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WANTS INFORMATION

Brookville, Ont., May 13th, 1914.
Editor Cotton's:—As a reader of the organ of the S.D.P., Cotton's Weekly, also a reader of the Clarion, I wish to make a few remarks. During the last few issues of your paper there have appeared in each a few words in favor of a union of the two parties. That in itself is very nice, something that we all would like to see, but it is a little regrettable that there ever was a split in the party at all. It shows, to my notion, that there must be a difference, or at least, there was a difference in the two factions. It is quite evident that there must have been a large bone of contention to cause a division in the original whole, and what was it? Is it possible that there are two scientific Socialisms? Tell me, Mr. Editor, as I am very ignorant along this line.

I have always understood that Socialism was a science and that the Socialists are supposed to be interpreters of that science to the masses. Am I right?
If, then, the revolutionary scientific Socialists are students of, adherents to and simplifiers of that science and the nature of that science's fundamentals being so plain, how comes it that there are two parties, both claiming the same title, yet being distinctly separate? Can there be two groups of fundamentals opposed to each other and yet join under one head or be called by the same name? This to me, poor ignorant human mutt that I am, appears to be like a mathematical problem only fit for educated men to solve.

I can readily see where there might be a difference of tactics, but then it beyond me to know when they both become identical, for in order to unite there must be unity of tactics as well as fundamentals. If the tactics are left to settle themselves after the imaginary union, I can predict a most joyous upheaval in the camp when the first bit of business is being put on the line.

There seems to be in both parties one thing in common though. They both are against compromise or bartering with any other political organization and that to my knowledge, remains intact as a grand attempt at being revolutionary. Do you not think that "no compromise" would be a hard thing to overcome when it would mean most likely the majority voting the minority into another party, compromising of course, and not allowing the other fellow a chance at that boasted democracy? If it should be taken easily and no kick registered by the opposition what would anyone call them after such a manipulation and juggling has taken place with the two platforms and principles without dissension? The ones who would allow anyone to vote them into another party in that manner would let anyone vote them out in like manner, and in my way of reasoning, I being a non-Socialist, I could not trust them in any party afterwards.

Now returning to the Clarion, it is stated that the Clarion was in favor of a union of the two parties. That is wrong. In fact it is as far as I have read the sentiment of that paper, a deliberate lie. The Clarion is too firm for the cause of revolutionary Socialism to stoop to that, it being illogical, unreasonable and idiotic. It is sorry of course there is another party calling themselves Socialists and yet taking exception to the propagation of the final analysis. I myself heard one named Cotton, making the statement that "one should not put too much study on the dying system," alluding to the study of Marx Capital. That, on the face of it shows ignorance of the philosophy of Socialism. I have henceforth good speakers and have read very little, but with what little I know, that statement is awry.

I would like to know more but my time and money is limited and as there is no pretext at teaching callers or even themselves in the local here, will have to wait for something else.

I am an Englishman not over seven years out, but have learned a few the while. I want this letter published and if you do not I will try and get the Montreal Herald to do so.—Yours for Reason, Samuel Smith.

THE ANSWER EASY.

The above letter from Samuel Smith, who calls himself a non-Socialist and yet who bears all the earmarks of the Socialist Party of Canada, is published at his request. It seems to us that his letter is easily answered.

He says that it is too bad there ever was a split, and asks if there are two scientific Socialisms.

Science means accumulated and accepted knowledge which has been systematized and formulated with reference to the discovery of general truths or the operation of general laws. That is the definition given by Webster's.

The scientific basis of Socialism is threefold: the three laws or accepted truths of the Marxian law of value, the determinist conception of history and the class struggle. Both the S.P. of C., and the S.D.P. of C. adhere to these three theories and make them the basis of their propaganda. The determinist conception of history is also known as the materialist conception of history.

Socialists are interpreters of scientific Socialism, but they are more. They are not only interpreters of the class struggle, they are active participants therein, and theorizing about scientific principles, and applying those principles to the exigencies of political activity are two different things. Adam Sieves could make dozens of constitutions to govern France and Napoleon would walk through them all. A man may know the laws of mechanics and not be able to make a pump. A Socialist may know the laws of scientific Socialism and yet be rotten-headed when he speaks. Another Socialist may give forth the same principles and be loudly cheered.

How comes it that there are two parties both calling themselves Socialists and yet separate? The majority of Socialists consider that the party affairs should be run democratically. Under the Socialist party regime in Ontario, the majority of the party members were read out of the party by the Socialist party executive in Vancouver. The membership read out thereupon considered themselves to be a party, drew up a constitution, and has now come to be the bluest party in Canada. It has four organizers on the road in British Columbia, a paid organizer on the road in Ontario, a Dominion Secretary devoting all his time to the party affairs and paid out of party funds. It is affiliated with the International Socialist Bureau and is sending a delegate to the International Socialist Congress in Vienna.

Does interpreting the science of Socialism to the masses include drawing knives on fellow Socialists in a local meeting? This, if we have been correctly informed, is what took place in Toronto under the S.P. regime.

Comrade Smith seems to think that the only question at issue may be fundamentals, and cannot see how the difference could arise. Persons may agree on fundamentals and yet accidentally may cause a split.

The question of tactics next comes up. Comrade Smith thinks that tactics must be identical or a split will result. He admits he cannot know when tactics become identical. He is right. For no two persons are exactly alike. Not being alike, their tactics will not be exactly similar. Each will propagate Socialism according to their own personality. This being so, the general principles are laid down, and each person is allowed to use his own personality in propagating general ideas. When we have individuals insisting upon identity of tactics we get tyrants and autocrats. If identity of tactics be pushed to its ultimate conclusion, then instead of having one party composed of four thousand members, we would have four thousand parties composed of one member each.

With regard to the upheaval that would result if tactics were not first settled, this would not follow. The majority of Socialists want the principles of Socialism propagated. They are willing to co-operate. A few persons must be different and want their own tactics adopted. These, no doubt, would withdraw, and form a party like the Socialist party of North America which sprang into existence in Toronto with seven members.

