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MACHINERY OF PRODUCTION

During the last few years the Monetary Times estimates that Canada has borrowed Six Hundred Million Dollars from Great Britain. This is an enormous sum of money for a young country to borrow from the financiers of another. This borrowing, however, throws a strong light upon the maintenance of the market.

A number of years ago the Socialists of Europe declared that the capitalist system would have fallen before now because of the failure of the capitalist markets compared with the productivity of the machinery. They neglected to take into consideration the preparation of the newer countries for capitalist production.

Capitalism depends upon the giant machine for its existence. When tools are primitive and individual then capitalism cannot develop because each worker can provide himself with his own tools. The only instrument of production which can be cornered is the land itself, and upon the control of the land the feudal system was reared.

The giant machine, the huge printing press, the steam engine, the stamping mill, the blast furnace, these could not be owned by the individual workers and so fell into the power of the capitalist who uses them to exploit the peasant.

But feudalism fell because of its inherent defects and capitalism is bound to fall because of the inability of the capitalist to find a market for his goods.

The market in Europe would have fallen if it were not for the demand of newer countries for the giant machines of production.

Canada is building railways and mills and factories. India is putting up cotton mills. South Africa is pushing her railways north and and bridging mighty rivers. China is building railways. Japan is building ship yards. The non-capitalist countries are building the machinery for production along capitalist lines. The market of Europe and America has been sustained not by the sale of goods for consumption, but by the sale of the machinery of production to countries preparing themselves for capitalist exploitation.

The downfall of capitalism has been stayed off. The downfall, however, may be all the more spectacular when it does come. When Canada, Australia, Africa, India, China, Persia, Turkey, are seeking an export market; when the capitalists of every country under the sun are seeking to sell to other countries without buying in return, then the capitalist system is bound to fall. Instead of Great Britain, France and Germany adopting Socialism, the world at large will be forced to throw off the capitalist limitations. The workers of the world will unite to accomplish this end, and Chinamen, Hindoos and Caucasians will unite in labor's brotherhood to throw off the yoke of their common exploiters.

The Wright brothers have obtained an injunction against other parties being allowed to build aeroplanes along the pattern of the Wright machine in the United States. This is to protect themselves. Yet the advance of humanity is hindered by this injunction. There are hundreds of eager men investigating the principles of aerial flight and by the injunction a large part of the investigation is cut off. The Wright brothers machine was the result of past experiences carried just a little bit farther. The Wright brothers, no doubt, would like to see all men share in their discoveries and carry them further. But they live in a competitive world and must protect themselves. Under Socialism the good of one would be the good of all. Inventions would become the property of the people. The inventors would not have to hug their inventions to themselves for the sake of profit. Social labor would produce the means of life for all and individual discoveries would become the property of all.

The government of Canada is bonusing the Canadian Associated Press to the extent of twelve thousand dollars a year. This is the service which tells how Great Britain is just aching to become protectionist. This is the service which reports the court gossip about King Edward. The Canadian government bonuses those institutions which tickle the fancy of the capitalist exploiters.

The workers have the power. Let them use it.

Socialism stands for the abolition of rent, interest and profit.

Government of industry by the men who do the work will be realized under Socialism.

We have representative institutions in Canada which are far different from institutions of political democracy.

Parasites are unnecessary. The ballot of the workers can abolish the parasite capitalist class whenever the workers desire to use the ballot.

There are some workers who are so frightened of the liberty Socialism will bring them that they prefer to let the capitalists steal them blind.

The telegraph companies are now sending fifty words at night for the price of ten. The revolution of telegraph business is being pressed forward by fear of the telepost.

The combine has come to stay. Men cannot be forced back into competitive business methods. To fight the combine is useless. Let society press forward and democratize the combine, not suppress it.

Capitalism is a historical process of production arising out of a past mode and evolving into a future mode of production. Humanity will burst the bonds of capitalist limitations as capitalism burst the bonds imposed by feudalism.

The organization of the workers on the political field is a necessary adjunct to their organization on the industrial field. Yet many workers do not realize this. Those who would scorn to scab in the shop are proud of scabbing at the polls.

Why should one set of men do the work and another set of men do nothing and yet draw the greater part of the revenues for the work done? The capitalist draws the revenues without work. Socialism will prevent the capitalist getting his unearned income.

We have political democracy after a fashion, but we have not industrial democracy. Socialism will give a man a vote on his job. He will be able to have a voice in the management of the place in which he works. Industrial politics will mean something to the worker then, when he can see that his vote directly affects himself in the work he does.

The Province of Quebec is establishing a series of provincial labor bureaus and is bringing the private labor bureaus under control of the provincial authorities. Every advance in the mode of capitalist production and organization of industry brings the Socialist state that much nearer.

Five hundred miners are entombed in a mine in Wales. Wales is the country where the mine owners want to cut the pay of the miners because of the reduced hours of work enacted by the British Parliament. The men take the risk of death for small pay and the profits go to the mineowners who do no work and take no risk. This is a beautiful arrangement from the mine-owner's point of view. The men, however, are rapidly turning Socialists.

There are two thousand five hundred members of the Manufacturers' Association and there are four hundred thousand factory laborers. Why is it that the two thousand five hundred possess more influence with Laurier and his gang than the four hundred thousand? Because the manufacturers unite on the political field and bamboozle the workers into voting for the puppets of the Manufacturers' Association. When the four hundred thousand unite on the political field the power of the Manufacturers' Association will be broken.

Two grain elevator companies have been fined five thousand dollars for making false statements to the government agents as to the grain contents thereof and as to the grade of wheat. Under capitalism where the food of the people is bought and sold for profit, there is great temptation to deceive. Under Socialism, when food will be produced for use and not for profit, there will be no temptation to make wrong statements as to the quality of the food produced, as no one will benefit by such statements.

SPREAD LITERATURE

How can you expect men to think along Socialist lines unless you put them in the way of finding out what Socialism stands for? How do you expect laboring men to obtain a desire for industrial democracy unless you show them what industrial democracy means? There are capitalist newspapers and capitalist politicians and capitalist exponents all seeking to persuade the men who work, and carry the capitalists on their backs, that capitalism is necessary, righteous and just. The only way to overcome the persuasion of capitalism is by Socialist persuasion either by the written or spoken word.

The Socialists of Milwaukee won out by systematic distribution of Socialist pamphlets and papers for several years. The prejudice against Socialism in the minds of many men was broken down and the Socialists were triumphantly returned. The Milwaukee Socialists discouraged street speaking, and depended on the written word and on hall lectures.

