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The Remedy for the High Cost of Living

"Why do you not tackle practical questions? Why don't you do something about the high cost of living?" This is the kind of question the Canadian Socialist has hurled at him. We do not go in for the high cost of living because the high cost of living is part of the capitalist system. We are attacking the system. We are not dealing with the effects. We are dealing with the causes.

In Germany the Socialists have tackled up the question of the high cost of living, and they have not been able to bring it down.

In New York the radicals took up the question and starved themselves and smashed meatshops, and the cost of living has not gone down.

In Montreal Alderman Blumenthal has taken up the question of the high cost of living. The Labor Party is petitioning the government to attack the "cold storage trust," and the "food trust." The cost of living in Montreal will not go down. It will go up.

The high cost of living is a sign of the corruption of the capitalist system. It speaks of extravagance among the upper classes. It speaks of the decadence of the old. It presages either the end of our civilization or the emerging of a newer system by the destruction of the old.

Let us consider three epochs of history.

Solomon

We have all heard of the reign of Solomon the Magnificent in Palestine. He built a "house of the Lord," with much forced labor. This is what he did partially. He garished the house with precious stones for beauty. He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold. He made the most holy house and he overlaid it with fine gold. And he overlaid the upper chamber with fine gold. Moreover, he ornamented the temple with cherubim and an altar of brass and a molten sea of brass, and twelve oxen, and many other things. All the vessels for the temple were gold.

He built store cities and chariot cities and horsemen cities. Hiram brought him 460 talents of gold. The Queen of Sheba brought him 120. All the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. The servants of Solomon brought gold from Ophir. The weight of gold coming to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold. He made 200 targets of beaten gold. Also 300 shields in the same manner. He made a great throne of ivory, and covered it with gold. All his drinking vessels were of gold. In his palace at Lebanon all the vessels were of gold. None were of silver. He had forty thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. In 2 Chronicles, chapter 9, verse 27, it is recorded, AND THE KING MADE SILVER IN JERUSALEM AS STONES.

Solomon the Magnificent created a great host of parasites. 110,000 men labored on his temple and palace. He sucked the labor power of his country and neighboring countries into unproductive channels. Gold and silver became abundant AND BECAME OF LITTLE WORTH. The cost of living rose tremendously. His magnificence was the ruin of his country. He outshone all the neighboring parasites. At his death the people were oppressed because too many parasites were riding on the backs of too few producers. In a little while the Israelites were conquered and carried into captivity. The causes which led to the high cost of living led to the overthrow of the nation.

Incidentally two accompanying conditions may be pointed out. Solomon firmly established a state priestcraft. He also loved many strange women. He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines.

Suleiman

Let us now look at the career of another Solomon the Magnificent. Suleiman I ruled the Turkish empire from 1520 to 1566. The Turkish historian, Kutchi Bey, attributes the origin of the decline of the empire to the reign of this monarch known to history as "The Magnificent." There was a change in the land system. There was prodigious extravagance in expenditure, prodigious venality among the ruling classes, continual wars, large borrowing, heavy taxes and individual confiscation to supply the wants of the rulers. Says the Encyclopedia Britannica, "The reign of Suleiman the Magnificent marked the zenith of the Ottoman power." The master class took too much from the producers. The parasites did not suck profit and leave a living. They sucked even the living away from the producers. Hence the working classes declined in vigor and the decay of the empire set in.

Incidentally it may be remarked that the same two conditions of priestcraft and the rule of women accompanied this reign. Says the Encyclopedia Britannica, Volume 26, page 53: "It is from the Suleiman time that historians date the rise of that occult influence of the harem which has so often thwarted the best efforts of Turkey's most enlightened statesmen. Suleiman's claims to renown as a legislator rest mainly on his organization of the Ulema or clerical class, in its hierarchical order from the Sheikh-ul-Islam downwards."

Here again the high cost of living in the midst of what was considered

to be great prosperity (great for the masters) led a nation to ruin.

Louis XIV.

The florescence of the feudal system occurred in France in the time of Louis XIV., who reigned from 1638 to 1715. It was a period of wonderful glory. Every noble in France had to live at Paris, or Versailles, which is twelve miles west of Paris.

Versailles was renowned through Europe. The bevelled glass for this palace was brought in ox carts from Italy. A forest was created by transplanting full grown trees. In the main fountain there are three jets of water one 60 and two others 50 feet high. According to the modern guide provided by Cook's agency, under Louis XIV the water for these fountains was pumped by hand. There is a canal 200 feet wide and one mile long. There is an orangery with a central gallery 507 feet long by 42 feet wide, with two side galleries 378 feet long. There are side palaces, colonnades, and many wonderful things. Louis destroyed the bills so that no one might know the cost. It is estimated to have cost \$100,000,000. Which would be equal to half a billion dollars or more now, considering the depreciation of the value of gold.

The master class revelled at Versailles. The common generals went out and fought battles with common soldiers following them. Money was like water with the masters. They sucked more than the surplus values from the producing workers. They did not leave enough for the producer to live on. Hence the cost of living rose. The magnificence of Louis XIV and his court sucked the life blood of France. It led direct to a starving population and the explosion of the French Revolution. The master class had once more ruined the society by which they lived.

Incidentally it may be remarked that Louis XIV was like Solomon and Suleiman with regard to priestcraft and women. The Encyclopedia Britannica, Volume 17, page 42, says of Louis, "His wife, Maria Theresa, bore him children, but there was no community of tastes between them, and the chief influence at court is to be found not in the queen but in the succession of avowed mistresses." In 1685 the Edict of Nantes, which had guaranteed the rights of Protestants in France, was revoked, and the fires of priestly persecution broke out. At the close of Louis' life, he was totally under the rule of priestcraft.

Modern Times

"But," some may ask, "what has all this ancient history to do with today?" Do you not know that by studying the past we may learn useful lessons about the present? It would be too tedious to trace the particular characteristics of modern decadence in all the capitalist countries. Let us take a glance or two at Great Britain, the United States and Canada.

Never in all these countries, was the cost of living higher. Never did the common people cry out in distress against the oppressive prices. Never was there so much wealth, extravagance and ostentation among the ruling classes as now.

We are in a period of racial decay. This will lead to the destruction of our civilization, or a revolution must break out and sweep the old away.

Great quantities of gold and silver have been discovered, and taken by the master class. Paper money has been floated and the currency has depreciated, just as the currency was made of little worth under Solomon, Suleiman and Louis. The revenues of the country have become congested in the hands of the ruling classes. They know not what to do with their great incomes. Hence they fling them away in extravagance. The Delhi Durbar spoke the congested state of the wealth of the country. The coronation spectacle, the chance of the capital of India, the turning of the Scottish lands into grouse moors and deer runs, the tremendous military and naval expenditures, all bespeak the congestion of the national revenues into the hands of the parasites. The low wages, the sweat-laden trades, the shams, the great army of white slaves, the poor houses, all show the other side of the congested revenues. The producers lack while the masters have what they know not how to spend. The workers are bled white, while the masters are choked with wealth.

In America the case is the same as in Great Britain. Thomas W. Lawson, in Everybody's Magazine, predicts that a vast change must be brought about or there will be the blackest revolution known to history within eight years. He shows that by stock exchange schemes and watered stock, \$2,000,000,000 annually are being drained away from the producers to the parasites. This is in addition to what he calls "legitimate" rent, interest and profit.

In Canada, the displays connected with the Duke of Connaught are a sign of our national decadence. Sir Max Aitken is a sign of our decadence. The contribution to the imperial navy now proposed is a sign of our decadence. The new group of millionaires and multimillionaires is a sign. Our revenues are congested in the hands of extravagant parasites. The common people want the

necessities. They cannot buy as they have been accustomed to. The congestion of the revenues does not appear to them as a diminished revenue. It appears to them as the high cost of living. Just as silver was made as stones in Jerusalem, so in Canada the medium of exchange has been made of little worth.

The two conditions which accompanied Solomon, Suleiman and Louis, accompany modern capitalism. London, Washington and Ottawa are sinks of sexual iniquity. The corruption spreads to all our cities. At the same time priestcraft flourishes, encouraged and supported by the beneficiaries of our misery. The priest is turned loose upon a bewildered people. Have you not noticed the tremendous church congresses being held? Have you not heard about the tremendous sums given by your exploiters to the priestly caste of Britain, America and Canada? Have you not heard of Father Vaughan parading the land? Have you not seen revivalism commercialized and priestified? The same reasons which led Solomon, Suleiman and Louis to fasten the clutches of a master-class supporting priesthood upon the populace are leading our modern pirates and civilization-wreckers to turn loose upon a decaying people the harpies of priestcraft to prey upon a rotting humanity.

In Montreal, Alderman Blumenthal attacks the high cost of living. He speaks about a food trust. The Labor Party are being led by the nose into the morass of high cost of living politics. They are going to "beseech the government." The government is the instrument of the master class in whose hands is our national revenues are congested.

The remedy does not lie in attacking the high cost of living. That leads nowhere. The remedy lies in abolishing the master class. In allowing the wealth of the producers to go to the producers.

By so doing, by establishing production for use instead of for profit, our nation will be made whole again. For the useful members will get their just deserts. They will have sufficient revenues to live in comfort. The extravagant, flaunting, corrupting master class will find their powers for evil cut off at the root, when the congested revenues are switched away from them to the workers.

This is what Socialism aims to do. If you wish to heal society from its manifold ills, vote here is in our ranks, presenting a united front to the enemies of our Canadian manhood and womanhood who hypocritically mouth patriotic sentiments while destroying our virility.