DEMOCRACY.

Democracy is considered to be a necessary principle of Socialist parties. The initiative, referendum, right of recall are or should be part of the machinery of a Socialist organization. And the minority bow to the opinion of the majority.

In the recent convention of the Social-Democratic party of British Columbia, a resolution was introduced to remove all reference to reforms in the party platform. Ten votes were cast to remove reference to reforms and thirty-one votes were cast against removing them. The motion lost. The minority do not get provoked and withdraw from the party. The Socialist parties of all the great countries have reforms in their platforms. It is not, however, a question of reform or no reform. It is a question of democracy.

An organizer of the S.D.P. was conversing with an organizer of the S.P. The S.P. organizer asked the S.D.P. man if he believed in democracy in the party. He replied he did. The S.P. man replied that he did not, that there was a bunch of them in the S.P. who were not going to be run by the S.P. and file.

We have a letter from W. A. Pritchard upon the Atkinson matter. He asks, "If the S.D.P. of C. is revolutionary, etc., should not the affairs of such a party be conducted on democratic lines?"

Local Creston, B.C., of the S.P. of C. wants a referendum on the matter of fusion of the two parties. Under the S.D.P. constitution, three locals can unite and call for a referendum and get it.

We have a letter from an S.D.P. organizer, in which is the following paragraph. "After the slap the unity boosters received this week's Clarion, I should think they would know enough to shut up and propagate Socialism." This organizer is not the S. D. P., nor is the Clarion the S.P. of C. The question of unity is for the file of both parties to decide. If the majority of either party is against unity, then the matter is dead.

The Socialist-Democratic party can work with any organization recognizing the class struggle and the necessity of abolishing capitalism. It is a Socialist compromising his principles by joining or fusing with the S.D.P. of C., a revolutionary Socialist party? We fail to see it.

With regard to the "deliberate lie" appearing in Cotton's about the Clarion being in favor of unity, in issue of April 10th, we published a resolution, the first paragraph of which read, "We, the Socialists of Ekville, Alberta local No. 58, S.P. of C., are pleased to note the position taken by the official organs, Cotton's Weekly and the Western Clarion, regarding the probability of unity of the two Socialist parties of Canada." The resolution did not state the Western Clarion favored unity, and we could not alter a resolution passed by an S.P. local and publish it in an altered manner. We published the resolution as we received it.

THE DYING SYSTEM.

This refers to a remark the editor of this paper made at Brookville. How many Socialists have read the three volumes of "Capital"? How many have found the reading of the three volumes make them better fighters against capitalist exploitation?

The capitalist system was born out of the feudal system, but a study of the feudal system did not teach the students how capitalism would grow and in what form its development would take.

The capitalists are their own grave diggers. The system is dying. We are going either into industrial democracy or capitalist feudalism.

"Capital" is largely a study of the capitalist mode of production and the various forms of appropriation of the revenues arising from the robbery of the wage-workers. Banker's capital, merchant's capital, building lot, differential rent, are all explained. The different compositions of capital are minutely analyzed.

Capital is means used to exploit labor. When machinery ceases to be used to exploit labor it ceases to be capital. Capital is a condition, not a thing. We are going to abolish the condition which causes labor to be exploited. We are therefore going to abolish capital.

When we abolish capital, of what use will it be to us to read the analysis of capitalist production? When the co-operative commonwealth arrives, very few indeed, will be the readers of Capital.

It is true we are still in the capitalist system

and we must know enough of that system and its workings to fight it intelligently. This can be got in the main outlines from such works as Kautsky's The Class Struggle, the Communist Manifesto, first part of capital, etc.

When a worker realizes his class position in society, that wages are governed by the cost of living, that unemployment is a part of capitalism, that the working class must depend upon itself for its own freedom, knows the difference of value between labor and labor power, and that reforms will not make him a free man, he is pretty nearly ready to abolish capitalism through collective effort of the working class. When we know he is robbed by the capitalist class it is of little interest to him how much the banker gets and how much the landlord gets, and how much the direct employer gets. He wants to stop the robbery and he will get busy to have his class capture the political power so as to have the working class become the collective owners.

As long as the worker gets the main principles of capitalist exploitation in his head he will get busy to abolish the whole system.

Woman Under Socialism

By Mary Nicolaeff, Morningside, Alta.
I send you the notice about the dirty speech of a certain Goldstein, the barking dog of the Roman Catholic priests, who dares to talk so much about Christianity, which they deny by all their doings, being the very henchmen of the oppressors and slayers of the poor.

This Goldstein dealt especially with the question of free love. Yes the priests and ministers praise the marriage of today. But let me tell the truth about the respectable women of today.

I am a married woman and a mother of two married daughters. All my experience of the life of many, many married women is only a big grievance. The Christian marriage of today is a crime against the nature and thousands of women find themselves bound by their prejudices and so-called religion to an undecidable torture. The nature of a man and woman is different, it was said by the celebrated professor Mechnikoff: "that nature was unjust against the woman, making her unable to be adequate to the man from the sexual point of view." This means that the marriage of today is not a healthy, normal, joyful life for the wife, but just an abnormal existence, worse than the life of a female animal, which follows sincerely and simply the call of her nature, but does not tolerate the insane obedience to its "hobby" as are doing millions of women. Why are they so foolish? Why do they go against their nature and spoil their health and that of their children? Because they depend upon the men in economical conditions of the cursed capitalistic system! There is a form of legalized prostitution. But many women depend only upon their prejudices, cultivated and inspired by the hired henchmen of the masters, priests and ministers, who fool the women as helpless children.

The curse of woman's life will be abolished when this damned old system is swept away, not before.

Dear Comrade, I cannot find subs here, but I wrap always the bread we give to the travelling unemployed in the dear Cotton's paper.

