

## THE FIRING LINE

## THE TOP NOTCHERS

Mrs. G. Manoin, Glace Bay, N. C. 15  
J. J. Roche, Coleman, Alta. 12  
J. Parkin, Sandwick, B. C. 10  
E. Hadden, Grand Forks, B. C. 10  
D. Lawrence, Grand Forks, B. C. 10  
D. Conger, Bullock's Mills, Alta. 9  
V. Coulter, Central Park, B. C. 9  
A. Isaacson, Everts, Alta. 6  
Collins, Amherst, N. S. 6

Two yearlies go to Barrier Lake, Man.  
A halfer from Com. Wm. McGlinchey, Ottawa, Ont.

Six half yearlies from Com. G. arber, Ottawa, Ont.  
Three yearlies from Com. W. F. ock, Vernon, B. C.  
Com. Johnson, Lethbridge, Alta., captures twelve yearlies.

Two yearlies from Comrade Frank W. Round Hill, Alta.  
Six yearlies from Com. Wm. Gouthro, Hillcrest Mines, Alta.

Canvass working class districts for subscriptions in the evening.  
Three yearlies from Com. H. E. atch, Kelowna, B. C.

A yearly and five trials from Com. o. Runions, Sedley, Sask.  
Attend the meetings of your local and canvass the boys for subs.

Com. Wm. Maxwell, Cumberland, B. C., is to hand with a yearly.  
Com. Miss Forsythe, Edmonton, is responsible for three yearlies.

Com. Will Nafe, Preston, Ont., is responsible for two more yearlies.

Comrade John Wright, Brussels, Ont., wants six yearlies enlightened.  
Com. Chas. Bergquist, Daysland, Alta., adds four halfers to the list.

From Amherst "Labor Omnia Vincit" sends in five yearlies and a halfer.

Com. J. D. Peddlen, Fort William, Ont., sends in two plunks for sub cards.

Four yearlies to Depot Harbor, Ont., per the command of Com. R. A. Phair.

Com. H. H. Bilton, Hargrave, Man., shoots in two halfers and two trials.

"Five copies per week go to Com. John E. Paterson, Unity, Sask., for six months.

Comrade Alfred Isaacson, Everts, Alta., lands on the capitalist system with six halfers.

Com. Mrs. M. A. Cochrane, Stettin, Alta., makes the list creep up by two half yearlies.

Com. D. Marshall, Parry Sound, Ont., adds two halfers and two yearlies to the Ontario list.

Four yearlies become readers through the efforts of Com. Albert Townsend, Manville, Alta.

Com. Millan Grant, Stellarton, N. S., forwards a dollar for bundles to help spread Socialism.

Com. H. T. Bastable, Brandon, forwards a yearly who wants to learn his brain of capitalist ideas.

Com. L. P. Green, Valparaiso, Sask., to hand with a yearly sub and a protest against the P. M. G.

Com. E. Simpson, Edmonton, forwards four yearlies. "The result of a letter from the 'One Hoss'."

Comrade W. Coulter, Central Park, B. C., lands six yearlies and a halfer to back Cotton's in the postal fight.

Comrade John A. Beckman, Meeting Creek, Alta., forwards two yearlies in response to Com. Wayland's letter.

Two halfers desire Cotton's in Guelph, Ont. They were secured by Com. J. Sauer, a faithful Socialist worker.

Comrade John W. Lomas, wants three yearlies and a halfer rushed through as soon as possible to Halifax, N. S.

A yearly from Com. D. Dalrymple, Sydney Mines, who is fishing for more subs among the wakening miners.

"Please find enclosed fifty cents for one yearly sub to the finest paper going."—Com. E. Casey, North Battleford, Sask.

Com. J. Waucht, Nanaimo, takes two halfers into the wigwam for repairs to their brains after pondering on capitalist dope.

Comrade W. E. Hadden, Grand Forks, B. C., forwards ten trials and Comrade J. T. Lawrence of the same place, adds another ten.

Com. R. M. Beal, Lindsay, Ont., takes a rise out of the capitalist system by getting another mind to open to Cotton's for a year.

"Enclosed please find nine yearlies, the best I could do at this time. Yours for the finish."—Com. J. D. Conger, Bullock's Mills, Alta.

Comrade John I. Staples, forwards the plunks necessary to send twenty-five Cotton's to the Winnipeg executive for three months.

