

FIRING LINE

The Top Notchers

Jules Lavenne, Springhill, ...
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Comrade Albert Jeserick, Montreal, takes a yearly sub.

Five trials come from Comrade H. H. Bilton, Elkhorn, Man.

Two halves from Comrade C. B. Strandberg, Lost Lake, Alta.

Comrade R. Clayton, Amherst, N. S. sends in two halves and a trial.

A yearly and a trial come from Comrade H. E. Hatch, Kelowna, B. C.

If you have any sub cards around the house, put them into commission. We need 'em all.

Comrade S. B. Wambolt, Dartmouth, N. S., forwards the price of a yearly and five halves.

Comrade Wm. Watts keeps everlastingly at it. Another list of ten trials from Keewatin, Ont.

Comrade John Robinson, Hillcrest Mines, Alta., forwards four yearlies for economic enlightenment.

Comrade E. Biddlestone, of Preston, Ont., wants two yearlies enlisted on the sub lists for the fight against capitalism.

Cotton's brought you a sub blank last week. It is for use, as subs are urgently needed. The 10,000 is in sight if you use that bit of paper.

Four halves are paid for by Comrade A. G. McCallum. He reports that Socialism is taking hold of Ottawa, the abiding place of the plutocrat government.

Comrade H. Smart, Montreal, writes, "Please find enclosed three quarterly subs for our paper. With best wishes for our paper."

You received a sub blank in last week's Cotton's. It is for use. Take it around with you, get it full of names and send it in.

Comrade Geo. Penfold, Guelph, Ont., is to hand again with a yearly, two halves and a trial. He wants to end the old year right, so sent the last day of the year.

Comrade Geo. E. Ford, Cowansville, drops into the office and deposits three yearlies to the credit of Socialist propaganda of the Eastern Townships.

Have you ordered a bundle of No. 71, "The Workers Eye-Opener Issue"? Better get into harness. One hundred copies costs only 50 cents. See bottom of page 1.

Comrade G. W. Gleason, Mound, Alta., is on a homestead twenty-five miles from the railroad. He still has the energy to hustle subs. Has captured a yearly and a half and says he will soon have more.

That special "Eye-Opener Issue" comes out next week. Fill out the blank on the front page. You can do good work with one hundred copies.

Comrade Edgar Smith, Vernon, B. C., pays for a bundle of twenty-five for three months, six half yearlies and two yearlies. That is going some in the way of a propaganda stunt.

Comrade Geo. Toseland, Dauphin, Man., wishes us a happy new year and presents six half yearlies as a New Year present to his friends, and takes a bundle of a hundred copies for Gribble's meetings when Gribble strikes Manitoba.

Comrade W. H. Arthur, Port Arthur, Ont., wants four yearlies to receive a year's instruction in the subject of the exploitation of Canadian workers by those who sit in high places.

Comrade Geo. A. Faulkner of Conjouring Creek, Alta., forwards the price of six half yearlies. He tried to sell some of the sub cards to local merchants but they can't see it that way. They will see all right when the capitalist juggernaut bumps them good and plenty.

There are plenty of sub cards at Cotton's willing and waiting to go to work. All you have to do is to intimate that you can use them. Get the cards and remit after selling. Both yearly and half yearly cards on hand. Try a half dozen.

The following Comrades each forward the price of six half yearlies. Comrades, A. Anderson, Slocan, B. C.; Alex. McClelland, Kelowna; A. Abbott, Wiggins; F. J. Hollender, Columbia, British Columbia; Arthur J. Gookey, Fred Deer, Alta.; W. K. Bryce, Bernard, Sask.

Comrade Knight Johnson, Peardonville, B. C., received a sample copy of Cotton's Weekly and started right off to hustle for the paper. Got two yearly subs and is out for more. That is the way the sub lists increase. Old sub hustlers hustle and get new sub hustlers. Hand along your Cotton's to some unwakened worker and watch it do the trick.

Comrade R. D. Harris, Wetaskiwin, Alta., sending in three yearlies writes, "These are all Findlanders. I was at one of their Socialist meetings, Sunday, Dec., 26th. While I could understand scarcely a word they were saying, they seemed to be hungry for Socialism to come. After I had addressed them with a few words, I was able to capture these three. We all had a nice time together, with plenty to eat and drink, yet nothing stronger than coffee."

A. B. C. Comrade got a sample copy of Cotton's weekly. The result is that his roommate immediately forwards seven yearlies and the receiver of the sample copy is going to try to land a bunch himself next pay day. Both Comrades do not want their names to appear as they are holding down jobs under the capitalist system. Both Comrades deprecate any attack on Ministers of the Gospel as such. They do not want Christianity attacked although they are opposed to Christianity. The Carpenter of Nazareth has a strong on many of the manual laborers of the present day.