There are seven million people in Canada and only two Socialist papers to turn them from the evil of their capitalist thoughts. The Western Clarion, published at Vancouver, B. C., owned and controlled by the Socialist Party of Canada, is one. Cotton's Weekly is the other. These two papers, one in the east and the other in the west, are confronted with the opportunities of making Canada a Socialist stronghold.

The spoken word in Socialist propaganda is also necessary, but the printed word can go where the spoken word cannot reach. It can go to the lonely farm house. It can reach the Sunday breakfast table of the worker. It can persuade a man in the quiet moments of the evening.

If you desire to see Socialism spread, then spread the Socialist papers. Get them into new homes. By so doing you will get new workers for Socialism. The wider Socialism is spread the more sub-hustlers are gained for the Socialist papers.

Canada is a sparsely settled country. Her cities are hundreds of miles apart. Railway fare is expensive. But the capitalist exploiters have established a postal system for the purpose of cheaply spreading their literature and twisting the brains of the workers to support their own exploiters. Let the Socialists utilize the postal system established by the capitalists. Let them take advantage of the machinery established by the capitalists for the exploitation of the workers.

In Milwaukee twelve hundred workers covered the city every Sunday morning with Socialist literature. In Canada the postal system will carry the Socialist papers to the doors of the electors.

There are three things to do—agitate, educate, organize. The Socialist press is a powerful factor in carrying forward these three activities. By the spread of Socialist literature Socialism itself will grow. Get busy and get your neighbors to subscribe to the socialist publications of Canada. Every new reader of Socialist papers means a new mind turned from the old ideas to grow and broaden on the new.

There are seventeen thousand commercial travellers in Canada. These cost more than two thousand dollars a year each. Over forty million dollars every year is spent for the one item of commercial travellers. On one business man in one small village carrying on the retail business of one line of goods, twenty-two travellers call. Each represents a different firm. The departmental stores do not have to stand this expense. There are many other expenses which the departmental stores do not have to undergo. They are more economical and can undersell the little village merchant. The finish of the village merchant is near. The retailing of goods will be organized and trusted along with the manufacturing thereof. The little bourgeois retailer will find his business abolished and then economic determinism will teach him to raise his voice in wailing and to declare that the department stores are robbers. Will the little merchants have brains enough to see that they are dead and the only hope for them is the coming of Socialism?

The Dominion government will spend over a million dollars this year in drawing immigrants to Canada. The more people come the greater will be the number for the capitalists to exploit.

ORGANIZATION

There are three things necessary for the propagation of the principles of Socialism and the raising of the working class to political power. These three things are Agitation, Education, Organization. Agitation awakens the worker to a realization of the woes and follies and injustices of the capitalist system. Education fills the minds of the workers with a knowledge of scientific Socialism and gives them the power to argue intelligently, to know what they want and to go after it. Organization prepares the machinery for the capturing of the political power.

In Canada there is still great need of agitation. There are many workers who actually believe in the capitalist system. They think their boss is a nice man who is doing all he can for them. They think that dividends are necessary and that the capitalists are useful beings. They have the idea that our Canadian courts are for giving the workers just laws and do not realize that our laws are loaded against labor. For such men the tearing down of the shams behind which capitalism hides itself is necessary. The rottenness of capitalism must be exposed.

There are workers who have awakened to the miseries caused by capitalism, but who do not see the Socialist tendencies and the Socialist remedy. These men need education. They need to read pamphlets and then deeper books. The educative side of Socialism is their need. A Socialist library is what they want.

But for the final triumph of Socialism on the political field an effective organization is what is wanted. The skeleton of this organization lies stretched from Atlantic to Pacific in the organization of the Socialist Party of Canada. It is an organization for the capturing of the political power in the interests of Socialism and the abolishing of wage slavery. It is also an organization for Agitation and Education. It combines the three.

Now let the Socialists of Canada who are not busy, get busy. Remember, the Socialists are out to capture the political power in municipal affairs, provincial affairs and Dominion affairs.

Every reader of Cotton's Weekly can get to work figuring out how he along with his fellow-Socialists, can capture his village, town, township, city ward, provincial electoral district or Dominion constituency.

We are out to capture the political power. We want to capture that power, but we will not do it by sacrificing our Socialist principles. We are out to win with the Socialist flag flying.

How can we win? Here comes in the question of organization. The old party machines have the faculty of organizing down fine. The machine men know their constituencies. They know how many votes there are in the county. They know almost how each man will vote before the votes are cast.

The organization of the old party machines cost money. They cost millions of dollars. The capitalists put up money for both sides. Then whether Laurier triumphs or Borden triumphs the capitalists are secure.

You have no capitalists backing you. They are plundering you and using the money to support the old party machines which allow them to continue their plunderings. You must depend on your own efforts. You and your fellow workers can swing the elections to the Socialist Party, because you have the votes. But you must organize.

What kind of organization are you supporting? How much do you know about your country or city? Do you know how many votes are in your county or city? Do you know what majority your Member of Parliament got? Do you know in what polls he got that majority? Have you thought up the arguments along Socialist lines which will turn the laugh on your capitalist M. P.? Have you met with your fellow workers and discussed plans, ways and means of capturing, not your province, but your own particular constituency, for Socialism?

Keep up your agitation. Keep up your educational propaganda. Keep up your Socialist organization. But study ways and means of making your own particular county a Socialist county. Find out how many votes there are in the country altogether. Go among your fellow workers and discover how many will vote for a Socialist candidate. Find out what Socialist among your comrades would be the most suitable

as a candidate. Get the people of your county thinking that a Socialist candidate will be run in the next election. Even if, at the last minute, you find you cannot raise the two hundred dollar deposit, and no candidate is run, never mind. Hope for better things next time.

Man is a political animal. Politics stir men's minds and make them think. Therefore get the men of your county to look upon the Socialist Party as a political party worth considering and reckoning with. Study your county. Get to know its voters and their prejudices. Get to know the majority you need and how many votes you can poll. You will find that the study of your own county for political purposes, the organization of yourself with your fellow Socialists to capture it, and the struggle for success at the polls, will bring Socialism rapidly to the front in the thoughts of the people of Canada. Get busy and organize your own county for a Socialist success at the polls.

Discontent with present conditions on the part of the workers means that present conditions will be done away with by the workers when that discontent becomes clarified and intelligently directed.

