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THE CAPITALIST GLOBE

Wage Slaves of the Massey-Harris Concern Protest Against Misrepresentation

Socialism spreads apace. The slaves become class-conscious. The masters do not like the outlook. So underhanded means are taken to try to keep the slaves from discovering the widespread nature of their revolt. One favorite method is for the capitalist newspapers to give false reports and misrepresent the action of workingmen. The Toronto Globe was recently caught in this kind of misrepresentation.

Sir L. Melvin Jones, of the Massey-Harris Company, Toronto, went over to England to the coronation. He travelled first class on the income he derives from the labor of the Massey-Harris wage slaves. He had a fine time.

He returned to Canada and appeared before his slaves. The Toronto Globe published a glowing account of this meeting. It told how the slaves gathered spontaneously and cheered Sir L. Jones, how Jones thanked the slaves for their loyalty to the company.

Jones was reported as saying a sickening lot of mush about how the interests of the Massey-Harris slaves were wrapped up with that of their exploiters. He enlarged upon how the slave owners were enlarging the slave pens, otherwise known as the Massey-Harris work shops, and the slaves were represented as rejoicing exceedingly that this company were becoming masters of a greater army of bondmen.

As a protest the misrepresented slaves wrote a letter for publication to the Globe as follows:

To the Editor of The Globe:
Dear Sir:—We are given to understand your paper stands for truth and fairness. Will you kindly correct some falsehoods as stated in your paper of the 18th inst., re the well-known back by the Massey-Harris employees. In the first place there are nearly 2,500 workmen instead of 3,000. The whistle of the works informed us of something of which we knew not until the arrival of the said Mr. Jones. There was no cheering and singing was done by a few hundred who ought to have known better.

Mr. Kennedy was not called by the workers. He spoke not.

Mr. Kennedy has risen from the ranks, it is true, but all their men cannot. Only men of hard hearts and no scruples can rise. Every soldier does not carry the Field Marshal's baton in his knapsack.

It was not several minutes before the cheering and singing subsided. What kind of treatment do the workmen receive from their hands? It is painfully cognizant to any one there employed. We could wish your Globe reporter to work there on piecework, say for three months.

Would that the workmen of Canada, Toronto, and even Massey-Harris workmen, would read and think in their hard won leisure and not be beguiled away in trivialities.

You stand for Liberalism. We know full well; but what have your Party accomplished in the way of legislation for a living wage and for less than ten hours a day? You might answer through the columns of your paper. We have all the editorial cuttings for the past six months.

We remain, yours truly,
THEIR WAGE SLAVES.

The Globe is in the capitalist conspiracy to misrepresent the workers. The slaves of the Massey-Harris company are at work. The whistle toots. Wondering, they leave their jobs and assemble to see what their masters want. Lo, the chief slave driver appears in the person of Sir L. Melvin Jones. A few of the slaves cheer and sing. These are the slaves of weak brain-power and little spine. The cheering soon ceases, for the weak minded slaves feel the hush of their thinking fellow-slaves and stop their noise ashamed of themselves. The chief slave driver, Sir L. Melvin Jones, thereupon began to talk. He told the slaves what a good time he was having. He told them of his large leisure and his pleasant voyages. He told them how King George the Fifth had been pleased to knight him. The slaves listened. This man was their master. He held them in the hollow of his hand. If they protested against his swelling pride and told him the truth, that he lived and travelled and enjoyed his pleasant leisure because they were slaves, Sir Jones would have had them sacked and they would have had to go into the world seeking a slave job with the terror of the blacklist fighting them unseen.

The slaves went back to their tasks and the Globe rushed to do its service.

vice. It fawned on Jones. It spread the report to the world that the Massey-Harris slaves were proud of their chains, cheered their enslavers, and were content to live in an industrial hell in order that Sir L. Melvin Jones might live in heaven on earth, that when Sir Melvin appeared among them, as it were a demi-god from a higher realm, they were wild to welcome him for the few brief minutes he condescended to appear before them in their low estate. When the slaves wrote asking the Globe to correct this false impression the letter went ignominiously to the waste paper basket. It was the business of the Globe to spread the idea to the slaves of Canada that these two thousand five hundred slaves were content to live in slavery. For by such reports it is hoped to keep the slaves in ignorance of their longing for the abolition of their bond condition.

The slaves of Toronto must rely upon themselves to achieve their own emancipation and they must look upon it as a lie when a capitalist sheet reports how some of them slobber fulsome praise over their masters.

The Montreal Star has at last broken loose. In an editorial of its issue of July 25th, it appeals for votes from the workers to support the Tories. It draws a lurid picture of factories closed through reciprocity and asks "What of the workingmen who must draw their wages or see their families go hungry?" The Star is attempting to stampede the workingmen to vote for Toryism and the continued rule of the enslavers of labor. Why should there be a class of manufacturers who do no work? Why should the workingmen have to look to an exploiting class for wages? Why cannot the workers OWN the manufacturing establishments instead of the capitalist class? They can do it. This would free the workers from depending upon wages for a living. This would prevent the capitalist class from closing down mills and preventing the workers creating wealth. The Star will not advocate Socialism. Socialism would make the workers free and then the private proprietor of the Star and his friends would cease to be able to enjoy great wealth based on slave labor.

