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THE MOTHER COUNTRY

There is a movement on in Canada to make the people believe that we should have great respect for the motherland. The sentiment that we owe something to the mother country is being carefully nourished. British ideals and British institutions are praised.

The United States is regarded as the horrible example. It is held up as the shining example of how not to do things. There is a reason for all this. It is because the British institutions are such as to allow the big thieves to get a bigger triangle hold on the common workers. Hence the big thieves of Canada are frantically imperialistic. They want to reproduce the institutions of Great Britain in Canada.

This may seem to be an absurd statement to those who have been nourished upon our daily press. Yet it is a true one. Let me quote to you from an article entitled "The Presidential Elections," which appeared in October, 1912, number of The Quarterly Review. This publication is not radical. It is ultra conservative. Its powerful articles are directed against Home Rule for Ireland, against old age pensions, and the like. It is against disestablishing the church in Wales. It is the organ of the Anglican Church and the Tories. Hence it cannot be said to speak unjustly about political affairs from the Tory angle.

On page 538 the Review article quotes Senator Beveridge's expression, which was adopted in the Bull Moose platform that "To destroy the invisible government, to dissolve the unholy alliance between corrupt business and corrupt politics, is the first task of the statesmanship of to-day."

The article then goes on, "It is perhaps difficult for an inhabitant of a long-established country to grasp how intimately business in the United States is associated with politics. Nearly the entire time of Congress is concerned with such financial questions as the tariff and the regulation of trusts and other great corporations. Foreign affairs provide little distraction from these matters. . . . Consequently it is of the utmost importance to the great business interests of the United States to hold the legislators in check, and the machinery that has been created to manage the numerous and cumbersome elections has afforded them the opportunity to acquire such power as to inspire Mr. Beveridge's phrase, 'the invisible government.'"

LAND THIS INFLUENCE WOULD BE EXERCISED BY THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE LEADING MEN OF AFFAIRS IN THE GOVERNMENT; but it is almost inconceivable that great financiers, such as J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, or James H. Hill, should be selected either to office or to Congress.

There you have the secret. The Americans would not stand for these tremendous plunderers of the people being in the administrative and law-making bodies. In England, they are made lords and sit in the upper house, or they would get into some Tory stronghold or Liberal seat and go to Westminster by a big majority. Then they would appoint capitalist judges and make capitalist laws and increase the army and vote their class big subsidies by way of expropriation proceedings, and have their sons into the administrative offices where the common slaves of the realm could be watched and herded into the slave pens through hunger. Such rascality the Americans will not stand. The big thieves have to work under the eye of the common people in England they work openly, and even more successfully than in the States.

Wherefore our thieves and capitalists, our plundering financiers, our railroad barons have given the word and a prostitute press howls against America, and cast a halo of lies about the unjust conditions and more brazen stealings in the motherland.

And the majority of the common people are gulled, as usual.

"If," said an official of the Canadian Copper Company, "the dove of peace were to fly around here we should take down a shot gun." This remark was deemed so important that it was telegraphed from Cobalt on Nov. 25th to the daily press. The Canadian Copper Company is the greatest producer of nickel in the world. Its plant is at Copper Cliff, Ont. The warships of the world are after the nickel and Canada furnishes the nickel for the German warships. If the jingo press of Canada threatens and they wish to be patriotic, why do they not demand the prohibition of nickel exports save to Great Britain? They do not do this. They howl about the wicked Englishmen who are going to kill Englishmen by the tens of thousands, then they praise the enterprise at Copper Cliff because it is so prosperous and selling nickel to Germany for warships. The jingo press howl for more battleships, and the cynical Copper Cliff official says the company would shoot the dove of peace if they could. How much longer will the Canadian people stand for the political and industrial gang ruling our destinies?

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The Conditions at Glace Bay

How rosy the picture of the work-
ingman as drawn by the writers in
the employ of the master class.