The Kentucky farmers have been convicted under the Sherman anti-trust law. Now the farmers and labor unionists can unite to fight the plute government. Economic determinism is driving the labor factions together.

W. S. Fielding has received over a hundred thousand dollars in pay during the fourteen years he has been cabinet minister. That was not enough and his friends have given him another hundred thousand to help him out. And the ordinary wage plug is supposed to live happy and save money on less than four hundred dollars a year.

W. S. Fielding has been given a present of a Hundred Thousand Dollars by his financial admirers. Why should they not give it to him? Is he not the finance minister of the Laurier cabinet, and has he not been feeding millions of government money to the financiers? Surely the financiers can afford to give Fielding a paltry hundred thousand?

C. Arnoldi, Assistant City Treasurer of Montreal, has refused to take an increase in salary of one hundred dollars. He declares that he gets this increase because two clerks under him have been cut fifty dollars a year each, and he does not wish to profit by the loss of others. Man-kind is not bad or selfish. But the capitalist system forces men to compete and to fight for business. When co-operation comes the actions of the Arnoldi's will be unnecessary. In a world of strife they are now looked upon as something unusual.

The New York Dock Commissioners have cut the pay roll of the New York docks over three hundred thousand dollars a year. This is applying business methods to the administration of civic affairs. Waste and inefficiency must go and the capitalist administration is doing its appointed work when it ruthlessly sacks the unnecessary laborers. Every step taken to put governmental institutions on an efficient basis makes those governmental institutions all the more important and powerful. The struggle for the control of the machinery of government will become all the more keen and the Socialists will win out because Socialism will be backed by the votes of the workers.

The retail merchants of Canada are trying to become incorporated under a charter from the Dominion. Some of the M. P.'s oppose the incorporation, alleging that such a corporation would be nothing but a vast combine. Whether the Members like it or not, combination is the order of the day. The aggregations of capital are growing greater and greater. But what makes the Retail Merchants Bill opposed is not the fact that it might result in a combine. It is opposed because the manufacturers do not want the little traders to have an organization which might put pressure on the manufacturers. There is a class struggle between the manufacturers and the retailers which will vanish when the retailers are put out of business by the manufacturers going into the mail order business.

THE WORKERS CAN CONTROL

According to 1906 statistics, there were then three hundred and fifty-six thousand persons employed in the manufacturing establishments of Canada. As Canada has enormously developed during the interval, the wage workers in Canada will now number over four hundred thousand. There are about two thousand five hundred manufacturers in the Manufacturers' Association. There are over a hundred and fifty workers to every member of the Association. Yet the Manufacturers swing the politics of Canada. The workers get the heavy end of legislation.

Cannot the hundred and fifty out-vote the one? Cannot the workers, united into their own party, the Socialist Party of Canada, control the politics of the Dominion? Assuredly they can. Then why do they not do it?

Because their masters maintain two parties in the field to divide the votes of the workers and to make them think there is a political struggle taking place at Ottawa. The Liberal Party and the Conservative Party are the two wings of the capitalist system. The Conservative party leaders tell the workers how the Liberals are robbing the country and ask the workers to vote for the Conservatives to stop the robbery. The Liberal Party leaders tell the workers how much more the Conservatives would rob the country and ask the workers to vote for the Liberals. The workers therefore divide their votes and lose their power.

Both the Liberal and the Conservative party are owned by the capitalist exploiters. The members owned by the exploiters, are not all hypocrites. Many of them do not see how any other system of production could possibly exist and so support the present exploitation of the workers because they see nothing else to do.

The Socialist Party, however, does not talk about how the Liberals or the Conservatives are robbing the country. The Socialists show up how the Liberal and Conservative politicians support the system which robs the workers. The country or the people, which the old party leaders drag so often into their discussions, is an abstract idea which conveys little information to the labor-population of Canada. The people of Canada are composed of useful laborers and parasites. There are classing interests between the various divisions of Canada's population, and when the robbery of the country is paraded forth, the politicians are handling the question of robbery in a way which has no solid basis in logic.

The Socialist Party stands for the abolition of the robbery of the workers, no matter by whom committed. Both old parties stand for the robbery of the workers by the owners of the machinery of production. Ann the capitalist exploiters can rely upon both parties to protect the incomes of the parasites.

A significant incident has just occurred at Ottawa. Hon. Wm. Fielding has been the finance minister of Canada under the Liberals for fourteen years. Last week his admirers presented him with a gift of a Hundred and Fourteen Thousand Dollars. This sum was raised by private subscription and both Liberal and Conservative financiers contributed to it. Had their been any real question at issue between the two parties the Conservative moneyed men would not have subscribed to the fund for the support of the taciturn tariff maker.

Divided politically, the workers have no power. United politically, the workers can conquer and rule the politics of Canada. The Socialist party stands ready for the task of running Canada in the interest of the workers.

The railroad, steamboat, telephone, automobile and flying machine have torn down all geographical boundary lines. With the disappearance of natural boundary lines, political boundary lines separating nation from nation become absurd. Modern inventions have made national patriotism an artificial sentiment, to be cherished in the breasts of the ignorant because of their ignorance, and to be blatantly paraded forth by the capitalists for selfish ends.

The capitalists would feed the workers on their sympathy. What the workers want is for the capitalists to stop feeding themselves off what the workers produce.

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Send a bundle to the Manitoba comrades. Election shortly.

From Gananogue, Ont., come nine halfers to be fed on Socialist ideas.

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As you working for the 10,000 subs for Cotton's?

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Com. Geo. Harris, Kaslo, B. C., boosts the list with one plunk.

Two yearlies from Com. W. L. McNeil, Valparaiso, Sask.

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Com. F. Stark, Naughton, Ont., wants five of those half yearlies to do effective work.

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Com. W. A. Rideout, Seven Persons, Alta., agrees to add five readers to Cotton's.

Com. T. R. Ravin, Cultus, Ont., assists the list up the ladder with five halfers.

Five halfers fall to the prowess of Com. Fred. T. Carroll, Gow Ganda, Ont.

Com. Chas. Dumbray, Hamilton, Ont., wants the sub list in his city marked up five pips.

All instances of Cotton's Weekly of \$1.00 or over are acknowledged by Postal Card.

Com. Wilfred Buffet, Renfrew, Ont., has six months enlightenment sent to a nibbler of Socialist ideas.