You remember the Jesuit's oath we published a little while ago. A Catholic servant was talking with her plute mistress about it. She said it was not true, that the Jesuits took no such oath. The plute mistress said it was true. The Catholic servant replied, "Well, it is queer. Everything else published in Cotton's Weekly you say is not true. But this you say is true. How is it that you say all the rest is lies but this one thing?" Of course the mistress could not answer. The mistress did not want to believe all that was against her economic interest. But as she was a Protestant and protestantism arose as the religious expression of the capitalist class against Roman Catholicism which was the religious expression of the feudal exploiters, she was only too glad to believe that the Catholic Jesuits took such an oath. Cotton's gets its economics from the scientific works of Socialist philosophers. It got the Jesuit oath from the "Liturgium Manuale" for the Jesuits and Friars.

There are many apparently successful capitalists who feel themselves to be in a precarious position. They worry. They have bills to meet. They have money tied up in goods. The wage bill has to be paid each week. Let a period of depression strike them and they would be cleaned out. They realize it. But they don't want Socialism. Socialism they think, would mean confiscation. The poor, worried, overworked, harassed, would-be plutes of this class don't seem to have the sense to see that Socialism would give them more than they get now and they would not have to worry over anything. Whereas now they stay awake nights and sleep fitfully at times, under Socialism their sleep would be sound for competition would be dead, a good living would be within the reach of all, and the common care of all would provide for the needs of all.

Jails were made for the creatures who try to live by stealing the unearned wealth of the parasites from them. The fine houses and spacious gardens are made for the capitalists who live by stealing labor power from the workers.

CONSPIRACY ON THE PACIFIC COAST

Employers, C. P. R., and Salvation Army unite to fight labor and put it on a Chinese level of cheapness.

The Federated Employers' Association of the Pacific Coast has united the employers of Vancouver into one body. The organization started about three months ago and since then has been deliberately trying to smash union labor. The same fight that American labor on the Pacific Coast has had to fight, is now to be fought on Canadian soil.

The fight has long been preparing. The smuggling of Chinese into Vancouver to compete with white labor, as well as the dumping of a white surplus of immigrants into the city has long been going on. Now the employers consider the time ripe and the fight is on.

For years the smuggling of Chinese has been taking place. Each Chinaman is supposed to pay a head tax of five hundred dollars before he can work in Canada. A systematic evading of this tax has let in thousands of Asiatic laborers. This smuggling of Chinese has been long notorious. T. R. E. McInnes made a special report to the Dominion government on November 10th, 1910, showing how the trade was carried on. The government did nothing. When the pressure became so great and election times were approaching, the government appointed a special committee to investigate. This committee brought in the same information that had been placed in the government's hands two years before. It was not until the eve of an election that the government mentioned that certain offenders should be punished. It does this simply to catch the votes of the workers of Vancouver, and it does this after it has given the offenders time to escape to China.

The C. P. R. has played its part in the conspiracy. "John Bull," a British weekly, publishes some facts sent it by a Vancouver reader who wrote on April 18th, as follows:

Having read some of your articles on "Canada," I wish, as an Englishman, to thank you for publishing them, and to urge you to continue to do so. You will see by the above address that I am in Vancouver; I have also been in Victoria and New Westminster. Now, Mr. Editor, the reason that I am here, with thousands of other Britishers, is the advertising of the C. P. R. They have flooded Canada from end to end with pamphlets stating that there is plenty of work here for all industriously inclined, at remunerative wages. There is no work here; the city is swarming with thousands of men out of work and hundreds more are arriving daily, lured here by the C. P. R., who have been running cheap trains during the last month. It is pitiful to see them arrive, some having spent their last dollar on their railway ticket, look around amazed when they see the crowds filling the station yard and blocking the road, watching their arrival. They think it is some kind of reception got up for them, but, alas, they soon find out, and on the morrow they themselves are in the crowd, watching the coming in of more C. P. R. victims. Worst of all is the sight of women with families, sometimes with babies in arms, sitting on their luggage outside the station, while the husband is rushing about trying to get shelter for his children for the coming night. By the way, the cheapest respectable lodgings in Vancouver is \$4 or 16s., for one room per week—nothing found, of course. Most of the men who come here with money stay about two days, then, seeing it is hopeless, they pack up and go back East again. Others telegraph to their friends to wire them a ticket; the booking clerk told me that was occurring every day. Personally, I am waiting the return of a withdrawal form on the Post Office Bank, so that I can draw some money and clear out. But what of the people without friends or money—people who have spent their last cent to get to the "Golden West"? What will become of them goodness only knows. This letter would be incomplete without some reference to the alien population of British Columbia. Would anyone in England credit the fact that nearly everything in British Columbia is being run by either Chinese or Japanese? In Victoria the cafes are practically all Chinese, and you can see Chinese walking about by the score, dressed in the height of fashion, while hundreds of Englishmen are vainly searching for work. In Vancouver nearly all the work is being done by Chinese, with some Japs, Italian and Hindus thrown in. In New Westminster the same thing occurs—all the sawmills and canneries are being operated by Chinese and Hindus.

