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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.
- 2—The organization and management of industry by the working class.
- 3—The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit.

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economic antagonisms between Great Britain and the United States prevent an Entente with these countries from growing. Then again, Japan can not outbid the United States for France's aid. She can afford to give a slice of the Chinese melon to Britain, but two slices—No!

This war in the Pacific is the second act in the dying days of Capitalism, and powerful America has the stage for a moment in the role of a world conqueror.

"If the United States settles the problem of her future in the same way that Europe tried to settle its problem between 1914 and 1918, the United States may emerge from a world struggle, but it will be alone in a world of dead nations; the industrial and commercial capacities of men will have been destroyed, and for want of "foreign" victims to devour—the victor will devour himself."

R.K.

THE FARMERS' POLICY.

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and equipment. Invested wealth in large holdings control the world's industrial system, directly by ownership of plant as in the mechanical industries, or, indirectly through the market as in farming. There lies a natural economic superiority in large holdings of invested wealth in a system of production for sale, for profit. The farmers are a class of comparatively small holders of invested wealth, and consequently are at an unavoidable economic disadvantage. They are caught between the big interests who sell dear, and the big interests who buy cheap. Impressed by the superficial aspects of his situation, the farmer is susceptible to reform. Propaganda, but a mere extended study of the deeper facts of his situation than is possible here, will prove that "so long as the capitalist system lasts, by virtue of the economic laws governing that system, the farmer has nothing to hope for in the way of a substantial improvement in his condition."

At present, the farmers' programme and Mr. Crerar's speeches express the point of view of property owners intent on the acquisition of profits. We can be assured, that so long as the Farmers' movement is motivated by that capitalistic aim, the very lack of success of the industry will tend to drive the farmers into being more eager advocates of a flooded labor market than the more successful capitalists of other industries. The absence from Mr. Crerar's speeches of any catering to the wage-working class is significant. Mr. Crerar, the farmer leader, like the Liberal leader, and the Conservative leader, or their respective party programmes has no message to the workers of deliverance from the institutional state of things under which their only means of existence, their power to labor is, like a chattel, bought and sold under the conditions of supply and demand just like any other commodity. No, the farmers must first be moved by other prepossessions than those of a property owning business class.

Despite the bourgeoisie programme of the farmers, and the eminently "safe" and orthodox speeches of Mr. Crerar however, the farmers have given striking evidence of antipathy to the business and the "kept" classes generally. That feeling, which they share with other classes of producers, is a straw showing which way the wind blows. The prepossessions of a producing class, under the disciplinary influence of the mechanical processes of modern machine production, tend to rate men and institutions in terms of tangible performance.

With the hard lessons of more experience of the economic and political futilities of capitalism, with the spreading of a scientific point of view and of knowledge, with the growth of the materialistic habits of thought of a producing class, there will develop a movement among the farmers that will rate capitalism for what it is worth from a community standpoint—a movement co-operating with the wage-workers for the inauguration of a social system of production for use instead of for profit.

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