Com. Peter F. Olsen, Red Deer, Alta., adds a yearly and five halfers to the sub list.

There is a deficit of \$39.28 on the Agitation Battery Fund. Help needed to keep the Battery at work.

Com. Wm. Voss, Winnipeg, increases the Manitoba sub list with six halfers and a yearly.

Put those sub cards into circulation. Every one needed just now in the race for 10,000.

Com. C. F. Simmonds, Woodstock, Ont., takes a bundle of a hundred copies of May Day issue.

Comrade Agitator—If you are travelling, drop a few copies of Cotton's in the smoking car.

Twenty-five cents will take one copy of Cotton's to any address in the British Isles for six months.

Com. Lorne Wilkie, Windsor, Ont., is out to make Windsor sit up and take notice of the Socialist movement.

Com. Hugh McHugh, Blairmore, Alta., takes five sub cards as ammunition for his fight against capitalism.

Com. H. Gottschleib arms himself with five sub cards for the war against exploitation in Lacombe, Alta.

Com. E. O. Haukedahl, Stocks, Alta., read about Lemieux and went right out and captured six half yearlies.

Com. Daniel Boissevain, Strathmore, Alta., is a new recruit among the hustlers. Lands two halfers at the first attempt.

Com. J. M. Staples, Cloverdale, B. C., forwards \$3.04 to let the May Day issue spread itself and for trial subs.

Com. Nemo, Hespeler, Ont., forwards \$3.10 for two yearlies, sixteen trials, and Banner Collection of Books.

Three trials come from Com. E. G. F. Hill, Guelph, Ont. Com. Hill got one trial by soap-boxing on a street corner.

Com. M. Lazaris agrees to lead five halfers to Cotton's Weekly. Sheyk Abdallah, Phoenix, B. C., also does the same.

Every remittance of \$1.00 or over, to Cotton's, is now acknowledged by Postal card. If you do not receive a card, something has gone wrong.

Com. R. Marshall, Parry Sound, Ont., wants three halfers and a yearly taken care of and prepared for the social revolution.

Two yearlies from Com. Jules Lavenne, and a big bundle to Com. Clement Lavenne, the five-year-old Socialist hustler of Springhill, N.S.

Com. James LeBrocq, Halifax, is glad to see Socialism growing by leaps and bounds and adds two yearlies to help along.

Com. Ezra Campbell, Rossland, B. C., leads five halfers tenderly by the hand up to the dope counter of Cotton's and watches them until they get the dope.

Comrade Matthew Lazzaris, South Wellington, B. C., forwards sixteen yearlies all for South Wellington. That makes the B. C. list creep up some.

Com. F. C. Zuelke, Grand Forks, and Com. Geo. Bulman, Central Park, B. C., casually meet at the mouth of the sub shoot each with a string of five subs.

Com. A. J. Abbey is a warm Socialist. From Radford, Y. T., he forwards fourteen yearlies, and the bulldog winks and says they are all good.

Try a bundle of Cotton's. Lemieux says you can subscribe for not less than three months. His generosity (?) is being appreciated by many comrades. See prices in another column.

"Glory be to Lemieux," declares Com. I. J. Peel, Toronto, as he slips eleven half yearly subs down the sub shoot and orders a dozen or so sub cards.

Com. W. H. Taylor hopes the paper will continue to grow and spread daylight where the darkness is black and adds five readers to show that he is willing to help dispel the darkness.

It is a simple thing asking people to subscribe to Socialist papers. And it is only by doing so that you can hope to build up a powerful working class movement.

"Hold down the bulldog so as I can get these nine yearlies in. They are needed. I am after more subs. This is the thin end of the wedge."

Com. Fred T. Allen, Ignace, Ont.

One Dollar will send Cotton's travelling to five different addresses in England, Ireland or Scotland. If you have friends in the Old Land, make them "acquaint" with the spirit of the Canadian movement.

Com. Wilson C. Glaspel, Galt, Ont., forwards four dollars for sub cards on behalf of the Galt Local. Members of the Galt Local trust they can sell them and then order another lot.

"Enclosed please find two dollars for which send the prejudice breaker to the two following yearlies and make up the balance with yearly sub cards." Com. A. W. Baker, Brantford, Ont.

"Here are your hats, what's your hurry," the Socialist ideas will be saying to the plute ideas now inhabiting the brains of the five halfers brought to the wigwag by Com. I. Eliasov, Montreal.

All in a bunch comes Comrades Jas. Nesbitt, Wauchop, Sask., Ed. B. Bailey, Montreal, and Wm. Ward, Dudson, Junction, P. Q., wanting to have a chance to capture five half yearlies for Cotton's wigwag.

Com. J. E. Duxbury, Amherst, N. S., writes, "I am well pleased with the paper and almost every one I give one to speaks well of it." Com. Duxbury boosts the list two plunks worth.

The man in the caboose will be interested in reading Cotton's. Any hustlers who happen to be located handy could hand a copy to the Engine Driver with a request, to "Read This."

"I am sixty-five years old and people are far apart here, but I am doing what little I can for what I think to be right," says Com. W. J. Bishop, Lily Plain, Sask. He forwards five halfers to boost Cotton's with his letter.

Comrades A. E. Orford, Steelton, Ont.; Wm. J. Foster, Preston, Ont.; Mrs. Wm. C. Grant, Gordon Head, B. C.; and G. M. Jollymore, Amherst, N. S., each take five half yearly sub cards for the spread of Socialism.

Thus writes Com. E. McGrath, Winnipeg, Man., "Just tie these twenty-four half yearlies round the neck of the bulldog, and then set him loose to get a grab at that Senator Beabout. This is a reply to his bill by a few trade unionists of Winnipeg."

"I am sending you seven yearlies and five halfers," writes Com. N. W. McLeod, Rossland, B. C., to help spread the truth. I am just getting started." When the sub hustlers start off like that the capitalist system might just as well look its own finish calmly in the face.

"Dear Com. Things are certainly on the move here. I am almost confident of two Socialist candidates being nominated for the local elections." Com. A. Collins, Amherst, N. S., as he takes a bunch of five sub cards to make the movement hum all the more. Labor omnia vincit.

"Please find enclosed the sum of \$3.35 for which supply Cotton's to the four yearlies, three halfers and one trial herein enclosed. I realize something must be done and intend doing my little share." Com. Thomas Gamble, Amherst, N. S.

