QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is Socialism?

Socialism is a word having several ore or less distinct but closely re-It is used as the philosophy, an economic science, a movement and an ideal so iety. The socialistic interpretation of history regards all history as fun damentally a series of calss struggles en a wealth-owning ruling class on the one hand, and a subject work ng class on the other. istic philosophy is based upon the antagonisms and consequent social divisions arising therefrom; of classes through the establishment of socialized industry democratically ntrolled. Socialistic science ana lyzes the present capitalistic system production, showing that human bor is the source and measure of value. As a political movement Socialism organizes the producers into a class-conscious political party to capture the political power as a means of realizing its ideal. Its ideal is a commonwealth based upon a socialized industrial system.

you mean to state that there are classes in free Canada ?

certainly mean to assert that classes referred to have existed m the time of primitive co ism to the present day. In all nat ions and at all times they have appeared in a continuous class struggle ough they have not always been known as capitalists and wage work The classes have confronted each other as masters and slaves patricians and plebeians, feudal lords and serfs, etc., according to the in-dustrial development of the epoch considered. In effect, the man works for wages in this boasted land of freedom is just as much a slave to the employing class as were the chattel slaves of olden times to the mas ter class of their day.

Does not the word "slave" appear harsh a term to apply to free

That depends upon whether you wish to be precise, or whether you prefer to patch fig leaves for the naked truth. The average chattel The average chattel slave was compelled by the lash of overseer to labor continuo for his owner, for which he received enough of the value ms duced to keep him alive and in worke of the value his labor pro-The average wage worker ompelled by necessity to find an employing master who will permi work; and, when such a mas ter is found, is compelled by the me necessity to serve him continu and receive at his hands wage amounting to only enough ol own product to keep him alive and in a condition to labor. It is a harsh condition, which nothing but harsh term can correctly designate The so-called freedom of wage workis more imaginary than real, for the freedom to work or starve, and to starve unless you can find an em ployer, is not so glorious a thing as freedom is popularly supposed to be.

What is the program of the Social ist movement

The ultimate program of the move ment is for the members of the work-ing class to organize themselves into olitical party and by majority vote pture the political power which has hitherto been the exclusive posses of the master class: then to estab lish a system of industry in wish to work may do so ut dividing the proce their industry and giving part of it to an owner of the land or the ma-Private ownership of the means of production must be abolished and collective ownership estabso that the workers may own their jobs and not be under the n sity of working for an employer on the employer's terms.

Please tell us through Cotton's What is Industrial Unionism ?'

Industrial unionism is that form of or organization in which all who work in an industry are members of same union. For instance, all different kinds of employes on a broad would, under industrial organization belong to the same union stead of the firemen in one, the en gineers in another, the switchmen in er, and so on. The need of inanother, and so on. The need of in-dustrial organization becomes appar-ent, when for instance, the members of the Switchmen,s union go out on strike and the Brotherhood of Rail-way Trainmen are induced by the company to take the jobs vacated by the strikers. Or, when the lokomo-tive engineers might go on strike and the firemen, would take their places.

There is no doubt that all unions must sooner or later adopt the in-dustrial form, and the tendency in this direction is apparent where all the crafts in the building trades of a city join together in a federation for mutual defense. Socialists are interested in these matters bee they are benefitted by anything that on name of a certain interpre-of history, a working-class with the capitalist class.

ABOUT JOB PRINTING.

In response to many enquiries for prices on job printing, we must state that Cotton's has no job plant. We have only had the use of a press sometimes in return for the use of our cylinder press. That's how we get our printing done. The constant deficit on the paper has kept us too poor to put in a job plant. If Canadian comrades will put the circulation up over 10,000, we will get the backing for the machinery. Then we will turn out good work at Socialist prices, and carrying the Union Label. Help Cotton's to help the movement.

