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There is a handwriting on the wall, and the plutes are aware of what it means. Their henchmen are aware, and are doing their best to rub the warning out.

Rent, interest and profit are the natural results of the capitalist system. Do you think cannot get along without them? Study Socialism, and the way is open to you.

Scandal, scandal, scandal in the legislatures and parliament of Canada, yet the scandal-mongers return to their game of graft term after term. Surely we are a long suffering and dense sort of people.

The workers should glance over the roster of the politicians of Canada and try and pick out one who is a friend of labor outside of those who have openly avowed their labor principles and were elected on the labor ticket.

The reverence of riches is departing from the masses. The glance of aversion and sometimes hate is directed to the lazy luxurious class by the producers of all wealth. The parasites are recognized as what they are, not what they look like.

Why should a banker sit in his easy chair and take interest from the people? Because the foolish capitalist system demands it. A banker under Socialism will be an impossibility. He could not live, as there would be no interest for him to graft onto.

You elect lawyers to the parliaments of the country. Do you elect lawyers because they understand law? They understand law all right, and make the laws for their masters, laws which favor the masters in every particular and which sew the workers up solid and tight.

Let Ontario not forget that they do not have to put up an election deposit. Let the comrades take advantage of this and put up candidates at every opportunity, and at every sort of an election. Keep Socialism before the people, and the people will become interested in Socialism.

Miners dig and blast the earth and rocks hundreds of feet below the surface and sweat and suffocate and die to produce gold and silver, while the cultured class sit in the high places of the land and fatten on the profits of the workers. And they tell us the capitalist system is a fair one.

Comrades, do not find fault with your fellow workers in the Socialist movement. If you have any surplus energy to knock, use it against the common enemy. The other fellow's methods of fighting capitalism may not suit you, but he probably is making two Socialist votes to your one. Fight unitedly, and fight fair.

A boy scout and a rifle, with a muddleheaded officer urging him on are far more dangerous to the striking workers than the most seasoned soldier. No worker should ever allow his boy this infamous organization. They are organized for the sole purpose of subduing the striking workers, whether they think so or not.

For years and years the workers of Canada have sent the same old bunch of misfits to Ottawa to run the business of the country. Now this crowd are seasoned. They are professional politicians. To them the interests of the working class are not to be thought of. They have masters with money, and to obey those masters in thought and word and deed is the object of the professional politician.

Soon it will be time for the farmer to dig in and prepare the seasons crops for the benefit of the hundred and one parasites who are eagerly waiting for him and his loads of produce. Machine agents, mortgage grafters, loan sharks, and landlords will all stand in a row with their hands out. For all his slavery and toil the farmer will have barely enough left to skimp along on until the next crop, that is, if he is lucky.

There are many men who are lazy and won't work. Capitalists do not like such men, and have had laws passed to compel them to work. They must perform some useful toil, or be taken to prison and exploited there. You elect men to parliament to pass such laws against people who are not nearly so lazy as the men who cause these laws to be passed. If laws are to be passed to compel men to work, make the laws to fit all men who are fit to do a day's labor. Make laws to compel the luxurious class to work. You cannot do it under capitalism. You can do it under Socialism. Why do you uphold capitalism?

In the family stricken districts of Japan the people are selling their children. Rice is the national food of Japan. The rice crop for years has been bought up for the western markets, and the Japanese are too poor to buy their own rice. They are starving, and selling their children. This is one phase of capitalism. A few years ago the Japs were falling pell mell over each other to go to the front and fight Russia, for the benefit of the capitalist armament makers. Added to this there is a war debt of millions hanging over the heads of the people of Japan waiting until the country gets prosperous enough to have it enforced. Japs are adopting western methods, and are paying the price with misery and starvation.

"Socialism will break up the home," say the enemies of Socialism. What home? There are really no homes under the capitalist system to break up. A rented house is not a home. A mortgaged house and furniture is not a home. A house and furniture purchased on the installment plan is not a home. A family scattered over the country from one end to the other hunting for jobs is not a home. A man working ten hours a day, and his wife working longer hours still does not make a home. It is only a place in which to eat and sleep. A son forced to leave his native town in order to get wages, a daughter slaving in a sweat shop or mill, and a bunch of half dressed children does not tend to make the father and mother think that they are blessed with much of a home. These are the kind of homes that anti-Socialists claim Socialism will break up. Socialism will certainly break up these "homes" and allow the parents the wealth they create, and the result will be a real home, minus the trouble and care the average householder is facing to-day under the foolish capitalist system.

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Shall Socialists Join the Militia?

An Ottawa Comrade writes:—"In reading over your issue of March 19th, I ran across the article, 'Capture the Militia,' by a patriot. Now I have four boys and have always been hollering that not one of them would ever join the militia with my consent. But the last while back I have read quite a few articles expressing the same views as 'Patriot' and I am commencing to quite agree with them. Socialists are hoping that the change will come by ballots instead of bullets. Now my opinion is that if we all had military training there would be a greater chance of us winning by peaceful methods. And in the case of strikes we could shoot the scabs instead of the strikers. You made no mention on the letter and that is my reason for writing you to see if you would express your ideas on the subject in the next issue."