Oh the crowd of hungry men, who every day come and ask for some bread and water! They come every day to us, because we are living right by the railroad and no other buildings are there. They are pale, thin, their feet are bleeding. They make a fire just by the railroad and cook the scraps they find on the road, thrown away from the trains. You can see in their "soup" all kinds of rotten food, which they cleaned and put in the boiling water. Many of these people, after their dinner read the Cotton's Weekly, we gave them and you can hear from afar how they exclaim: "Oh, you curse of the world!" They see from the red paper, that there is no chance for the working class all over the world.

I get every week, three copies, and I give them away—it is my only one means to spread the truth between the blind, helpless non-organized slaves. We do not see here the Russian, but just the English workers.

The masters look upon their slaves as a kind of animals whose stomachs must be kept filled in order that profits may be extracted from their muscles. Therefore they give the slaves just enough to exist on and no more. There are thousands upon thousands of slaves in Canada who have not as good shelter as the horses of the masters. Yet many of these slaves say they are contented. They respect their masters for the bite he supplies them. They are human work animals with the spirit of a cringing hound.

The workers get a living wage. With the aid of machinery they produce much more than a living wage will allow them to consume. The master class consumes much and yet there is a surplus which piles up unsold. This unsold surplus causes mills to shut down, workers to be thrown out of work, and hard times generally. As machinery becomes more automatic, the greater is the unsold surplus. There is no remedy under the present system.

A member of the fifth regiment, Victoria, B.C., was fined in the police court for failing to turn out to parade. The soldier would get worse than a more fine if he refused to fire on strikers when ordered by the puppet officers of the employing class. The best way to pull the fangs of the military is for the workers to refuse to enlist.

A Montreal firm advertised for a man for a ten dollar a week job and within twenty-four hours a hundred and fifty men had applied for the job. Behind those applications lie many tragedies of men out of work, of children suffering hunger. Is it not time to end the beastly system which creates such misery?

The system of capitalism is to blame for the misery we endure. We are told that the individual capitalists are not to blame. Who supports the capitalist system? Who profits by its continuance? The capitalists. We cannot oppose the system without opposing the capitalists who benefit therefrom.

The city beautiful is a fine ideal, but as long as the masters own the city and the jobs therein, the slaves will have a harsh cheerless life, whether the city be beautiful or otherwise.

MANIFESTO OF THE S.D.P. OF C.

For North Waterloo, Ont.
Fellow Workers:—The Social Democratic Party are nominating candidates in the forthcoming election to represent the interests of the working class, upon the only vital and real issue before the workers of this country as well as the whole working class of the world: "Socialism versus Capitalism."

In this manifesto is analyzed the capitalist system, its construction and tendencies shown, and we appeal to every worker to read it and get an intelligent grasp of the principles of the Socialist movement.

It is not our purpose here to trace the origin of classes; suffice it to say that every system has given rise to social classes and the capitalist system has produced the wage working class. The capitalist system necessarily presupposes the rending of society into two classes—the owners of the means of production, that is, those who own the mines, mills, factories, railroads, etc., (the capitalist class) and those who have nothing but their labor-power to sell, (the wage working class). The working class is thus absolutely dependent upon the capitalist class. The ideal of the Socialist movement must, necessarily, be the emancipation of the workers from this condition of dependence and servitude.

This arrangement of society into classes presupposes certain relations between the employing class and the wage working class. A clear conception of these relations reveals the program and tactics necessary to success. For the working class to secure its freedom it must cease to be dependent upon the capitalist class, and this can only be accomplished by the overthrowing of the capitalist order.



H. MARTIN, for North Waterloo, Ont.

CONSERVATIVE AND LIBERAL PARTIES

In a few weeks you will be called upon to vote for a member to represent your boss interest in the Legislative Assembly. You have a vote. What are you going to do with it? Your condition as a wage worker is not an idle one. You would like to change things, but you are not sure how to do it. That depends on how you use it. The Conservative and Liberal parties will tell you that they stand for all the people. Their program they will explain to you in the interest of the working class. It is to the working class that they will make their loudest appeals, knowing that you are in the vast majority, they take great care to pat you on the back and tell you how much they love you (at election time.)

REFORMS.

They will talk to you about Compensation Acts. Old Age Pension and bar reforms. If you want nothing more than reforms it matters very little whether you vote or not. You can hurry up reforms by voting the Socialist ticket, but these reforms are coming anyway. Because labor law or whether you vote. Why? To sell is the capitalist's goose that lays the golden eggs of profit. The efficiency of your labor-power depends absolutely upon your health and material well being. If the capitalist does not see to it that you are kept in working condition, you or those of your class they employ, their profits will suffer. There are more men than jobs to-day, consequently some of your class have to go without work.

HOW WEALTH IS PRODUCED.

To live wealth must be produced. Three things are necessary for the production of wealth. First the raw material, second, the machines of production, and third, human energy. The raw material and the machines of production are owned by the capitalist class. Human energy is supplied by the working class. The ownership of these instruments of wealth production gives the capitalist class control of the lives of the working class who are dependent upon the use of these machines in order to live. This ownership carries with it the fellowship of the product. In return for their human energy the working class receive wages. Wages represents only a part of the wealth created, on the average just sufficient to keep the workers in working condition. If wages represent the entire product, where would the capitalist's profits come from?

WHERE YOU GET OFF AT.

Let us take a very simple example. Suppose you work for a boss; that the total of wages and profits is four (\$4.00) dollars a day; that you get one (\$1.00) dollar and he gets three (\$3.00) dollars. Then, the difference between you and him will be two (\$2.00) dollars, will it not? Now, suppose he increases your wages to two (\$2.00) dollars. You will be able to buy more and better food, you will see your wife and children better fed, housed and clothed and life will begin to be cheered by hope for the future. You will be a better and more efficient slave. The boss puts in better and larger machinery and speeds you up more scientifically by the Taylor system; so that the total of wages and profits can now rise to ten (\$10.00) dollars.

You get two (\$2.00) dollars in wages, leaving the boss eight (\$8.00) dollars for his profits. The difference between you and the boss is now six (\$6.00) dollars, is it not? You have received a higher money wage but your relative position is worse than ever. This move on the part of your boss was a reform.