The Socialists must not attack religion, in the fatigues of a lot of gospel sharks. For there are gospel sharks as there are loan sharks. Dr. J. M. Gray, dean of the Moody Institute, which was founded for evangelistic purposes by Moody, declared at the Chicago Evangelists' conference on September 30th. "The present day evangelist becomes so tangled up with 'boosters' and hymn book propositions that they are simply in a money-making business." Dr. F. Taylor, of the First Baptist Church, Indianapolis, declared that the methods of some successful evangelists were nothing but graft. "When I started out as an evangelist," said Taylor, "another evangelist invited me to come to his house. As he said 'to learn the tricks of the trade.' I have got 'em skinned." This is the kind of gospel sharks who howl against Socialism. When you find a priest or a minister opposing Socialism, you have a perfect right to be suspicious of him.

Czar Whitney is at work upon the sanitation of the province. The province has been divided into districts, and a thorough survey is to be made. The human animals of the masters have been suffering a loss of labor power through ill health. This has been detrimental to the masters, hence the slaves are to be made more healthy. This is not done to benefit the human work animals; it is done solely to protect profits. But if the profit lords can persuade the slaves to still vote for Whitney because he is so "good" to labor, they will be exceedingly pleased. It will keep labor from using its voting power to abolish slavery.

Tom Crothers, Minister of Labor, has taken it upon himself to refuse the application of the Brotherhood of Railway Employees representing 5,000 C.P.R. workers for a board of investigation. Tom was the one who went around the country blating about the rights of labor. Tom is the handy man of the big corporations in labor disputes. They will let him blate a little to tickle the ears of the workers as long as he does what the big corporations want him to.

There will be what is known as a fighting session at Ottawa this winter. The Liberals are out and want to get back in. But the fighting session will not benefit the slaves. For both Laurier and Borden stand for the system which keeps the workers in slavery.

Cotton's Weekly is in existence for service and efficiency to the Socialist movement of Canada. Every Canadian Socialist should be using this service born of years of experience and operation.

The masters drive slaves and think they are leaders.

Capitalism did good work in the day of its prime. Now it stinks and should be buried.

One rebel is of greater moment to the progress of the race than a thousand peaceful slaves.

The little thieves fear the policeman; the big thieves fear Socialism.

The wage worker is a slave. Socialism would free the slave. Every wage worker should be a Socialist.

Horace Traubel says it is not the brains of the masters that keeps us in awe. It is what they say their brains are.

Borden is the agent of big business. Laurier was the agent of little business. Both are the enemies of the working class.

If you want reform, become a revolutionary Socialist. The threat of revolution will cause the exploiters to grant reform after reform.

How do you workmen like being the mudsills of the upper classes? You will continue to be mudsills as long as you allow the master class to write the laws.

The Manitoba Free Press wails over the low levels to which Manitoba politics have sunk. They have sunk to no lower levels than they have in all the provinces. In every province of Canada the exploiters are triumphant and their political agents will not hesitate to stoop to the lowest and vilest of tricks to keep the slaves in slavery.

The workers have voted for their masters in Europe, hence Great Britain is spending over \$200,000,000 a year on her navy, and Germany over \$100,000,000. Were the Socialists in control in both countries these enormous sums could be spent to wipe out slums, to stamp out tuberculosis, to abolish poverty and introduce a standard of high comfort into every home in the two realms. Capitalism makes for death, Socialism makes for life.

To many the social revolution appears to be far off. Yet it may come very quickly. Who would have thought the capitalist revolution would have swept over China in six months? Who would have thought that in 1858, when John Brown was hung, that chattel slavery would be abolished in 1865? Who would have thought in 1788 that the old order would disappear from France in 1792? The social revolution is near.

Sir James Whitney, premier of Ontario, has made an "appalling discovery." He has found that the Toronto Globe, which is partially owned by Rowell, leader of the opposition, and which is supporting the campaign to abolish the liquor license, accepts liquor advertisements. We are not interested in this squabble except in showing up the hypocrisy of Whitney. Is it not appalling that Whitney, who wants the votes of the workers, will not grant them the eight hour day? Is it not appalling that Whitney's voters should keep on blindly voting for him when he does nothing to remove the parasites who fatten on their labor power?

The Austrian Minister of Education has yielded to the demand that women should be allowed higher education, but every woman so taking up higher education must take a course in "coquetry." An usual that reactionary organ, the Toronto Mail and Empire, sniggers over this and considers it a cute trick. It is about as reasonable a proposition as to compel every male student learning to be a doctor, lawyer or dentist, to learn how to raise parsley, celery and turnips. The woman who enters higher education is not likely to want to cook much, and if she does, she has sense enough to know how to do it without instruction provided by the ignorant Austrian Minister of Education.

The Socialists want the workers to unite upon the political field to capture the power and oust the master class from possession. The masters have politicians like Laurier and Borden and McBride and Gosin whose function it is to get the workers to vote for them for the sake of reforms. Capitalist reforms are always next to useless. You remember the great splurge made over the pensions granted by the Pennsylvania railway to its employees? You remember how the plute press gurgled and chortled over this tender care of the working class. Mrs. Brison, whose husband was killed in the employ of this railway, tried to kill herself in Chicago. She found it too much of a strain trying to maintain herself and four little children upon the 95 cents a week pension granted her by the Pennsylvania railway. Workers of the world, you have nothing to hope from your masters but exploitation and dirty treatment. Unite and take for yourselves the wealth you create.

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A rebellious working class is the greatest hope for the future of civilization.

We have courts of law in Canada but no courts of justice.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Oh Be Joyful in the Lord. Never Mind the Parasites

R. Winn, Cowansville.

Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe ye, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. - Hagga 2.

The government of Canada appoints a general day of thanksgiving in each year in which the populace are supposed to return thanks to the Lord for His beneficence, His bountiful blessings, and for His universal love, protection and care exercised over us all.

Workers attend churches where pulpits are decorated with huge sheaves of grain, symbolic of bountiful harvests, and prosperity of the country in general. Gobs of theological lore are hurled at the wage slaves eulogizing them to awaken the fact that they should be eternally thankful for the blessed privilege of being able and strong enough to labor ten or more hours a day six days a week in order to keep body and soul together and a roof over the heads of their families. These orations all tend to befuddle the brain of the worker into the belief that he is a mighty lucky individual. Salve is rubbed on the sore spots, and with his accustomed meekness, inherited from centuries of tyranny and oppression, he toddles home imbued with the idea that he has a lot to be thankful for, though his comprehension of just what it is, may not be very clear.

However, he should be very thankful for many things which are taking place in the different provinces of this great Canada, where men are "free," work is plenty, and "anyone really looking for work can find it."

People of British Columbia should be thankful that Lord Joicey has purchased thousands of acres of land in that province, and will bring a lot of poverty-stricken Scotch crofters over to work on it for him, also for gracing the community with his illustrious presence the major part of each year; that Earl Grey still holds his shooting lodge there, with prospects of becoming a permanent resident when the workers kick him out of England. The fruit growers of the Okanagan Valley and other fertile tracts should be thankful that their choicest fruit brings nearly as much on the Vancouver and Victoria markets as inferior fruit coming from Seattle and other American points. The miners should be just tickled to death that they are permitted to delve in the earth for gold, silver and coal at a low wage, while their masters loaf around in plush covered chairs on the top of the earth counting dividends. Railroad workers should sing loud praises for the fact that the jails of B. C. are limited in number, as that is about the only reason they are out of them. Lousy bunk houses, embalmed beef, rotten eggs and maggoty bacon are all right for a railroad worker. It should gladden the heart of the common laborer that the Japs, Chinamen, and Hindoos are numerous enough to keep the bids for jobs down to a low ebb. The lumber hogs have not taken quite all the best trees of the forests, and the canneries, while wasting thousands of tons of edible fish annually, still control all the output of fish. Also hurrah for the fact that Mayor Finlay is still on the job; that the dives of Alexander street have doors swinging for the sons and daughters of the toiler; that his house rent only averages about \$40 a month; that there is plenty of room at the docks and parks for those who have no other place to sleep at nights; that if he raises his voice in protest on the streets, police bulls have orders to "put the wood" to him. These and other things in British Columbia should cause the worker's heart to almost break with pleasure.

Slaves of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba should not grieve that the great trunk lines cutting through their provinces own the choicest tracts of land in the most favorable localities all along their routes; that an English lord has bought thousands of acres of land for farms and ranches; that graft and corruption are rampant in their politics; that real estate sharks prey nearly upon their own body and soul; that the mortgage jackal is narrowing his circle each month; that dozens of homesteaders whose lives are rendered unbearable by the terrible monotony of the prairie and the lonely life, coupled with the frantic uncertainty of ever getting anything for their hard work, commit suicide each year. Oh no. They should be really, truly thankful, for are they not the pioneers of the Great Golden West? Will not their names go down in history as the hardy men who paved the way for the parasite, and built the foundations of a great and glorious country?

The willing workers of Ontario should also shout for joy that they are permitted to reside in such a bountiful land. Broad fields covered with stubble, the crops of which were threshed and held at a sacrifice almost as soon as cut to satisfy the rapacious greed of the landlord of their rented farms, or the holder of the mortgage on the farm they "own." Glee should fill their breasts when they contemplate the thousands of unemployed, willing slaves begging for a master; that jails, insane asylums, and "houses of refuge" are crowded to the doors in every county; that there are more slave pens

in that province than in all the rest of Canada; that manufacturers, doctors, lawyers, and wholesale and retail merchants' associations are all combined to squeeze the juice out of the slave; that James Pliny Whitney has surrounded himself with a coterie of capitalist henchmen who have builded themselves on a rock which will be hard to shake, and who has already stacked the cards against the worker; that there are dozens of company-owned and "one-man" towns in which the slave and his family are the absolute property of the master; that militia in every industrial centre is being augmented with many legalized butchers ready to rip, shoot, slay and slaughter the man who attempts to think for himself; that it is the mecca of thousands of British immigrants who each year are dumped on Canada's shores buoyed with the hope of a bright future, but find conditions little different than in the old land; that politicians are always on the lookout for "the sugar." All this and much more should sure bring the "Sunny Jim" to the mug of the man who works.