The Comrade who wrote the article, 'Capture the Militia' wanted my opinion on his article. This question seems to be agitating quite a few minds. In my opinion, violence gets us nowhere. We cannot win by force. We must win by reason.

This does not mean that reason alone will win. But we have got to persuade the majority that Socialists aims are right. When we have persuaded the majority, the majority will decide for Socialism, and if the majority decide for Socialism, the appeal to force by the minority will readily be overcome.

CAPTURING THE MILITIA.

The idea of capturing the militia is good. But let us capture it in proper manner. They who control the purserstrings control the militia.

Canada is spending \$18,000,000 a year on the militia and permanent force and the remnants of her navy.

This sum is voted annually, at Ottawa by the Parliament of Canada. When the money is voted, the people have agreed to pay. The revenues of the people are then spent to feed the officers and men, furnish them clothes and ammunition, provide horses and equipment, and shelter for man and beast.

If we capture parliament we control the militia.

For we can refuse to provide the funds to pay the soldiers and officers.

The officers and men will have to take up some other work. For the government pay being cut off, they will starve at soldiering.

To get the funds to keep themselves going they cannot loot the banks, or pillage stores or plunder farms.

If we want to, we can pass the army estimates providing that the moment the troops do not do as the Socialist government says, their revenues will be cut off.

The ballot is a very powerful weapon. We can capture the power through the ballot. It is too late for governments to disfranchise great masses of people.

ACTION AND REACTION.

To Socialists who want to be in a hurry, the idea of appealing to arms and training Socialists to shoot seems good.

But violence provokes counter-violence. We are apt to be carried away by our own enthusiasms. We will think the time to use force is ripe, and it will not be ripe.

The capitalist class are looking for violence to get the funds to keep themselves going. We appeal to violence, the whole power of finance of the capitalist state will be lunged against us.

Wars are fought by finances, more than by arms. As long as the masters control the state, they will have power to finance their soldiers, and we will be overwhelmed. The Paris Commune would be repeated.

Moreover, we must not forget that to action, there is reaction. After the French re-

volution came the restoration of the Bourbons.

After Cromwell came the restoration of the Stuarts.

If we capture the political power on a wave of enthusiasm, there is likely to come a period of reaction.

If we appeal to arms our opponents will appeal to arms. The period of action and reaction will be written in terms of blood instead of in terms of ballots.

Agitation, education, organization are our watchwords. Armed aggression or resistance has not yet become a watchword of the working class revolutionary movement. In my opinion it would be a wolf in sheep's clothing.

THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS.

The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.

This is a well-known Christian saying. It is also true of other movements.

When the militia shoots working men on strike, sympathy is won for the workingmen.

Should workingmen or the militia shoot scabs, sympathy would turn to the scabs.

On Vancouver Island the militia was called out, strikers were arrested and jailed. Col. Hall threatened to turn the guns upon the miners peacefully assembled in a union meeting.

To-day the strike is on the point of being won. The Minister of Justice has released twenty-two of the convicted miners. Col. Hall has been relieved of his command. Many British Columbia politicians have become glad to have seen more riots.

In South Africa the government abused the strikers, deported the leaders, declared martial law, enforced tyrannical decrees. A provincial election has just been held in the Transvaal. The Labor Party has captured the provincial council.

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LOW CREATURES.

Soldiers are low creatures. They are degraded by their profession.

A shot soldier renders the working class more united. An assassinated capitalist strengthens the political hold of the master class.

Such a training renders these creatures contemptible. It blunts their finer qualities.

Because their training is brutish, because their lower natures are carefully cultivated by the capitalist class for purely selfish motives, the soldier is recognized as a very dangerous person.

He is not allowed civil rights. He is put in a class apart. He is treated like a criminal whom the masters allow a certain amount of activity to exercise his criminal instincts.

The soldier cannot come and go when he likes. He is trained to march and counter-march, to rise at the sound of a bugle, to go to bed when ordered, and to obey without question the orders of the officers whose whole duty is to make the soldier as efficient a murderer as possible.

The soldier is under martial law. If he disobeys the command of his superior officer it is mutiny. If he refuses to shoot when told, the soldier himself can be shot on the order of the officers whose duty is to have men shot.

By having Socialists join the militia, you do not raise the standard of the militia. You degrade the character of the Socialist.

To have Socialists join the militia to learn how to shoot capitalists is merely the application of the old fallacy, do evil that good may come.

A man does not fight the white slave traffic by taking up his abode in a house of prostitution. A man does not fight the booze traffic by becoming a barroom loafer. Neither should a man fight the capitalist system and militarism by filling his mind with barrack-room muck and having his hands taught to murder.

THREE FALLACIES.

There are three fallacies wrapped up in the proposition to have Socialists join the militia.

The first is, do evil that good may come. When a movement sinks a principle for the sake of expediency, that movement is rotten enough to be buried.

The second fallacy is the fallacy of conspiracy. The great fight of Marx and Bakunin was on the relative value of conspiratorial method. Marx opposed conspiracy.

We cannot seize the militia by conspiracy methods. We can only win a few men. And once we admit that we should work in secret, we lay the movement open to spies, informers, traitors.

When we admit that a Socialist can join the militia because his motive is pure in so doing, we will have a host of low, butcher-spirited thugs who will claim to be Socialists and are in the army only to disrupt it. We will not be able to tell the capitalist thug from the Socialist thug.

