

## The Clarion Mail Bag

BY SID EARP

A satisfying volume of correspondence has been received at headquarters since last issue. Although small in its organized membership, the revolutionary movement is widespread; and to those earnest comrades who are carrying the message of emancipating truth to the toil driven slaves of Capitalism in the outlying districts, much credit is due. They are the real pioneers of social progress; for by their efforts in mill, mine and camp, the deadening master-class ideology which now holds the workers in a maze of ignorance, is being transformed into a virile class consciousness eager for freedom from Capitalist domination. May their members increase is our fervent wish.

Com. M. Goudie is again to the fore with an interesting letter in which he expresses satisfaction with the upward trend of Clarion finances. He encloses ten dollars collected from the boys in and around St. Johns for the benefit of the C.M.F. That's what we call "square shootin." A request for a bundle of Clarions comes from Montreal per J. St. Andre which has received attention.

A. R. Pearson writes from Toronto; he has recently returned from a trip to the Old Country where amongst other forms of diversion he listened to the great I.L.P. and in Canada to the Workers Party on his return. He encloses a sub and asks for back numbers of the Clarion.

Com. Berry sends in a sub and back membership dues from Stratford, Ontario. Two letters arrived from Winnipeg this time. One from Sidney Rose who asks to be remembered to Charles Lestor and W. A. P. Com. Rose has recently been up against the protagonists of "economic power," and he writes feelingly of the combat. The other letter is from "Sandy," whose normal condition is one of pulsating humour. He says the movement in Winnipeg is very dull at present, one propaganda meeting-every week being the best they can do at present. The controversy ranging around "Ourselves and Parliament" is causing a deal of comment among the boys and a class is to be held on Sunday afternoon for a general discussion. "Sandy" complains that the "Mail Bag" column should not be confined wholly to the recording of subs. His point is well taken, but failing news of the movement we can do no better for the time being: Write again "Sandy," you're a little ray of sunshine.

Com. Lessey sends word from Calgary that Clarion sales have fallen off considerably of late, the boys all being away at work in the country.

J. A. Beckman writes from Meeting Creek, Alberta. He has met with an accident while riding but is now fit and well again. Sends best regards to Vancouver comrades.

A long letter comes from Com. McPherson of the Wimborne Local. Things are quiet just now, but the winter promises much activity for them. He speaks of the gloomy prospect for the farm slaves, as crops are a distinct failure in that district. He also promises to contribute an article to the Clarion soon. Keep cheery Mac, we shall welcome your effort. (See "Public Opinion," this issue, Ed.)

Writing from Renate, B. C. Com. Friesen sends a sub, and speaks warmly in praise of the Clarion. From the same camp also comes a renewal of his sub from Joseph Gray. August Eicke and T. Roberts write from Fernie and Sandon respectively, sending a sub and contribution to the Maintenance Fund.

J. Woods also sends a brief note and a dollar to the Maintenance Fund from Port Hardy, B. C.

From Prince Rupert, Com. Walter Ridout writes to say that the Local there is disbanding as the boys

are all scattered and gone away. He expects to be in Vancouver in a few weeks time. Two short letters and some subs come from Com. E. Simpson, Victoria.

An interesting letter from A. J. Beeny of Winnipeg who hopes soon to be on passage to Vancouver has been received, in which he expresses much interest in the argument over "Ourselves and Parliament."

A welcome letter comes from Com. Frank McNey who has just arrived in San Francisco from a five month's sojourn in the wilderness. He encloses a five spot for back dues and the Maintenance Fund and states that an article can be expected from him soon. W. Raport writes a nice letter from Petaluma, California. He sends a renewal of his sub and a dollar to the Maintenance Fund, and asks to be remembered to comrades in Calgary and Vancouver. Comrade Ed. Price also. He writes from Pasadena, California. He was some years ago a member of Local Winnipeg. Sends \$3 to C.M.F. and \$1 renewal, with a benediction on Clarion efforts.

Comrade J. A. McDonald commenced his winter lectures and educational class courses in Frisco on Oct. 1st. First lecture was entitled "The Coming War." Further lectures announced are "Lenin or Lloyd George?" "Is Darwin a Fraud or Bryan a Fool?" "The Eating Problem and How to Solve it." "The Change from Coal to Oil and After." The effort will be made to establish a Workers' College, independent of political affiliations.

From Rewanui, West coast of New Zealand comes a letter from Com. W. Ayres, enclosing fourteen dollars for subs to the Clarion. He promises more in the near future and signs himself, Yours for Progress; which sounds good enough to us. Good luck to you old man.

### HERE AND NOW.

THE burden of our song is still subs. and more subs. The anatomy of humor in the Clarion laboratory is discovered to be useless equipment in the make up and prowess of an accomplished Clarion sub. hunter.

If it were not for the sub. scalping accomplishments of Com. Ayres of New Zealand our totals would be busted this issue altogether. Where are those subs. to come from which we must have? You'll find—if you like to try—that they must come from the folks you meet up with and with whom you undoubtedly discuss Clarion reading matter.

If you consider the matter purposefully we may manage to elude the bailiff yet.

By the way, will the subscriber who sent \$1 from Camrose, Alberta, kindly give us his name?

The following are the righteous:—

Following \$1 each: S. Berry, F. Lawson, G. Wood, H. Ferguson, P. M. Friesen, A. R. Pearson, D. McTavish, J. Gray, Sid. Earp, J. A. Beckman, Ed. Price, C. Foster, No Name, Camrose, Alberta.

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