Twenty-three subs come from Comrade Jules Lavenne, of Springhill Mines, N. S. Comrade Lavenne writes, "I have had the opportunity of visiting Jiggins Mines and you know I cannot remain passive at any time. Therefore I made a little round for Cotton's which proved successful. The workers here want to wake up. We need some good hustlers in this place. There are a lot of readers for Cotton's if only we had a couple of hustlers to dig them out. The boys here are in good fighting spirit. Happy new year to you all. The subs will help in putting Cotton's Weekly to the test. Let us show the capitalists our true spirit." Comrade Lavenne evidently is one of the revolutionary spirits in Springhill which F. A. Acland declared should be weeded out of the place before peace would come to Springhill.

THE AGITATION BATTERY NEEDS RECRUITS and Ammunition

There is nothing to report in the way of additions to the funds of the Agitation Battery. We earnestly wish there was a column of names to go in this issue, so urgent is the needs of Funds for the work in sight.

There are big things ahead of Cotton's in the next six months. During that time we will issue a Series of Special Editions, all working to one end—the showing up in Cold Figures where your hard-earned money goes, and how you are shamefully robbed on every side.

The next issue of Cotton's is an "Eye-Opener for Workers," showing how the Manufacturers get in their fine work in Parliament against all Labor Bills. But this will be nothing to what will follow.

You will learn how the Life Insurance Companies get their graft; what it costs to pay the big fellows, the total profits, and what per centage you get out of it. How other financial concerns do the trick; how much goes to the geniuses, and where the people are stung. The Farmer will not be forgotten. One issue will deal especially with his case. He will learn how the railway and other companies play the merry game with him. Figures that must convince. And there will be lots of other valuable information in these issues—Canadian Figures and Statistics never before presented in a digestible manner.

All to conclude with a Grand FACTS ISSUE. Nothing but Canadian Facts and Figures that can't be brushed aside.

Now comrades here is the chance for very effective propaganda. These Special Issues must be put before the people all over Canada. The information contained will interest non-socialists as well as Socialists. This information has cost us a lot of time and money to get, but you all know that it has long been called for. Cotton's is the first to come to the front. These editions should run up into the thousands, but we lack the funds to do it. And here is where the Agitation Battery steps in. It can and will, we feel assured, provide the ammunition. Every reader of Cotton's should be a member. Fifty cents or a dollar bill will send out 100 or 200 copies of an issue, or help in putting on subs where needed.

The standing of the Battery Funds are the same as at last report:

Total Receipts \$29.75
Total Expenditures 26.00
Balance on hand \$3.75

You see we have only a balance on hand of over three dollars. It should be over Three Hundred Dollars.

The first step on the program will be to send Cotton's to every weekly and small daily in Canada. They will help in spreading the information in these Special Issues. This is necessary—At Once—Immediately. So let's hear from YOU. If not a member of the Battery already, become a member. Send the ammunition—50 shot or a 100 shot, or as many more as you like to the Agitation Battery, Cotton's Weekly.

What It Costs to Print Cotton's

Following are the expenditure and receipts for Cotton's from Jan. 1st, to Nov. 15th, 1909:

Ordinary Expenditure \$2,827.95
Capital 907.95

Total 3,735.90

Cash Received 1,835.49

Deficit 1,900.41

U. S. A. RATES.

Single subscriptions, per year \$1.00

In clubs of 4 and over to same postoffice75

Five copies in one wrapper to one address \$2.50

America would be Socialist now except for two things—ignorance and prejudice.

World-Wide Socialism

The newspapers of Seattle, Wash., are beginning to denounce the brutalities of the Spokane police.

The workers at Spokane are obeying the orders of a secret committee in the free speech fight.

C. W. Post, the U. S. labor baiter, wants to organize a boycott on the part of the advertisers against Socialist papers.

Fourteen delegates of the Board of Miners' Federation, Australia, have been sentenced to two months in prison for "exciting miners to strike."

Prominent merchants and professional men of Paris have organized an association to fight the movement for collectivism which has grown so powerful in France.

H. S. Nagle, recent Candidate for U. S. Senator from Oklahoma on the Democratic ticket, declares that Democracy is dead and that Socialism has taken its place.

At Albi, France, the tannery workers have been joined in their strike by the drivers and delivery men. As is usual in France the strikers have sent their children to be cared for by Comrades in neighboring towns.