The third fallacy is the fallacy of direct action.

The man who pursues wealth directly gets locked up as a thief. The man who pursues wealth indirectly becomes a convicted fool.

The Socialist who pursues freedom directly gets locked up as a vagrant.

Attacking the system of capitalist exploitation directly, attacking the army directly, shooting the scabs directly, these methods do not overthrow the system. The political power must be won. The majority of the people must be persuaded.

You strike. The militia is called out. You are shot down directly. This may appear to be direct action to you as you feel the bullet directly.

But it is not direct action. You are shot down because you are ceasing to work indirectly with the profits of your masters. Your masters have the power to shoot you down because they have the political power and have had the laws made in that manner.

If you capture the political power, you render your masters powerless.

LET THE CAPITALIST HENCHMEN FIGHT.

If you join the militia, the capitalist rivals of two countries may force a war, and the troops are ordered to the front to kill and be killed.

In a war you have to go forward and be killed. You cannot go back.

The front ranks are ordered to advance on both sides. Supporting lines are behind.

If the front rank of either side refuses to face the bullets and begin to retreat, the supporting ranks of their own side OPEN FIRE, the retreating front rank.

You have either got to face being killed by the enemy or get killed by your own fellow butchers.

Socialist brains are valuable. There are enough boneheads who cannot see the horrors of the present system.

Is it not better to stay at home and use your brains to awaken your fellow slaves in the industrial-slave pens and let the boneheads go and get killed, than for you to go and get killed and leave the boneheads at home to propagate their boneheadedness in a whole raft of little boneheads?

ARMY SHOWN UP

Uster does not want Home Rule for Ireland.

To prevent home rule, Uster capitalists and landowners have been training a private army to fight against the government.

When the government troops were ordered to be in readiness to proceed to Uster, many officers resigned.

The army has been used to awe strikers, to act as scabbers, to shoot and kill striking workers.

When the army was to be used to coerce a section of the capitalist class to obey the laws of the land, the army officers resigned.

This is having a tremendous effect on the working class. Many workers have been loyal to the army and the empire. The deeds of heroism performed by the soldiers in India, Egypt, the Crimea and in other countries fired the imaginations of many slaves.

But now the army is revealed in its weakness. It is shown to be an instrument which is not used impartially.

Asquith and the capitalist homerulers see the danger. T. P. O'Connor writing for the Canadian press, on the sedition in the army, says, "Everybody knows that this most dangerous gospel is being preached at a time when there is more serious unrest among the working classes than at any period in living history. I have some reason for believing that even before this year is out, there may be a great strike, the dimensions and affiliations of which it is impossible to measure."

The British army is losing the respect of the British worker. The day of emancipation draws near.

Many workers are burning the midnight oil in attempts to invent something which will put them on easy streets. If you will take particular notice, when an invention is put on the market and makes good, the inventor comes at the little end of the horn, if he comes in at all. The marketed commodity is inevitably backed by men of cash, and they get the cream of the inventor's efforts. He gets just enough to incite him to greater efforts, when the vulture hovering near will alight when the time is ripe.

Some corporations and companies claim that widows and orphans are unable to get a living through dividends paid by their companies. How many widows and orphans are forced to slave in poverty that these dividends may be paid?

With the abolishment of rent, interest and capital, the incentive for most of the crime in the world will have disappeared, and prisons will not be a necessity.

Everyone is welcome in the Socialist movement who is a worker and is willing to help spike the guns of capitalism. There is room for everybody who is class conscious and has no yellow streak.

The workers toil and slave and fill the warehouses of the country with clothing, boots and shoes, etc., while the masters do not give the slaves enough money to allow them to clothe their children.

War is a silly game. They go out and murderously shoot up each other, then send the red cross ambulance over the field and pick up the wounded and give them the best possible attention and care to make them well again.

Revolute, revolute. Contentment will get you nothing but poverty and misery. Cows are generally contented, and are exploited for every dollar's worth of profits that can be squeezed out of their hides. Be not a cow. Revolute, revolute!

How cunningly are the laws of the land arranged to feed the capitalists. How cunningly the capitalists arranged that the workers should elect men who would make those laws tighter and stronger for the class who toil not, neither do they spin.

The inventive genius of many a man has filled the pockets and bellies of luxurious parasites, while he himself went to his poor garret bed with an empty stomach striving to perfect another invention, which in all probability and according to the laws of the land would be stolen from him as soon as it was ready.

When the landlords learn to build bridges, when the bankers learn to run lathes and design machinery, when the merchants learn how to distribute goods without profit, then the workers will be able to cut hours and hours of their daily toil. The horde of parasites all doing something useful will lessen the labor of all.

Workers, look around you. Gaze at the multitude of men who do nothing useful for the benefit of the whole people. These parasites fatten on the excess labor you are forced to perform. A large portion of the results of your toil is taken as toll to keep the carrion dressed in the best and leading a life of luxury. Who are the goats?

Turn your class conscious battery of arguments on your fellow worker, and put him wise to how he is robbed and the way out of the jungle. This is your life work, comrades. If it does not help you in your lifetimes, it will help those who come after you. They will be thankful that men with red blood in their veins have lived before them.