The part the Salvation Army plays is shown in the following advertisement which recently appeared in the Newcastle, (England) Daily News, together with the comment thereon of a western immigrant:

Workers wanted in Canada.—The Salvation Army guarantees employment; gives disinterested advice free. Must pay own fares. (See Shipping Column.)—Apply Colonel Lamb, Head Office, 122 Queen Victoria St., London, E. C., etc.

The two main statements—that the "Army" guarantees employment and gives disinterested advice—are unmitigated lies. Such specious "guarantees" have been given to thousands of unfortunate people, who (the commission on passage money and the capitation fee paid by the Government once in the pockets of the "Army") have been left to shift as they can in Canada, frequently to die of exposure and want. As to the "Army's" advice being "disinterested," the falsity of such a term is at once manifest to anyone who has a knowledge (which is carefully withheld from their "clients") of the head money—often blood money—and commission which induces the "Army's" "benevolent" efforts.

The Toronto World has been exposing the condition of unemployment in Vancouver. Skene, the Secretary of the Board of Trade of Vancouver, has been denying the conditions and the Vancouver newspapers have been booming the state of prosperity there reigning. But J. W. Jordan, of the Vancouver Central Mission, a man who comes into contact with the real conditions of those who cannot get work, declares that there are fifteen thousand unemployed men there and they are arriving by every boat and train. Says Jordan in his letter to the World:

Editor World: Your statement in The Toronto World re state of affairs and the unemployed in Vancouver is perfectly true, and for Secretary Skene of the board of trade to deny it is utterly false. If you were here, sir, you would be able to judge for yourself how appalling things are and what large numbers of men are idle through want of work. I myself have been unable to get more than three days work in a month, and then it was considered charity to be given me. Again on my applying to a city foreman for work I was calmly told to dress and look like a dago, then should there be a chance I may possibly get a show.

Tales of Vancouver prosperity have been diligently circulated. The single tax condition of the city has been extensively advertised to draw the workers to the city. They came and the employers were delighted that their scheme had worked.

Now that they have glutted the city with workers, masterless, starving slaves, the employers are striking at the heart of labor. A general strike was forced on the employed in the fight for union principles. That strike, as a general strike, has been called off, although the original carpenters strike is still on.

The city is flooded with unemployed. The employers are taking advantage of the Los Angeles fight to get in some kind of the same work. They are out to smash the unions and to leave the propertyless workers naked and unprotected before the assaults of united capital.

The game of battle has been thrown down and has been taken up. The craft unions may be beaten but the Industrial Workers of the World, that terrible fighting organization of the revolting slaves, has invaded the field and is receiving large numbers of recruits. The political Socialists are active.

The masters cannot beat the workers. Their very attempts and partial successes force the workers to think, to fight back, to seize the weapons of industrial organization and political action.

With these two weapons the revolutionary working class will conquer their masters, seize the machinery of production and distribution and force their masters of Vancouver, as elsewhere to get off the backs of the slaves so that the slaves may walk free and upright.

The Montreal wires of plutes have been importing negroes from the island of Guadeloupe. The Canadian servants won't stand the impudence of this class of mistresses. So negroes come. The race problem is being complicated. Capitalism cares nothing for nationality, for creed, for race. The masters want cheap help that can be abused. The capitalists are in control and conditions will get worse until the people resolve to take and run industry themselves in their own interests.

The capitalists sneer at the Socialists for being dreamers. But they jump about ten feet and yell for their judges, police and soldiers when they are given a taste of the class war.

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Free trade or protection will not benefit them. If the cost of living goes down wages will go down. If the cost of living goes up wages will go up. Their wages are determined by the cost of living.

Socialists, therefore, are not interested in the fight that is taking place over the question. There are certain sections of the master class who will be benefited by free trade. There are other sections which will be injured. These two sections are fighting between themselves for control of the legislative power so that they may make laws in their own interest. Whichever side wins, the propertyless slaves of the Dominion will continue to be robbed.

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The trust has struck Canada. It is doing away with jobs and hurting the small businesses. In some cases now as many as twenty commercial travellers representing as many furniture companies will visit small towns and leave some of their money with the hotel keepers and with the small traders. Owing to combines these travellers are finding their jobs gone. The hotelkeepers are feeling the effects. We cannot go back to the old form of competition. These travellers are useless and their jobs cannot be remade for them any more than we can remake the jobs of trumpet blowers and shield bearers of the feudal age. We cannot go back. We must go forward into the co-operative state where all will have a chance to work and each will have a chance to own his share of the social wealth produced.