On January third, at Lille, France, at one of the large theatres the stage electricians struck for higher wages.

The management were forced to grant the increase as the audience was impatiently waiting for the performance to begin.

Revolutionary unrest is growing rapidly in Spain. Weyler, the Butcher of Cuba has been hurried to Barcelona by the authorities. The Moroccan war is far from being suppressed and the Republican agitation is therefore strong.

The vanishing middle class of America is feeling the pinch of high prices. An association has been formed to boycott trust made goods. How they will be able to boycott clothes, food, and land, however, has not yet been determined.

Chinese are being deported from the U. S. at the expense of the American government. A lot of chinks were working on railroads when the jobs gave out. They are unemployed and thus get a chance for a free trip to their native land.

The labor unions of Chicago are asking for an investigation into the cereals of Charles W. Post of Battle Creek, Mich. In a train wreck recently several cars, consigned to Post's factories, were found to be filled with nothing but peanut shells.

Two British subjects have been unlawfully railroaded to jail in the Spokane Free Speech fight. The Socialist members of the British Parliament will interpellate the government, when Parliament meets again, on the lawful imprisonment of British subjects.

The French Socialists will run Amilcare Cipriani against the Premier, Aristide Briand, in the St. Etienne division in the coming Elections. Although Cipriani is an Italian he is nevertheless eligible as candidate in France, having fought under Garibaldi in 1870 on behalf of France against Germany.

Bill Haywood will hold a big meeting in Boston on the 13th. January. The unions are taking an active interest and the meeting promises to be a grand success, recalling the monster demonstration on Boston common at the time Roosevelt dubbed Haywood an "undesirable citizen."

The wife of Eugene Azef, the revolutionary traitor, committed suicide at St. Petersburg Jan. 4th, by taking poison. Mme. Azef was a genuine revolutionist and for weeks following the exposure of her husband, she refused to believe his treachery to the cause. At last she became convinced of his guilt and grief over this is believed to have prompted her self-destruction. Azef is still missing.

Montreal Socialists

Montrealers have not yet begun to take their Socialists seriously. There is reason to believe that in the popular mind they are connected with Toradors, as persons who are addicted to waving red flags in places where they will cause the most excitement.

That analogy requires the comparing of the Montreal police-men to bulls is not wholly in its disfavor. In a mild way a good many of us are Socialists, because we have suffered severely from the misuse of a certain form of property known over here as franchises, which we firmly believe to belong to the people as a whole and to be only loaned to their present holders on good behavior, but which the said holders, describing themselves as "innocent," stoutly claim to be their inalienable possession.

When we find these present holders describing us as Socialists because we want to regulate their use of their franchises, we are disinclined to worry about the spread of Socialism. It should be noted that to the English-speaking mind Socialism connotes merely an economic doctrine and not a substitute for any established religious cult.—Montreal Herald.

Montreal Socialists Choose Candidate

Mr. Albert St. Martin, official court stenographer, stands as candidate for the Board of Control as a Socialist.

At a meeting of the local at 222 St. Lawrence street four names were proposed: Messrs. St. Martin; Albert, of the Amalgamated Carpenters' Union; Cotton, editor of Cotton's Weekly; and Wayman.

Immediately after having accepted the candidature, Mr. St. Martin was required to write out his resignation of the position of controller the date line being left blank. Should Mr. St. Martin be elected, and his work not satisfactory to his electors, the resignation will immediately be dispatched to the City Hall.—Montreal Star.

An Unexpected Revolution

In the Mail and Empire's London letter to-day an unexpected, but not unprecedented, situation in British politics is shown to have arisen. The Liberal leaders have entered into an understanding with the Socialistic element in order to avoid three-cornered fights and consequent losses to both parties. But, as the arrangement comes to be understood by the moderate Liberals, men of that class are weakening in their support of the Government. At the same time the Socialists, as a body, do not accept the Liberal alliance, and while many prominent social democrats and Independent Laborists join with the Liberals, others of equal authority are standing aloof and are demanding that the fight be continued along the old lines.

—Toronto Mail and Empire.

The Bundle Boosters

Energetic Bundle Boosters are wanted as never before. Five Special Editions are under way for the first six months of 1910, and they need special boosting. These issues alone will be worth the yearly price. Read all about them in another column. Here are recent additions to the list of Bundle Boosters:

Geo. Hees, Alberta 5
Chas. Sandquist, Yukon 5

Now is the time to enroll as a Bundle Booster. Important information to be put before everybody. Order a bundle for six months and show that you are with Cotton's to the finish. Below are the Bundle prices:

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
5 copies per week, for one year	\$2.00
10 copies per week, for one year	\$4.00
Bundles not less than one hundred, at the rate per 100	.50

ARE YOU A MAN?

