by Local No. 1 in commemoration of the Paris Commune, was the attendance of many old-timers who by circumstances are prevented from engaging in Party activities at present. The old guard, from whom the movement has drawn so heavily during the last decade are not lacking in interest and encouragement, neither have they forgotten how to enjoy themselves. From early evening until nearly dawn about one hundred and fifty people put aside their cares and doubting, and revelled in joyous companionship, in music, warmth, and laughter, rich and loud. It was a brilliant re-union of good friends, and a happy augury of future successes.

SID EARP.

**REVOLUTIONS, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL.**  
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essions forced by violence from all the legal powers are not a means of safety, one defeat would quickly bring a second. In the revolution there was not much between the 20th June and the 10th August. And today things advance more quickly than in those times. **Events like travellers go by the stream.**" (emphasis ours). The dates refer to 1789: The Tennis Court Parliament, and the Flight of the King.

Louis Phillippe at last decided to abdicate; he was persuaded not to. Finally he decided on a change of ministers. The streets were crowded with determined and excited people, when another accident, again entirely out of man's calculations, occurred. An explosion, the cause of which was never determined was heard. The loyal soldiers, surrounded by a hostile crowd, lost their heads and presuming an attack was being made on them fired into the crowd.

The revolution was on.

The people loaded the dead into a cart, and hauled it through the streets. By day break, Guizot tells us, Paris was covered with barricades.

So far the crowds called only for Guizot's and Thiers' heads, and for reform. The King appeared before them and told them their demands would be granted, but while this was the cry, they were quite evidently determined upon something more, and continued at the barricades or demonstrating before the Tuilleries. Louis Phillippe wished to abdicate but Marshall Bugeaud would not permit it, saying it would demoralise the loyal troops. However, the National Guard went over in a body to the Revolution and the Monarchy was at an end.

But these March days of 1848 were to mean yet more to Europe, so, while Paris is clearing up the barricades, and the spring cleaning is being conducted in the Tuilleries, let us turn our gaze to eastern Europe once more.

**PLATFORM**

**Socialist Party of Canada**

We, the Socialist Party of Canada affirm our allegiance to, and support of the principles and programme of the revolutionary working class.

Labor, applied to natural resources, produces all wealth. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of production, consequently, all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is, therefore, master; the worker a slave.

So long as the capitalist class remains in possession of the reins of government all the powers of the State will be used to protect and defend its property rights in the means of wealth production and its control of the product of labor.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-swelling stream of profits, and to the worker, an ever increasing measure of misery and degradation.

The interest of the working class lies in setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system, under which this exploitation, at the point of production, is cloaked. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into socially controlled economic forces.

The irrepressible conflict of interest between the capitalist and the worker necessarily expresses itself as a struggle for political supremacy. This is the Class Struggle.

Therefore we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada, with the object of conquering the political powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic programme of the working class, as follows:

- 1—The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) into collective means of production.
- 2—The organization and management of industry by the working class.
- 3—The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit.

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