The successful bourgeoisie declare that Socialism will not win because the workers have not the brains to free themselves. The workers are said not to be able to combine, not to be able to think straight and not to be able to have the firm determination to carry through their plans. These statements are a slur upon the working class. The ruling class are sticking their heads in the sand of their own conceit and do not see things as they are. The feudal lords said the same things about the bourgeoisie. The bourgeoisie proved to the feudal lords that they were mistaken. The workers will show the capitalists that the workers have the brains.

Charity covers a multitude of sins. Socialism will remove the sins that the charity of the capitalists covers.

TO THE QUITTER

By John M. Work.

So you are tired and discouraged and propose to lie down and quit.

Just when things are coming our way all over the United States, Canada and all over the world. When the newspapers are devoting a large amount of space to us. When the magazines are compelling to give us attention. When we are drawing the fire from the biggest batteries the enemy has. When our municipal and congressional victories have put us on the map, so to speak. When a presidential campaign is coming on in which we should all do our duty and reach another mile post on the way to the Co-Operative Commonwealth.

In the face of this, you propose to lie down.

Well—good-by!

There have always been those who lack the stern qualities and the grim PERSISTENCY to keep on fighting until the goal is reached. There have always been those who drop out of the ranks and take it easy, and then profit by the sacrifice of their comrades after the victory is won. There have always been those who want to get something for nothing. There have always been those who give the enemy aid and comfort by throwing down their arms in the midst of the conflict.

To one who was in the fight before you heard of it, your lament is babyish.

Some of your plans have not worked out as you expected. There were not as many votes as you thought to be. You are unable to see visible results of your efforts. You have not been fully appreciated by your comrades.

Even so.

The changing of people's minds is a gradual, not a sudden process. Seldom does a comrade see the direct results of his own individual efforts for the Cause.

But, let him look back a few years, comparing the standing of the movement then with its standing now, and he will see the marvelous advance that has been made through the common efforts of all the comrades including himself.

And let him not expect to be patted on the back every time he aims a blow at the enemy. There are others also in the fight.

PERSISTENCY—PERSISTENCY—and yet again PERSISTENCY—is the thing that wins.

And working for the Great Cause is the only thing that is worth living for at this stage of human progress. He who quits is dead. He is intellectually and spiritually deceased.

Let the faint-hearted and the weaklings lie down if they like.

But they whose courage and whose consecration to the Cause make them worthy to be called men and women will keep on fighting, with dogged persistence.

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When butter was 15c a pound or two pounds for a quarter?

When the very best cuts of beef were 15c a pound?

When potatoes were high at 60c per bushel?

When chickens were "scandalously high" at 30 and 35c?

When mother used to go to market with a dollar and a half and bring stuff enough home to run a family of ravenous kids until the next market day?

Do you?

Then think about last market day, when you took a dollar and a half and went to market.

What did you get?

It's "dollars to doughnuts" that you had a spring chicken, a pint of semimilk and a bouquet composed of Bachelor's Button and field daisies.

Now, did you ever try to figure out why things are thusly? Just what relation this difference in the cost of living bears to the ballot which you put in the box on election day?

Well, don't do it—you might sprain that brain of yours. Anyway you pay those fellows at Ottawa to do your thinking for you, don't you?

And they have been doing a pretty good job of it—for some one else.

Well, don't kick. Some one else pays them more to think their way, so that you get the long-end of it. But don't you—try to figure it out yourself, it is dangerous.

And besides, you might gain sufficient knowledge to become one of those fool Socialists. Anyway, the weather is so warm now that it is much better to spend your evenings on the street corners, chronicling the small beer of daily gossip. No, don't endanger that brain of yours. It is a delicate organ, and brainstorms are very destructive. Just keep on kicking.

Many men are against Socialism. They are against it because they have not read what it means. They have listened to the opinions of men as ignorant as themselves upon the question and they have given ear unto the words of men who have deliberately misrepresented Socialism.

Socialism is nothing terrible. It is nothing outrageous. Socialism is a commonsense method of so arranging production and distribution as to do away with poverty, want, overwork, worry, unemployment and vicious idleness. Surely the thing that will abolish these evils is a good thing.

If you have been one of those who have been condemning Socialism without knowing what it really means, I would strongly urge you to get some simple books on the question and read up on it. You will find your mind sharpened and the things that now puzzle you will be explained and the reason why they exist made plain to you.