By Geo. Toseland.

Are you a man? Or are you just so much flesh, blood, and bone, in an existing condition? Is your thinking apparatus your own? Or is it molded into shape by others to suit their requirements? Do you think for yourself? Or are your thoughts the thoughts of others, blended by environments? Do you speak the truth fearlessly in the face of opposition? Or do you bend the truth to meet the requirements of others? Can you look a person in the eyes and say "I am your equal?" Or do you bend your knees and say "Sir," or "My Lord?" Do you refuse to do that which is dictated to you knowing it is wrong? Or do you humbly submit? Do you read without prejudice original matter? Or do you take for granted second hand material from the lips of others? Do you feel free to think and act that which is right? Or do you feel under some obligation for your existence? Do you put a cross on the ballot where it will do you the most good? Or do you vote against your own interest? Do you belong to the great international brotherhood? Or do you suffer from patriotic enthusiasm?

You are either a man or a fool. To which class do you belong? There is only one type of man, but there are a large variety of fools. To be a man it is not necessary to have a college diploma; many fools are vested in Greek, etc.

A man has broad intellect, free thoughts, and absolute command of mind and body. A man stands for equal justice for all, and no halfway compromise. A man values human life above all the gold on earth. A man is not a spiritual, but a material advocate.

Are you a man? If so, prove it. Idle words do not count, only in deeds can you prove to the world that you are a man.

Do you workingmen like to live on side streets? You may grow indignant but you know that the men for whom you labor live far better than you do. You know that their children have a better chance to get education, and skilled doctors in sickness. You know that they have more sanitary homes and warmer clothing. If you want to see your children getting a fair share in life, then get into the Socialist ranks and take up the fight for your children's sake.

Socialism at Ottawa

The votes cast for Com. Thos. Roberts in Ottawa for Board of Control numbered 662. Not so bad, all things considered. Comrade J. Still Wilson is in Ottawa and he is doing more to stir Ottawa than all former speakers combined. That is the word sent down by Ottawa Comrades.

There is no crime but parasitism.

THE PROPAGANDISTS' FORUM

Conducted by W. K. Shier

Philadelphia Methods

Philadelphia has no local organizer, experience having satisfied the majority that an organizer can do very little good, and is apt to cause considerable trouble. When the work at headquarters reached a point that the services of some one were required throughout the day, the secretary of the campaign committee was selected for the position and paid a normal salary.

The campaign committee consists of five members. Its duties are to carry on the political agitation, arrange for mass meetings, take advantage of public occurrences, etc.

There is an organization committee of five, entrusted with the work of informing sympathizers about the party, keeping in touch with new members, assisting the financial secretaries of branches in keeping members in good standing, securing lists of subscribers to Socialist papers for canvassing, keeping in touch with the trades unions and in other respects systematizing the work of organization.

The educational work of the party was established on a sound basis by a library committee of five, which started a circulating library of works on Socialism, and social science and arranged study classes for the branches.

A naturalization committee of three and a referendum committee of three complete the locals' roster of standing committees.

Funds, in addition to those from dues, profits from literature sales and campaign lists, come in from the annual picnics and carnivals and a mutual supply company, which obtains a commission of 10 per cent on merchandise purchased from certain dealers.

Philadelphia is trying to inaugurate house-to-house canvassing by the rank and file of the party, to be done concertedly and systematically, the year round. The purpose is to make the work of every member, not otherwise active, to help build up the Socialist party as a political organization; to canvass from house to house with literature, free and for sale; take subscriptions, and keep a record of all work done, to have some idea of the progress made.

A Propaganda Stunt

A comrade in Peterboro has a bundle of his favorite socialist papers come weekly to his house. After reading his own copy, he marks the best articles therein with blue pencil and writes on the margin of the front page—"sample copy, subscribe." Then he consults a list of names he procured from the town directory, writes across the top of each paper the name and address of so-and-so and delivers same late Saturday evening or early Sunday morning. This is undoubtedly good propaganda. It has the personal effect. A paper is thrown into your house. You have all day Sunday to read it. It is addressed personally to you. You spy a marked article and read it. Then you read others. On top of that you have the suggestion to subscribe. This kind of propaganda is the kind that produced results, especially if it is followed up by canvassing for subscriptions. Locals might supply any of its members who have not the means to purchase weekly bundles with ammunition of this kind, providing they will guarantee to play the game in the same way as has been herewith described.