"I got five subs in two days. My neighbors are pretty much all Socialists, that is, nearly all the young people. The old mutton heads I can't do anything with. They have been slaves so long they don't want to be free. I like your paper very much and will help all I can to keep it alive. Just go right after the leeches and parasites." Com. Olaf Arneson, Eagle Hill, Alta.

Comrades Geo. Bretthauer, Govan, Sask.; Robert Jones, Amherst, N. S.; Jno. A. Beckman, Meeting Creek, Alta.; E. Simpson, Edmonton, Alta.; J. K. Byers, Star City, Sask.; L. F. Green, Valparaiso, Sask.; Frank S. Hicks, Toronto, Ont.; F. Blake, Edmonton, Alta.; C. W. Anderson, Nelson, B. C.; John Green, Central Park, B. C.; M. Jacobs, Hedy, B. C.; J. P. Fairview, B. C.; Mrs. Mary Ingram, Phoenix, B. C.; Albert Jesserick, Montreal; N. J. Sonder, Lang, Sask.; W. H. Abney, Malton, Ont.; G. Custance, Toronto, Ont.; C. J. Bishop, Toronto, Ont.; J. G. Aldridge, Wilcox, Alta., each contribute the necessary one dollar bill for letting five half yearly subs speed on their way of enlightenment.

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World Wide . . . Socialism

Ten thousand Jews have been driven out of Kieff, Russia, by troops on the orders of the Czar.

The Social Democratic Federation of Scotland will appoint an organizer to work through Scotland during the coming summer.

Representative Nicholls, the Pennsylvania miner in the House of Congress, is calling for an investigation of the systematic persecution of Mexican refugees by the police officials and detectives of the border states.

The Socialist Party in Spain comprises more than 200 groups all over the country. It possesses ten weekly papers, which have 30,000 subscribers, and a daily will soon be started in the capital.

Senator Owen, of Oklahoma is calling for an investigation of the Bethlehem Steel Works where the men are on strike. The Bethlehem Company gets U. S. battleship and other contracts amounting to millions yearly, and treats its workers worse than dogs.

The re-organization of the Russian secret police in foreign countries is nearly completed. There will be eighty permanent agents and an infinite number of spies in France, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland and Holland.

Asquith, British prime minister, and the Liberal government, are attacking the House of Lords and want the King to help. In Will Thorne's opinion the King will not assist and the Lords will not be abolished except along with the monarchy.

Mother Jones has been exposing the conditions under which the girls work in the Milwaukee breweries. At the instigation of the brewery owners the U. S. postal authorities have decided that the exposure pamphlet is obscene literature. The same authorities had nothing to say about the mass of filth published in the capitalist papers over the Thaw trial.

The son of an English blacksmith picked up a lump of coal in the yard of the Haywards Heath Coal Company. The local magistrate sentenced the boy to six years in the reformatory. The case has stirred Great Britain and it is likely that it will result in the abolition of the local landlords being allowed to sit as magistrates.

The French general elections were held April 24. In 231 constituencies there will be re-elections. The following is the make up of the parties from the other constituencies: Republicans 57, Radicals and Socialist Radicals 154, Independent Socialists 10, Unified Socialists 28, Progressists 43, Nationalists 12, Conservatives 53.

The coal strike in Northern Colorado is in the same position as when the three thousand miners walked out on April 1st. Sheriff Cap of Boulder county is siding with the men and this makes a great difference in the strike outlook. Cap notified the operators to keep their imported thugs on their own property and was arrested and fined fifty dollars and sentenced to thirty days.

"El Socialista," the central organ of the Spanish Socialist Party, has just published a special number in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its foundation. In addition to articles by all the leading Spanish Socialists, it contains contributions by Gorki, Bebel, Kautsky, Roubanovitch, Quelch, Bissolati, Manuel Ugarte and others. The leading article is by Pablo Iglesias, who calls to mind the first struggles to found a paper and a party, and passes in review the immense progress made by Socialism since those early days—progress which is astonishing when one considers the conditions under which the propaganda has to be carried on.

The seventeenth annual conference of the Social-Democracy of Hungary was held on Easter Day at Budapest. Two hundred and twenty-five delegates were present. Szabados, referring to the recent attacks of the police on peaceful demonstrations, said that if the party were unable to put an end to such bloodshed, only one of two courses was open to them either give up the right to the street or begin to organize direct action. The annual report showed a satisfactory

factory increase in the organization of the German, Slovak and Roumanian comrades, while the Serbian organization, which has been injured by internal disruption (syndicalism, etc.), has developed less favorably.

The Dominion elections may come this fall. The immense sums voted for public works, the tons of literature being shipped from Liberal headquarters and the activity of the party leaders seem to point in this direction. The naval policy is worrying the Liberals. The G. T. P. graft is also worrying them. Laurier is getting old and feeble and when he gets out of harness the Liberals feel that their organization will drop to pieces. Moreover the financiers are predicting a panic and hard times. Paper money has flooded the market producing a feverish activity in commerce. For all these reasons the Liberal gang may want to appeal to the people and get another grip on power while yet there is time. The Socialist Party will have a chance to show up how much it has grown in the past two years if the elections are pulled off this fall.

D-E-F-I-C-I-T STILL

We reported a D-e-f-i-c-i-t in the Agitation Battery Funds at our last report, and there is still a D-e-f-i-c-i-t. Just a few words of exhortation this week to keep the Battery Boys working and keyed up.

A good many subs have gone into commission in the press campaign. And these subs are bearing fruit. Every time a paper speaks for or against Socialism, there is so much free advertising. A lot of them are doing it. They have their finger at Cotton's and make some of their readers anxious to see the "sassy" anarchist rag that dares to talk to the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux as if he was an ordinary wage slave. One enthusiastic editor in Ontario has devoted over Six Columns in different issues to hammering Cotton's socialism and boosting the straw definition of socialism, obtained from a dictionary. Good. The more the merrier.

You see the work being done by the Battery is showing up. Now Manitoba is still waiting for treatment. Elections are on shortly. Dandy list of farmers want to read about Socialism. Won't you line up behind the Battery Boys and help them finish their job. The Agitation Battery is one of the greatest assets Cotton's has. It is doing a grand work.

Read the latest contributors and the standing of the funds, then make a resolve of "Me Too" for the Battery. An old frayed dollar bill is mighty useful.

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There are two hundred and twenty-one members of Parliament elected by the various constituencies of Canada. How long will it be before the majority of these constituencies are represented by Socialist Members of Parliament? When Ottawa is captured the Socialists will be able to abolish rent, interest and profit in so far as Dominion matters are concerned.