Com. Robert Watson, Nanaimo, B. C., wants some sub cards with which to capture workers to the idea of working in the interest of workers.

Comrades in Brantford, Ont., raise their bundles to thirty a week. Instead of taking a hundred copies occasionally, they raise their regular bundle.

Do you belong to a union? Then attend its meetings regularly, participate in the business and canvass the boys for subs.

"I am instructed by Edmonton Local No. 1, to subscribe for another bundle of twenty-five for six months."—Com. F. Blake, Sed. Treas. Edmonton Local No. 1.

"I think every man who has to work for his living has surely had enough of the grafters," writes Com. Jas. Nesbitt, Waukegan, Sask., as he orders a lot of books.

Get busy at noon hour among the men who bring their lunch to work. A goodly number of subscriptions can be collared in this way.

It is a simple matter to ask your neighbor to subscribe to this paper. Suppose you do so at the first opportunity.

"I am the poorest fellow to rustle subscriptions you ever saw. But Wayland's letter caused me to get these three yearlies."—Com. D. F. Boissevain, Strathmore, Alta.

Com. Neil MacKenzie, Gow Ganda, Ont., is responsible for two yearlies. Every subscriber is needed if we are to capture the Ottawa government with the votes of the workmen.

Cotton's goes to the new gold fields of Porcupine, Ont. Comrade Murawchick brings in a half yearly from that region. Also a halfer from Cobalt.

"You should admire Lemieux as he is doing good work for the cause," writes Com. Wm. J. Roche, Coleman, Alta., temporarily filling the wigwag with twelve yearlies.

"Enclosed two plunks for two yearlies and a bundle of ten for three months. Yours out on the hills, but not snow bound."—Com. Jas. T. Johnson, Gow Ganda, Ont.

Bundles of Cotton's Weekly can be distributed advantageously to factory "hands" at noon hour. The men have little else to do than read.

Of course you noted the Persecution Club Rates. The purchasing value of your dollar has advanced 25 per cent. Five half-yearly subs for a dollar bill, and five yearly subs for \$2.00.

Two halfers and a yearly from Comrade H. G. Ross, Glace Bay, N. S., and an order for ten half-yearly sub cards from Comrades Alex. and Wm. McKinnon show that Glace Bay is waking up.

Send in a \$1.00 Bill and get Five half-yearly sub cards. They're mighty handy to have with you, as you can flash 'em on a prospect quick. Fill 'em right out and mail.

Com. W. Davenport, Brantford, takes a bundle for six months and declares that the post office magnates have not made things any easier for their masters, the capitalists, by their latest move.

"Enclosed please find five subs for six months. I trust that six months will give them a peep at daylight through the wool that for ages has been blinding the oppressed workers."—Com. I. W. Ashton, Toronto.

Com. W. H. Wilkinson, and Com. Henry Watson each take five half-yearly post cards. Like many other Socialists they are troubled with the complaint of capitalist exploitation. But they still keep spreading the light.

"I have just written to Lemieux asking him for the reason for charging Cotton's Weekly such unjust postage, and as I herewith enclose two dollars for sub cards with more to follow later. Com. Isaac Parkin, Sandwick, B. C.

"Here's one way of helping send in protests. I am sending you two yearlies and three six months and a dollar from myself for the Agitation Battery, and a dollar from Com. D. Ashkin."—Com. N. Deskin, St. John, N. B.

"Enclosed please find price of two half yearlies—side swipes at the Postmaster General—who may yet prove to be one of the best friends Cotton's Weekly ever had. The Socialist movement and press thrive on plutocratic opposition."—Com. F. J. Peel, Toronto.

"It is the intention of the members of our local to send in individual protests to the Postmaster General against his marked discrimination in postage rates against Cotton's Weekly."—Com. H. N. Coursier, of Revelstoke, B. C., as he adds two yearlies to the lists.

"I find it is good policy to give a number of Cotton's Weekly to newsboys to sell," writes Com. C. P. Cullford, Beahville, Ont. "If anyone asks the newsboy what the paper is about, he says, Read it and find out. Another plan is to give them to some one to read in the means into many homes and be read out of curiosity."