Oh, for Socialism! Oh, for the time when the rule of grab and greed, and slaughter and bloodshed, and jealousy and strife is no more! When men will act as men, and women will act as women, and children will not work in sweatshops, but attend school, and will have decent clothes to go to school in. The glory of capitalism is all for the few, and the misery of capitalism is all for the many.

"Necessity knows no law," is an old axiom. It would not work to-day. Necessity dare not take a loaf of bread to keep from starving, necessity dare not take a lump of coal from the coal littered railway tracks of the masters, to keep from freezing, necessity dare not ride on the railways or boats of the masters without a ticket, necessity dare not do anything contrary to the capitalist law which makes necessity a necessity.

"There is no sentiment in business," is a remark often passed. No, there is no sentiment in it; there is no sense in it; there is no reason in it. It is a wholly unnecessary mudle wherein the strong force the weak to the wall of ruin with a merciless hand. Business supports a horde of parasites who fatten on the results of the toil and labor of the workers. Doing nothing useful they will pass with the rest of the useless carrion of the capitalist system.

"The public be damned," used to be a favorite expression of the plutocrats in high, and (to them) safe places. The expression is not used so much now, as there is possibly no safe place for the parasite. Other parasites of his own class are feeding on him. He must continue the bitter struggle of capitalism to the end. Capitalists are turning on each other in their greed of wealth, and the biggest and fiercest wolf will continue to win as long as the system lasts. The injured wolf will meet the fate of the weak.

A while ago a mechanic designed a voting machine, and spoke of it to a man who knows something of inventions and politicians. The machine was claimed to be such that it was impossible to manipulate it in any crooked manner. A vote once cast, then, could be no chance to change it, or stuff the machine with fake ballots. In fact, the machine was crook proof. He explained it to the man spoken of above, who informed him that the machine could be of no use. The government were not looking for such a machine; they were looking for something which would appear to act straight, but which in reality would act crooked. They would laugh at such a machine as the inventor proposed. No government would adopt it. The machine was that much lost labor. The would-be inventor woke up and went away a sadder and a wiser man.

Take a look at the cabinet ministers of the Dominion. Are they not a sweet looking bunch? Do they look very friendly to the cause of labor? Does any one man of them openly recognize that labor and nothing but labor puts them where they are? In a clash between labor and capital, where would you expect to find the cabinet lined up? On the side of capitalism, on the side of their masters. They are not of the ranks of labor. They sit in their high places through the workings of big business, big profits, big grafts, and to hold their jobs they must be prepared to fight to a finish for those who have placed them where they are. They are no friends of labor, and are making that fact manifest every day. Out with them, and put in men from your own ranks who will not obey the call of money, but who will chase the capitalist system off the map.

ADVERTISING WASTE

Toronto is the place chosen for the tenth annual convention of the Advertising Clubs of America, to be held June 21-25. From six to seven thousand advertising agents will be present.

It is estimated that advertising in the U. S. costs SIX HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS a year.

Advertising is one of the wastes of the competitive system. It is an expense the capitalist class bear in order to advertise their tooth paste, grape nuts, carpets, hands wanted, hair vigor, corsets, railway scenery, and the like.

Socialists point out the tremendous amount of wealth produced by the workers which goes to the capitalist class and their parasites, defenders of the capitalists say that the profits pocketed by the masters are far less than the Socialists say.

These apologists deduct from the profits of the masters the expense of advertising, of competitive travellers, of lawsuits, of brokerage costs, etc.

Such expenses would not be necessary under a sane system where the workers produce for use and not for profit.

You get a dollar or two a day in wages. Your masters live at ease in luxury, and they spend six hundred millions a year to advertise for buyers of the wealth you create. They spent billions in other useless ways.

If you want the tremendous waste of modern methods of distribution to continue, vote for Laurier or Borden or any old line politician or befuddled reformer.

If you want to be a sensible person, vote and agitate to have your class, the producing class, control and enjoy the wealth they create.

There is strife and trouble with labor the world over. Socialists are anxiously watching the outcome, to see whether the workers will foolishly take to the rifle and bayonet or use the more effective weapon, the ballot. If the workers choose the rifle, they will face the machine gun. If they choose the ballot, they will face consternation in the ranks of the masters.

Many, many Canadians' bones are resting in the veldts of South Africa. Honest, now, how many can you name off hand who lost their lives in the war, and who left Canada?

Death, under the cursed capitalist system, is an angel in disguise.

THE EIGHT HOUR DAY

The miners of Ontario fought for the eight hour day, and won it, with limitations. The Legislature at Toronto enacted a law granting this demand.

But reformers and capitalist henchmen hailed this as showing the kindly nature of the capitalist politicians.

But no reforms are granted benefiting the workers, unless the capitalists are benefited also, and unless the capitalists are willing.

The following three paragraphs are from a capitalist sheet of Toronto.

"The Moose Mountain, Helen, and Magpie iron mines of Northern Ontario have escaped the eight hour day provisions of the Mines Act. The government has decided, upon the report of Hon. W. H. Hearst, that the section of the Act providing for an eight-hour day for mine workers be suspended in the case of these three mines."

"When the investigation into working conditions in mines was made it was found that the reasons of health and comfort for the workers that made an eight-hour day a necessity in many mines did not apply with equal force to iron mines, and in framing the eight-hour day clauses provision was made for the suspension of the section with regard to iron mines when it was shown beyond doubt that the management of any mine had made thorough arrangements to safeguard the health and comfort of its workmen."