Commissioner Blue in the official blue book informs us, that the average production of wealth in Canada is \$2436.00 and that the average wage is \$473.00 a year, about twenty percent. What does this mean? It means that the working class have produced on the average \$2436.00 and have received only \$473.00. Now, it is self-evident that you cannot buy back a dollar's worth of wealth with twenty cents. This is the position you find yourself in and it is the position the Conservative and Liberal parties propose to leave you in. But conditions will not and cannot remain as they are today, but must of necessity grow worse. The difference between you and your bosses' share must ever become greater. The gap must become larger.

INDUSTRIAL PANICS—HARD TIMES

You have observed that the capitalist class get eighty (80) cents out of every dollar's wealth produced. This leaves you twenty (20) cents, does it not? It is quite evident that you cannot buy back the wealth you have created. Neither can the capitalist class use it.

With the use of labor saving machinery today, wealth is being created at a pace in excess of the purchasing power of the market thus leaving a surplus which accumulates from year to year, causing a glut in the market. The capitalists cannot sell the wealth you have so generously created for him, he is compelled to run on short hours, close down or reduce the staff by half. Consequently we have what is known as an overproduction. They will tell you that the real estate sharks have speculated too heavily; that what is needed is a large crop, in fact they tell you anything but the truth of matters. A little reflection on your part will put you next to the real truth of the matter, that your labor-power, the only thing that you have to sell, is a commodity. So long as your labor-power remains a commodity on the market to be bought by some boss, all you will get is wages and wages you have observed is only 20 per cent of the value you have created.

Prof. Jackson, of Toronto University, speaking before the Canadian Club at Berlin, April 2, 1914, said: "Crises produce unemployment and suffering and it can be forecast with some certainty that by 1935 three more crises will have taken place." Hard times then are caused because of the wages system. If you receive a dollar for every dollar's worth of human society there can be no overproduction, unemployment and suffering would disappear, the capitalists would have to go to work and humanity will have taken a long step in making social conditions agreeable and this world a more fit place for human beings to live in.

WHAT THE SOCIALISTS STAND FOR

The Socialists claim that labor creates all wealth, therefore to labor it should belong. We claim, that society has reached a place where the interests of the few must give way to the interests of the many. We claim, that since the capitalist class perform no function useful in the production of wealth, they can be dispensed with. We claim, that since the working class alone make possible any form of human society there can be no brotherhood of man and no peace on earth good toward men, as long as one class is dependent upon another class, and that there can be no economic freedom until class divisions are abolished.

All governments today are class instruments to keep the working class in subjection. Governments make laws and naturally reflect the interests of the class who own the machines of wealth production. That this statement is correct can be verified by the fact, that the Whitney government, passed during the session just closed 140 bills in the interest of the capitalist class but none in the interests of the working class.

You will remember we stated: for the working class to secure its freedom it must cease to be dependent upon the capitalist class, and this can only be accomplished by the overthrowing of the capitalist order. The Socialists therefore contend that the ownership of the means of wealth production must be transferred to society as a whole, they must become the common or collective property of all the people, each person having full and free access to them and receive in return the full social value of the product of his or her toil.

YOUR VOTE.

That is where you and your vote come in. Use your vote to put a Socialist in the Legislative Assembly. This is what the working class are doing in every civilized country in the world. Just the other day a capitalist at whose industry you may be employed, made this statement: "If I were a working-man and had to work for my living as men and women are forced to work today, I would never vote any other ticket but the Socialist." Take your boss's advice, he understands, he is intelligent, he is class conscious. You must become class conscious.

Fellow worker: In the forthcoming election, where do you stand? How are you going to use your vote? You either stand with the Socialists to emancipate the working class and institute economic freedom or with the servants of capital to prolong your misery.

VOTE FOR H. MARTIN THE SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR NORTH WATERLOO.

The Liberal and Labor parties in Great Britain are dissolving partnership. Labor is to run independent candidates in every possible constituency. Lloyd George is not able to stay the revolution even with his slapping the plutes on the wrist.

In a speech in the House of Commons Lloyd George declared that he was granting reforms to stave off revolution and the master class should thank him. This is a gratifying admission on his part.

"The soldier's bayonet is to the capitalist class what the claw is to the jungle tiger."—War—What For.

B. C. Convention S. D. P. of C

Held in Nanaimo, B.C., May 1st, 3rd. Delegates sailed to order on Friday, May 1st, at 10 a.m., by Provincial Secretary, Comrade B. Winch.

Delegates present: Vancouver Finnish, J. Maki, 7 votes; Ladysmith, Finnish, J. Kleniolan, 3 votes; Ladysmith, Finnish, J. Kotilau, 3 votes; Sointula, Finnish, S. Hayman, 4 votes; Gibson Heights, Finnish, A. Ruus, 1 vote; Chase River, Finnish, Silaupa-Custison, 2 votes; Myrsky, Finnish, S. Hayman, 1 vote; Burnaby English, E. Winch, 1 vote; Victoria English, G. Winkler, 1 vote; Nanaimo English, W. Watson, 7 votes; J. Hodgkinson, 7 votes; J. Place, 7 votes; C. Pattinson, 7 votes; J. Robertson, 7 votes; Mrs. Kelly, 7 votes; Cook, 7 votes; Vancouver English, Miss Beebe, 2 votes; North Vancouver English, Featherstone, 1 vote; Ladysmith, English, G. Gould, 2 votes; Ladysmith, English, P. Mackenzie, 2 votes; Mission City, J. M. Taylor, 1 vote; South Wellington, J. Godfrey, 2 votes; W. Head, 2 votes; Edmonds English, O. L. Charlton, 1 vote; South Hill, English, A. Hurry, 1 vote; Chas River, English, M. Stafford, 3 votes; Bell, 5 votes; Brunt, 3 votes; Alta Vista, J. S. Johanson, 1 vote.

