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SECRETARIAL NOTES

LAST issue we referred to the efforts of the committee appointed by Local (Vancouver) No. 1 to raise funds to obtain permanent headquarters for the S. P. of C. in Vancouver. The committee have had drawn up circular letters which are self-explanatory, the subject matter being introduced, thus:—

SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

P. O. Box 710
Vancouver, B. C.,
1st May, 1923

Dear Comrade,—

We are sending to you the enclosed subscription list to bring to your attention a matter of serious importance to all Comrades who are interested in continued Socialist propaganda, a matter which we consider to be worthy of your earnest efforts and support.

The need for the spread of sound education of such a character as that spread by the Socialist Party of Canada is emphasized the more at the present time through the appearance of apathy and indifference into which the movement at large has fallen, not alone locally but throughout the country and in the world at large. Though this indifference is induced in a measure through reaction from a previous somewhat surcharged enthusiasm, there is warrant for supposing that a vigorous and sound educational programme will again assert itself as a balancing factor in the general body of thought in the ranks of the producing elements everywhere.

It has long been recognized that Vancouver, B.C., is a centre of much importance and influence in the educational field among, principally, the ranks of labor, and even the opponents of the policies of the S. P. of C. readily lodge the weight of that influence at the door of the Socialist Party of Canada. We are not registering any claim upon a monopoly in the realm of understanding. Indeed, we are ever learning, and we are determined that (with your help, we hope) the workers shall learn with us.

And so we come to the point of our discourse: Every line of human endeavor ultimately resolves itself, considered as a practical matter, into a matter to be decided upon in the light of every day detail. Thus we come to a consideration of the purport of our subscription list enclosed, which is, that by raising enough money to build or buy premises suitable to the uninterrupted carrying on of the work of Socialist educational propaganda we shall get rid of the hindrance that stands in the way of that work now.

The principles involved are worthy of our greatest efforts; therefore, as some Comrades, for certain economic reasons, cannot take an active part in the work of the party, the least they can do is to pay whatever they can afford in order to help make the lot of our speakers, organizers, editor and Dominion Executive more conducive to their efficiency, to the betterment of the propaganda, the official organ and

work of the party in general. So do your part in the greatest of all causes—the cause of Socialism, the one and only hope of the human race.

We are in hope that you will be able to interest others and that you will help our project if you can. We send you a subscription list herewith, and we shall be glad to send you a receipt book also. The undersigned committee is appointed by Local (Vancouver) No. 1 of the Socialist Party of Canada. Please make all moneys payable to Ewen MacLeod, P. O. Box 710, Vancouver, B. C.

For Local (Vancouver) No. 1, S. P. of C.,
Headquarters Committee,
James Lott, Chairman.

There has been a measure of response to the committee's efforts, as witness the following:—

Cash Received

R. Jones	\$10.00
A. R. Snowball (collected)	6.50
Mrs. Mathieson (collected)	1.00
J. Lott	25.00
J. C. Blair	50.00
Harry Grand	10.00

Total cash received \$102.50

Promises to Pay.

R. Jones	\$15.00
Com. Tiderington	25.00
Geo. Jackson	25.00
Erwin Bros and friends	100.00
C. Stephenson	25.00
Chas. Butt	25.00
C. O'Brien	25.00
C. C.	25.00
W. G. Kievell	25.00
Mrs. Wright	100.00
Sam Buch	25.00
Com. Dorril	25.00
A Warburton	10.00

Outstanding promises to pay \$450.00

The measure of success in this venture depends upon the amount of interest taken in it and the energy expended in seeing it through. Get a subscription list and lend your help. If we are not successful in this we are forever on the run from one back room to another, forever moving on, dissipating good energy in the service of the landlord. We never know what can be done till we try. Here's one thing we never tried before. Let's see what can be done—with your help.

PICNIC—PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 1. At Kitsilano Beach

Directions: Assemble at noon. The women folk are requested to bring sandwiches and cake only, and to leave the family plate at home. Tea and coffee, ice cream and fruit will be provided by Local Vancouver No. 1 S. P. of C. and a collection taken to defray expenses. Arrangements have been made for children's sports.

All people who can make friends among Socialists are welcome to attend.

Medicine Hat District, Attention!