P. E. I. AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland are territories very little touched by Socialist literature as yet, but they are fertile fields. Copies of Cotton's should be travelling in that direction. Subs or lists of names for samples earnestly solicited.

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Cotton's Weekly, Cowansville, P. Q.

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Name

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AWORD TO BOOSTERS

A word of congratulation on the good work being done by the increasing brigade of Bundle Boosters and a few words of Invitation to Agitators who are not sowing the seed with a weekly bundle.

There is no more effective method of propaganda than taking a weekly bundle, marking interesting paragraphs, and putting the copies where they will be read. The spread of literature in this way has largely been responsible for the Socialist victory in Milwaukee. It was cheering to be told by a commercial traveller here in Cowansville a few weeks ago, of how the Ottawa comrades were distributing Cotton's in the capital. Standing on the street corners and handing out copies which were eagerly read on account of the Lemieux articles. Also some time ago a man visiting here from the west, told of getting a copy from the newspaper rack in a C. P. R. station in B. C. Many bright minds are turned our way by the copies spread abroad by the self-sacrificing comrades of the Bundle Boosters.

Don't get discouraged, keep it up. They did this in Milwaukee year in and year out—and finally won. Perseverance is what tells. That's how our movement grows, all over the world—by keeping at it all the time. "No True Rest," as Jules Lavenne, the tireless one in Springhill, puts it.

Comrade Boosters, keep your bundles going. And a strong invitation is here held out to other agitators of the Glorious Gospel of Discontent to enroll among the Bundle Boosters. If any comrade cannot handle a Bundle himself, let him send one to Winnipeg or to the Cape Breton Comrades. Elections on. They need literature.

Here's the latest Roll of Honor. Will you be next?

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SOME DEFINITIONS

Ambition—is but a combination of Greed and Vanity. This abominable thing could not exist under Socialism.

Thrift—only means piling up the Plunder. This disgusting thing would be impossible under Socialism.

Enterprise—is nothing but bold and Shameless Scheming. Socialism will have no place for it.

Charity—the giving back to those we have taken from them—degrading alike to him who gives and to him who receives. "Charity" will in time become the most despised word in the language.

Ability—the kind required for circumventing competition and contending against our fellow men—this accursed thing will disappear under Socialism. Socialism will direct all human physical and mental forces against environment—against the thralldom of Nature, not against each other.

Fashion—the outgrowth of economic inequality and the senseless vanity engendered by inequality. Under Socialism there will be no such thing as "fashion." To wear the regulation uniform of the Industrial Army will be the pride of every citizen.

Saving and Economy—Under Socialism Economy will be unnecessary, and saving will be impossible. These twin curses that dwarf the mind and shrivel up the heart will be unknown.

Shrewdness—This detestable thing will be as much out of place in the Co-operative Commonwealth as a dung heap at a flower show. It is one of the prime requisites of the "money maker"—and the money maker is always a human hog.

Religion—Socialism will have no religious problem. Long before the advent of collectivism, mankind will have learned that no one was ever lost and that therefore there can be no salvation. To enjoy this life and leave the future to the Infinite will be the religion of Socialism.

KEEP AWAY FROM SPRINGHILL

The Cumberland Railway and Coal Company of Springhill, N. S., whose wage slaves are revolting and refusing to work under unfair conditions, is advertising widely for scabs. This is the attractive ad the company is slinging over Canada.

Has places ready for fifty certified miners and helpers to work either thin or thick coal 4 ft to 9 ft. Good board and free lodging in company houses.

Miners with families provided comfortable houses, rent-free until further notice, and steady employment for men and boys.

Transportation advanced or refunded if miners remain in Company's employ for two calendar months.

Apply Manager, Cumberland Railway and Coal Co., Springhill, N. S.

This ad on the part of a company

with a strike on its hands shows that Springhill is a good place for miners to stay away from at present.

Not content with local police and Dominion soldiers, the Nova Scotia legislature is considering a bill for a Provincial police force to be concentrated at the places of trouble. The police force is to be sent to a town on petition of the local authorities. The Nova Scotia legislatures want to please the exploiters of the wage slaves of Nova Scotia.

A good deal of this public ownership agitation is due to capitalists who want to unload on the public. A great business no longer pays. The owners think that it is a good idea for the government to take over that business, paying about twice what the business is worth from a capitalist's standpoint. The governments of the world are going into state capitalism and bonding themselves to the parasites for the ownership of the works taken over. The Socialists, particularly in Great Britain, stand for the repudiation of the national debts. Therefore the unloading of capitalist securities upon the state will avail the parasites little when Socialism comes.

Socialism will not abolish religion, nor will it break up the home, nor is it backed by lazy good-for-nothings, nor does it want to divide up, nor does it aim at preventing private initiative. If you believe that Socialism stands for any of these things, you have been bamboozled by men who want to deceive you to your own hurt. Better get some book or pamphlet on Socialism and read for yourself what Socialism stands for.

The little manufacturer is going. The coming of the giant machine and giant industrial organization has produced an enjoying class and an exploited class. The problem is to free the productive workers from the parasite possessors. That can be done by the expropriation of the machinery of production.

Strikes are dangerous things. They mean much suffering. Let the private ownership of the means of production be abolished and let the working classes be put in control of the things with which they must work. Then strikes will cease, for how can workers strike against themselves?

Socialism is a policy of robbery from the capitalist's point of view. Socialism will do away with his graft on the income of the workers. Therefore he considers it robbery. But from the worker's point of view Socialism is a policy of giving unto the workers what rightfully belongs to them.

The rulers of today look back upon revolutions with pride. But they do not want any revolutions to come now that will destroy their power. But the very organization of capitalist society renders inevitable the coming of a revolution.

The parasites praise the exploited so long as the exploited submit in patience to exploitation. But when the exploited object the parasites call them undesirable citizens.

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MAY DAY

The first reports of May Day throughout the world seem to indicate that the day passed off quietly without police disturbance. Geneva appears to be the only place where the paraders and police clashed.

The Socialists seem to have won for themselves the right to express their ideas. The Socialists, when left to themselves, maintain order. They have, however, had little chance in the past to meet peaceably as the police of the various countries appeared to consider it necessary to become rowdies and to create the necessity for their intervention.