He is comfortable. He is free. The world is at his feet. His employer is a philanthropist, whose sole wish is to sacrifice himself for the benefit of his employees. There is no need for Socialism. Everyone is prosperous. Our politicians, our capitalists, are all sympathetic men. The interests of capital and labor are identical. The prevalent idea of a class struggle in Canada is all nonsense. Such sentiments are preached in all the daily papers. It is echoed in parliament. Our eminent men repeat them. Some workmen believe them. But the bare, bald, ugly facts contradict these nice sentiments.

At Glace Bay, N.S., are situated the mines of the Dominion Coal Company. According to a government report dated September 25th, 1909, this Company employs 5,486 persons. According to its financial statement issued in 1911, the net profits, after paying all expenses for the fifteen months ending March 31, 1912, were \$2,118,656.65. This works out at the rate of \$1,700,000 per year. For every man employed, the net profits of this company were over \$300 per year. Since 1909 the price of coal has jumped. The profits are much more now.

Each employee is robbed of \$300 per year. This is the sum he produces and does not get. Under Socialism each workman would be at least \$300 a year better off.

But not only is the worker robbed. His life is spoiled upon. His home is not his own.

The following is a copy of a circular put out by the company. It is issued confidentially to its private police. It fell into the hands of a United Mine Worker official, who forwarded the circular to J. C. Watters, Ottawa, to submit to Premier Borden when they can get a chance to interview him. The circular reads as follows:

Glace Bay, Nov. 28th, 1910.
Circular No.
TO POLICE OFFICERS:

1. Deputy Chief, Inspector and Sergeants will see that all instructions in this circular are carried out.

2. Deputy Chief, Inspector and Patrol Sergeants will visit all places at intervals and overlook all work done by officers, and report to this office daily in writing.

3. Sergeants will see that all of these officers are in uniform and properly dressed and equipped for duty.

4. Sergeants will see that their men are sober when going on and off duty, and officers found otherwise must be dismissed at once.

5. Sergeants in all colonies will see that each officer is supplied with a note book, which will be kept by the officer, showing a record of all visits made to their respective beats, and time each station is visited. Also, a note of anything of interest which may occur during their shift. A copy of the record to be handed in to sergeants before retiring from duty.

6. Sergeants will transmit reports to this office daily and will also make their own report showing the names of men on duty, their stations, the number of times they visit same, and conditions generally.

7. SERGEANTS WILL SEE THAT ALL INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO MEETINGS, DANCES, VISITS OF COMMITTEES OR PERSONS COLLECTING FOR FOREIGN CAUSES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING MONIES FOR ANY PURPOSES BE SENT TO THIS OFFICE AT ONCE.

8. Patrol Sergeants will be appointed and will visit all districts and examine the books of officers and see that they are carrying out their instructions, and will report failure or neglect to this office direct each day.

9. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW THE MOVEMENTS OF ALL OFFICERS OF THE U.M.W. STRICT WATCH MUST BE KEPT. THEIR MOVEMENTS REPORTED TO THIS OFFICE AT ONCE.

10. THE MOVEMENTS OF "FOREIGNERS" AT THE DIFFERENT COLLIERIES SHOULD BE WATCHED. SO THAT ANY WHO OWE LOYALTY TO ANY FOREIGN CAUSE WITHOUT PAYING THEIR BILLS.

11. Every officer on duty should devote his entire time to furthering the interests of this company. USING ALL HIS INFLUENCE TO OFFSET THE WORK OF FOREIGN AGITATION. OFFICERS SHOULD TRY AND INDUCE ALL WORKMEN TO ABANDON THE U. M. W.

12. Any irregularities happening either under or over ground which comes to your notice must be investigated and a report of such investigation made to this office at once.

13. The strictest watch should be kept to see that officers do not discuss company business publicly. All business or information should be treated in a most confidential manner. THE PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE AT ALL OF THE INNER WORKING OF THIS DEPARTMENT. Any member of this department who is found to be giving information outside will be dismissed at once.

14. All matters which have to be dealt with in the Committees must be reported to this office before papers are issued and a detailed report of each case sent to this office when case is completed.