Socialism does not stand for dividing up. Socialism stands for collective ownership. Many capitalists, who are now making the workers divide up with them declare, that Socialism is bad because it means dividing up. They do this to cover up their own evil deeds and to lay the blame on the Socialists of what the capitalists are already doing. Socialism means collective ownership and democratic management of the means of production and distribution. Does collective ownership mean divided ownership? The two words mean entirely the opposite thing. But because the common people look up to and almost worship the men that rob them, the capitalists can lie about Socialism and have the people believe the lies. Foolish people!

During the shipping strike in Great Britain the ships were tied up and the sellers of foodstuffs took advantage of the situation to boost the price of provisions twenty-five per cent. This can happen under capitalism. For private people own the food the people need and they will take advantage of every opportunity to raise the price. A rise in prices means more profits. Were the food supplies socially owned then the food would be sold at cost and famine prices would not occur. Socialism is the only remedy that is guaranteed to do away with the high price problem.

Riches do not bring happiness. You look into the faces of the men who have conquered in the struggle and you see hard faces, worried faces. The capitalists have to keep on striving to keep possession of their wealth. They fear poverty and want that may come any day to them. The capitalists themselves will be much happier under Socialism than they possibly can be under the present dog-eat-dog system.

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BUNCOME & SCRAPP'S

By R. W. NORTHEY

WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR "COTTON'S WEEKLY"

CHAPTER XXI.

"The Truth Shall Make Them Free."

(Continued.)

"One would have thought that the saving of human labor by machinery would have been a benefit to mankind, that it would have eased the toil of the men who do the world's hard work and given them more leisure to enjoy the fruits of their labor. And it would have benefited the whole of humanity if labor had demanded its share in the ownership of the machines in the first place. But as the workers have never had part or parcel in the ownership of them they could not claim any portion of the wealth they produced, and in the same ratio as the owners, the master class, grew wealthier and wealthier from improvements in the machines, so the workers were forced to compete more and more with each other as the jobs became fewer on account of the wonderful labor-saving devices continually being invented. Thus it is that what should have been a blessing to us all has been turned into a curse for the workers, because it has deprived millions of their jobs and made wandering hordes of thousands."

"And that is not all. So marvellous is the perfection to which machinery has been brought that in many cases a little child, by simply watching it, can turn out more work in a given time than half a dozen adults could fifty years ago. And as the great desideratum with all employers is the cheapening of production women and children have ousted the men from their jobs wherever their labor could be utilized."

"What has become of all the vast wealth that has resulted from the introduction of machinery and the consequent cheapening of production? How much of it has labor received? We need not search statistics to find the answer to this. The higher ranks of labor have always received a living; the lower ranks of labor have always received a bare living. That's as much as labor ever will receive until it becomes the owner of the machines it must use to be able to live at all."

"As the hand of Time ticks off the months and years unemployment must become more and more prevalent. More and more of the workers will be turned into out-of-works and vagrants, and a large percentage of the middle class, the petty tradesmen and retailers, will be forced down into the ranks of labor to compete in the already over-crowded labor market for jobs that are non-existent. There are two great causes that will steadily at work bringing about these conditions—conditions that will end Capitalism with a bloody revolution such as the world has never seen before. And it is the certain assurance that such a revolution must come that enables the discerning student of sociology to tell us that Capitalism is digging its own grave. Personally I have a strong belief and a stronger hope that Socialism will head off that bloody revolution."

"The first of these great causes is the Trust. Now everybody knows how the Trust has cheapened production more than any other institution since Capitalism began. It has gathered up scores, aye, hundreds of businesses, big and small, and combined them into one powerful, compact corporation, thus eliminating the waste of running so many little establishments when one big one would do the same amount of business at one-third of the cost. But what has been the result of this cheapening of production brought about by the Trust? Has it been of any benefit to the people at large? No, it has not. The only beneficiaries have been the select few who compose the Trust. By destroying competition they obtained a monopoly and raised prices, and this, with the money saved by combining a lot of scattered plants into one, gave them immense profits. Thus the Trust is the greatest profit-making institution our advanced civilization has yet created, but these big profits are the exclusive privilege of those who are on the inside. To us on the outside, the people at large, the Trust is just a hold-up man who has got the drop on us and forces us to whack-up, whether we like it or not, for what they claim as their 'rake-off.' And here let me explain to you the fundamental principle of Socialism. Socialists demand that the Trust principle be retained because it is co-operative and destroys competition, but that its scope be widened to include the whole nation, so that the benefits now shared by the exclusive few shall be shared by all the people. Anything wrong about that? ('Hear, hear' and applause.)"

"The wage-earner has always been the chief sufferer by the cheapening of production. No matter what scheme they may introduce to cheapen production the worker gets it in the neck every time. When the Trust gathers in a lot of small concerns many of them are closed down, eliminated because they are unnecessary, and of course the jobs they carried are eliminated too. A few of the speediest workers may be transferred to the big establishments belonging to the combine, but the rank and file, the ordinary workmen, clerks, watchmen etc., are forced out on to the labor market which is being continually curtailed by the same process of merging lots of small businesses into one big one. And if a little business man wishes to retain his independence and refuses to join the combination he soon is a dead one. The Trust has more ways than one of skinning a cat, and in the end he has to join on less favorable terms or else he finds his business of such a diminishing quantity that he is glad to quit and go elsewhere. The result is the same. He and his employees, few or many, have to take up the hunt for a job."