THE PEOPLE'S POEMS

THE ARSENAL AT SPRING-FIELD

By Longfellow

This is the Arsenal. From floor to eeiling,
Like a huge organ, rise the bur

nished arms; But from their silent pipes no anthem pealing Startles the villages with strange

Ah! what a sound will arise, ho wild and dreary,

When the death-angel touches the swift keys! What loud lament and dismal Miser

erē Will mingle with their awful sym phonies!

I hear even now the infinite fierce chorus. The eries of agony, the endles

Which through the ages that have

gone before us. long reverberations reach our own.

On helm and harness rings the Sax on hammer, Through Cimbric forest roars the

Norseman's song, And loud, amid the universal clam-

our, O'er distant deserts sounds the Tartar gong.

hear the Florentine, who from his palace Wheels out his battle-bell with

dreadful din. And Aztec priests upon their teocalis

Beat the wild war-drums made of serpent's skin: The tumult of each sacked and burn

ing village; The shout that every prayer for

mercy drowns; The soldiers' revels in the midst of

pillage : The wail of famine in beleagured towns:

The bursting shell, the gateway

The rattling musketry, the clash-ing blade; And ever and anon, in tones of thur

The diapason of the cannonade. Is it, O man, with such discordant

With such accursed instruments as

And parrest the celestial harmonies?

Were half the power, that fills the world with terror, Were half the wealth, bestowed on

Given to redeem the human mind

There were no need of arsenals or

Its

vibrations,
I hear once more the voice of
Christ say, "Peace!"

Peace! and no longer from its bra-

Toilers and Idlers Our Serial Story

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A rich young man goes to work in a foundry which he discovers to be his own property. He learns social conditions and gets next to union people, anarchists, settlement work-A rich you ers, inmates of orphan homes and other types. He faces the problem of his relations to his employees, com-plicated with a strike and riot.

CHAPTER XVII. (Continued.)

"Epigrams? That,s the wretchedest habit that haunts me. That's imitation again. Any clever plied the elder man, pointing to a rot chained up in a studio would digest of anti-labor laws and legist all parrot chained up in a studio would It's a trick.

He laughed at the illustration. ion the Harding and Chilike Ackley Smith doing ?"

It seems the wild animals ty?" becoming extinct and its his

"So the decorations for our moldseat ?"

sketches and locked them up, saying the shoe happens to pinch, the innohe may get some real ideas after cent third party squeals." the holidays."

"I wish I could get started soon on account of some architectural fea-tures."

Workington there are industrial troubles, when coal and beef become

"At present," she said amusedly, dear." "Ackley is rather displeased with

"Why should he be displeased with

the decorations and won't go to any brook Fair. We're pulling all which more theatres with him or sit in the studio and read De Musset aloud temporarily get too much; the most while he makes animals.'

Rensen was deeply attentive; his lips tightened. He spoke after a hindmost. oment.

"Do you remember some things in fail every year."

our last conversation ?" "Ws it not rather a skirmish?"

she retorted. "Let us not-I mean that-one

ought to underst—"
"I have perfect faith in him," she said coolly, 'as a friend and as an rtist. Probably everybody has failings; but he is true and loyal. I

feel too grateful for . . . Anyway one did not expect such . . . from vou.

She turned away with sudden-flaming cheeks.
"Please explain," he said in hur-

ried alarm. "When one has the confidence of a

erson, one ought to be generous."
She did not reply, then faced him half smiling. "One might at least say, 'Keep your sword, General. "In some particular way?" he threw out at random.

Afterwards he recalled vaguely having advised her to cultivate Sonia

Interword a famine in beleagued towns;

and the ward are be recalled vaguely have and anone.