"Three mines covered by the order-in-Council applied for exemption under the Act, and the inspector of mines, after visiting the workings, reported that he had found conditions as regards precautions, safeguards and arrangements for protecting the comfort, safety and health of the miners to reach a high standard as compared with other mines in the provinces."

The ten hour day was killing the miners off. It was making them sickly and reducing their power to labor.

So the henchmen of the masterclass passed a law reducing the hours of labor so the miners could still live and be robbed by the mine-owners.

And in those mines which did not make the miners unhealthy by working ten hours, the slaves were still made to work long hours.

Any slave who votes for Whitney or Rowell because these politicians are good to the slaves, ought to be examined for lunacy.

Contented slaves and Simon Legree foremen spell profits for the masters.

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This Wife and Mother Saved Her Husband Over Ten Years Ago

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Write to Her Today. Send No Money. She Has Nothing To Sell

For over 20 years Jan. Anderson of Hillburn, N. Y., was a confirmed drunkard. His case was about as bad as it could be, but a little over ten years ago his devoted wife, after years of trying, finally succeeded in stopping his drinking entirely.



Write to this woman if you have a relative or friend who drinks. Not only did she save Mr. Anderson but she stopped the drinking of her brother and several of her nephews as well. All this she accomplished with a simple home remedy which anyone can get and use. And she now desires to tell every man and woman who has a relative or friend who drinks, just what it is.

It can be given secretly if desired and every reader of this notice who is interested in curing a dear one of drinking should write to Mrs. Anderson at once. Her reply will come by return mail in a sealed envelope. She does this gladly, in hopes that others will be benefited as she was. One thing she asks however, and that is that you do not send money for she has nothing to sell. Her complete address is 87 Hill Ave., Hillburn, N. Y.

NOTE: This offer should be accepted at once by all who have dear ones who drink. In fact, every one who has to contend in any way with drunkenness should know about it. Therefore, if you do not write Mrs. Anderson, you are losing a chance. CUT OUT THIS NOTICE and mail it to a friend who could use it or to a relative. If you are a doctor, you should know about it. If you are a nurse, you should know about it. If you are a minister, you should know about it. If you are a teacher, you should know about it. If you are a parent, you should know about it. If you are a friend, you should know about it. If you are a neighbor, you should know about it. If you are a stranger, you should know about it. If you are a man, you should know about it. If you are a woman, you should know about it. If you are a child, you should know about it. If you are a young man, you should know about it. If you are a young woman, you should know about it. If you are a student, you should know about it. If you are a worker, you should know about it. If you are a citizen, you should know about it. If you are a human being, you should know about it.

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CURED HIS RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doct. of the time only hope of cure was an operation. Friends did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that cured me completely. Years have passed, and the rupture has never returned. Although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no lost time, no trouble, no expense. I will give full information about how you may have a complete cure without operation. All you write to me Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 238 Marcelline Avenue, Manassas, N. J. Cut out this notice and show it to any other who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.

Cotton's would be pleased to receive clippings of Socialist activity throughout the world, and Canada in particular. We get many exchanges, but they do not contain the whole story, and comrades who may know of anything doing in the movement, or who may see anything regarding Socialism in their local papers would help the cause by sending it in.

Forty weeks for twenty-five cents, in clubs of four or more will send Cotton's Weekly to any address you want.

VEXATIOUS REGULATIONS

We publish this week the case of the Menace being barred from the Canadian mails. This to some of you may seem to be none of our business.

Yet it is, for Pelletier is making all kinds of fool regulations, and acting in a strange and crazy manner.

Recently he made a regulation that newspapers could not carry a double page advertisement and be admitted to the mails at the newspaper rate.

He has made another regulation that no cash can be sent in letters through the post office. The dear grandpa does not want the post-office boys tempted to steal by feeling money in letters. You have got to send your remittances in postal notes—or money orders or checks.

Thousands of letters are held up in various cities because they contain cash. Pelletier will not allow them to be delivered. Some of the letters sent us by hysters no doubt are held up.

Pelletier should be examined for his sanity. The Canadian edition of the Menace is published at Aurora, Ont. Pelletier will not let this paper go through the mails at the newspaper rate, because of its contents. But he lets it go through the mail at a much higher rate of postage.

The Canadian Menace should either be admitted to the mails at the regular newspaper rate, or refused transmission altogether. Pelletier shows his incompetency in this matter.

When the Canadian Menace was asking for postal privileges its subscription rate was put at 50 cents a year, in clubs of four or more 40 cents a year. Pelletier informed the publishers that no weekly newspaper whose rate was lower than fifty cents a year was allowed to go through the mails. As Cotton's rate is lower than this, Pelletier evidently intends to attack Cotton's and make you slaves pay fifty cents a year to get the paper. Pelletier does not want the workers to have a low priced rebel paper that tells the truth.

You can do good work for Socialism by cutting this article out, and send it to the member of parliament from your district, asking him to have Pelletier removed from the postmaster general's office for incompetency and for interfering with free press.

"SOCIALISTS CAMPAIGN IN NEW ONTARIO."