"This process of elimination is bound to go on until the Trusts have captured everything in sight. The retail business field is now being invaded by the big department store trusts, and the village storekeepers are beginning to shiver as they see their end approaching. They have had sufficient influence in the past to stave off the parcels post both in Canada and the United States, in the hope that they might retain their local customers. But with or without the parcels post the department trusts will eventually win. They have already begun to establish a string of retail stores in various states and provinces, and as the little business man with his expensive methods of buying and paying transportation on small lots cannot hope to compete, he too will have to take his place in the ranks of the workers, thus causing more unemployment, because jobs will become scarcer as the number of seekers increase. ('Hear, hear.')

"Some people do not believe that such will be the result, but it cannot be otherwise. The ever increasing capital of the Trusts and the big department stores must find an outlet, and the only outlet is re-investment. The wealth of Big Business is piling up so fast that the managers are ever on the lookout for new fields of investment. New mergers and combinations are constantly being announced, and the time is not so very far distant when all the business of North America will be in the hands of a few gigantic Trusts while all the rest of the people will be either wage earners dependent upon them for a living or hobos and vagrants migrating along the dusty highways in search of a job where there are no jobs. And then?

"And then will come the bloody revolution farseeing thinkers already discern looming up on the distant horizon. At present the jobless are in a minority and the strong hand of the law keeps them moving from coast to coast, gives them a job on the rock pile, a prison cell to sleep in, and hands them out a scanty meal of prison fare before chasing them to the limits of the next prison's jurisdiction. They are only vagrants, flotsam and jetsam cast up by the swirling maelstrom of the heartless system; made what they are by the iron law of a system that has no soul; thrown out to perish by the wayside because there is no room for them, no need of their services in the mad race for profits. With them necessity knows no choice, and rather than starve they steal when they get the chance. They even rob houses and hold up well-dressed people on lonely thoroughfares. Let the law scourge them, shut them up in prison cages, keep them from contact with respectable people, drive them off the face of the earth! They are no good, of no use whatever. They own no property, they have no votes! The law that made these men what they are, the law that keeps them on the run while little time they are free from prison cells, is a twin brother of the law that enables the wealthy plutocrats to steal the surplus products of millions of workers and keep the masses in perpetual poverty. These outcasts are surplus products too, but nobody wants them. It is only the surplus wealth that counts. Surplus labor is a menace at times. A normal surplus, such as the capitalists desire and the law can control, is a blessing to the system, because it is the principle weapon Capitalism uses for beating labor to its knees. But when surplus labor becomes abnormal and unmanageable the soldiers are called out to destroy this dangerous element with leaden hail from machine guns and thrusts from steel bayonets. Surplus labor then becomes a menace to capitalistic law and order. But the law, as our old friend Bumble said, 'the law is a ass!' (Laughter and cheers.)"

"But when the Trusts have completed their organization of business, when they have trustified everything that can be trustified, the cheapening of production will have been carried so far that the unemployed will be almost as numerous as those holding down jobs. The competition among the workers will be awful. Only the speediest, smartest and healthiest will be employed. It will in stern reality be an era of the survival of the fittest. But what of the intelligence and the manhood of the workers if they allow the plutocrats and their henchmen to go that far? ('Hear, hear.')

"I might follow the lead of our gifted comrade, Jack London, and tell you how the menace of the unemployed would cause the Oligarchy to employ a vast army of mercenaries to hunt them down like rats; how the workers would be enslaved in a bondage far more irksome than that of the chattel slaves in the old time South, their unions destroyed and their families segregated in the meanest penitentiaries of the cities. But I do not believe that the rule of Capitalism will ever be allowed to develop so far as to become the rule of an Oligarchy. Long before that direful condition could arrive I believe the workers of the world will unite as one—they have only their chains to lose and a world to gain—and vote themselves into their lost heritage again, and that heritage is the earth! (Great applause.)"

"We want the earth—we claim our own. Not charity's reluctant meed—The title issued from the Throne. The Maker's hand drew up the deed. And so we claim the land and sea. The right of our most royal birth; By God's immutable decree We claim the earth."

—M. Garro, in The Christian Socialist.

"The second of these great causes of unemployment is the decrease of foreign markets. The palmy days of rushing business in foreign trade are passing for both European and American capitalists. Time was when

Japan and other backward nations imported large quantities of machinery, textiles and other manufactured products from England and America. But now Japan not only manufactures her own machinery, textiles, etc., but she is able to compete successfully, with English, German or American made goods in any market in the world. On account of the low rate of wages paid in Japan she can undersell any nation on the face of the earth. India can sell cotton goods in Manchester cheaper than Manchester can produce them. The Chinese market is the last hope of European and American exporters. But China, who crept out of her shell—or, rather, was forced out by British-American insistence—only a few short years ago, has made rapid strides since then, already large factories are in operation in some of the foremost provinces."

