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All Wealth  
Unto Labor It  
Should Belong

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## Unionist Government Hands

### Railroad Magnates' Thirty Million Christmas Present.

This was announced the same morning that the news arrived that the U. S. Government had taken over all the railroads of that country to be operated in the interests of the people for the duration of the war.

This generous action on the part of the Union Government towards the railroad monopolies of Canada, goes very far towards explaining where all the money came from that was so lavishly spent during the late political campaign. It is estimated that this little transaction will put between thirty and forty million dollars into the stockings of the Canadian railroad companies during the coming year. In plain words, this means that these greedy corporations are given the privilege to add about four dollars a year to the living expenses of every man, woman and child of the Dominion of Canada. The railroads put the increase on the freight charges. The manufacturers add this to the price of their goods to the wholesalers, the wholesalers will pass the buck to the retailers, who will in turn pass it on to you and your children.

What's the use of grumbling? If you voted for the Union Government at the late election that is exactly what you voted for. You voted the public powers into the hands of a little group of bankers, railroad magnates and manufacturers, that the newspapers persuaded you to believe had only one interest in securing this power, namely, "to give assistance to the boys at the front."

This forty million steal is only the beginning. Just keep your eyes peeled for further raids by the "Union Government." They are united all right. Don't make any mistake about that. If it were not for fear of the censor and the example of Comrade Bainbridge now languishing for nine months at the Industrial Farm, we would like to get out a pamphlet informing you of "the price you are paying and will continue to pay for

#### REVOLUTION.

No revolution ever arises above the intellectual level of those who make it, and little is gained when one false notion supplants another. But we must some day, at once and for ever, cross the line between nonsense and common sense, and on that day we shall pass from class paternalism, originally derived from fetish fiction in days of universal ignorance, to human brotherhood, in accordance with the nature of things and our growing knowledge of it; from political government to industrial administration; from competition in individualism to individuality in co-operation; from war and despotism in any form to peace and liberty.—Carlyle.

'Union Government.' However, you will probably be able to figure it out for yourselves and the writer will play safety first, as he has no desire to be a martyr.

The following yowl from the Winnipeg Board of Trade the next day after the announcement of the freight increase, puts the situation in a nutshell. In a protest to the Dominion Cabinet the secretary of that organization says: "If the decision is allowed to stand, the public will be compelled to pay from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 per annum more to the railroads. The Winnipeg Board," he says, "is protesting against the action direct to Premier Borden and Mr. Rowell." No doubt the Board's protest will receive the Government's "serious consideration," but you mutts that work on the farms and in the forests, factories and on the railroads will have to dig a little harder and skimp a little closer to pay your share of the railroad's Christmas box.

#### CANADIAN SOCIALISTS' NEWS ITEMS.

The Socialist vote in the recent election nowhere developed strength enough to succeed in landing one of our representatives in the Dominion Parliament. The reports, however, that have arrived at the Forward Office make a very good showing in the districts we contested.

##### Toronto.

Comrade John W. Bruce, who contested the seat in West Toronto, where there was a three-cornered fight between Liebral, Conservative (so-called Unionists) and Socialist, polled 2,204 votes. The comrades in West Toronto put up a splendid campaign in hall meetings, literature distribution and house to house canvass. The vote, as encouraging as it was, did not come up to expectations engendered by the enthusiasm of the campaign. However, now that the smoke of battle has cleared away, and considering the fact that there were two other candidates to corral all the satisfied and dissatisfied voters, the Socialists consider they made a good showing, and are now busy organizing their forces to capture a Toronto seat in the Provincial Legislature at the coming election.

##### Guelph.

Comrade Lorne Cunningham, who contested the South Wellington seat, received 2,205 votes in a straight fight between himself and the hodge-podge candidate labelled Unionist. The Guelph comrades put up a splendid fight and have written to headquarters for a large supply of party application blanks, with the information for the comrades throughout the country that they have already started a vigorous

campaign for new members. The Guelph comrades are a live bunch and will no doubt take advantage of every breeze that is pushing the ship towards the port of the co-operative commonwealth.

##### Kitchener.

Comrade Mervin Smith carried the standard for the Socialists in the riding of North Waterloo in a three-cornered fight between a hodge-podge Liberal and straight out-and-out Socialist. The Liberal succeeded in winning the seat, but the Socialist put up a good educational campaign and succeeded, in spite of all obstacles, in polling over 200 votes throughout the riding.