"I have received a letter from Com. J. A. Wayland, of the Appeal, soliciting a personal effort on my part to assist the cause. This letter from Comrade Wayland rings with the true spirit of comradeship and it is very gratifying to me to be enabled to do my part towards forwarding the movement for the emancipation of the wage slave in the manner solicited. I enclose three dollars for six month subscription cards."—Com. Mrs. Geo. Manoin, Glace Bay, N. S.

Is it a shorter working day you want? Then the way to get it is to fight for it. The Manufacturers' Association want to increase the number of hours rather than reduce them. And the federal, provincial and municipal governments are controlled by capitalists. As long as governmental power is in the hands of the employers, it will be used to advance their interests. When it is controlled by workmen, it will be used to forward your interests.

YOU HAVE GOT TO STUDY in order to present effective argument. Knowledge is power. As a means of equipping yourself as a scientific Socialist, there is nothing to beat the WORKERS COLLECTION. Seven nicely bound books, pocket size for the small sum of 50 cents from Cotton's Book Department.

The Socialist movement vitally concerns the medical profession because it would make medical and dental treatment just as free as education. It would make the sick as welcome to our hospitals as the children are in our schools.

## SPECIAL MAY DAY EDITION

## WILL YOU MAKE IT 25,000 COPIES?

Just before this issue goes to press, it has been decided to put out a Special May Day Issue, in response to urgent demands.

Cotton's has been at a halt as regards Special Editions, owing to the Unjust Rulings let loose by Lemieux with the object of killing off these extra love taps at the capitalist system.

But May Day stands out so pre-eminently as the one world-wide Festival Day of Labor, that all restrictions must be brushed aside, and extra effort made to put forth the ideals of Labor as widely as possible.

Let the powers that are trying to muzzle Cotton's see that you are back of a determined press. Let them feel the weight of your disapproval by making this edition the largest ever put forth by a Canadian Socialist paper. Scatter it far and wide.

Can you make this edition 25,000 copies? Startle the plutes. The toll to be paid Lemieux's orders is a hindrance, but overcome it. The price per hundred copies has been forced up to 68 cents, but if you can make arrangements with a friendly newsdealer, you can have them at the old favorite price of 50 cents per hundred.

To think is to act with Socialists. Bead the lion in his den. On your mettle comrades, and we'll make a heavy protest against the opening wedge of oppression. Needless to say this motto firmly in your mind for May Day: "Yesterday is dead; forget it; To-morrow does not exist; don't worry. Today is here—Use it."

We are planning to get the edition in the mails on Monday, April 25th. Will you make it 25,000. Newsdealer's bundles 50 cents per 100. Non-newsdealer's bundles 68 cents per 100.

## Demand Greater Than The Supply

The demand of the Agitation Battery is greater by long odds than the amount in the ammunition chest will supply. The supply of backing for the battery is steadily and surely growing, as can be seen from the lists of contributors from week to week. But every week also brings up some new demand for copies of Cotton's.

The Press Fund is being used as fast as it comes in to do the needful education as outlined in earlier issues. It's having results too. Now there will be an election in Manitoba before long, and comrades out there want help. We have on hand a large and correct list of farmers in that province. They should go on for three months. The Agitation Battery has got to do it some how. Will you help?

Then the province of New Brunswick needs looking after. We have a fine list of wage workers who need attention. The Battery is keenly determined to take hold of this stunt. You simply can't refuse to help keep a stiff upper lip on the Battery Boys.

Cotton's acknowledges every contribution sent in. A dollar bill just at this time will have more than the usual effectiveness. And it is very easy to remit. Use the brown paper wrapper if you have it, or make one. See if this list of Cotton's readers who have backed the Battery will stir you up to action. Every cent is welcome.

J. Somers, Vancouver, B. C. \$1.75  
W. McLeod, Glace Bay, N. S. 1.00  
J. Kneeshaw, Calgary, Alta. 1.00  
J. S. Johnson, Lethbridge, Alta. 1.00  
S. & K. C. Hassard, Biggar 2.00  
N. Deskin, Marsh Bridge, N. B. 1.00  
D. Ashkin, Marsh Bridge, N. B. 1.00  
E. Chastain, Stony Plain, Alta. 1.00  
N. S. Nelson, Sloan, B. C. 1.00  
Sara E. Post, Bay City, Mich. .50

Collected since last report \$11.25  
Amount on hand last week 20.95

Total amount on hand \$32.20  
Amount raised to date \$132.20  
Amount still needed \$242.80.