LOVE OF WORK.

Work is not only necessary, but it is a pleasure. Workers are not only satisfied to work, but they are hunting for work, and find a joy in the work and their associations. That which is not pleasant is failing to get the full results of their labor. When driven to extreme exertion by fear of losing a place to work, work becomes labor and is hateful; to work and see others getting the results is hateful; to be driven to work by the fear of want is hateful. Activity is the law of life—inactivity the law of death. Happiness is not to be attained by diversion but by occupation. How many thousands times have you heard the expression: "I would rather work than be idle." To have nothing to do makes life dreary and weary. Men can and do work at some occupation all their lives and enjoy life better than those who try to pass life in finding diversion for it. Under a sane system of industry there will be no shirking, for all will work and all will enjoy the products of that work, and the comradeship of work will make it a joy. And when healthful pleasures are provided they will awaken a keener zest than is known to those who now surfeit on them. Socialism will make a new heaven and a new earth in fact."

It is a great thing to be a great Socialist. He must be at once broad and with an eye single to the final goal. He must be uncompromisingly for revolution, yet he must begin at small things and build piece by piece. He must destroy and conserve. He must strike at the enemy, but not at the friend, even when provoked. He must be strong but morally clean. He of all men is living abreast of the times, yet he looks to the future for a sure fulfillment of his dreams and a consummation of his efforts. He is a brother of the world, but is knocking at the brother who is fastened on his back. He is always exposing the evils of the system, yet he is a believer in the triumph of good. He never sleeps, never ceases work, never loses hope. Some day the poet and the novelist will do him justice as a unique type of the best of the century. But he works unflinchingly, even though poor, unknown and despised, and certain that the goal he seeks will never be realized by him individually. "For my children and for the world," he cries, as he rushes without pay into the peaceful war that knows no discharge.—The Appeal.

The Socialist Alphabet

A is the army, King Capital's tool,
B is the ballot oft used by a fool,
C are the capers of plute politicians,
D are the dupes of these false magicians,
E is the end of King Capital's reign,
F is the freedom we then will all gain,
G is the grave where our heroes lie buried,
H is humanity unitedly serried,
I is the injunction enforced by a 'cob',
J is the feat who will soon lose a job,
K is the knowledge that gives us the power,
L is the lookout that can't make us cooler,
M stands for Marx who exposed the vile system,
N stands for Engels who lived to assist him,
O is for ours—the tools of production,
P is for profit or legal deduction,
Q is the question that Warren did raise,
R our reply to this infamous case,
S is the system we'll shortly down throw,
T are the thousands not in the know,
U is the union we never must leave,
V is the victory yet to achieve,
W for women who stand for their right,
X the example they set in the fight,
Y is the youth of the next generation,
Z is our zeal for their 'mancipation.'—Harold E. Botley, Porcupine, Ont.

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A CULLIFORD CONUNDRUM.

What is the difference between a Socialist who has missed his train, and a policeman with a florid complexion?
Give it up?
One is a red, looking blue, and the other is a blue, looking red.
Next!

YOU SUB HUSTLERS

The sub list goes up a couple of hundred this week, and you sub hustlers are undoubtedly patting yourselves on the back and thinking you have done well.

YOU HAVE NOT DONE WELL.

You should be giving Cotton's Weekly an on list of at least one thousand a week. You are not doing it.

There is something wrong somewhere. If it is the fault of Cotton's Weekly, if the dope contained therein is not good, you should sack the editor and put some other man on the job.

If the stuff therein contained is good dope, then it is the fault of the sub hustlers that it is not spread abroad throughout Canada in far larger quantities.

Many letters come in saying that the people do not want to listen to Socialism, that they are dead heads. This I do not believe to be true. I am sure that the people of Canada are as intelligent and progressive as the people of France, of Germany, of Great Britain, of the United States.

The fault lies, I believe, with the army of sub hustlers.

When a capitalist firm sends out a representative to travel on the road, they pick trained men if they can. Otherwise they train men themselves for the job. They get the men who can sell goods. The men study how to win the people. They do not go and hammer all the pet prejudices of the people to whom they want to sell an article. They study the foibles of their customers. They sympathize with them. They give them the glad handshake. They bring an air of cheerfulness. They take advantage of all the peculiarities of the characters of the people they want to reach.

You are salesmen. You sell Cotton's Weekly. You want to get the twenty-five-cent and fifty-cent pieces of the workers in return for a half-year or year of Cotton's.

Do you study how to sell your article? Do you study your prospective customer? Do you try and make yourself pleasant—until you have landed your man?