At the regular weekly meeting of Local 9, S.D.P. of C. held on Sunday evening, 29th March, at Cobalt, Ont., a very enthusiastic crowd attended. The announcement was made that Comrade M. Wayland of Toronto had been chosen the candidate for the coming Provincial election in the Timiskaming riding. The local went on record as being in favor of despatching a local man throughout the constituency, to distribute literature, and prepare the way for speakers to be routed, through the riding, as soon as climatic conditions permits. All live wires throughout the clay belt of Timiskaming riding, be prepared to assist the comrade in his work.

Our meetings open with the International, and close with the audience singing the Red Flag. Judging by the fervor in which these are sung the comrades mean business. In order to develop local talent of which there is an abundance of good material laying dormant, a forfeit meeting will be held at which every present will be called upon to address the meeting on Socialist topics, in event of not making good, will have to forfeit the sum of ten cents, proceeds to go towards the campaign fund. Any comrade wishing any information, in reference to the campaign, or being in a position to advance any dealings with the Timiskaming riding, address Comrade I. G. Dean, Secy. Treas. No. 9 S.D.P. of C., Cobalt, Ont. Box 446.—J. D.

WANTS TO BE A SOCIALIST SPEAKER

"Please find the Art of Lecturing by Lewis for which I send 50 cents. The fellow who got the last bunch of books is very much pleased and wants to become a Socialist speaker. This is a message from Hamilton, Ont. New recruits are constantly rising and the gospel of Socialism is being spread wider with every passing day.

ASSINIBOIA LOCAL THRIVING.

We are beginning to do things. Two new members yesterday. Total of twenty-five now. Thus writes the secretary of Assiniboia, Sask. Local S.D.P. That is the kind of hustling that is increasing the power of the Social-Democrats.

FARMERS HARD UP.

Comrade T. Edwin Smith, of Yetwood, Alta., writes, "The farmers here are desperately hard up and most of them cannot buy a book although they seem anxious to listen to Socialism." The plutes have the control and see to it, the farmers slave and get nothing.

To Absorb Freckles and Other Blemishes

Every spring numerous inquiries are made by girls seeking some reliable recipe for removing freckles. Last year very favorable reports were received from many who had used mercolized wax during the freckling season. The wax seems to possess unusual properties which completely absorb the freckles with no harmful effect. The complexion improves wonderfully, becoming as soft as a rose petal, and as delicately tinted. Get an ounce of mercolized wax, spread a thin layer of it over the entire face every night for awhile, washing this off in the morning. For rough, spotty skin, sallowness, blackheads, pimples, and all cutaneous blemishes, this treatment is superior to any other.

Springtime also brings wrinkles to many sensitive skins that are much exposed to winds and changing temperatures. To a half pint which has been added an ounce of powdered saxolite, which quickly dissolves. Bathe the face in this the effect on a wrinkled skin is remarkable.

Wayland's Way

How life appealed to the late J.A. Wayland, founder of the 'Appeal to Reason,' is denoted by the following passage which he wrote recently for the 'Appeal'—

"I don't know how it seems to you, but to me it seems that life is one continual struggle and disappointment. From the time we are forced to tackle the struggle for bread it is one desperate fight. The lives of nearly everyone are a round of work, sleep, eat—work, sleep, eat. There is never a chance to enjoy life—and as I see it the object of life is to develop and enjoy it. When the time for dissolution comes and the poor devils look back over the futile dream, their life has been a dreary waste, and all they have been permitted to enjoy has been about as much food, clothes, and miserable shelter as a chattel slave. And all this that a system might be maintained under which the voice of greed could develop and expand. The masses of people in this land and all other lands are mere machines creating wealth they are not permitted to enjoy. Like idolaters, they have been trained from childhood to believe in the things as they are by those who happen to profit by the condition, and they are not permitted to see that it is wrong and degrading. I can see no progress in a system that debases the many that a few may wallow in luxury. All the ills that affect the human family are a result of the present social system, and can be traced directly to the root—private property for profit. Whenever a mind sees the picture of the golden possibility of the new social order, it ceases to idolise the present chaos."

CASH RECEIPTS.

Cash receipts for the month of Mar. 1914 as compared with 1913 were as follows.

	1913	1914
Subscriptions	\$766.25	\$320.31
Book Sales	17.18	26.75
Advertising	204.66	159.55
Job Printing	195.35	99.95
Stock	2.00	27.00
	\$1,185.44	\$633.56

Cash receipts for the first three months of 1914 as compared with 1913 were as follows:

	1913	1914
Subscriptions	\$2,081.15	\$1,245.71
Book Sales	88.32	75.02
Advertising	426.01	237.41
Job Printing	768.14	257.85
Stock	174.50	635.50
	\$3,548.32	\$2,451.29

There has been a falling off in receipts for subscriptions of over \$800. This speaks eloquently either of hard times, or less active hustlers or of a combination of the two.

Cotton's depends upon its readers for its circulation. We have no paid agents. We have also ceased writing urgent letters to our supporters.

It is upon your own free endeavors Comrades, that Cotton's grows in power or fades.

THE MATERIALISTIC BASIS OF MORALITY.