Provincial Officers: E. Winch, Secretary; O. L. Charlton, Treasurer; Mrs. Edmonds, Y. P. S. L.

Following officers and committees elected: Chairman, C. Pattinson; Vice Chairman, M. Stafford; Secretary, E. Winch.

Press and Publicity Committee: Comrades Head, Robertson, Custison.

Officers' Reports Committee: Comrades Winkler, Place, Stafford, Ruus.

Audit Committee: Comrades Hurry, Stafford.

Resolutions Committee: Comrades Johanson, Kotilau, Featherstone.

Parliamentary Committee: Comrades Robertson, Winkler, Mackenzie, Hayryan, Charlton, Taylor.

Labor Committee: Comrades Godfrey, Gould, Cook, Silaupa, Mrs. Edmonds.

Tellers Committee: Comrades Head, Ruus.

The Provincial Secretary presented his report upon the past year's work and made recommendations for the ensuing year. The number of locals had increased by 50 per cent and the membership by 125 per cent.

The amount of work entailed by the present size of the party and the certainty of its increase in the near future compels the placing of the executive staff upon a firmer and more effective basis which was only possible by appointing salaried officers, requiring them to devote all the time to their respective duties that efficiency demanded.

The prospect of a general election at an early date necessitates special attention to organization and propaganda work throughout the province. Particularly in those districts where candidates will be nominated.

Where other Socialist organizations exist and with whom a working arrangement cannot be effected it is necessary to define this party's line of action. The need has been felt for a means of greater intercommunication between members of the party, and also of placing before the public, current, provincial, Dominion and International events from the Socialist view point and the question of establishing a party organ for this purpose is referred for consideration of the convention.

It is also imperative for every local to hold regular economic and speakers classes, as the strength of the movement lay, not in members alone, but in a sound and clear understanding of Marxian economics and social questions by all members and the development of this knowledge, which is the only way in which the work of public education can be effectively carried on. The question of removing all references to reforms for the time being from the party platform needed attention.

The high standard of efficiency of the organization and work of the Finnish comrades deserved special recognition as did also the working spirit of the members of the newer English speaking locals.

Appreciation was expressed for the manner in which other officials and the party at large had co-operated during the year.

The committee on officers reports presented their recommendations upon questions arising from Secretaries report, which questions were taken up seriatim.

(1) Moved that all references to reforms be removed from party platform. Vote on show of hands for 9 against 18. Roll call, vote for 10, against 31—Motion lost.

(2) Moved that where the party is strong enough to put up candidates, and no working arrangements can be made with other organizations in the same district that this party proceed with their own arrangements—Carried unanimously.

(3) Moved that all Provincial salaried officials become members at large and not remain members of any local, for 21, against 6—Carried.

(4) Moved that a party organ be instituted issued monthly. An assessment of twenty-five cents made on all English speaking members, and upon all joining members, the paper being mailed for a year to every English comrade and such Finnish comrades as pay the assessment—Carried unanimously.

(5) Moved that no applicant be deemed a member of the party until the entrance fee has been paid and a stamped dues card issued—Carried.

General recommendations.—That the district committees throughout province be formed and working—Carried.

(6) That all locals take up at once the formation of economic and speakers classes—Carried.

Comrade O. L. Carlton, Provincial Treasurer, presented his reports upon the finances and also the literature department. Receipts for stamps had been very greatly in excess of the previous year and the latter part of the current year showed a still greater proportionate increase in dues. This was particularly noticeable in the amount received for the Finnish locals. Four hundred dollars had been sent to the Vancouver Island Miner's Fund, subscribed by S.D.P. locals, besides which many locals had sent their contributions direct. Cash and assets in hand of \$293.19. Literature which was supplied to the locals at cost had not been utilized to the extent it should have been, and improvement in this respect is hoped for. A scheme for the formation of circulating libraries in all locals was detailed, and the value of literature in educational and propaganda work emphasized.

The committee strongly endorsed the proposal for libraries in all locals, also that literature committees be appointed. All audit accounts settled by locals quarterly. The audit committee reported having examined all

books, warrants, vouchers, and reported the accounts in first class order, and complimented the Treasurer upon the excellence and thoroughness of his work.

Audit committee's report adopted.

Owing to illness of Comrades Mrs. Burns, who had acted as secretary of the Women's organization, which office she had recently surrendered, the report of this department was submitted by Mrs. Edmonds and the committee's report thereon was referred to incoming executive.

Comrade Mrs. Edmonds, Secretary Y.P.S.L., presented her report showing active work with good results being engaged in by various locals, it is essential that all locals take up at once this important work; delay in doing which can only result in anti-Socialist ideas being implanted more firmly in the minds of the young people by the various capitalist organizations. The committee fully realized this and made various suggestions which were referred to the incoming executive for consideration and action thereon.

(7) Committee on resolutions, endorsed Burnaby local motion. "That all literature issued in connection with candidature of members of the party for election to public office, shall be administrative office, shall clearly and definitely state the direct objective of the Socialist movement, namely, the abolition of capitalism and the introduction of the co-operative commonwealth."

The convention adopted this resolution.

(8) Committee moved "that the price of due stamps be 20 cents. That 10 cents be allotted to provincial organization fund, 5 cents to general fund and 5 cents to dominion executive."—Motion carried.

(9) Moved "that the price of regular dues stamps to such locals as are subject to strike conditions shall be 10 cents. Special stamps to be used where members are out of work."—Carried.

(10) Moved by committee "that action be taken to ensure the open platform at all party propaganda meetings."

(11) Amendment by South Hill, "that the following be added 'provided that comments shall be relative to the subject then under discussion.'"

Amendment that motion be tabled—Carried.

(12) Moved by committee "that all locals take in hand the raising of funds for parliamentary purposes and that all monies raised be deposited with the Treasurer of their district organization committee."—Carried.

Moved that arrangements for organization work and raising of funds for same, including the routing of Comrades Place and Williams in company with other comrades, over different routes, be left in hands of incoming executive—Carried.