W. R. S.

Introducing Without Introduction

For some years I have often taken the liberty of writing a short query to any likely address. I got hold of, something after this fashion: "Are you interested in the Socialist movement?" "If you are not a Socialist, do you know why?" "Do you read the Western Clarion, or any other Socialist paper?" In fact, put up any question likely to prove a thought-provoker. It would surprise many Socialists to know the number of answers received, and results obtained by such methods of propaganda. It can be done in the quiet of your home—if you have one. It often touches a responsive chord in the person addressed. It leads to all kinds of interest—if one is inclined to follow up the correspondence. Invest a few cents in postage stamps. Devote an evening or two as outlined above, and watch results.

R. P. PETTIPIECE.

—Western Clarion

Timely Propaganda

"This function of the Socialist movement should receive greater attention and extension than heretofore. Whenever an event of public importance occurs, whenever a movement of social significance arises; whenever a large battle of labor is fought, whenever the constitutional

liberties of the people are threatened or violated, the Socialists should be the first to take a public stand; hold demonstrations, issue proclamations, circulate petitions, take part in public hearings, indorse, defend, support, condemn, as occasion may require, but always be alive, always be on the spot. Our motto must be 'Nil humanum me alienum est.' Nothing human is alien to us. The progressive portion of the population must learn to expect and to hear from the Socialists the first word on all questions of public interest. And this work must always be carried on on a large scale. To enmesh or to indagate ourselves within our own circles serves no good purpose; we must carry our enthusiasm or indignation to the masses."

Morris Hillquit in N. Y. Sunday "Call."

SOCIALISM AT ADVERTISING RATES

The enclosed clipping is from the Daily Sentinel Review, Woodstock, Ont. Comrade C. P. Cullford took up a subscription among the boys to pay for it—thought it would boost the socialist press. The Review has a large circulation covering that entire community.

The plute press will advertise ten etc. as reading matter but not Socialism. The Review had to put the word "adv." at the end of the article to let its readers know it was an advertisement.

SOCIALISM PROPAGANDA POINTERS.

Socialism is Christianity applied. Francis E. Willard.

Socialists are not ahead of the times, it is non-socialists who are behind the times.

It is just as much of a crime to steal with the long head, as with the long arm. Eugene V. Debs.

The Golden Rule against the Rule of Gold—Motto of the Christian Socialists.

The time has now come, when man deserves to be called intelligent who neglects to inform himself about the Socialist movement.—Upton Sinclair, author of "The Jungle."

For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened? * * * that there may be equality.—Apostle Paul, II Cor. 8:13-14.

They are slaves who dare not speak for the fallen and the weak; They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three. —Jas. Russell Lowell.

Even if you are not in favor of Socialism, you should read Socialist literature to form an unbiased opinion.

Read the Christian Socialist, 5623 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Cotton's Weekly, Cowansville, P. Q. Samples on request.

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AN EYE-OPENER

Issue for Workers

The issue of Jan. 20th, No. 71, will be an Eye-Opener edition for Workers. Among other things Cotton's will publish a circular letter sent out by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to its members. This issue will show to the non-socialist wage-earner how the bosses gain their ends in parliament from the men the workers elect there; how they defeated the Eight-hour Bill at Ottawa, and how they continually manage to put down all measures in the interest of labor.

This issue will be a splendid one to get into the hands of all workers and trades-unionists, and Cotton's urges you to get a bundle and spread them 'round. Fill in the blank at the bottom of the first page, and send in with a postal note for 50 cents, which pays for one hundred copies. Send in early.

Everyday Commonsense

Nature has provided for all. The capitalist restricts the output. Nature finds work for all.

The capitalist puts a bar up. Nature provides for use; the capitalist for the market; wages make the market; cuts in wages break it.

All industry is operated by the people; not for themselves, but for the capitalist.

The capitalist pays wages and takes profits; reducing the former and increasing the latter.

Machinery is the means by which the worker's product is increased, his wages lessened and his craft rendered useless.

By the private ownership of the machinery the workers are reduced to mere parts of the machine. As it moves they move; while it stops they stop; when it stops they stop.

When the capitalist orders the stoppage of the machine the worker begins to starve.

If the workers owned the machine they could suit themselves as to when it should run or stop.

The profits of the capitalists would go to increase wages and reduce prices—a double gain which would soon be followed by reduced hours of working.

How is that to be brought about? Simply by voting for the party which advocates these principles.

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One Year, 52 copies 50c

Three Months, club of 5 50c

Three Months, club of 10 \$1.00