## WHY STUDY SOCIALISM?

The success or failure of the Socialist movement will effect every home in the community in a direct, definite, material way.

How? Simply by its effect on wages and salaries and profits, on the scale of professional fees, on the cost of living, on the rates of insurance, on taxation, on the values of stocks and of real estate, on the hours of labor and on the conditions of life under which you and I and everybody else will be obliged to live.

Every school, every church, every office, every business enterprise, every industrial establishment will in some way or other be profoundly influenced by Social-democratic activities.

There is not a man, woman or child in the entire country that the Socialist movement will not either benefit or injure. Hence the importance of understanding it. If you don't look out after your own interests, nobody else will.

W. R. S.

## SPECIAL ACITATION BATTERY FUND

Cotton's Weekly, Cowansville, P.Q.

Enclosed find \$..... for which put me down as a Backer of the Agitation Battery in the Fight Against Unjust Postal Rates.

Name.....  
P. O. Box or Street.....  
City..... Province.....

Important Notice.  
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The capitalist declares that stealing is wrong, yet robs the workers of the results of their labor.

When workers think they revolt. When they revolt they are cracked over the heads with policemen's clubs. The capitalists are wise men when they prepare machinery to split open the heads of the workers who dare to think.

The plute government at Ottawa is giving away the resources of the country with lavish hand. The more they give away the quicker will capitalist conditions ripen, and the evolution of social production necessitate the introduction of Socialism.

The law of supply and demand, which bourgeois economists so rigidly maintain as a fundamental principle of the labor market is constantly being upset by the interference of the legislative bodies, and will finally become inoperative through the capture of the legislative bodies by the Socialist Parties of the world.

Five half-yearlies will be sent to FIVE SEPARATE ADDRESSES by Cotton's Weekly for one dollar. Five yearlies will be sent to FIVE SEPARATE ADDRESSES for one year for two dollars. Two yearlies and a half yearly will be sent to THREE SEPARATE ADDRESSES for a dollar. Some of the Comrades are under the impression that this club price applies to bundles going to one address. This club offer applies to papers going to separate addresses.

Socialism will replace government of persons by the administration of things. When we had toll gates, many people who had to travel and did not have the price tried to sneak through without paying toll. That was criminal and was punished by law. When the roads were made free then the crime of travelling on the roads without payment was abolished and men became law abiding in this respect, not because men's spirits had changed, but because the laws were changed. In the same way when the things men need to live by are placed within the reach of the labor of all, and the profits arising from wage slavery abolished, then crimes will cease, as men will not be forced into lives of crime to get the necessities of life, and the incentive to crime, the getting of unearned wealth without work, will have been abolished.

## Farmers and Automobiles

The Young Man did not find Brother Ben at the store and so sought him at his home coming upon him in the field digging potatoes. He felt sure of making a sale and began.

"Brother Ben, I am glad to see the farmer so prosperous. Farming is at the foundation of all other industries, and if the farmer does not prosper none prosper."

"Yes," replied Brother Ben, "we do get plenty of work, and that is what the rich idlers tell us we need. But this thing of being the foundation and having the rest of Society on top of you is sort of tiresome, Young Man."

The Young Man coughed. "It has been bad enough now. I am told that the farmers are buying automobiles."

"Did you ever see a farmer who had an automobile? I never did. There are such people, but they farm by proxy, just as the city fellows who own automobiles work by proxy. They are both capitalists and none of them are really farmers. The real farmers buy the automobiles all right, but not for themselves. They sell their wheat and corn at whatever they can get, and the speculators who farm the farmers buy the automobiles off of their profits."

"There is too much truth in that replied the Young Man, coloring and trying to get out of it. "But the farmer is a capitalist. He has an investment in his farm."

"He is play capitalist, you mean. He has an investment in something which he ought to be able to use with out investing a penny, but he lacks one essential of being a capitalist."

"What is that?"

"He doesn't make a profit. He merely works and gets whatever the market and the railroads will permit him to as payment for his work; but he never makes a profit until he ceases to be a real farmer and becomes a capitalist, farming by proxy."

The Young Man did not reply to this but began: "Brother Ben, I have here a work."

But Brother Ben interrupted him. "So have I," he said, as he resumed the digging of his potatoes.—APPEAL.

YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT.  
You can't afford to remain ignorant of Socialism. Send 50 cents to Cotton's Book Department for the Banner Collection. These seven books will start you right.