15. Strict attention to this circular will bring about good results and will be an assurance to the company that their interests are being

carefully watched by this Department.

16. Do not fear or favor anybody, but report any wrong or irregularity irrespective of who may be in it. (Signed) N. W. Ingraham, Chief of Police.

Notice paragraphs 7, 9, 10, 11 and 13.

Where is the "identity of interest" here? The company owns the houses in which the employees live. It collects rent. Not only that. It puts its company bulls at work to spy upon the homes. The visitors are watched. Meetings and dances are shadowed. One would think we were reading about Russia. The workers are not allowed to belong to the United Mine Workers. The proceedings of Committees are reported.

"The public should have no knowledge of the inner working of this Department," say the instructions to the company police. You see how it is. The public are fed upon bunkum about how capital and labor are at peace. Speaking capital works underground. Union officials are shadowed. We know what "inducing workers to abandon the U. M. W." means when interpreted by private police.

According to the Dominion Coal Company's report for March 31st, 1912, the following are the directors: J. H. Plummer, President, Toronto; J. R. Wilson, Vice-President, Montreal; The Right Hon. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Montreal; F. L. Wanklyn, Montreal; Sir Wm. C. Van Horne, Montreal; Hon. Geo. A. Cox, Toronto; W. D. Matthews, Toronto; Col. James Mason, Toronto; Col. Sir Henry M. Pellatt, Toronto; Sir Wm. Mackenzie, Toronto; Hon. R. Dandurand, Montreal; Hon. Robt. McKay, Montreal; Wm. McMaster, Montreal; Mark Workman, Montreal; E. R. Wood, Toronto.

Lord Strathcona has had his name blazoned to the skies. He is responsible along with the others for the shrouded slaves of Nova Scotia. All the other directors are prominent in the financial and political life of Canada. Cox, McKay and Dandurand are Senators at Ottawa. They draw their unearned revenues from money made by company thieves. They are the gilded peak of capitalism whose base is the broken and sweated lives of slaves.

It is all right for these eminent gentlemen to have their slaves under the surveillance of private police. He must be able to get big enough blackface type to scream to the public their distorted news of the conspiracy of labor. You do not become excited or wrathful over the company police at Glace Bay reading the circular. You are accustomed to having your class treated as slaves. But the master class would act differently. They would have the labor policemen up before the courts. The judges would sentence the labor policemen to long terms in the penitentiary. They do nothing to the private police of the Coal Company.

The reason is simple. The working class have voted for the politicians of their masters. They have consented to have capitalist judges interpret laws made by the capitalist class in their own interest. Labor has listened to the story about the kind employers and has believed the rot.

J. C. Watters may interview Borden about conditions in Glace Bay, but little will be done. The working class have not awakened. You are asleep. You have voted for your masters. They have pulled the wool over your eyes. Consequently you are robbed, bulldozed, beaten, worked long hours, and live in poor quarters.

The remedy is in your own hands. I can do little for you. I can only point out the conditions. Other Socialists can only do the same. The working class as a class must apply the remedy. Refuse to vote for the capitalist politicians. Refuse to vote either Liberal or Tory. Vote Socialist. Nominate your candidates. Join the Socialist League. As long as you are willing to be slaves, as long as you do not strike off your own chains, your masters will continue to rob and oppress you while their henchmen glibly pour honeyed words in your ears about how nice you should be to the kind gentlemen who live in big houses and let you support them under the watchful eyes of company bulls.

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Why not treat yourself to a real good Xmas present—Life-Working Job by Cotton's. Only costs \$5.00. Good for all days and always.

Bundle rates will still remain at the old figure during 1913. \$3.00 will pay for 12 copies per week for a year.

After January 15th, 25 cents pays for a forty-week sub to Cotton's instead of one year.

Socialism will democratize the trust.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cockett has been nominated on the Social-Democratic ticket for Alderman of the First Ward, Toronto. Other parties may talk about giving women political rights, the Social-Democrats give them. The Social-Democratic party is the party for progressive women to work in if they wish to gain women's rights and raise humanity to a higher plane of civilization.