(13) Moved by committee that the motion of Nanaimo local in favor of fusion between S.D.P. of C. and the B.P. of C. be endorsed, and that arrangements concerning the same be left in hands of the incoming executive—Carried.

(14) Moved by committee. That the provincial executive be constituted as follows. That every local be entitled to one delegate. The provincial officers as elected by convention, together with four delegates elected at large, one English and one Finnish comrade to represent the main land and one English and one Finnish comrade to represent the Island. Five to form a quorum.

The delegates at large and provincial officers not resident in vicinity to meet quarterly, their transportation and expenses not exceeding \$2.00 a day to be paid out of the party funds. A Finnish translator to be secured as a delegate from a local as near as possible to the headquarters—Carried.

Moved that resolution from North Vancouver re "Combined office of secretary and organizer" be adopted.

Moved by Vancouver local, "that this convention is of the opinion that the referendum re Sam Atkinson is illegal and contrary to the party constitution."

Moved by the committee "that the referendum was legally submitted, as authorized by Provincial By-laws, which opinion was upheld by the Dominion Executive. Further that the best interests of the party will not be met by the convention discussing the matter. The vote of the membership being final."

A full discussion of the matter followed after which the motion was carried by 21, against 4—Carried.

Motion by Chase River Finnish, that steps be taken to place Cotton's Weekly on a firmer basis, to enlarge the paper and issue it oftener, the subscription rates being raised to meet requirements.

(15) Moved by Committee that to issue of tenner than weekly or to increase the subscription price would not be advantageous at present but that any action to increase its efficiency should be commended. Motion by committee carried.

Committee moved that Chase River Finnish local motion be endorsed and referred to incoming executive, re party speakers' boosting Cotton's and also drawing special attention to be necessary for all unutilized comrades to take out their papers—Carried.

Moved by South Hill in favor of holding an annual fete on July 1st.

Committee did not favor this motion, considering that May 1st, being International Labor Day, was the day which should be devoted to such celebrations. Committee's views were endorsed.

(16) Motion by South Wellington that the minimum age limit of admission to the party be sixteen and that the D.E.C. take steps to amend the constitution—Carried.

Moved that this convention record its approval of the efforts put forth by the Hindoos of Vancouver and Victoria, to prevent the deportation of Har Dyal, a Hindoo Socialist from San Francisco, back to India by the British government—Carried.

Time did not permit of the discussion re "Immigrant influx that will result from opening of Panama Canal."

(17) Motion by Nanaimo Local, "that every local and the Provincial executive shall elect a grievance committee of 3 members, which shall investigate immediately all charges and difficulties in the local or party, and report its findings."

All charges must be made in writing, whereupon the committee shall investigate the case and hear witnesses of both parties. The same shall not be debated until the grievance committee has thoroughly investigated and reported thereon. A detail report of the investigation and findings shall be drawn and laid before the next business meeting. Then the matter shall be decided and the decision recorded in the minutes. All papers concerning the investigation shall be delivered to the secretary for safe keeping.

The secretary shall inform in writing of such decision. All members against whom charges

are made shall retain their full constitutional rights pending investigation and decision. Carried.

Parliamentary and organization committee presented report, indicating in which constituencies candidates should be nominated at next election. They favored the selection of candidates as adopted in Richmond riding.

Each local in the riding, if so desiring, to nominate a candidate (not necessarily a member of the local). A series of public meetings to be arranged at which the candidates speak. After all out meetings have been held a referendum vote taken of the members in the riding for the purpose of selecting the candidate who is to be nominated for office.

The committee made various recommendations which were referred to the incoming executive.

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PLATFORM

Social-Democratic Party of Canada

We, the Social-Democratic Party of Canada in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to and support of, the International Socialist Movement.

By virtue of the ownership of the means of production and distribution (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) all wealth the workers produce, accrues into the hands of the capitalist class. This property the capitalist defends by means of the state (the army, the navy, the judiciary.)

The object of the Social-Democratic Party is to educate the workers of Canada to a consciousness of their class position in society, their economic servitude to the owners of capital, and to organize them into a political party to seize the reins of government and transform all capitalist property into the collective property of the working class. This social transformation means the liberation not only of the proletariat, but of the whole human race. Only the working class, however, can bring it about. All other classes maintain their existence by supporting the present social order.

The struggle of the working class against Capitalist exploitation produces a constant state of warfare between these two forces for the control of political and economic power.

As a means of preparing the minds of the working class for the inauguration of the Co-operative Commonwealth, the Social-Democratic Party of Canada will support any measure that will tend to better conditions under capitalism, such as:

- (1) Reduction of hours of labor.
- (2) The elimination of child labor.
- (3) Universal adult suffrage without distinction of sex or regard to property qualifications; and
- (4) The Initiative, Referendum, and right of Recall.

ELECTIONS JUNE 29th.

Ontario elections have been definitely fixed for June 29th. In the 1911 elections in Ontario the straight Socialist vote was 3,304 for the whole province. The Socialist vote this year should be far in excess of that figure. Place your candidate in the field if you can.

Remember that the election law is changed. It now requires fifty names for a nomination paper. H. Martin, 61 Weber Street East, Berlin, Ont., will give you full information as to the formalities.

LONDON, ONT. TAKE NOTICE

Comrade James Simpson, Controller of Toronto, will speak in London, Ont., in the Unique Theatre, Dundas Street near Clarence Street, on Sunday June 14th at 3 p.m. His subject is "The purpose and power of Socialism." All readers of Cotton's in London are expected to turn out to this lecture. They will hear a rare treat. Come and crowd the meeting and let the London public know that our city is alive with Socialists.

J. A. M. Atkins, M.P. for Winnipeg, has just been appointed Director of the Imperial Bank. Can you imagine Atkins voting for anything that will interfere with the graft of the capitalist class? Yet the votes of the workers out of whom all capitalist graft comes, placed Atkins where the laws are made. How about it, Winnipeg slaves?