In Montreal the Socialists were allowed, for the first time in years, to assemble peaceably. They assembled on the Champs de Mars over three thousand strong and listened to speeches from three separate platforms in English, French and Yiddish. In the evening a meeting was held at the Auditorium where about five hundred gathered to listen to the addresses. During the afternoon three arrests were made. One person was arrested for distributing literature on the streets without a license. A Comrade accompanied the arrested one to the police station to bail him out. When the Comrade was paying the bail the police found out he was a Socialist. He was immediately arrested and could not get out without paying five dollars for which the police refused to give a receipt. Of course such procedure is common to Socialist experience and shows how the police would like to bite were it not that they are afraid of the growing sentiment in Montreal.

In New York about seventy thousand paraded on Saturday, accompanied by a hundred bands playing revolutionary music. In Rome trouble was feared because of the large strikes now existing. No trouble, however, appears to have experienced.

The International revolt of the workers seems to be experiencing a uniform treatment of respect by the authorities. Did the capitalist governments feel they had the strength they would not allow Socialists an opportunity of peaceful demonstration. The mere fact that May Day was so quiet shows that Socialism is making its enemies fear its power, while realizing their own weakness.

In Montreal the advocates have been investigating the conduct of some of the members of the Bar Association. They have found some of their number to have engaged in seamy transactions and they are on the trail of others. The Advocates are trying to clean up their profession. It will be a difficult task. From the earliest trace of the profession we have the advocates have regarded with fear and contempt by the common people. They are still so regarded. To clean up the profession is impossible. The advocate is a person who takes his toll from the squabbles between individuals over the division of private property. The clean up of the profession is therefore impossible. It needs to be abolished by the abolition of private control of the means of production.

The capitalist press prints a despatch about how Mayor Seidel of Milwaukee has started a campaign for the lengthening of the hours of labor of the city workers. Seidel has put the city hall officials on an eight hour basis. They were formerly working six. Seidel has put the manual workers on an eight hour basis. They were formerly working ten. This last part the capitalist press did not mention. The Milwaukee administration will be misrepresented by its enemies in every conceivable way. It is an old trick, but it will not succeed at this late day of capitalist decadence.

One capitalist paper of Montreal declared that the Socialist meeting on the Champ de Mars was composed of several thousand people. Another capitalist paper declared that there was but fifteen hundred. Needless to say the paper which said there were several thousand was the old reliable Montreal Daily Witness which has been noted for years as seeking to give truthful statements of actual occurrences.

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A SERIES OF OPEN LETTERS

To the Postmaster General of Canada.

(The Postmaster General rules that papers from office of publication can go to bona fide regular subscribers at one-quarter of a cent a pound bulk postage rate. Bundles can go to newsdealers without payment and on speculation for one-quarter of a cent a pound postal charge. Bundles can go to non-newsdealers for one-quarter of a cent a pound if the non-newsdealer subscribes for a bundle for a period of three months. But non-newsdealers who want a bundle of a special issue must pay four cents a pound postage, a rate sixteen times that to newsdealers. This applies to individuals and to Socialist Locals. It is the universal practice of Socialist papers of the United States to announce special issues dealing with particular questions and for Socialists to purchase bundles of such special issues and pay for them in advance. Lemieux, he declaring that special bundles going to bona fide purchasers thereof must pay sixteen times the postal rate charged newsdealers for bundles sent on speculation is evidently aiming at the prevention of the free circulation of Socialist literature. Lemieux has informed me that he cannot change this ruling. I am therefore writing a series of open letters to convince him that there must be no discrimination against the public in favor of newsdealers on postal charges and that if he insists in his discriminatory charges, he will become politically dead in Canada.)

To the Honorable Rodolphe Lemieux, You are getting yourself into a nice position before the electors of Canada. On April the 22nd it was brought out in Parliament that Liberal campaign literature was being franked by the frank of the Solicitor General contrary to your regulations. This campaign literature went free of Canadian postage. Jacques Bureau of the Department of Justice,

over which A. B. Aylesworth presides, is in the habit of doing the political work of the Liberal Party. Your regulations provide that the frank of the Solicitor General shall only be used for matter appertaining to the government business of that Department. Bureau has been using it otherwise. Campaign circulars printed outside the Department and addressed outside the Department, and which have no connection with the Department of Justice, are brought to the Parliament buildings, Bureau affixes his frank, and the Liberal campaign literature travels free all over Canada.

When this question was brought up in Parliament, you supported the practice. The practice is clearly against your regulations, those regulations you are so solicitous about, those regulations you so grimly apply for the suppression of radical thought. When Liberal campaign literature is being sent through the mail free of all postage, you nod your head in approval and do not give two straws about your regulations.

When Aylesworth is questioned about the franking of non-Departmental literature for political purposes from his Department he replies cynically that he is a partisan politician and approves of the practice.

But when it comes to radical publications then your regulations are enforced in all their severity. Not only do you collect the ordinary newspaper postage from Cotton's

Weekly but by an arbitrary exercise of your powers you raise the rates to certain bona fide subscribers one thousand five hundred per cent.

The Socialists of Canada are perfectly well aware of the nature of the Laurier government. They are aware of the fact that the Liberal government is not a government for the benefit of the people, but a government for the benefit of the few at the expense of the many.

When your department, therefore, raises the rates on Socialist publications, while letting the big capitalist dailies infringe your regulations with impunity; when your department, moreover, allows the Solicitor General's frank to be used to send Liberal campaign literature absolutely free through the Canadian mails, the Socialists are not surprised. They expect such treatment.

There are reasons why you do not like Socialist publications being spread broadcast throughout Canada at the mailing rates accorded other publications. There was the Canadian navy bill jammed through to help out the exploiters of Canadian labor, in the coal and steel industries. There was the Belcourt bill to make the unionizing of the workers a penitentiary offense. There were big bonuses granted to parasite friends of the Liberal politicians. Were Socialist publications accorded a fair chance to spread their thoughts abroad through Canada you know that Laurier would not have such an easy time in gulling the people.

You have taken the short course by ordering the local postmistress to exact an enormous postal charge from certain bona fide subscribers to Cotton's Weekly. But the short cuts are not always the best.

I am surprised at you for taking the stand you do on this matter. A really clever politician would not adopt such a stupid course. It is too raw a deal and too palpably unjust. It shows up the class character of our Canadian government in too clear a light. It gives too great an illustration of the Socialist contention that the Canadian government is run by the capitalists for the capitalists.