In 1888 Messrs. Wm. Hart, ex-M.P. of Kingston, Ont., and D. O'Connor of Ottawa, secured the Chats Falls power rights from the government for \$420. The Hydro-Electric Commission now desire these power rights to provide cheap electric power. The two private owners want \$3,000,000 for them. This is just one of the small deals which show how the capitalists get their wealth. Would it not be better for the people to own the means they need to produce wealth with so that no man may rob the community by mere ownership of something the community needs?

Cincinnati department store girls have set a limit upon the Christmas presents they will give. No present is to cost over ten cents. The Christmas spirit is supposed to be one of joy and of free giving. It used to be so in the old days, but now commercialism has entered. Shoddy goods are displayed for a profit. People are urged to buy, and the people who do the work have not the money with which to purchase. Hence they must give small gifts. The parasites can give presents to their parasites. For they have robbed the useful producers. The Christmas spirit will not return until the age of profit mongering and commercialism has been replaced by production for use.

We hear of the wonderful prosperity of the American farmers. This fiction has been kept to the front by a brazen, lying press. Occasionally the curtain is raised. B. F. Yoakum, president of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway, has given the question of the prosperity much thought. He estimates that upon six million farms there is an average mortgage of \$500 and a current indebtedness of as much more. He figures that interest on this borrowed capital of \$5,000,000,000 at 8 1/2 per cent, including the cost of renewals, fees, commissions and insurance, the total amounting to about \$510,000,000. This is the amount in interest alone of which the farmers are bled. Under capitalism the farmers are forced to divide up with the parasite drones. Under Socialism, when interest and profit are abolished, the farmers will be given the social value of the wealth they create. When a farmer opposes Socialism because he will have to "divide up" with the lazy non-producers, he has been fooled by the cost of renewals, interest and profit which he is misunderstanding the whole purpose of Socialism.

Tammany methods are coming more and more into vogue among the politicians in Montreal. There has been formed a "Dismissed Government Employee's Aid Association." This organization is looking after jobs for Liberal heels dismissed from office by the Borden government. This is the method of the machine. When in power the machine is fed off government jobs. When out of power the machine is looked after by the capitalists, who will benefit by legislation when Tammany is returned. The Liberal machine is developing along the same lines. The Conservative machine is now feeding at the public crib. Both parties are rotten. The average man knows that both are rotten. Yet the average man will not do the right thing. He has not as yet thrown in his lot with the Socialists who oppose all corruption.

The average man says we are impractical because we refuse to dicker with or vote for either old rotten party. We are, however, the only sensible voters among the common people. We are sensible enough not to vote for one rotten party because the other rotten mess stinks.

The Malay states are presenting Great Britain with an armored cruiser. The independent princes, rulers and nobles of India are also falling in line. They are moving to give to the British empire three super Dreadnoughts and nine first-class armored cruisers at a cost of a hundred and twenty millions. The Montreal Star and imperialistic organs of like ilk are shouting that this means India is loyal and contented with British rule. Does not follow at all. The nobles, rulers and princes are not the Indian peoples. They are the Indian oppressors. Because these autocratic potentates will bleed their subjects of a hundred and twenty millions is no sign that the subjects like to be bled. The B. C. Saturday Sunset of November 23rd, has this to say of the Indian populations: "They must know always that they are under a master or law is at an end."

This seems to be as true as in the present day as in the time of Hastings and the Conqueror. The propaganda of Socialism principles among the native population of India is one of the gravest dangers which confront British rule in that possession. British tyranny and native tyranny stand on an equal footing. The native tyrants feel their cause to be one with the British tyrants against the common people of India. Hence the native tyrants want battleships. They want soldiers. This gift of a fleet to Great Britain proves nothing as to the loyalty of the Indian producers either to their native or to their foreign taskmasters.