Socialism, you know, is losing its power. That is what we are frequently told. And then Sweden holds an election and the Socialists capture twelve more seats. An election is held in France and the Socialists capture thirty-four more seats. Socialists are very well satisfied with losing power like that.

The Irish Home Rule is passed. Remember how Carson and his gang were going to eat 'em alive if they ever dared pass the Home Rule Bill? The capitalist is willing to wage bloody wars as long as workers are the ones to get killed. When it comes to their own carcasses, they are a huge bluff.

Borden may come and Borden may go. Laurier may come and Laurier may go, but the system of graft goes on. It will continue to exist as long as one class own and another class work.

Good by Catarrh, Now

Good by Catarrh, your doom is sealed forever. Your disgusting breath and your many embarrassing and annoying symptoms have got to go and go quick. Your stubborn old poison-spreading, health destroying germs are conquered, powerless, helpless, harmless now. They may resist the salves, ointments and creams,

but they may laugh at the sprayers, atomizers, powders, and the fumes and smoke and steam, but there's one thing they can't resist.

I want to tell every victim of this dangerous little demon and every sufferer from the disgusting disease they cause, how to stop Catarrh and stop it quickly.

You'll be surprised when you wake up in the morning clear headed, clear throated, coughless, chokeless, hawless and realize that at last you've found the way to do what all the other stuff you've used has failed to do. Glory, it works like magic. Mena Morrow, Tattler.

No one knows better than I what Catarrh means. I suffered its tortures and embarrassments for years and have fought it

constantly without results until I discovered this simple easy means and conquered it in a single night. It's wonderful. You'd scarcely believe it

possible for anything so easy, so simple to conquer so stubborn a disease so quickly. Send me your name today sure and get this information free. A post card with simply your name and address will do. I'll know what that means. Just address

SAM KATZ
Suit J. 109 1325 Michigan Ave. Chicago, Ill.

Write to this young man today. He has found a simple way to cure Catarrh and will tell you all about it—FREE.

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Shots from the Appeal

The average worker doesn't work his head enough.

You voted the guns into the hands of the thugs—remember that.

Some people imagine they are capitalists because they capitalize "I."

Too often the old party voter gets horse sense confused with jackass sense.

To lay the rulers on the shelf.

The worker must learn to trust himself.

The man with his eyes open can easily see the "invisible government" that controls all.

When the worker strikes at bad conditions the master's army and police strike at him.

Socialist ballot means more in stopping war and graft than a thousand years of agitation.

Early to bed and early to rise will make your boss healthy, wealthy and wise.—Cotton's Weekly.

The masters object to the class struggle because they want you to submit to being robbed without a struggle.

Today it is the miner of Colorado who is shot down because he rebels against being robbed. Tomorrow it may be you.

If the master does not work it means that he is an aristocrat. If a toiler does not work he is condemned as a loafer.

Haven't seen hide nor hair of the old "divide up" yarn for months. All the liars must be busy producing war news in Mexico.

Champlain's picture decorates a counterfeit \$10 bill. An old party politician's portrait on a counterfeit bill is highly appropriate.

It is the fact of classes that causes the class struggle. It is obvious there could be no struggle between classes that did not exist.

They tell us that capital is the stored up product of labor. But it is never stored up with the fellow that produced the product.

The Socialist party is a tool whereby the workers utilize their political power. The old parties are tools whereby the rulers utilize the workers.

With all the patent Socialist exterminators in active operation the Socialist vote of the world has increased more than a million in the past year.

The armament trust is world-wide and is naturally engaged in boosting its business. Please stop up and be killed in order to put money in its pockets.

Ammons was elected by the workers as a good man. The "good man" idea is exploded. What is needed is a party that will overthrow a vicious system.

A Socialist writer refers to the Ludlow butcheries as "the crowning infamy." Nothing of the sort. The Rockefeller and the Morgans have worse than that up their sleeves if you vote them the chance.

The whole Colorado trouble, the Michigan and West Virginia horrors, came because the workers elected to office representatives of the class that exploit them, instead of workers who pledged to overthrow exploitation.

A vote whose name is galore is becoming exceedingly sore.

He's getting disgusted. With promising bustled.

And he's voting our way more and more.

A Wisconsin "professor" declares that "legislation can accomplish little, as seen by the way mine operators of Colorado violated state laws."

It can't—until you end the private control of business which also controls politics.

And his bitterness was extreme in telling how the militia dashed in to the tent where the dead (murdered) boy lay and cried the weeping mother unprintable names.—(From report of Colorado murders.)

Yes, the bitterness of these unpatriotic Socialists is disgraceful.

If Colorado has good officials, you say, this would never have happened. Nonsense. Rockefeller, the man most closely behind this outrage, is a "good" man; neither drinks, swears or dances. It is not conventional goodness but economic justice that counts.

That was in Colorado, you say; it couldn't happen in this community. It may happen right in your community next. You must get into your head that it is not the result of depravity but of the class struggle to robbery of the worker, and that everywhere.

The class struggle is due entirely to the masters taking part of what you produce and what is therefore yours, and your "kick" at being robbed. Some would end the struggle by having you cease to object to the robbery and others by having the idlers cease to rob.

Representative Bryan of Washington has introduced a measure in the house providing for taking over the Colorado mines by the government. It will not pass of course, but it may lead to the "passing" of several congressmen who will not bring it to a vote.

A Wall Street operator who favors war has summed up his reason why the workers of America should consent to die and kill in Mexico. He says "The war will keep the administration so busy that it will have no time to bother with its absurd anti-business program." In other words, Wall Street wishes to divert the attention of the people while it gets away with the swag.

Republication, democratic, and bull moose "friends of labor" have voted to give Governor Ammons \$1,000,000 to continue the butchery of the Colorado miners. The workers are to be taxed to pay the salaries of the assassins who slaughter them. Isn't it about time for the workers to quit giving friends of labor the lawmaking power, and exercise that power themselves through their own political party—the Socialist party?