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## Getting Round a Tyrannical Ruling

The tyrannical ruling of the Postal Magnate at Ottawa against Special Bundles of Cotton's is proving a boomerang. Bundle Boosters all over the Dominion, who formerly would be content to distribute an occasional special bundle, are becoming regular every week Boosters. Glory be, May they increase a hundred fold.

These bundles will start a strong healthy current of thinking in the various districts where the Boosters operate. Nothing like keeping the "Live Wire" flashing the Light all the time. Cotton's has been called the Live Wire of the Canadian movement, and a bundle kept circulating, is bound to mow down prejudice, bringing in new readers and husters.

If you are not a Booster, here's a hearty invitation. Lemieux says you can take a Bundle for less than three months. Take him up. Cotton's will be very interesting to both Liberals and Conservatives. There's a good deal of dissatisfaction in both parties. Show the voters "Why" via Cotton's. Mark the paragraphs on Rotten Politics and put them wise.

Look over this latest list of Bundle Boosters, make a resolve to be one of the next.

Copies  
A. W. Baker, Brantford, Ont. 10  
J. E. Peterson, Unity, Sask. 5  
W. Davenport, Brantford, Ont. 5  
M. Grant, Stellarton, N. S. 5  
John Staples, Cloverdale, B. C. 25  
(for Winnipeg) 25  
F. Blake, Edmonton Local 25

Elections are on in Manitoba. Comrades out there want lots of literature and have appealed for help. If you can't use a bundle yourself, send a bundle for three months to Com. Stabbing, Winnipeg. You bet they won't go to waste.

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## BUNDLE PRICES.

10 copies per week, for 3 months ..... \$1.00  
25 copies per week, for 3 months ..... \$2.50  
5 copies per week, for 6 months ..... \$1.00  
10 copies per week, for 6 months ..... \$2.00  
5 copies per week, for one year ..... \$2.00  
10 copies per week, for one year ..... \$4.00

## WHAT SOCIALISTS HAVE DONE

They have grown from a little band of idealists half a century ago into an army of some twenty-five million persons today.

They have increased their international voting strength three hundred fold within forty years.

They have become a recognized factor in the public life of 25 modern nations.

They have elected nearly 500 representatives into the national legislatures of various countries and nearly 12,000 into municipal officers.

They have won over to their side many of the foremost thinkers, writers, scientists, artists, orators, labor leaders and dramatists of the old world and the new.

They have produced a scientific and philosophical literature that commands the respect of scholars everywhere.

They have captured the labor unions of Europe and built up large and successful co-operatives.

They have exercised a profound influence on the thought of modern times.

They have built up political parties that are better organized, less corrupt and more democratic than any ever organized by the bourgeoisie.

They have helped the trade unions fight their battles for higher wages, shorter hours, better conditions.

They have done much to stimulate the demand for public ownership.

They have built up a powerful press and circulated millions of pamphlets and leaflets.

They have forced conservative governments to pass many measures of value to the working class, such as factory legislation, old-age pensions, compensation acts, workmen's insurance, etc., etc.

They have educated the masses and inspired them with great ideals.

More power to them!

W. R. S.

## The Workers Collection

Here is a New Collection of Books for the Worker, Manual or Brain. These Books are to follow up the Banner Collection, and lead right up to where the student of Socialism can take up the heavier works. The books in this list are too well known to need much comment. Every Scientific Socialist knows they are all right. There are no better pamphlets. Clear and logical in every particular.

1. Introduction to Socialism—Richardson 50  
2. Socialism, Utopian and Scientific 100  
3. Science and Socialism—LaMonte 50  
4. The Evolution of the Class Struggle, Noyes 50  
5. Communist Manifesto—Marx and Engels 50  
6. Wage Labor and Capital, Marx 100  
7. Value, Price and Profit, Marx 100

Fifty Cents is the price for this excellent bunch of seven books. Two shiny plasters or a Fifty Cent Postal Note will take them from Cotton's Book Department. Be sure and ask for the Worker's Collection.

## SUB PRICE OF COTTON'S

Six Months, 26 copies ..... 25c  
Six Months, clubs of 5 ..... 1.00  
One Year, 52 copies ..... 2.00  
One Year, clubs of 5 ..... 2.50  
Three Months, club of 5 ..... 50c  
Three Months, club of 10 ..... \$1.00

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