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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.

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eastern France and Germany, it was easiest for ore to go to coke. It went in enormous quantities after 1904. In that year France raised 7,000,000 tons of ore. In 1913 she raised 22,000,000 tons. . . Of this output, much more than that of the United Kingdom, she exported no less than 10,000,000 tons. She had become the greatest exporter in the world."—(Economic Development of France and Germany, p. 239.)

The cost of coke was 60% higher to a French than to a German or British steel producer. Consequently, France produced only 5,000,000 tons of steel in 1913 against 17,000,000 in Germany and 7,500,000 in Great Britain.

The coal-masters of South Wales were in many instances, great iron-masters and steel manufacturers who were dependent on important ores. The coal-exporters were, at any rate, interested in bringing back a cargo of ore in place of the cargo of coal they had taken over to France.

Germany was rapidly outpacing Britain in the production of steel and, also, of metallurgical coke and coking coal. Britain was short of ore. France had more than she could use. The coal-masters of South Wales, therefore, viewed with eminent satisfaction the prospect of France recovering the ore-fields of Lorraine, and were not unduly perturbed by her occupation of the Saar Valley coalfield, but they felt that she ought to leave the coking coal of the Ruhr Valley, according to the sacred principle of nationality, in the possession of Germany. Also they approved the transfer of German merchant shipping to their own Government, not merely because that conformed with Justice and might result in them acquiring the vessels very cheaply, but because, assured of her shipping, they could control the export of Germany's coal. The coal-owners of the Coalition knew what they were about in supporting Gould, Seagar, Cory, Haslam and Mond for Cardiff, Newport, and Swansea. They anticipated that, having recovered Lorraine, France would require not 21,000,000 tons of coal as in 1913, but about 41,000,000 tons, or require to trade her ore for their coal and coke in an exchange that would run, not between Westphalia and France, but between Wales and France. They had lent their money and advanced their credit, i.e., coal and freights, to France, and now they would receive interest and principal in iron-ore. Thus, in part, would they be compensated for the loss of the steam-coal trade. It was very clever. It was, indeed, too clever.

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