People in old Quebec might well jump for joy that they are living in the most backward province in all Canada; that their politicians are the very acme of incompetence and irresponsibility; that the general wage of the worker are at the zero point, with small hope of any remedial legislation; that the teachers of their children are paid "salaries" which would not tempt a Chinese coolie; that the loan shark and the mortgage fiend abound here as elsewhere, seeking whom they may get the shackles on; that one half the province cannot understand the language of the other; that a large percentage of their laws are of the vintage of the 17th century; that their one big city of Montreal is looked on as "the dirtiest and most stagnant city in America"; that any movement for the uplift of the worker is frowned on by both pulpit and press. The future of the cause of Labor in this province is so bright and rosy-hued that the life of the toiler looks like just one merry-go-round of pleasure. Oh joy! Let's all give thanks.

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island are fertile spots of land in which are located abundance of nature's mineral deposits of all descriptions. Their waters abound with treasures of the sea, and their banks and safety deposit vaults abound with treasures fleeced from the worker by the grafting politician and the capitalist boss, who own all the tools of production from the pick that loosens the coal and ore in the mines to the boats of the fishermen who risk their lives on the waters.

The steel worker living in a numbered shack in a company-owned town, the coal miner diving in the stygian darkness of the earth, the fisherman working under conditions under which none but the fittest can survive, the farmer on his rented farm—all responding daily to the incessant call of "Pay, pay pay!" should be grateful for something, somewhere, in this season of probation. He should be thankful for "well-behaved living, isn't he?"

So let us all rejoice and be thankful—the Lord is our Shepherd, we shall not want.

The Countess of Chesterfield recently stated that 555 girls had been decoyed to Salt Lake City, Utah under guise of religion. Ten times that number and fifty times that number in Great Britain are decoyed into white slavery each year by the profit system. Her Grace has nothing to say about this. You see, Her Grace is one of the parasites benefitting by the system which produces prostitution.

So she attacks the Mormons, which will not hurt the profits of her class, but will not attack prostitution, which is produced by the profits going to her class. The upper class reformers will shout for reform for heathen and Mormons. If the workers want to better their lot, they must throw off the master class from their backs.

The Canadian Northern Railway has purchased 1,176 more acres of land on the island of Montreal for \$2,320,040. This land in a few years will easily be worth fifty times this amount. Capitalism gives the big parasites the things people need to live by which the parasites can use to extort tremendous revenues from the people. Socialism would hold the things the people need to live for the benefit of the people themselves. The big parasites of course lie about what Socialism stands for. They set their paid agents to lie about it also. This is all the more reason why people who want to get at the truth should study the question.

According to the capitalist press, the West Virginia miners are to get a scale of 22 per cent. higher than the scale of the United Mine Workers as long as they keep out of the union. This shows how much the masters fear the united working class. They will do anything to keep them divided.

The great majority of the United States Socialists are glad the elections are over. The way is now cleared for beginning the 1916 campaign, and for doing great education and organizing work.

Questions Answered

DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY.

Please trace the evolution of man from barbarism to capitalism. M. Nix, Renfrew, Ont.

Lewis H. Morgan's "Ancient Society" is the recognized work on the development of ancient society. He divides the progress of the human race into three stages, savagery, barbarism and civilization. Each of the first two stages is divided into a lower, middle and upper status.

I. Lower status of savagery. This period commenced with the infancy of the human race, and may be said to have ended with a fish subsistence and a knowledge of the use of fire. Mankind were then living in their original restricted habitat, and subsisting upon fruits and nuts.

II. Middle status of savagery. Began where the lower status ended, and ended with the invention of the bow and arrow. Mankind, while in this condition, spread from their original habitat over the greater portion of the earth's surface.

III. Upper status of savagery. Began where the middle status ended, and left off when pottery was discovered. Barbarism here begins.

IV. Lower status of barbarism. Began with pottery and continued through till the domestication of animals in the eastern hemisphere, and in the western hemisphere till the cultivation of maize and plants by irrigation, together with the use of adobe-brick and stone in house building.

V. Middle status of barbarism. Began where the lower status ended, and ended with invention of the process of smelting iron ore.

VI. Upper status of barbarism. Commenced where the lower status ends and lasts till the invention of a phonetic alphabet and the use of writing in literary compositions.

Civilization is divided into two periods, ancient and modern. This is as far as Morgan takes us. It will be noticed that each stage in the development of man is marked by some new discovery. So man does not so much rule his own destiny as his destiny is ruled by the method in which he gains his living. A new discovery in the means of producing or enlarging man's subsistence worked a revolutionary society.

According to historians, modern Europe begins with the fifteenth century. In this age, gunpowder, the mariner's compass and printing were all discovered. The compass made possible the discovery of America; mechanical printing multiplied tremendously the power to disseminate knowledge, and gunpowder smashed the power and rule of mailed knights, placing the common man on an equal, in destructive power, with his former master.

These inventions sowed the first seeds of the downfall of feudalism and serfdom. They were the beginnings of the age of machinery. The masters discovered that the workers could be well robbed by the masters owning the machines at which the workers had to work, as by owning the workers themselves. Hence the system of serfdom and chattel slavery gave way to the system of wage slavery upon which capitalism is founded. Socialism aims at abolishing slavery forever by placing the free workers in the collective ownership of the machines at which they work to produce the subsistence, necessities and wholesome luxuries of the people.

FARMERS UNDER SOCIALISM.

Again, how would the farmers be recompensed for their produce under Socialism? How would prices be arranged? The reason I ask is because a non-Socialist remarked to me he would not be convinced till this was explained. M. Nix, Renfrew, Ont.

No one can say just how things will be arranged under the cooperative commonwealth. That will be for the people to decide when the majority have come to the conclusion that rent, interest and profit should be abolished. The farmer, however, would not be exploited. He would get the full social value of the wealth he created. Socialism does not aim at preventing a person cultivating a patch of ground himself. What it aims at is to prevent one person cultivating land while another who does no work reaps the benefit. Landlordism and mortgages would be abolished under Socialism. However, capitalism is going to deal with the farmers shortly. A revolution is pending in agriculture. Agricultural colleges are rising. Illustration farms are being established. Giant farm machinery is being installed on the big farms. The old jack-of-all-trades farmer will be replaced, under capitalism itself, with scientific specialists with wage workers under them.

The farm will be treated as an industrial establishment, and the profit lords will own the farm workers just as they do industrial workers in the factories. If the Socialism should arrive in power before this system is established, no doubt the credit of all the people will be used to produce agricultural products for the people with the least expenditure possible of labor power. Middlemen will be done away with, the food going directly to those needing it, and the middlemen will be set to doing useful work. Thus the farmers, the men who produce foodstuffs, will be able to get an income of two or three thousand dollars a piece while working four or five hours a day.

If we had a system of prices under Socialism, they would be established by experts, no doubt. This system is already developing under capitalism. Thus the employers in the printing trade are establishing a scale of prices for which they will sell printed matter. The steel makers do the same with steel. The coal operators do the same with coal. The paper makers do the same with paper. They pay the wage slaves a wage and take the profit. Under Socialism that

profit will be eliminated, the producers either getting far more income, or, what is the same, far lower prices for what they buy. With the host of useless parasites eliminated, with the workers and farmers selling direct to workers and farmers, the condition of the working class will be tremendously improved. This is only a statement of what will probably occur. The precise arrangement as to the reward of the producers will be determined by the producers themselves. The main thing at present is to agitate, educate and organize for the abolition of the profit system.

The Man Who Stands Still

Society is today divided into two distinct classes, the idler and the worker. The former is the parasite, and the latter is a subdued, meek, lowly ox.

The first is going forward at a tremulous velocity, and the second is being goaded onward by the lash and the stick.

The idler holds the leash in check to which the slave is harnessed. The driver dwells in a marble mansion, with bright chandeliers, a glow in the eyes, and a smile on his lips. The ox sleeps in a damp, vermin ridden hole in darkness and filth. The former breathes perfume, scented air, and bathes in the most expensive water, and the latter inhales the foul odor from the stalling and poisonous atmosphere, and shudders to foster the advent of "cleanliness and godliness."

Attired in his overalls, and with the perspiration streaming down his forehead, he lays the foundation of the idler's magnificent residence. During his noonday meal he reposes upon the very floor that once he toiled upon, and with the sweat fallen from the brow of the fatigued worker. In the dining hall where the guests assemble to partake of the most exquisite viands, and the expensive lobster salads, there the builder had eaten a dry crust of bread, and drank the water from the mortar-smear'd hose.

However, the human volcano is vomiting up the lava of wrath and shall be the seed of emancipation that has been sown by the martyrs who have sacrificed themselves by the way of the harvest one must act. Neither the monarch nor the pope shall hinder its growth. The constitution of oppression must be done away with.

When the sufferings and wrongs of the people are alleviated, when the very Socialist craves for the things that produce slavery, when the worker shall learn to discard his chains which have bound him to his misery, and when he learns to vote intelligently, then these present conditions can be obliterated.

The pillars of society are thus being gradually weakened by the tremendous pressure of the rising masses.

Will you help to establish a society where harmony and brotherhood shall prevail?

Be the man who stands still! Try to bring into realization Victor Hugo's dream of the twentieth century. Yours for a social revolution—David M. Applebaum, Montreal, P.Q.

WHY I AM A SOCIALIST.

When a boy of about five or six years of age, my only religion was the hard, cold seats of one of the many bridges and embankments of London. Many a day in my loyal ignorance I showed my burrah to the king, although I had no breakfast. Father was dead, mother was gone, and the rest he had put in a box to South Africa, fought for my country, helped rob the poor Boer farmer, set fire to his home, and eventually got to the front, and was killed.

When I joined the British army in order to get board and lodging, I was sent to South Africa, fought for my country, helped rob the poor Boer farmer, set fire to his home, and eventually got to the front, and was killed.

