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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-increasing 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.
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into fewer hands, but to dissolve private property,—and god knows what else. Economic determinism, crude materialism and such monstrous doctrines are duly castigated. But here and there we find an elegant "bull": "As this leads, as it were, into a blind alley, the working class will have to cut the Gordian knot, rise against the master class, overthrow its power, and abolish the basis for classes and class struggles." (p. 240); or "The Son of Man, the proletariat, who, unlike the foxes that have holes and the birds that have nests, has nowhere to lay his head, will, spite of all opposition and difficulty, attain to the right hand of power and will rise to the clouds of heaven and enjoy economic security and supreme happiness." (p. 267).

These are excellent and in a world of conferences and programmes without end we cannot have too many of them. The book is a credit to the printer. Clear print, good paper, few typographical errors, tastily bound in red, with gold title-piece.

May we hope, in the future, to see the Marx Institute devote so much excellence to a worthier object?

J. HARRINGTON.

### CAPITALISM THE ENEMY.

THE explanation of the secret diplomacy, armament outlay, militarist preparation, wanton aggression, and heroic defence, which fill the bloody and costly calendar of the last twenty years of human history, and which have culminated in this world-wide shambles is, to the writer's mind, to be found in the workings of the capitalist system of production, and in the conflicting ambitions and desperate fears of the governing and possessive classes of all the belligerent nations. The war is not an event apart, a thing in itself, a sudden irruption of intangible forces, but a more intense development of the competitive struggle, waged by States essentially capitalist in their composition and outlook, by syndicates of national capitalist economies which now contend for markets with diplomacy instead of advertisement, expeditionary forces and invading hordes, instead of commercial travellers and selling agencies, with the bayonets and hand grenades of militarised workers instead of the picks and mandrils of the soldiers of profit.

The capitalists of the different countries have conquered their home markets and gone forth to exploit other lands. They have encountered each other on the world market and, gradually abandoning their attitude of laissez-faire, have become imperialists, protectionists, militarists, and sought to recruit their several state systems to obtain for them concessions for trade and investment, spheres of influence and protectorates. Capitalist-dominated states, like capitalist companies, have formed "cartels" and syndicates the more vigorously to prosecute their business, to monopolise reserves of cheap raw material, and to engage in cut-throat competition. In pursuit of cheapness and profit they have augmented their output, increased their available capital, and jostled each other on the borders of civilisation. Their very political institutions, their laws, their ideas reflect their capitalist nature. Their armaments are but the channels through which they hurl at one another the maximum output of their machine production. Their armed forces are but specialised and departmentalised sections of their wage and salary-earning proletariats, equipped with tools of destruction, and serving the automatic machines and heavy engines of frantic competition with the munitions of countless workshops. The capitalist economies are all of a piece, and their politics are but their organized will-power, modified according to the standard of their development, the clearness of their vision, and the solidarity of the various interests within their governing class.

J. T. W. NEWBOLD.

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