Twelve thousand miners are walking out in Virginia. Rotterdam dockers go on a general strike. British builders are threatening a national lockout.

The FIDING LINE

Six to Botha, Alta.

Three dollars from Berlin, Ont.

Seven subs from Portsmouth England.

\$2.50 from Fernie, B.C., to spread the light.

Cobalt Local S.D.P. orders \$5 worth of sub cards.

\$4.50 for subs and sub cards from Woodstock, Ont. Local.

I've got three new ones and my renewal.—Balmoral, N.S.

Enclosed find \$2. Am sending subs later.—Brandon, Man.

Enclosed find seven. Am doing what I can.—Hillsboro, N.B.

Am sending \$5, four subs and sixteen sub cards.—Pipstone, Man.

South Fort George, B.C., Local pays for a bundle of twelve for six months.

A dollar from Thornloe, Ont., will spread forty copies to four separate individuals.

Enclosed find sixteen subs, also send four sub cards and facts.—Movie, B.C.

Enclosed find one dollar for sub cards. Sorry I cannot give the support I would like.—Sylvestre, N.S.

Enclosed find four. We are getting busy on provincial campaign. Had big time May Day.—Sudbury, Ont.

A Comrade of Niagara Falls, Ont., sends three dollars for twelve sub cards. Now watch the fur fly around that section.

"Please send the shining light to these twelve who have got the wool off their eyes."—Miskin, South Wales Group, Britan.

Enclosed please find \$5 for the battery. Would have sent more but have been unemployed for four months.—Hunter, Ont.

Enclosed find five. Will send more soon. I pass my paper round among different farmers who are excited to Socialism.—Earl Grey, Sask.

Enclosed find eight subs for a start. Between short time and unemployment it is no easy matter round Montreal.—Montreal, P.Q.

Six dollars from the German Comrades of Montreal for subs and sub cards, show the steady work so characteristic of the German Social Democracy.

"Please renew my sub and here are three more who have decided to quit the Henry Dubb line of reasoning and reason for themselves."—Mayerthorpe, Alta.

Please send cards for twelve plugs I guess I will get around to hand them out. Started the local with ten members. Watch us grow!—Haileybury, Ont.

Socialists of Cobalt, Ont., take forty sub cards to keep the red flag flying over the rebel rail at Cawstonville and to oust the plutocrats from the heads of slaves.

Enclosed find twenty subs. Money is scarce and subs are hard to get. We highly appreciate Cotton's efforts in behalf of the slaves and directed blows at the plutes.—Giroux, Ont.

Enclosed please find \$3 for sub cards. Subs are tight to get. Nobody seems to have any money what-so-ever. Never change you can depend upon Stratford doing its level best for the paper and for the cause.—Stratford, Ont.

Enclosed please find four. I am sending these papers where I think they will do good. After they read them for forty weeks let us hope they will renew for themselves. As I am old I do not expect to help much longer.—Port Rowan, Ont.

Enclosed find thirteen subs, our little help. Times are hard and two bits has to go as far as eight ought to. If every local does as we have, Cotton's will be on a safe foundation again. I must report our local has grown to thirty-eight members.—Aurora, Sask.

Enclosed find eight which I pay for out of my own pocket. I did not get the paper four times in two months. And this happened to all the subscribers. Two weeks ago I received one number that was nearly half burned and I was the only one that received it.—Leduc, Alta.

Enclosed please find one dollar for four renewals. Sorry we cannot make it more. Times are hard, in this camp as we have been on strike twenty months. The union is localing after us and besides we are getting a good education. The trouble has wakened a few slaves.—Lady-smith, B.C.

Enclosed find four. Eighteen months ago one of these would not read the paper. I got him by myself laughing at the paper. That got him interested all right. I asked him for a half dollar for the paper and he said sure. I have got him and he could not pry him loose with dynamite.—Kakabeka Falls, Ont.

"There are no Socialists in this part of the country. I am about the only one and no one seems to want to know anything about it. They are willing to sleep on and are contented to be robbed."—I am giving my papers to my neighbors with the hope that they will begin to think a little.—Morrin, Alta.

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doing everything possible to cut wages. There is much discontent about here and I hope they soon get wise.—Hamilton, Ont.

Enclosed find one buck for sub and three sub cards. Sorry I cannot help more as I am a slave with-out a master and have been looking for one since the 24th of May, 1913. Have not yet found one that will feed and clothe me and my family in return for my surrendering to him most of what I produce, and I have travelled all over Canada. When will the workingman know enough to vote himself into power and be his own boss and always have a job and get all the wealth he creates?—Ontario slave.

A Toronto Comrade takes a bundle of twenty-five copies for three months and fourteen sub cards. He writes: We are getting Comrade Carr of the Christian Socialist Fellowship to give us a series of lectures beginning the first of June. We are trying hard to kill the idea that is prevalent in this city that a man must be an infidel if a Socialist. The Fellowship is after the church people and we feel we can reach the masses through the church and start them thinking better than any other way. The churches are coming to our help in opening their doors free of charge. We have had more churches offered us than we had dates to fill.

In the trend of Socialism a multiplicity of propaganda openings present themselves. We as a party are reaching out and stretching the finances as much as possible. Paid organizers, a paid national secretary, a delegate to Vienna, building of Socialist halls, holding of public meetings, running of candidates in elections.

Before this wonderful burst of activity your paper fared better, for you looked upon it as the chief means of propaganda. And in those days were less self-effacing than we are now.

The hard times also has had a contributory effect upon the decline in circulation.

You can easily change the declining circulation by giving attention to persuading your fellow slaves to subscribe. A big circulation will carry a great influence with the non-Socialist public of Canada and be of tremendous advertising value to the movement. Suppose you could say that your Socialist paper published in Canada for Canadians had a circulation of fifty thousand copies a week. Do you not think it would cause great thought among the workers who have not yet become Socialists?

Each of our readers sending in lists of subscriptions at a quarter each would quickly put the list to the figure of fifty thousand.

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