I saw the thousands of widows and orphans, homeless and destitute, the thousands of club, pomp and vanity, in the midst of starvation and wretchedness. I met a poor old man whom I would take to be between 70 and 80 years of age who was ending his days in the poorhouse. The words he said were these: "How comes it that those who produce everything have got nothing, and those who produce nothing except vice and misery have got everything?"

I saw the point, and from that day to this have done nothing but stick it into some poor wretch who was as ignorant as I used to be. B. P., Brockville.

WHAT HURTS THE CHURCH.

Some time ago I made you a list of thirty names. I am sure most of them are known to you. The same list of names on list number four only a small percentage will stick. The poor fellows do not call their souls their own. They do not see to that for them.

For instance, I will give you a true story. I am an engineer, and in a shop where I was working in Ontario where these subs are going, I had a man whom we call Michael. He was saving money to get married out.

Well, one day, Father D. came in as he often did. I, as usual, got a nod of the head, and "How is it going?" Then he says to poor Michael, and he says, "Micky, when were you in church last Sunday?" "So, and when were you in church last Sunday before last and Sunday before that?" Micky told him as near as he could remember. Then the Father made spring for Micky. His aim was good, and he gave it a twist and started to scold him, calling him a scoundrel and a thief, a robber of his own soul, with a lot more I do not care to write about. Then the Father wanted to know what he had done with his wages these last six months. Mike said he had spent some for board, some for clothes, some for beer, and the rest he had put in the bank. "Ah, you scoundrel, so, in the bank. How much?" "Fifty-five dollars," replied Mike.

"So, you scoundrel," said the priest. "Fifty-five dollars! Not one cent for the church! I should curse you. Poor Mike got more nearly over, and was nearly demented. The poor fellow said, "Oh, don't, Father, O don't."

"Very well, then, you just give me a check for twenty-five dollars." This Mike at first refused to do. What, you say? "You lying scoundrel, shouted the priest. "You lied to me, and for that lie it is only through my goodness that I refrain from cursing you now. But I will give you just one more chance. Will you give me that check?" "I can't," "D—!" "Oh, more, then, will you?"

Poor Mike came through with the check, and he had to put some of it to another while, which poor Mike had to submit to.—W. P., Alberta.

We publish the above letter to show the spirit animating some priests. This is no doubt in among those who denounce Socialism the most loudly as doing nothing but a pursuit of the dollar. What is his own conduct? He no doubt denounces Socialism as breaking up the home. Did he not himself keep two loving hearts out of a home by his greed?

THE PRINTING TRADE

The International Typographical Union is a union which has won many victories for its members. It spent two million dollars in its strikes which won the eight hour day for printers.

It has organizers in the field; and will endeavor to organize the whole of Canada.

It has had some effect upon hastening the consolidation of the printing trades in the hands of a printing combine.

In Montreal, the wages of hand compositors is \$16.50 per week as a minimum.

In the country places around Montreal printers work for eight, nine, ten or eleven dollars a week.

Persons in Montreal wanting printing done quite frequently send their work to the unorganized shops outside of the city. Much of the Canadian Pacific job printing goes to such unorganized shops.

To remedy this condition of affairs the big printers are holding cost congresses, and are devising ways and means to bring the printing business on a profitable basis.

Such a cost congress was held in Montreal Thursday and Friday, October 24th and 25th. Three hundred employing printers attended.

It was brought out that one job was submitted to firms to tender on. Four firms tendered. The prices ran \$50, \$100, \$120, \$140. Needless to say the work went to the firm that would do it for \$55.

The master printers are establishing a cost system. The labor-hour is the basis. Hand composition is sold on a basis of 87 cents an hour, press work for \$1.14 per hour, etc. Many persons ask how Socialism would regulate prices. When some Socialists reply that labor checks will be established and the standard of pay and of purchase will be the labor-hour, we are laughed at. Yet the employing printers are even now buying labor-power on the labor-hour basis and are selling labor-produce on the labor-hour basis. This is no Socialism. It is the work of hard-headed business men. Capitalism is preparing the way for Socialism. It does not want to, but it cannot help itself.

Socialists are asked about the little business man. Where will he be under Socialism? The answer is that capitalism is putting him out of business.

At the printers' cost congress in Montreal, the question of the little printer was taken up. He is a thorn in the side of the big printing establishments. He is a thorn in the side of the big cities, the International Union has placed an organizer in the field for the Maritime Provinces. It is beginning to organize the printers in the villages and towns around Cowansville. When the little shops have to pay higher wages, they will have to raise the cost of their work.

When they do this, much of the work going out of Montreal will stay in Montreal and the big shops will benefit.

It was suggested at the cost congress that pressure be brought to bear upon the printing machinery firms to make them stop giving long terms to country printers. Printing machinery is sold for a small cash payment and then for monthly payments extending over two or three years. Thus the small printers are able to start on small capital and are kept hustling to meet the monthly machinery bills. They hunt for work, will themselves work fourteen and fifteen hours a day with the hope that they are getting established in a business of their own, and they take work for figures the eight-hour day, union-shop cannot meet. Hence the Typographical Union and the Master Printers who have the closed shop are both united against the small, overworked, type-foundry-ridden hope-to-be-a-capitalist printer.

But the big printers win out in the end, even against the typographical union. For when the little shop is crushed, the price of printing goes up along with everything else. In Winnipeg even the Free Press complains about the serious question of rent. The Montreal Witness declares the cost of living is making a new record. Butter is following eggs in sky-rocketing, all provisions are soaring. Coal is climbing, and rents are going up. The Typographical Union has hardly been able to hold the standard of living of its members. Where the unions are not so strong, the standard of living has gone down.

Unionism is necessary to keep the workers from sinking into the slough of despairful, hopeless slumdom. But it can do little else. Every advance it makes is reaped by those who own the machines. The only escape for the workers is to seize the whole machinery of production and distribution. Then, profit being abolished, the workers will get the full value of what they produce. This can only be accomplished by political action. This is the Socialist way.

To the Rank and File

The fight's before you, class your ranks. You fighters for the cause today! Call in the riders from the flanks. Beat up the stragglers by the way. Head on the party line that tell you whom to strike, and how to stand.

You know your foes all too well. The hosts of greed throughout the land. If traitors in your camp you find, They're fired in every race and clime. Who'd lead you down some alley blind, Some by-way on the road of time. Heed not their weak sophistic lures Of economic right or wrong.

You know your battle, keep it yours: Heed not the carping, canting throng. Let him who will beguile the hour With theories o'er-wise and long: You know your fight, you know your power. Close up, close up, if you'd be strong. Did ethics ever free a chain? Did ethics ever free a slave? It's force you need the world to gain. Who are the array before the wave. You rankers in the workers' host, Let leaders wrangle if they will: Divide your ranks and you are lost: It's force you need the world to gain. Who are the array before the wave. You rankers in the workers' host, Let leaders wrangle if they will: Divide your ranks and you are lost: It's force you need the world to gain. Who are the array before the wave. You rankers in the workers' host, Let leaders wrangle if they will: Divide your ranks and you are lost: It's force you need the world to gain. Who are the array before the wave.

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REFORMER AND REVOLUTIONARY

The seventeenth annual report of the Board of Health of the Province of Quebec for the year ending June 30th, 1911, is an interesting document. Pages 60 to 70 contain the report of Jos A. Beaudry, Inspector of the Board of Health for the province of Quebec upon "Hygiene in Industrial Establishments."

It is an interesting report because in it we can get the extent to which the capitalist government of Quebec will be improving the lot of labor. The following paragraph taken from page 63 shows the whole tendency of capitalist reform work:

"Labor is the sum of energy required to produce something. All labor is the result of effort. In the human mechanism, in the case of physical labor performed by a muscle, the effort is called tension. In health, when the muscle is working, it passes, by virtue of elasticity, through alternatives of contraction and extension. Thus, so long as the labor does not go beyond the capacity of the muscle, equilibrium is maintained and its play is normal. But when effort exceeds the muscle's capacity, then equilibrium is disturbed and the muscle experiences a suffering which is called fatigue. If, instead of proportioning one's labor to one's strength and rest to labor, the worker allows himself, every day, only insufficient rest for normal labor, the effects whereof cannot be repaired by normal rest, then he works beyond his strength, and cannot continue to do so without serious danger to his health."

According to this, the worker is not a man, he is only a work animal. If he works too hard, he gets sick. As a work animal, producing profit to the masters, his illness is a loss. Consequently, just as a horse must be kept well, so must the worker, not so much for the sake of the worker, but for the sake of the master's profits.

Inspector Beaudry enumerates the things which cause the work animal, the laborer, to become ill. Bad drinking water in the factory is one. (Don't you see discussions in farm journals about the necessity for pure water for farm stock?) Drainage, cubic air space, dampness or dryness, unwholesome emanations, deleterious surroundings, dust, etc., are all bad for the work animal in the shop. (Just as they are bad for the work animal in the barn.)

Inspector Beaudry goes on to say that fatigue and overwork is a frequent cause for exhaustion and physical decadence in man, especially in woman, and still more in the child who work in factories and workshops. It brings on paralysis, narrows the lungs, makes the worker more prone to illness from unsanitary workshops, is an active cause of tuberculosis, etc.

According to Beaudry, some of the causes of overwork are too long hours, machinery which speeds the worker up, pushing loads of weight too heavy for the strength of the worker, and forced piecework or exploitation by sub-contractors. The long day, according to Beaudry, does not produce a big output, as the worker is too tired and cannot work his best. Besides, tired workmen are the ones who usually get maimed or killed in accidents or who produce them if they operate dangerous machinery. Beaudry holds that the eight hour day is a reasonable day's work.

Inspector Beaudry is what might be called a progressive. He shows the extent to which capitalist reformers are prepared to go. The worker to them is an animal to be exploited. Hence he must be taken care of so that he can be exploited to the most profitable extent. Long hours weaken him. Therefore long hours are not good. They cause him to get killed. Another reason why they are not good. They do not bring a big output. Another very cogent reason why they are not good.