##### Winnipeg.

A letter from comrade Rigg, who contested one of the Winnipeg seats, has arrived just as the Forward goes to press, from which we copy the following extract. He does not provide us with the figures of the Socialist vote:

I suppose you will have noticed that the forces of reaction were just as competent here as anywhere else in the election on Monday. When you write please let me know how comrade Bainbridge is getting along.

These are certainly dark days for the lovers of democracy and freedom. What the ultimate outcome of the whole situation is going to be is hard to determine. It looks as though you can fool the people all the time. I suppose, however, that it is always darkest before the dawn and we may yet live to see the light of day break on this civilization of ours.

Fraternally yours,

R. A. RIGG.

##### Saskatchewan.

Comrade Geo. Stirling will begin his Sask tour the first of the New Year. All comrades desiring meetings write Fred G. Wetzel, Prov. Sec'y., for meeting dates at once.

##### Hamilton.

Comrade Alexander of the Hamilton Local reports that the Socialists of that city are continuing their educational meetings and regular Sunday afternoon lecture at the Bricklayers' Hall, since being refused further use of the I.O.O.F. Temple, where the meetings were becoming a huge success. For some unknown reason the I.O.O.F. authorities refused the Socialists the further use of that building. He said that the committee were inclined at first to blame the Hamilton police, but that the Chief and Deputy Chief solemnly denied all responsibility for the police demonstration made at the hall the Sunday before election. The last meeting held in the I.O.O.F. Hall was filled to capacity to hear Comrade A. W. Mance's illustrated lecture entitled "The Economic, Geographical and Political Background of the War." The Hamilton lectures will be continued from week to week in the Bricklayers' Hall until further notice. The Hamilton comrades have just forwarded \$40.00 to be applied on the Bainbridge Defence Fund.

Women's Social-Democratic League.  
The Bazaar and Social of the Women's Social-Democratic League recently held at the Finnish Hall, proved

a great success, considering the circumstances of the time in which it was held. The booths were beautifully decorated and the many articles offered for sale were so artistically arranged that one would have imagined that the women had secured the co-operation of one of Catteli's expert window dressers to assist in their hanging. The booths, one and all, proved highly successful from a financial standpoint. When the moment arrived for the Grand Finale, comrade Brown acted as auctioneer and passed out a few final bargains as the clock hands were pointing to 12. His only rivals in business to the last minute were Mr. Loeb and Mrs. Mance, who were still spinning their prize wheel and handing out articles to the holders of the "lucky number."

##### Bruce Campaign Committee Celebrates

Nearly one hundred members of the Social Democratic Party of Canada, who were active in the Bruce campaign in West Toronto, celebrated that event by a Dinner and social evening given in the rooms of the Peacock Inn, Wednesday evening, December the 26th. Short addresses were delivered by H. Perkins, who acted as chairman, and H. Pettitt, A. W. Mance, A. W. Roebuck and comrade Cohen. The speakers dwelt upon the experience gained in the recent campaign and the outlook for the future of Socialism, both from a local and world standpoint. Special reference was made to the rapid growth of the principles of Socialism in Russia, France, Italy and England. A vacant chair was placed at the table in loving remembrance of Isaac Bainbridge, Dominion Secretary of the Party and Editor of the Canadian Forward, who is at present undergoing nine months imprisonment for attempting to tell the people of Canada the "Price They Pay" for the glories of war. After the dinner and speech making the guests retired to the music room, where music, dancing and general social conversation was the order until 12 o'clock arrived. One and all who had the pleasure of being present at this unique celebration voted unanimously that it was a huge success. The evening closed by singing the Red Flag and Auld Lang Syne.

##### THE BAINBRIDGE CASE.

Just as the last copy of this issue of the Forward goes to press, the attorney who is in charge of comrade Bainbridge's case phones the news that the Second Division of the Appellate Court has "granted an appeal in the Bainbridge Case" by a vote of four to one in favor of granting the right of appeal. Application to the Dominion Attorney-General to grant bail providing the hearing will be made at once. This means that the Appeal Court is of the opinion that there is grounds to justify a review of the case.

Comrade Bainbridge's interests are being looked after by Mr. Hardin, who is recognized as one of Ontario's ablest lawyers. The Forward joins with all its readers in sincerely hoping that Comrade Bainbridge will soon be back at his work looking after the interests of the Party in Canada.