He was not taken well; he had not dined. The veins unfilled, our blood is cold. We put upon the morning, are unapt. To give or to forgive; but when we have stuff. These pipes and these conveyances of life, with wine and feeding, we have suppler souls. Than in our priest-like fasts; therefore I'll watch him. Till he be with to my request. And then I'll set upon him—Shakespeare in Coriolanus.

WAYLAND'S EXPERIENCE.

J. A. Wayland, of the Appeal, told me in 1910 that to get a big circulation and to make the paper big, Cotton's would have to write a strong letter of appeal to the Comrades hustlers. He said he would have to do this once in five weeks.

We talked to him about the expense. He said it did not matter. The majority of the Comrades needed urging.

Is Wayland's advice to be followed Comrades? Do you need urging to work for the revolution?

The Canadian General Electric Company cleaned up \$1,558,964 in net profits last year. The slave does well if he gets \$600 for working from morning till night three hundred days a year. The million and a half go to a group of individuals for simply OWNING. No wonder the owners whine when we advocate doing away with private ownership.

A press despatch from Philadelphia dated Feb. 26th, states that the Atlantic Fruit Company had 1,500 bunches of bananas dumped into Delaware bay in order to keep up prices. Capitalism wastes food rather than feed the hungry. Feeding the hungry interferes with profit. Hence the hungry go unfed. Is it not reasonable to remove the profit motive?

There are many men now in Southern climes drawing revenues from their slaves in the cold regions of Canada, who have not seen a winter for years. With the robins they depart for the south, with the robins they return. There is the life of the best possible. The worker lives the life of the worst possible.

Thirty-five thousand coal miners in the Yorkshire pits, England, laid down their tools on March 30th and demanded the introduction of a minimum rate of wages. Notices of 135,000 more miners have been handed in. Any of these big strikes may be the beginning of the end of the revolution.

There is an ad on page two of this issue. Ryan Walker will give the movement an impetus in Canada. Everybody should hear him.

The FIDING LINE

Rockey Mountain House lassoes six.

A Comrade of Toronto gathers up twelve.

Abernethy, Sask., brings in four sheaves.

Four to Pearsons and seven to Pembroke, Ont.

\$6 from Lindsay, Ont., for subs, cards, and bundle.

"Please send me eight sub cards." Port Stanley, Ont.

Four to Cobocok, Ont. Honk, honk for the revolution.

"You will hear from me soon." says a Lindsay, Sask., red with four.

From Swift Current, Sask., come four subs and an order for eight sub cards.

Gilbert Plains, Man., takes four more copies and Veteran, Alta., takes seven.

Cobalt, Ont., miners send \$5 for bundles. The bundle brigade is a \$5 for bundles from New Westminster, B.C. The bundle brigade is out to do the system to a finish.

"Great means of spreading Socialism." "You have not heard from me for some time, but I am still red. Hope to be able to rustle subs this summer." McCoil, Ont.

"Today I was handed several copies of your paper, and after reading one copy, I decided to form a club of four." Hamilton, Ont.

Schumacher, Ont., sends eight dollars for bundles. That is the way to go after system! Slug the plute ideas with Socialist ideas.

"Please send me four sub cards. I sold five to-day, so I guess I will not have any trouble in selling a few more." Silver Centre, Ont., Miners' Union takes a bundle of twelve copies. Climb on the bandwagon of the bundleboosters, Comrade reds.

"Enclosed find four names which a Dutch comrade roped in for forty weeks mental message. Also send four sub cards." Toronto, Ont.

Elk Lake Miners' Union, Ont., sends \$3 for a bundle of Cotton's for three months. Why not take a bundle regularly? Half a cent a copy is the price.

"The Comrades of Nipissing district Ontario, are working for the coming election. As a result of their activity, fifty more Cotton's are going into the hands of the Comrades."

Four sub cards go forward to Thompson, Alta. How the plute ideas hate those sub cards. It makes them restless to see a sub card in their neighborhood.

"Enclosed find nine names. I have had some of these over a month but I was knocked out for three weeks. Must say Cotton's Weekly is all right." Port Rowan, Ont.

Four sub cards go forward to Princeton, N.S., Hamilton, Ont., and Mildred, Sask. Sub cards are four for a dollar. Best way to land a subscriber is to have a sub card in your pocket. Why not order a bunch to have with you?

"Please find one dollar to renew my bundle of four copies. I am continually planting them as shots—hot ones—into the camp of the enemy. I mail them every week to different individuals where I consider they will do the most good." Quebec, P. Q.

"Please send the following slaves the dope sheet, also send me four sub cards. We are having quite good times since taking our new quarters in Dovercourt. Our paper was packed a few weeks ago to hear the Rev. Dr. Eby on 'The New Brotherhood'." We got the Rev. gentleman thinking when we showed him there was only one, true brotherhood and that was Socialism. Toronto, Ont.

"I am sending you few more subs. They are in a great hurry for their paper. Seem to think that I should keep the paper in my pocket to get it to them quick. Some I am going to send the paper to want Cotton's and want the price too. They have been out of work for three months. This is in prosperous Manitoba. There are quite a few reds in Brandon, but they have to keep mum as they have a job and that is quite a privilege as hundreds are looking for one."—Brandon, Man.

THE DEBATE IN EVERYBODY'S

"Enclosed please find \$3 for which send these four subs and the balance to be used as nails to drive home on the wooden heads of ignorance wherever you see fit. I would like to have an opinion of the debate conducted through everybody's between Ryan and Hillquit. Is the motive genuine or mercenary?" Hope, B.C.