Capitalist reformers will go just so far as to bring the human work animal to the well-muscled condition that will make him a splendid animal to produce surplus values. These the masters will take, leaving enough wealth created by the worker to him to keep the worker in the well-muscled condition.

The Socialist's aim is altogether different. The Socialist wants the wealth producers to get the full social value of the wealth they create. He wants to abolish the master class. He wants democracy in industry. He wants the worker to be something more than a work animal. He wants him to have a human being. He wants him to have an opportunity to enjoy life, to read books, to study philosophy, to travel.

He does not want the worker to be a well-muscled animal so the masters can travel more luxuriously. He wants him to be a well-muscled animal so he can produce wealth for himself and his dear ones.

The capitalist reformer will denounce long hours for labor, just as the capitalist reformer will advocate powerful, well-fed draught horses instead of scrawny, overworked ones. He will denounce unsanitary shop and sub-contracting. But he will not denounce wage slavery.

The Socialist will denounce wage slavery first of all. For from it flow all the present evils afflicting the working class, and from it will flow all the evils which will afflict the working class when the capitalist reformer has enacted his little reforms.

If you want to be an overworked slave, vote Liberal or Tory. If you want to be a slave with a little better stall and blanket and cleaner work quarters, join the reformers who are arising, and you may get these things after many days. But if you want to be a free man, join the Socialists.

THINK IT OVER.

Of course there are no class distinctions in this glorious land of the free, BUT why is a worker drunk when the capitalist is only inebriated when in the same condition?

Why is the worker sent to jail in the "burry" wagon while the plute goes home in a "joy-wagon"?

Why is a working girl a prostitute when she is forced to sell herself for a dollar while the society women are "queens" when they peddle themselves for a social position or a title?

Why is a worker who is out of employment a bum while the "second generation" who never work are gentlemen?

Why is the act of giving poor work for poor pay called criminal sabotage while adulteration of food by the employers is business?

And why is it "wrong" for workers to destroy property in order to raise wages when it is all right to allow fruit to rot to dump coffee overboard and to burn thousands of bales of cotton in order to raise prices?

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A DREAM

If anyone had told you less than four years ago that by the end of 1912 there would be a Socialist weekly in Canada with a circulation of 20,000 copies, you would have considered the statement to be a dream.

Last week the total issue was over 20,000 copies. We expect to have a circulation of thirty thousand copies by the end of the year.

You have done well. You are going to be a Socialist. We have faith in our sub-hustlers. We have faith in the people of Canada. You hardly expected you could put the paper to your work after so hardly realize yet that you can put the paper to \$2.00 copies.

When the Canadian Pacific Railway was being backed with millions of dollars by the Canadian government, many people laughed. The member from Missisquoi county, in which Cowansville is located, declared that the road would never earn a cent. Now half the people are howling because the road is earning so much.

When little Bulgaria hurled herself on Turkey, the European statesmen settled back and waited for Turkey to smother the Bulgarian power, then the power were going to intervene to save Bulgaria from her own rashness. Instead of that Bulgaria smothered the Turks. It is the seemingly impossible which happens. It is the seemingly impossible which has happened. It has happened through each hustler on the street gathering as many subs as he could.

You can help put Cotton's to the \$2.00 mark by going out and getting that to your work after to your work. Clutch him and get another. It is this constant work which makes Cotton's grow and creates the Socialist sentiment.

CIRCULATION STATEMENT.

Table with columns: Week of November 7th, 1912, On, Off, Total. Rows include Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Prov. Quebec, New Brunswick, Foreign, Yukon Territory, Newfoundland, Prince Ed Island.

Gain for week—339. Total issue for week—29,200.

ONTARIO HAS THE OPPORTUNITY.

Ontario has an opportunity for running Socialist candidates which the other provinces do not possess. No election deposit is required from candidates for the legislature. All that is necessary is one signature to the nomination paper and a fee of two dollars. For the Dominion election a deposit of \$50 is required, which is forfeited unless the candidate gets half the number of votes obtained by the winning candidate.

For the elections of the province of Quebec the same deposit is required. In New Brunswick the deposit is \$100. The other provinces are equally handicapped. The Socialists of Ontario, therefore, should take full advantage of their opportunities.

There are one hundred and six constituencies. The last elections were held in December, 1911. It is not too early, however, to begin to prepare for the next general provincial contest. Get busy in your own district. CHOOSE YOUR CANDIDATES NOW. Get your local political organization into shape. EVERY CONSTITUENCY IN ONTARIO SHOULD BE CONTESTED BY A SOCIALIST AT THE NEXT ONTARIO PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS. This can be done if you get into the fight at once.

Warning for Oifs

A year ago in December, Cotton's Weekly put the subscription price down to 25 cents for a year in clubs of four, or to 30 cents for a year in clubs of one thousand a week and over. These subs will begin to go off in December and continue through January. They will be particularly heavy. Hence, if you do not wish to see the circulation of Cotton's Weekly drop in the near future, you will have to be particularly active. Your testing time as real hustlers will come when you try to beat your own record of last year during these two months, thus keeping the list climbing. Let's get together now and show the plutes the stuff we are made of.

The capitalist politicians promise much and give next to nothing. Welfare work by masters for slaves is usually hellfire work.

I AM WILLING TO PROVE I CAN CURE YOU

To That End I Am Giving Away \$10,000 Worth of Medicine

In order to show beyond all doubt that I am in possession of a medicine that will cure kidney trouble, bladder trouble or rheumatism, I will this year give away ten thousand dollars' worth of this medicine, and anyone suffering from these diseases can get a box of it absolutely free. All that is necessary is to send me your address.

I don't mean that you are to use a part of it or all of it and pay me if cured. I mean that I will send you a box of this medicine absolutely free of charge, a gift from me to the Uric Acid sufferers of the world, so I can show them where and how they may be cured. I will not expect payment for this free medicine, nor would I accept it now or later if you sent it. It is free in the real meaning of the word.

For twenty-five years—a quarter of a century—I have been trying to convince the public that I have something genuine, something better than others have for the cure of stubborn, chronic rheumatism, for torturing kidney backache, for annoying calls to urinate. But it is hard to convince people—they try a few things unsuccessfully and give up all hope and refuse to listen to anyone thereafter. Happily, I am in a position now to demonstrate to sufferers at my own expense that I have a medicine that cures these diseases. I don't ask them to spend any money to find out; I don't ask them to believe me, nor even to take the word of reliable people, but all I ask is that they allow me to send them the medicine at my own cost. That is surely fair.

To this end I have set aside ten thousand dollars, which will be used to compound my medicine. Much of it is ready now to be sent out all of it fresh and standard. There will be enough for all sufferers, though there be thousands of them. Any anyone who needs it can get some of it free. But in order that I shall know that you have a disease for which this medicine is intended, I ask you to send me some of your leading symptoms. If you have any of

The FIDING LINE

Five more copies go to Springhill, N. S.

Local Port Arthur, Ont., sends \$5.35 for bundles and sub cards.

Youngs sends eight yearlies lined up for the study of the revolution.

Ten more subs go to swell the list of fifty-four now going to Schreiber, Ont.

Granite Creek, B.C., gets four barbed shafts under the 'hide of the capitalist beast.'

"Enclosed please find four, from one who has heaped in the light of reason."

Four more copies go to Ottawa, which brings the list of the malleable iron works city up to 31.

Forres, Sask., increases the number of letters by going there by night. Brings the list of that place up to eighteen.

Twelve sub cards go to Halifax, N. S., and will help drive the marling super of capitalism to desperation.

"Please don't publish my name, as I am a tax collector and cannot afford to drop it yet," writes a slave with a dollar for sub cards.

"I don't understand much about your system of voting, but please put this dollar where it will do the most work against capitalism."—Toronto, Ont.

"Enclosed please find eight. All Cotton's needs is the more energy from the working class to make it a powerful weapon in Canada."—Elk Lake, Ont.

"Please find enclosed one dollar for this club of four, and oblige your friend who has been led to see the light through the reading of your paper."—Saskatoon, Ont.

A Tantalou, Sask., comrade takes twenty sub cards. There were only two subs going to Tantalou. Evidently this comrade is going to get the most of the revolution into the plut system thereabouts.

Kimouli, Alta., gets four new subs. The one lonely sub to Reston will be sent to the office here. Edmonton, Ont. district is being permeated with Socialism. These four but add to the flame of revolution.

"Enclosed please find the price of ten subs, also send leaflets entitled 'Private Property' Father Donnelly is coming, and I want some leaflets to give to some of his sticklers."—Mrs. M. A. O., Fernie, B.C.

Twelve sub cards go to Reston, Man. When these get to Reston will have 18 Cotton's instead of the present 6. Reston is in the electoral district of Brandon and this year your friend subs in this electoral district over the hundred mark.

"I hope to be able to send for some more next year, but as only three left out of that lot of 25 sub cards I got last time," writes a comrade from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Into this slave city go ninety Cotton's.

"Am unable to do anything more at the present juncture, as although I have a good job compared with others under this system, the maintenance of same are all mortgaged before pay day. However, enclosed find four dollars for bundles etc."—New Westminster, B.C.

"Enclosed please find order for four sub cards. Everything is so high here. We and our children have only my husband's wages to go on. He, along with a few others, are taking steps to form a local. They almost expect to lose their jobs over it, but they will stick together, so if one gets the rest will quit."—B. C. comrade.

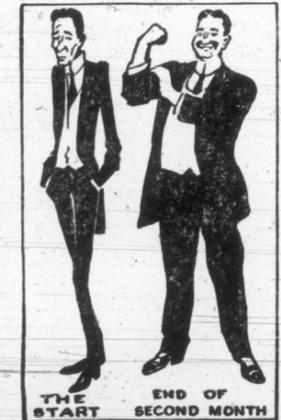
Kingston, Ontario, is being put on the map for Socialism. A comrade takes 60 copies of Cotton's to distribute. While the permanent subs are 58, last year there were only 7. We are all looking forward to the day when a Socialist from Kingston will sit in parliament in the place of the present Liberal member, W. F. Nickle.