All these means that the room watching the arrival of the formation of the factors of the place were a study; the fall and showed a little place, say the fall has been deeped as the place of the place were a study; the fall and showed a little place, say the fall and showed a little place, say the fall and devel on the felicity of the word-keeping. Moreover, a tantalization for farrance of violets . . . the fervent hand a farrance of violets . . . the formation of the canonade it. O man, with such discordant fit. O man, with su The warrior's name would be a name sides of the room, gave an effect of And every nation that should lift table on the end platform before the Would wear for evermore the curse changes in shops, dates of elections, chances for work, etc. The book case, besides files of trade journals, Down the dark future, through long generations,

The echoing sounds grow fainter, and then cease;

And like a bell, with solemn, sweet she of trade journals, held perhaps two hundred volumes upon economics and the industrial question, government statistics, legal digests as well as radical studies by writers of this and other countupon economics and the industrial question, government statistics, legal digests as well as radical studies by writers of this and other countries.

Rensen, who had come here with John Day previous to the meeting, spoke his surprise.

"Son, a union man knows more than he tells," chuckled the other, unlocking the cabinet and taking out "Mr. Townsend is trying to break quest."

With the local, a delinquent was restored on payment of back dues.

An electric excitement succeeded a quiet routine when the president asked what further business might come before the meeting. A dozen men before the meeting. A dozen men sprang to their feet; they spoke in rapid phrases, vehemently.

"Mr. Townsend is trying to break question, and the dollar, or he may place them his satisfaction in other ways, findis compensation in the fact that he is forwarding the cause of education movement of the race.

These cards may be paid for when ordered, or may be ordered, or may b

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zen portals

The blast of War's great organ

man has this advantage, his learn ing and knowledge gets ground into He don't study all for am

"May I ask what are your bottom iews in these matters?'

John Day had a quizzical look Make the best of to-day, and keep informed and be ready for doing betthe old woman who smashed her out plates on the first report that her husband had won the lottery. But hundred and forty nine. That damage to have your eye on good, but it might be better, weekly gain of a hundred and the result of the sub-list jumped hundred and forty nine. ter to-morrow. I wouldn't do like

the union because it is not incorpor-ated and responsible, like the em-"Here's an answer to that." re-

earn the phrases in a short time. injuctions. "It might be convenient t's a trick. You exaggerate, defor the employer, I'll admit, to wor-"It might be convenient ry or break up an incorporated union by means of agents. But we're like the continentals of '76, very off your coat, tighten your belt, and get after those Subs. nese had their epigrams, not necessomfortable behind the trees. I sarily the same as ours. . What is guess we'll know when to get into the open.'

The eyes lifted comically. "Wild "What do you say to the new aranimals in clay. He has sworn off gument about the rights of the pub-portraits, landscapes, miniatures, de- lic, the so-called innocent third par-

"In the first place, son, I guess duty to save them for posterity—al-so, there's an animal vogue." that public is a pretty small minori-ty made up of the upper and middle lass. Secondly, it may be innocent club-house are taking a back but with all its wealth and power it "Well, he's made a trunkful of najority public of workingmen. When

"But still, the poor people, the workingmen' themselves, must suffer

"Right you are. But then they're not the innocent third party, they're PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST more like martyrs. . . . The fact is, "Because I want to go on with the whole business is like Donny." way. The men in a few trades may scratch along on starvation wages; it is up and down, and devil take the Same thing with the would-be employers-ninety per cent

"It seems to me," said Rensen "there can only be one remedy for this state of affairs."

"Yes, son, I guess that's so, and it will be applied when we're ripened by education and all hands are sick of fight and waste and chaos."

"What about the ninety per cent. of employers who fail in bu

ery year ?"
"They're getting educated, too.
Everybody is beginning to see that the nation can't go on under gamb ling principles.'

"Is it possible, however, to educate the employers who succeed? Who ed well enough to possess more than half the country's wealth ?' "Otis-you've got me stumped."

The visitor supposed that John Day would tell him when it was time to leave, and he sat in the rear of the room watching the arrival of the The faces were a study: the

case of a man injured in another foundry recommended a sick benefit. It was stated that three members from out of town had deposited cards with the local; an apprentice who had served his time was admitted

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The holy melodies of love arise.

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