CHEAP MONEY FOR FARMERS

The Hon. Price Ellison, Minister of Finance in the British Columbia government, is quoted by the Vancouver Province as saying, "It is my firm conviction that if agriculture is to be properly developed in this province, some means must be found for supplying the farmers with cheap money. We are not making much progress towards raising for ourselves the fourteen million dollars worth of farm produce that we now import annually."

The Vernon News editorially endorses Mr. Price Ellison's aims. It says that the struggling farmer would be immensely benefited by borrowing money at 3 or 4 per cent instead of at 8 or 10 per cent. Both Mr. Ellison and the News are in favor of the provincial government undertaking the building of irrigation works.

Can it be that Mr. Ellison of the autocratic, labor-hating B. C. cabinet has turned over a new leaf? Can it be he is on the side of the Socialists? His advocacy of cheap money might deceive those who do not understand economics. However, the wise worker and farmer are too old birds to be caught by the Hon. Price.

The Pacific Collieries Ltd., capitalized at \$8,580,000, has just been formed. Price Ellison is one of the insiders. This company intends to employ wage slaves and mine 2,400 tons of coal daily.

The low working creatures who mine the coal have to be fed. The Pacific Collieries will have to pay the human work animals wages so they can buy food. Now food in British Columbia is high. Wherefore wages must be high. The food imported into B. C. are fourteen million dollars annually.

The high wages grieve the heart of the Hon. Price Ellison. A remedy must be sought. Here is his remedy. Let us encourage agriculture. Let us produce a plethora of foodstuffs. Let the farmers have cheap money and government irrigation works. Then we will have much foodstuffs. The farmers will compete for a market. The cost of living will fall. Wages will fall in proportion to the falling cost of living. We can then pay less wages to our slaves and our profits on our 2,400 tons of coal a day will be greater.

There is the reasoning of the Honorable Price Ellison. He does not care for the farmers or the wage workers save as they can be made to produce profits for himself and his labor skinning associates of the capitalist class. This is seen in the Cumberland strike. Martial law has been proclaimed there. The country is overrun with special police and plug uglies. According to the B. C. law, the men employed in the mines can approach a number of the number to be inspectors whose duty it is to hunt for and report gas and other dangers to the workers. At Cumberland the inspectors, who also have to hold down their jobs as miners, have the unhappy faculty of not pleasing the employers, and they get the sack. The men are looked out for protesting against this discrimination against the men who protect from danger. Bowser, Ellison, McBride and the bunch are resolved to crush the miners. If the miners here should become powerful, it would endanger the Hon. Price's revenues from the Pacific Collieries.

When a capitalist bunch of politician labor skinner come bringing a gift horse to the laboring farmer or worker, the horse will be found to bite.

By all means let the farmer have cheap money. It will hasten the development of capitalist concentration in agriculture, and by so doing will hasten the revolution.

Financial statements in the daily press indicate that the year has been a very good one for the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, and that the net earnings may go to twenty per cent. In Amherst, N.S., in Turcotte, P.Q., and elsewhere where the plants of this company are located, the workers have been feeling the rising cost of living severely. The capitalist class double their annual income while the workers suffer a great diminution in their standard of living. The workers should not object. They voted last election for the Liberals and Tories who both represent the capitalist exploiters. If the laws are manipulated so the workers' share declines while the capitalists' share increases immensely, the members of parliament have but done their duty towards their capitalist masters. You workmen would not think of sending a workman to parliament to vote for your interests alone. You working farmers would not think of doing that either. You listen to what the politicians in the pay of your exploiters say and you believe them. Hence you are easily robbed. Why not change and vote Socialism into existence in your own interest?

A Labor Party delegation, headed by President Foster of the Montreal Trades and Labor Council, called upon Premier Gouin and requested free, compulsory education and free text books for Quebec. Dr. Frennie, M. L. A. for one of the Montreal seats, introduced a bill for compulsory education for Protestants, and the bill received only six votes. The Quebec Labor Party declared for free compulsory education over forty years ago. It has not come yet. When it does come it will be by pressure of the working class. Are not workmen foolish to vote for political parties who will not even grant their children the right to an education?