Seven new subscribers from a comrade of Obaton, Alta., who says it is as hard to get subs as it is to climb to the top of the mountain. A few more comches from the back of the high cost

Gains 30 Pounds In 30 Days

50c Package of Remarkable Flesh Builder, Protone Sent Free To Prove What It Will Do

It is astonishing to see the effects produced by the new flesh-increaser Protone. To put on real, solid, healthy flesh at the rate of a pound a day, is not at all remarkable with this new wonder.



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Twelve sub cards go to a comrade in Pennant, Sask. Up till now there has been but one Cotton's going to this postoffice. This is how the circulation grows. This is what makes the plates look they are up against an unbeatible combination of united revolutionary class everlastingly sapping at the basis of the capitalist state readers the outside of the continuation of legalized robbers anything but.

"Enclosed find ten subs. I have been studying Socialism only about a year, and have read everything I could get my hands on. I agree with the S. D. P. of C. in everything save their attacks on religion. I think their propaganda in this respect stops a great many from studying Socialism, hence I am trying to get enough together to start a local everlastingly sapping at the basis of the capitalist state readers the outside of the continuation of legalized robbers anything but.

"Enclosed please find four new ones. I am in a business man. He says Cotton's Weekly is the best paper I ever read. It tells the truth, which is more than our daily papers do. I have an idea that if the means of getting a few subs in the future, I expect to lead a few more. Socialism is getting to be the talk of the town here. The one lone sub to Reston will be sent to the office here. Edmonton, Ont. district is being permeated with Socialism. These four but add to the flame of revolution.

"I am sending you eight subscribers," writes a comrade from Reston, P. O., London, Ont. This shows up the list of 26 going into this constituency another month. A couple of years ago Beattie, M. P. for this district, wrote to one of his voters saying he would consider a vote for the postmaster general might take to exclude Cotton's Weekly from the mails. If Beattie is still in politics five years from now, he will be held in the present city of London down for the plutes and out of the political control of rebellious slaves. The same mail brought another eight subs from Comrade C. W., of London. Beattie will be kept on the stump all right.

"I enjoy your paper, and I heartily in accord with its teachings, and, as someone subscribed for me in the first place, I take pleasure in enclosing a dollar towards the maintenance of same also four subscribers."—Milberta, Ont. These four help to keep Nipissing electorally in the lead with respect to the province. However, Thunder Bay and Rainy River District is trying to wrest the leadership away from the S. D. P. district. The boys of Fort William, Port Arthur, Schreiber, and the other slaves at the head of the lakes are out to show the boys of North Bay, Ontario, Gowanda, Porcupine, and the slaves of the government owned railway what sub means.

Writes a New Brunswick comrade, "I send you a list of eight subs for White's Mills. They are hard to get in N. B. who are being asleep or ignorant. She is beginning to waken now to find she has overslept. Please send me four sub cards also. White Mills is in the electoral district of Kings and Albert, which already has forty Cotton's going into it. This district elects G. W. Fowler, who is noted for his "Wind women and graft" speech in parliament. The Liberals were in power and were generally doing nothing for the poor. Fowler would tell a tale of wine, women and graft that would astonish Canada. The Liberals quit. The story was never told. Fowler should be left at home, and his place in parliament taken by some worthy spirit to do his best to fight for the emancipation of his class.

Many good friends of Cotton's Weekly are helping the paper along by taking shares of stock in Cotton's Co-operative Publishing Company, Inc. Shares are \$10.00 each, payable all cash, or \$2.50 down, and balance in three monthly payments of \$2.50 each. A handsome certificate is sent to each stockholder. Many stockholders have them framed in their homes, and are displaying their interest in the progress of Socialism and the advance of Cotton's. Shares of Cotton's subscribed for and paid up, total \$10,000.00, distributed among 400 stockholders, made up of individual Socialists, Socialist locals, executive committees, S. D. P. and minor groups. Below is a letter from a Manitoba Socialist, which has the right swing:

Menteth, Man., Oct. 28th, 1912.

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Cotton's a National Paper

Remember that Cotton's Weekly is a national paper. We cannot very well publish articles of local interest only. There is a string of labor centers across Canada which are friendly to Socialism. There is the B. C. Federationist, Vancouver; The Voice, Winnipeg; Wage Earner, Port Arthur; Labor News, Hamilton; Industrial Worker, Toronto; The Industrial Worker, Montreal; and B. C. If you have articles of local interest written in a fitting manner, we are sure these papers would be glad to publish them. They are looking for live articles which bite on local conditions. Cotton's must be kept as national propaganda. The people in the Ottawa bunch. It strikes straight at the heart of the capitalist beast where it beats at Ottawa. This must be borne in mind by our friends.

ORGANIZE A LOCAL

There are many unorganized Socialists throughout Canada. These should join the Social Democratic Party of Canada. The S. D. P. of C. is a political organization for the purpose of organizing women who wish to revolutionize industry by abolishing rent, interest and profit, and placing the whole of the people in control of the means of production and distribution, so that production for use may replace production for profit. To do this we must capture the political power. We must agitate, educate, organize. The S. D. P. of C. is organized for this purpose. If you are not a member, why not join your comrades? Write H. Martin, Secretary Dominion Executive Committee, 41 Weber St. East, Toronto, Ont. for instructions as to how to form a local or join as a member at large.

SOCIALIST YOUNG LEAGUE

The Socialist Young League of Montreal is composed of one of the liveliest bunch of young revolutionaries in Canada. There are over eighty of them in the League. They are taking steps to affiliate with the International Socialist Workers League. The League should be started in every place where there are young Socialists. Comrade A. E. Fay, of Cathcart Street, is the representative of the Montreal branch. Why not start a branch in your locality?

SOCIALISTS STOP COURT

(Capitalist Press Despatch)
Vancouver, B. C., November 5.—With so many Socialists on the jury that convictions were next to impossible, the business of the Vancouver fall assizes came to a sudden stop yesterday.

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We are working hard on the problem just now, but the first thought that presented itself was that a chance should be given to our subscribers and hunters, who have worked so hard for the success of the 25 cent rate, to BENEFIT PERSONALLY from the Club Rate, before any change was made. That spirit of justice and co-operation that prevails at Cotton's is sure always to take care for opportunities to those who work for the great cause.

Contest Ends Next Week

With our next issue the New Name Campaign will be at an end, and the question finally decided whether there will be a change of name. Think there will be little doubt about the name Cotton's Weekly will carry in the future. So many expressions have been received in favor of the present name, and so many good reasons given for experienced propagandists and editors, that we are confident it would be indeed courageous publishers who would try in the face of such an overwhelming expression of opinion. The standing as at present is \$200 for Cotton's Weekly, \$500 for suggested new names, of which there are 37 entries. The contest will close on Monday, November 18, at 5:00 p.m. We would ask hundreds of Cotton's to run in the necessary number of votes, and for those who want to change their votes to Cotton's by way of Recall, to do so at once. Let's have a glorious wind-up.

HOW THEY STAND

Name	Votes
COTTON'S WEEKLY	8,200
CANADIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRAT	1,730
THE LIBERATOR	1,230
THE VOICE OF PROGRESS	1,230
APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE	1,230
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WORKINGMAN	400
THE CANADA SOCIALIST	400
THE WORKERS' WORLD	400
THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE	400
CANADIAN COMMONWEALTH	200
INDUSTRIAL POLITICIAN	200
INTERNATIONAL COMRADE	200
THE NORTHERN SOCIALIST	150
NORTH-WESTERN LIGHT	150
THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE	150
SOCIAL LEADER	120
INTERNATIONAL CALL	120
FORWARD MARCH	120
THE DAWN	120
THE COMRADE	100
WORKINGMAN	100
WAGE SLAVES' COMPANION	80
THE PEOPLE'S VOICE	80
THE SOCIALIST ADVOCATE	80
CANADA'S APPEAL	80
THE SOCIALIST HOPE	80
THE ADVANCE GUARD	80
THE CO-OPERATOR	80
EASTERN CLARION	80
THE RISING SUN	80
THE WORKERS' FRIEND	80
THE PIONEER	80
THE NEW ERA	80
Total votes cast	15,760
Total No. subs for campaign	1,675

Socialist from Palestine in Montreal

(Montreal Witness, Nov. 5th)

To study the labor conditions on this country border on the Mediterranean Sea, people here as to the labor conditions of the Hebrew population in Palestine. This has been the object of the "Zereboval," who is the editor of the original Hebrew Socialist paper "throughout the world," arrived during his short stay he has already been very active, having delivered three lectures in Montreal, and in the large assembly hall of the Barone de Hirsch Institute on the Jewish conditions in Palestine. This is something, concrete, something we can work for NOW. To gain equal adult suffrage is the necessary part of human progress which will mean the end of the "shirkers" W. J. Curry, 301 Dominion Trust Building, Vancouver, B.C.

THE RAND SCHOOL

The Rand School of Social Science, 41 E. 22nd St., New York, is becoming a well known workman's college. It has been in existence six years. Last year it had 1,000 students. The school has various states as well as New York students. The courses last from November 10th to April 15th. The school has had a long history. It has been a whole building. This school, or college, is run by Socialists for the education of Socialists in history, philosophy, and the art of speaking and writing, as well as in economics and other branches. In few years no doubt a similar college will be established in Toronto or Montreal.

AN IMPORTANT CONVENTION

The third annual convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor will be held at Victoria in January next, just prior to the opening of the winter season. An executive board here on having at least 150 delegates present. The question of the convention going into politics on its own account will be up for discussion, besides the usual program of resolutions and legislative demands. It is not improbable that the convention will cease "waiting" on the provincial government, having come to the conclusion that the time has come when it should only be a further waste of time, judging by results for the past three years.