Your action in this matter is making the workmen of Canada see that the Canadian government is not for them. It is making them see how the powers of the government are being swung against them: to keep them in darkness. Your attempt to hamper the circulation of Cotton's Weekly shows up beautifully the class nature of the Postal Department of Canada.

For your own good I would advise you to take a different stand. If you desire to gloze the fact that Laurier is not for the people, you should at least cover that fact by an appearance of his standing for the people.

Your action is attracting more attention than you think. It is making people understand many things which they did not understand before. And many Socialists are exclaiming to themselves over your arbitrary and unjust postal ruling, "Thank God the mistakes of our enemies."

Yours truly,
WILLIAM ULRIC COTTON.

SOCIALISM DEFINED

What is Socialism? That is the question men are asking. They go to books and they go to lectures and they do not seem to be able to find a definition of this thing that is conquering the earth.

What is Socialism? That question can best be explained by asking a couple of others. What is Christianity? What is Democracy? Socialism is many things. Socialism is a material science and a spiritual awakening. Socialism is a doctrine of the brotherhood of man and a doctrine of class struggles. It is a new viewpoint of life. It is the summing up of modern tendencies. It is the heart hunger of the humanitarian and the revolt of the wage slave.

Have you ever heard it said that the letter kills but the spirit gives life? That can be applied to Socialism. Socialism on its material side is the public ownership and democratic management of the machinery of production and distribution. That, like all definitions, is erroneous. But it is the nearest approach to a correct definition, in a short phrase, of Socialism.

But Socialism can no more be defined than can Democracy. It cannot be examined by the literalist's rule of thumb. It is a world wide philosophy.

But Socialism, although it cannot be strictly defined, can be definitely felt. The whole world is moving in the Socialist direction. The socialization of the means of production and distribution, the coming of the race consciousness, the going of wage slavery, the abolition of capitalist parasitism, industrial democracy, the going of competition, the coming of co-operation, the scientific organization of industry, the establishment of the management of things in the place of the government of persons, these are some of the ends and aims of Socialism. They are the objective points. But Socialism is far more than these.

Socialism is a life here and now. It is a soul awakening. It is an awakening, if you will, to the spiritual significance of material things. It is the freedom of the mind from bondage to conventional ideas. It is a knowledge of human society of the past, present and future.

How many men you meet who you know to be mentally dead. Talk to them and you know beforehand just what they are going to say. They have not thought a new thought for years. Their thoughts work in their minds like squirrels in a cage. Round and round the same old limitations the same old thoughts go. Those men are dead.

How many men do you meet who

are bound down by set rules of thought. They think along certain lines, and if you suggest new lines of thought to them they refuse to think. The new thoughts are not proper.

But you will find the Socialists wide awake. They are ever seeking information. They know that vast changes in society are about to take place and they know that they must strive their utmost to fathom the tendencies of the day that they may be prepared to welcome the good in the new and fight the bad.

Socialism is the summing up of modern science. It is the crowning glory of democracy. It is the final triumph of the toilers.

The wage slave sometimes saves a little money and thinks the Socialists want to take his savings away from him. Poor simpleton. He has been robbed of the most of what he earned by the capitalist class. The little he has saved he wants to keep. Can he not see that what Socialism will do will be to give him a far larger amount in return for his labor, with which he can do as he pleases.

The Milwaukee Socialist councillors control over a half a million dollars worth of jobs. The capitalist dailies are sending out reports that the Socialists are giving these jobs on the spoils system. This is absolutely untrue. The Milwaukee Socialists are working for an efficient administration. The capitalist upholders are telling what they would like to see and not what is.

At Grafton, Ill., a Socialist by the name of Keon refused to pay the poll tax of \$1.50 levied on the workers. He has been condemned to prison until he does pay it. It is costing the little place quite a lot of money to keep him locked up as Grafton has poor prison facilities. The other Socialists may join him in this new revolt against taxation.

The Socialists in Montreal, on May Day held one of the most successful meetings in years. The city authorities have seen the rising tide and have inserted "fair wage clauses" in their contracts with the contractors. The more the Socialist spirit grows the more the exploiters will try to stave off their complete abolition by being nice to labor when it don't hurt too much.

No. Socialism will not hurt anyone who is willing to work. Nor will it hurt the healthy person who does not want to work. Socialism will do the latter person a tremendous amount of good in spite of himself.

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The Socialist Party is the party of the working class.

Political democracy is not so good as industrial democracy.

Socialism will abolish rented shacks and build homes.

Men cannot be politically free so long as they are economically bound.

The workers must achieve their own freedom. Their bosses are sure not going to do it.

Agitation of the workers combined with education and organization will hurl capitalism from its power.

If you are not a Socialist, why are you not a Socialist.

If you like to be robbed vote the old party tickets.

Present society is the product of revolutions. The future society will be the product of the social revolution.

The unemployed capitalist will always have with him. If you want to do away with the unemployed, abolish the capitalist mode of production.

The world for the workers and not for the human parasites who live off the labor of the workers. That is an aim of Socialism.

Do you want to see the working class raised to power? Then organize the working class for victory under the red flag.

The May Day just past has shown a great advance for Socialism. The May Day of next year will show a still greater advance.

The Laurier government is a government of confiscation. It confiscates the surplus values from the labor of the workers and gives them to the capitalists.

Capitalism once. Capitalism twice. Going, going. When will capitalism be auctioned off to the past and be forgotten out of the way?

Montreal is spending one million dollars on the education of her youth. As this education is along capitalist and reactionary lines, most of the money will be wasted.

Gaynor, Mayor of New York, is calling Hearst a forger and Hearst is calling Gaynor all sorts of things, and the common people of New York will say "Hear, Hear," to both sides of the squabble between capitalist politicians as to their relative blackness from their political mud baths.

Judge Winchester of Toronto declares that the crowded detective quarters in that city are intolerable. If the judge wants to remedy this state of affairs, let him join the Socialists and help introduce Socialism which will abolish the detective business and relieve the congestion absolutely.

The Milwaukee Socialists will have a hard fight ahead of them. Every possible influence which can be swung against the Socialist administration by the national plunderers and politicians will be swung. Yet the Socialists will come out with flying colors because the evolution of industry will fight for them.

The Socialists are not the only ones who are educating the workers. The capitalists are educating the workers in a fine manner. Every strike, every lockout, every cut in pay, every rise in the cost of living, each and every one of these things is educating the workers. When they get a little more education along capitalist lines they will see why Socialism is.

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