Following is the schedule for C. Lestor in and around Medicine Hat district:

July 15th, Medicine Hat; July 16th, New Dale; July 17th, Prosbay; July 18th, Turtle Plains; July 19, Whitla and Seven Persons; July 20, Winnifred; July 21, Bow Island; July 22nd, T. O. Nesting (picnic); July 23, Red Rock; July 24, Bob Hostil (school house); July 25, Orin; July 26, Many Berries.

Comrades in Alberta and Saskatchewan should communicate with R. Burns, secretary Alta P. E. C., 27 Central Building, Calgary. Comrade Burns reports that Lestor is at present on a three weeks' speaking tour on the C. N. R. Good meetings up to date. It is expected that Comrade Tree will go to Edmonton at any early date and that a new S. P. of C. Local will result.

The Clarion columns are the poorer this issue in the absence of "C". What with speaking on the street corner and in the theatre, arranging crockery

ware, ice cream and general detail matters for the picnic, "C" has been mixing philosophy and fact too busily to spill ink for this issue. A note here to Comrade B. Tamarin: "C" is glad to have your criticism, and promises to deal with it as soon as time warrants.

Clarion Mail Bag

SOME enquiries regarding the Clarion have been received since the last Mail Bag opened, notable in Sidney Mines. Com. C. MacDonald has been active in getting subs. in Kentville, and is always camping on the doorstep of his friends worrying subs. out of them. Parry and Sim, Clarion readers for sixteen years in and around Billtown, N.S., threaten that with a good fruit crop in that region, there should fall a good Clarion crop of subs. M. Goudie and the St. John comrades send \$9 to the C. M. F. (acknowledged last issue).

Apparently the "Untidy States," as Goudie has it, are to be people by the folk from the maritime (Canadian) provinces, judging by the exodus. They go where the job is, Goudie, and if Canada ever gets a job outside of the newspaper offices they'll be back again.

Subs. from Stratford, Ont., and Transcona, Man. Com. Glendinning, sending subs. from Winnipeg says the S. P. local there has held meetings in Victoria Park during the past three Sundays, but at the moment of writing were having difficulty in getting the usual permit from the civic authorities. They are still speaking on the market square. The W. P. betray no activity in Winnipeg at the present time.

Another Winnipeg comrade, a Ford employee, working for Henry is the popular way to say it, and those who work for Henry cannot afford advertisement—says that Geordie's Plebs Economics Text Book Review has knocked nearly all the ideas he had on Political Economy out of his head. And others too. Good! He suggests that questions would be in order. All right, like Barkis—we're always willing!

Subs from Regina and Glenbrae, Sask., Scotfield, Alta., Calgary, Meeting Creek, Oxville, Barrons and Morningside. Com. McKenzie of Beverley, Alta., is appreciative of the past and present work of the S. P. of C., and comments favorably on Lestor's efforts recently in Edmonton. J. J. Albers of Meeting Creek arranged two meetings for Lestor there, with good result in general interest.

An unsigned letter reaches us from New Westminster. Letters and articles should bear the identity of the writer, even if not for publication. We have said this before, of course. Subs. from Graham Island, Notch Hill, Victoria, Lock Port, Redonda Bay, Nanaimo—all in B. C. Our old friend Abe Karne says the slave animal around his area are more interested in the log market than in the slave market.

The Clarion "foreign" Mail Bag is quite a hefty package. It has always been a big part of our function to educate the heathen abroad, hence the correspondence. Subs. and many enquiries this time from Frisco, Indiana, Cleveland, Ohio, Pittsburg, Pa., Butte, Montana, Portland, Ore., Los Angeles, Plummer, Idaho, Chicago, Ill., and Niagara Falls, N. Y. Also Wellington and Blackball, New Zealand. From the last mentioned place Annie Balderstone writes appreciatively of the work of J. A. McDonald while in New Zealand, and in support of his outline of conditions in New Zealand as it appeared in the Clarion columns.

The Winnipeg comrades are spread all around the country. Many are in Chicago. Charlie Stewart writes from there. He has been listening to Charlie O'Brien speaking, and says Charlie is good for many years of good work yet. Likewise Alex, Shepherd, also a resident of Jungle Town. "Sandy" is entertaining neuritis in Frisco, and growls in a very commendable way.

Here we end the Mail Bag column for this issue.