NEW LOCALS

Nine new locals of the Social Democratic Party have been formed as follows: Green Hill, 69; St. Catharines, 78; Russian Toronto, 68; Carleton Place, 68; and Renfrew, 66. All of Ontario: Green Valley, 11, and Portoka, 19. Alberta: Elmwood, Winnipeg, 22. Manitoba, and Rossland, 22. B. C.

ADDRESS WANTED

We would like to hear from Fred Morrison, late of Brockville, Ont., as regards information will be appreciated. Anyone knowing his present address will please write Cotton's Weekly.

FEARFUL CONDITIONS

I feel it my duty to inform you and all comrades and working men through your Union regarding conditions existing along the Grand Trunk Pacific out here. It is simply infamous the way men are treated when they get here. These contractors ship men in by the railroad from Boston, New York, Cleveland, Montreal and all Canadian and American cities as far west as St. Paul.

The men get in here, the majority of them broke, and they are up against a try to get down the Fraser river in open scows, sleeping out in rain or snow with almost nothing to eat. They are treated like dogs, and they are not allowed to work in a hotel or a week while they must pay \$1 a day for board.

I understand there is an alien labor law in force in Canada prohibiting companies from bringing men into the country under contract. Practically all the men coming here to work are hired in the States.

I would like to know if this law applies to the G.T.P. or not. All treaties of the government of conditions out here so that they can make them known. It is certainly a shame and disgrace the way men are treated, although under capitalism, was no more than we can expect.

Don't publish my name, as at present I am holding down a job and want to hold it until I get the price to get out. Hoping this will be a timely warning to do what is often done on the Grand Trunk Pacific—A. B. C. Comrade, Mile 65, B.C., G.T.P. line.

PORT ARTHUR LABOR PARTY

The Independent Labor Party of Port Arthur and Port William is in the field. It is entering the fight for municipal office in the coming January 21st. However, as the platform adopted by this party does not recognize the class struggle, the Socialists are unable to proceed with propaganda for the conscious control of the Municipal, Provincial and Federal Assemblies. The S. D. P. can act in conjunction with the Toronto I. L. P., but not with the Port Arthur I. L. P. until the latter party realizes that the workers are slaves and the great necessity is the emancipation of the slaves through revolutionary political action.

UNITY IN TORONTO

There is good reason to believe that a movement amongst Toronto Socialists towards unity is likely to take concrete form in the near future. This matter was discussed at considerable length at a meeting of the Communist Labor Party on Sunday afternoon, October 27th.

I am a member of any of the six or seven organizations represented in this city, but that fact does not prevent me from doing what I can towards an amalgamation. While we Socialists are splitting hairs, and arguing over affairs, the masses are suffering. The main issue, is surprising when we come to see it, the other side are all the Socialists, who are rapidly developing, are not only rapidly developing, but are rapidly developing, are not only rapidly developing, but are rapidly developing.

I. W. HITS MONTREAL

(From the Montreal Herald)
"I have come to Eastern Canada with a great message for every toiler. The day of his emancipation is at hand; the kind of capitalism is already sounding." Mr. Gerald Austin, this morning, said Mr. Austin says he is assistant secretary of the Canadian branch of the Industrial Workers of the World, and intends to inaugurate a great organization campaign through this section of the Dominion.

Mr. Austin is a typical labor leader, tall and strong, full of great determination for the cause of the workingman, and equally averse to capital and privilege. Explaining his movement, Mr. Austin stated that the "syndicalism" was to Europe. "We propose to join the hands of all the workers of the community, and then confront our enemies. We have done with half-hearted measures, we have done with compromise.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE

We are often asked to recommend ONE BOOK which will give a new reader a clear and complete understanding of Socialism. Some of the Socialist classics are too difficult to understand without a good deal of previous reading, and many "popular" books are without a clear understanding of the subject. But Comrade William E. Bohm has made a new and very readable translation of Kautsky's standard work, the "Erfurt Program," which is a complete and logical statement of the principles of Socialism. The book is written in plain, simple English, and is a translation of the original German work. It is a book which every Socialist should have on his shelf. The cloth covered book will be mailed from Chicago; if there is duty to pay, the cost will be five cents per cent on the cost of the book.

"We must fight church control to a finish," declared Godfrey Langlois at a meeting of educationalists in Montreal recently. It is not a Socialist talking. It is a man who wants to see the people of Quebec educated. Will the Catholic hierarchy say that Langlois is fighting the Catholic religion? He is a Catholic. Yet when Socialists go in for working class political action, we are told that we are fighting the Catholic religion. We do not want to fight a religion as long as the religionists let us alone.

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Cosmopolitan Happenings

Russia is taking advantage of the friendship of Britain and the Turkish trouble to fasten her tyrannical rule upon Persia. Already many atrocities have been committed in Persia. Khan, Chief of Police under the Constitutional government and a well known Socialism, has been purged by the British.

The Daily Citizen, published at London and Birmingham, is the new daily which has been published since the first issue of 400,000 copies was exhausted, and the demand not supplied. It is taking up the case of the workers, showing the horrible condition in which they are held, and showing the class character of the courts.

The "British justice" is shown to be a myth. The history of the trial of a family was sent to jail for thirty days for picking blackberries and scaring foxes. The foxes were more numerous in the eyes of the judge than the hungry children of the British father.

The British Socialist party held a rousing meeting at the London, Eng. Opera House on October 27th in celebration of the first anniversary of the founding of the united party. Hyndman and Quelch were all loudly cheered. Hyndman in his speech declared that in the past six years, it had never been such a dangerous period of deliberate strengthening of the bourgeoisie as in the past six years. It had been carried on in the most corrupt fashion, especially by Lloyd George, who was the most corrupt, unscrupulous politician in the past six years.

The Servian, Greek, Bulgarian and Turkish Socialists have opposed the war. The Servian Socialist Bureau at Brussels also issued a manifesto denouncing the war. The League of Young Socialists of Italy held its fourth Congress at Bologna the last of October, 6,000 attended. A resolution was carried opposing war.

The master class is much alike the world over. Under Mehemet Ali in Egypt the Alexandria canal was dug, in 1819-1820. The labor was forced, and 20,000 workmen perished. This sounds almost like a report from the modern British coal industry or the mortuary statistics of the American railroads.

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THE REV. FATHER VAUGHAN

The Reverend Father Vaughan, the Jesuit preacher who is travelling round the country speaking against Socialism, is getting widely quoted in the capitalist press of Canada. Here is a typical quotation of his sent broadcast over Canada from Moose Jaw: "To my way of thinking there never was a land more ready to give a living wage to anyone who is ready to give in exchange for it an honest day's work. My advice to Old Countrymen coming out here in the future will be: Leave your eye-glass at home and your knickerbockers and your hyper-criticism and your superiority; put on a pair of overalls, pull off your coat, roll up your sleeves and put your back into your work till you are through with it. Then, instead of being all in, down and out, you'll come out on top, and will become a useful member of an enterprising community, and not at all a bad advertisement for the Old Country."

You see what Father Vaughan offers the working class as the highest incentive? Give an honest day's work, that is—all you can stand, and you will get a living wage. Never mind if you produce for the parasites ten dollars a day and get one-fourth back in the shape of a living wage. Put your back into your work, give a day's work, and you'll get enough to live on.

In the next sentence Father Vaughan does the lightning change stunt. So far he has been talking to the slave class. Now he talks to those members of the masters who happen to drift west, maybe with little cash, but with the master class instincts. Do the old country workers wear eye-glasses or indulge in hyper-criticism? They do not. So when Vaughan says he will advise the Old Countrymen to leave their eye-glasses at home, what he means is that he will advise individuals of the Old Country masters to leave their eye-glasses at home. If he does this, what does he offer them? Does he offer them the consolations of religion? Does he offer them religion and poverty? No. He tells them they will come out on top, will become members of the Canadian master class, will have slaves working under them whom he will endeavor to persuade to give a whole day's work if the man on top will give the slave enough to live on.

Father Vaughan attacks Socialism, which would prevent a man who gives an honest day's work from being robbed of three-fourths of the wealth he creates; which would prevent the master class from being on top of a mass of slaves. Vaughan uses the cloak of religion to preach slavery. The capitalist class spread his remarks broadcast and then say Socialists are attacking religion when we point out what Vaughan is doing.

Vaughan is doing the dirty work of the labor thieves of Canada and of the United States. His utterances are dark and loathsome and are as night compared with the day when placed in contrast with the remarks of the Reverend Father M. W. Ross, of Superior, Wisconsin, reported below.

FATHER ROSS.

That the Socialist movement is gaining strength every day and that the people of the United States must prepare to face the movement with intelligence was the warning uttered by Father M. W. Ross of St. Alban's church, in his sermon at the afternoon services yesterday, says the Superior (Wis.) Telegram of October 21st.

"The man who ignores Socialism today is either misinformed, is not informed at all, or is a coward who does not dare to deal with the issues of the present day," he said.

"Socialism is a movement which is shaking the foundations of all Europe, a movement before which kings and emperors tremble, and which is gaining strength in this country every day. We must prepare to face the fact.

"We as Christians are looking for the coming of a day when our Lord Jesus Christ will be recognized as King, and Lord of Lords. Looking over the world, and recognizing the strength of this movement, if it is true as has been said, that it is anti-religious, then it is the duty of every man to go forth and fight the movement even unto death.

"It has been said that Socialists are bad men, that they are infidels, who hate, revile, and seek to destroy the sanctity of the home.

"Even if this were true, if every man in the Socialist movement lead an evil life (which is not true), that would not make Socialism bad. If I knew that every Socialist in this country was bad and that the theory of Socialism was right, I would nevertheless have to give my allegiance to the movement without question.

"But the charge that Socialists are evil in their lives is a lie. I have among my personal acquaintances men of pure and honorable character who are as enthusiastic for the movement as any Socialist orator who ever stood on a soap box—men who are giving their time, thought and money to build up the movement.