The motive on the part of Everybody's is mercenary. The magazine must give what the people want or lose circulation. The American Magazines have been captured by big business and are losing influence. Everybody's was built up on a radical basis and its readers were radical. When it turned against radicalism, it began to lose its circulation. In desperation it is trying to recover prestige by giving a mild debate on Socialism. It hopes to hold the radical readers through Hillquit and the reactionary readers through Ryan.

So far as Hillquit is concerned, the motives are genuine. He is going it mild, using mild terms and reason in order to try and get Socialist ideas into the boneheads.

While the motives of everybody's are mercenary, the result is bound to be an increase of Socialist sentiment.

During 1913 the desertions from the American army numbered 17 in the hundred. During the past ten years nearly 47,000 have deserted. The U. S. army must be one horrible hellhole to have so many soldiers quit and put themselves in danger of imprisonment.

The Mad Waste of War

In an interview in the New York Evening Post, Rudyard Kipling is quoted as saying:—"I did see war in South Africa. I said to myself before I went out, 'I'll see the dash and get the rattling inspiration of it. I'll see the charges, and this red lines, and hear hoarse commands, and stand silent and thrilled in that dread hush before the battle.'"

"But what a disillusion! The hush before the battle was like the quietness of surgeons and nurses before they go into the operating room. No body galloped up on a lathered horse and fell unconscious after handing the general the long-awaited dispatch. The general himself bestrode no charger, but sat in a comfortable camp chair beside a neatly spread table."

You heard a few tick-ticks and somebody handed him a slip—the substitute for the dispatch—and he read it and drank his tea and said, 'Um-m-m, good. Working out just as I thought. Wire Binks to bring up that battery, etc., etc.'"

"And all this method and precision and application of modern efficiency ideas—makes the carnage that follows all the more ghastly. You don't know in advance just what is going to happen, you don't know how it happened; you just look at the dreadful dead men and the shrieking wounded men, and they seem to you like innocent bystanders who have got in the way of some great civil-engineering scheme and been torn and blown up."

Five and Fifty

If fifty men did all the work And gave the price to five; And let those five make all the rules You'd say the fifty men were fools, Unfit to be alive.

And if you heard complaining cries From fifty brawny men, Blaming the five for graft and greed, Injustice, cruelty indeed— What would you call them then?

Not by their own superior force Do five on fifty live, But by election and assent— And privilege of government— Powers that the fifty give.

If fifty men are really fools— And five have all the brains— The five must rule as now, we find; But if the fifty have the mind— Why don't they take the reins?

PUT THE PAPER ON ITS FEET.

In 1910 J. A. Wayland of the Appeal to Reason told your editor that in six months time Cotton's should have a circulation of 50,000 and should be making \$500 a month net.

His idea was to make the paper sensational, get the people reading the paper for the yellowness, and drive home the message of Socialism in the paragraphs and small articles.

Four years later the paper is still under twenty thousand circulation and is not self supporting.

We can get out many more papers with our present machinery. We cannot cut down the machinery to get out the present paper. Hence we are not working to full efficiency.

Socialists are ready to dive down into their own pockets to support the Socialist press, but in doing this they are bleeding themselves without extending the paper's influence.

Circulation is the life of a paper. Cut off its circulation and it starves. Give the paper circulation and it grows in revenues, power and influence.

Give us subscribers, Comrades, above all else. Those twenty-five cent pieces, if there are enough of them, will put Cotton's on its feet and make it a revenue getter for the party instead of a revenue drainer.

Shall we look for a nice list of subs from you this week, Comrade reader?

They tell us the sun shines on all alike. The sun has little chance to shine on the worker cooped up in the sweat pens of the masters ten or more hours a day, or in the mines or the stockholes of ships. The sun is not for the worker.

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A SLIGHT GAIN.

The gain recorded this week is 60. This gain is not at all satisfactory.

The subs going off now were put on in the dull summer months when all newspaper receipts show a like slackening. The cash statement is shown elsewhere.

We know there are hard times, yet the times in Canada are no harder than in the United States.

The Appeal to Reason, with 90,000 people to draw on has an on list of 15,000 per week. Cotton's with 9,000,000 to draw from has an on list of less than 400 per week.

A Comrade of Nova Scotia stepped out and gathered up twenty-seven subscribers at one time.

We know that many of you are doing all you can, and we know that many of you are doing mighty little.

In the meanwhile our debts are piling up again. You on the firing line could reduce these debts and put the paper on easy street by sending in enough subscriptions.

Below is the circulation statement. Will you not try and make the month of April a red month and make the sub list average up? By each of you getting four subs, Cotton's would have a far larger sub list.

Circulation statement for week of April 2nd.

	Off	On	Total
Ontario	114	247	7310
Alberta	41	33	2935
British Columbia	20	24	2855
Saskatchewan	54	21	2327
Quebec	41	13	1155
Nova Scotia	6	11	1150
Manitoba	29	17	743
Foreign	10	9	405
New Brunswick	0	0	237
Yukon Terr.	1	1	206
Newfoundland	0	0	114
Prince Edward I.	0	0	48
	316	376	19517