"It is true that there are bad men, who live impure and unwholesome lives, but that is no argument for condemning Socialism. If we accepted this as an argument we would be forced to condemn Christianity itself.

"The thing we must look to is the principle of the movement and not the character of the men in the movement."

Father Ross also held that the fact that those in authority were opposed to the Socialist movement did not condemn it for Christ Himself had been opposed by the leaders of His time.

"It is also argued against Socialism that it will overthrow the present state of society.

"This is absolutely true. But let us consider—the present state of society such as to develop all the good there is in man, does it give

him all that his Creator intended, does it bring justice, or does it not rather foster injustice?

"It is said that Socialism means many things. It is a fact that the name is applied to many movements, from mild efforts at social reform to the theory which advocates direct action, the destruction of the present social state by violence if need be to make place for the new.

"But the fundamental principle on which all Socialists agree is that Socialism is a movement to bring about a condition where the people as a whole own the tools of production and distribution.

"This is the essential thing. Along with this, men build up different theories. However, the differences are in the non-essentials, the fundamental principles they all agree on. The thing for us to determine is whether or not this thing will bring about a condition more favorable to Christian life than that of the present day.

If so, it is our duty to do all in our power to further this movement."

Father Ross told of his investigations while in New York city this summer, of the great organizations which had been built up to alleviate the misery of the poor in that city.

"But with all these wonderful organizations in that great city, where millions are spent each year, they do not begin to meet the needs. There are thousands of people in that city to-night who are starving. Because of the inadequacy of the provisions for the alleviation of these conditions the charity workers must investigate before giving relief, and while they investigate the people die.

"When I asked the workers in these organizations what they thought of Socialism I found that the great majority of them believed in it. They believe it to be the only solution of the terrible conditions now existing. The consensus of opinion among the workers who come in actual contact with these conditions is that the coming of a Socialistic state will remedy these conditions.

"We as Christians must face these facts. If Christ were living today among men as He did once, would He not take an interest in these matters?"

"If we have read the Gospels, we know that He would.

"The charge is made by Socialists that organized Christianity is against them, because it is largely supported by the rich, those who pile up wealth at the expense of the poor. They say that it does out charity instead of justice.

"This is sometimes fearfully true. But the church as a whole does not tolerate injustice. It is the fault of individuals that this condition exists, not that of the organization as a whole.

"After a study of this question, I have reached the conclusion that it is the duty of the man who believes in the Eternal God and the All-Merciful Christ to stand on the firing line and fight for the cause of the working people.

"This question deserves your consideration and it is possible that after a study of this greater world-wide movement, which is an attempt to bring order out of chaos, that you will reach the conclusion that instead of being antagonistic to Christianity it is the ray of hope shining down into the present darkness, and that it will hasten rather than retard the coming of the Kingdom of the Compassionate Christ."

There has been an investigation of the shoe machinery trust. Under the Anti-Combines Act the operations of the United Shoe Machinery Co. have been investigated, and the company has been found to have violated the law. This company makes machines which make shoes. These machines have been rented to the shoe manufacturers on a royalty basis. Clauses are inserted that machines must be leased or bought from no other company than the United Machinery Co. If penalties are imposed under the act. The one is the revocation of the patents of the infringing company. The other is the removal of the duty. If either penalty is imposed, there will be little difference. The United Shoe Machinery Company has the monopoly on the American continent. Moreover, if the shoemaking machinery were purchased instead of leased, it would take much capital to instal a shoe plant, which the small manufacturers could not afford, and they would be crushed out. Hence the attack on the shoe machinery trust by our Canadian officials is due to the activity of those who wish to establish a shoe trust. Under capitalism the worker is not protected. He gets skinned, and the quarrels in which our government takes a hand are quarrels between rival skiners.

Many years ago a British M. P. by the name of Plimsoll agitated and fought until he got what is known as the Plimsoll line established upon British ships. This is (or was) a line drawn upon the hull of a vessel which must never sink below the water level. This was done to keep greedy profit lords from overloading their ship to the risk of drowning of all on board. The owners had not cared because if the ship got through they would have more profits. If the ship sunk, they would get full insurance. The present Liberal government, the one which is so "friendly" to labor, has raised the Plimsoll line, and now the ships can be loaded heavier. As a result the steamer North Briton foundered with a loss of twenty-three lives of workmen.

Magistrate W. T. Lewis, of Cardiff, in pronouncing judgment, declared, "The lives of those twenty-three men were sacrificed to 130 tons additional freight." The capitalist politician promises much to labor. He gives and at the first opportunity snatches back what he has given. Labor has been fooled long enough. Let labor seize the government and abolish forever the rule of the profit class.

"The proletariat, the lowest stratum of society, cannot stir, cannot raise itself up, without the whole of official society being sprung into the air."—Communist Manifesto.

Says the Montreal Witness of October 22nd, "A small army of men will move to St. John, N.B. when the St. Lawrence freezes, hundreds will go east to the Loyalist city." The jobless slave goes from place to place in the elusive search of a master. Home life is impossible under capitalism, for thousands of men and women—and yet the capitalist apologist whines that Socialism will break up the home!

LITTLE WILLIE ON SOCIALISM. Little Willie, who goes to school in Brooklyn, is a member of a juvenile debating club. The children were asked to write compositions on Socialism. Here is some of the one Willie turned in: "Socialists are people who stand on soap boxes and make speeches. I never saw a Socialist standing on a full soap box. Socialists run for office every year and get licked, but they don't mind it a bit. Once in a while a Socialist is elected mayor of a small town and when he goes to another town they put him in jail. Socialists believe that the government should own everything, but I think it would look funny to see a government milking milk and putting it in coal. Once in a while the Socialists nominate a pants maker for judge of the Supreme Court, but he does not bother about it, and goes right on making pants."—New York Press.

The Butte, Montana, miners have passed a resolution favoring a six hour day. The capitalist press cries in affright, "Who will do the world's work?" Well, nobody need do a lot of it. Madam's poodle dog can go without his scented bath. Monsieur can dispense with his valet. The fat plute need not feed his carcass on quail-on-toast. He can feed it on beans for a change. Those eighty workers on Rockefeller's estate can be cut down to ten. Those forty servants in J. P. Morgan junior's house in New York can be turned to other work, and Morgan can take his food at a quick lunch counter. Sam Hughes' gold embroidered lazy loafers at Stanley Baracks, Toronto, "A Battery," Kingston and the regiments at Quebec and Halifax, can be disbanded and set to mining coal. If the work now exacted by the parasites, and which is perfectly useless, were not done, the workers could have a four-hour day, and be far better off than they are now.

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The Ontario, Ont. Reformer says that twenty-five patients from the asylum at Toronto and fifty prisoners from the Kingston penitentiary are engaged in construction work on the asylum grounds and in erecting buildings at Whitty. A tiling machine is at work and drains are being put down. The buildings will cover 176 acres, and when the patients are moved in, it will be a good-sized town in itself. It will accommodate 1,200 patients, and will be arranged so that double that number can be accommodated. Owing to the increased exploitation of labor, the speeding up process, overcrowding in tenements, the growing weight of the parasites upon the backs of the workers, and the fear and worry and overwork among many of the parasites themselves to keep themselves from falling off the backs of the workers, insanity, feeble-mindedness, and nervous breakdowns are increasing at an alarming rate. The remedy would be to abolish the class ownership of the means of life so that worry over the future, overwork, tenements, etc., might be abolished. The masters and their politicians, however, will have none of this. They set the mental wrecks at work to build big establishments to keep the increasing number of mental wrecks in. Those who vote for Whitney or Rowell, Laurier or Borden, are voting to keep society headed towards a universal madhouse.

Eighty-nine workmen were killed during September while occupied in the task of surrendering three-quarters of the wealth they created to the master class. The number injured were 419. Their wives and children are in want. Their masters have robbed these wives and children of the wealth their husbands and fathers created. Is not such a state of society criminal? Yet it is the state our present laws maintain. If you think a change of laws would better your conditions, you are with us. Why not admit it, withdraw from the old parties, and support Socialism?

Alfred W. Smithers, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, has been talking over in London. He declares that what Canada wants is not so much capital as honest workers. His remarks have been widely quoted in Canada, with big headlines as to the scarcity of labor. Those who know conditions in the construction camps of the G.T.P. know why the workers will not stay in them. Smithers will not advocate decent conditions for the workers. What he wants is to fill Canada so full of jobless slaves that they will be forced, in very desperation to rot in the hellish construction camps.

Godfrey Langlois, Quebec M.L.A., points out that sixty years ago the Liberals of Quebec advocated free text books, compulsory education, and a minister of education. In 1897 Premier Guoin had declared again for the same things. Nothing had as yet been done. This is Liberalism for you. When we hear, therefore, of the great Liberal party taking up this and that reform for the benefit of the workers, it will be well if we keep their record upon education in mind. Liberalism will not benefit the workers. Liberalism is the expression of the hopes and wishes of the small capitalists. Socialism is the expression of the hopes and wishes of the workers. Why go to the politicians of your masters who will promise you many things to get your votes and then not fulfill their pledges? Why not yourselves get into your own party and work for Socialism?

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Hon. Adam Beck, of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, has found it such a success to distribute publicly-controlled electricity of light and power that he is setting work to establish municipally-owned electric railways. In Toronto a municipally-owned line is being established on which ten tickets sell for ten cents. The capitalist papers are praising Mr. Beck for reducing wonderfully the cost of light and power, in the face of the universally rising cost of necessities. We must not forget that these things benefit the capitalist class more than anybody else. Who benefits from cheap power? Do the workers get bigger pay if the employers get the cost of horse-power used by them cut down one-half? Not at all. The workers get a living wage, nothing more. If the cost of living goes up, wages have to go up. Hence, the masters are having their government take over certain functions of production and distribution in order that the slaves may be employed at the same wage, or in order to cut down the cost of production to the lords of rent, interest and profit. What the workers need is not municipally-owned street railways, but working-class ownership of all the means of production and distribution.

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