Or do you rush ahead, get mad, talk wild, call the fellow a fool because he can't see Socialism? If you are doing that, then there is a good and valid reason why the sub list does not go up. You are alienating the sympathies of the class of men you want to reach by trying to convert them to Socialism by abuse.

YOU CAN CONVERT YOUR WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD TO SOCIALISM BY THE USE OF COMMON SENSE METHODS OF SPREADING COTTON'S.

Patience, perseverance, sympathy, love, intelligence, are the things that will spread a knowledge of the truth the quickest. Why not use them in spreading a knowledge of Socialism through the spread of Cotton's Weekly?

Enclosure my renewed subscribe like you sorry in the do not." C. Furley, Alta.

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THE FIRING LINE

Comrade Peter F. Olsen, Garden Plain, Alta., sends a yearly.

Comrade Grant Thompson, Kinsella, Alta., picks up a halter.

A yearly and a halter from Comrade M. D. Keith, Victor, Alta.

Comrade M. O. Sigstad, Barrier Lake, Sask., forwards a dollar for five half yearly sub cards.

Comrade Mary MacNeil, Stettlerton, N. S., forwards a halter. This means another vote lost to the capitalist politicians of Pictou county.

Comrade T. H. Emmerson, Winnipeg, Manitoba, will make five halfers out of their old habit of voting for their own enslavement.

Comrade Henry Briscoe, Cobalt, Ont., plunks a yearly into Robert Laird Borden's electoral constituency of Halifax, N. S.

Comrade C. P. Babcock, sends Cotton's for six months to stir up the brain of a wage slave of Westmorland County, N. B.

Comrade E. J. Sturgeon, Giroux Lake, Ont., flings four halfers into the wigwam.

Comrade Wm. Cochman, Toronto, was so pleased with the Anti-militarist edition that he went right out and got two yearlies and sent them along with his own renewal.

Comrade Colin Cashore, Owen Sound, forwards ten trials as an experiment to see if they can be pried loose from their clinging to capitalist heresies.

Comrade M. J. Haynes, Rossland, B. C., plunks five halfers into Kootenay electoral district which is now represented at Ottawa by A. S. Goodvee.

Two more yearlies spread discontent in Nanaimo electoral district, per the efforts of Comrade M. Stafford, South Wellington, B. C.

Comrade Geo. E. Karley, Hanover, Ont., pokes a halter into the South Riding of Grey County and the future political hopes of Henry Horton Miller, M. P.

Porcupine Miners Union, No. 145, Ont., takes a bundle of fifteen copies for six months. George Gordon, M. P., is the politician who will be particularly affected by this bundle.

"I was very pleased to see last week's gain, but the drop this week makes me damned mad. I am sending you ten yearlies and two halfers and I want you to send me nine sub cards." Comrade B. Nicholson, Winnipeg.

Two halfers from Comrade Wm. Voss, Winnipeg. Winnipeg is represented by the Tory, Alexander Haggart, a lawyer. Is it not time for the slaves of this city to be represented by a revolutionary in overalls.

Five yearlies from Comrade Matt. Schiele, Edberg, Alta., will help put the hooks of despair into the political hopes of the bourgeois politicians of the electoral district of Strathcona.

Comrade H. E. Hatch, Penticton, sows the seed of discontent in the mental vitals of twenty trials. When these grow they will help choke the plute henchmen from Yale-Cariboo district.

Comrade N. B. Deckson, Louisburg, N. S., renews his sub for a year and adds another yearly to help penetrate the intense mental darkness that enshrouds South Cape Breton that returns James William Madden to Ottawa.

"Enclosed please find fifty cents for my renewal. I am sorry I did not subscribe before the paper ran out. I like your paper very much, but I am sorry to say there are quite a lot of fools in this part of the country who do not." Comrade H. Gouthiod, Ranfurly, Alta.

Two halfers from Comrade J. H. Bate, Lindsay, Ont. Sam Hughes, M. P., is also bothered by those pesky Socialists and his military pomposity and his thunders against the Catholic Church make them smile as they keep right at work converting his county.

Victoria Local takes 250 copies of Cotton's for another month to distribute in Wm. B. C. It is rumored that Wm. Templeman, Minister of Inland Revenue in the Laurier cabinet, will try his luck in Victoria in the coming elections. The Socialists will no doubt run a candidate and give him a warm time of it.

Comrade A. Taylor, St. John, N. B., forwards two halfers and writes: "We hold open air meetings every Sunday just as the people are leaving church. I have been at dozens of Socialist meetings but I have never seen people drink in the glorious gospel of Socialism like they are doing here."

Comrade W. J. Hammond, Carleton Place, Ont., sees to it that Cotton's goes to five halfers and a yearly. This is situated in the North Riding of Lanark that is so tenderly nursed by William Thorburn, M. P. The sub hustlers are in every county diligently undermining the political power of all the capitalist henchmen.

Comrade S. E. Penn, Nanton, Alta., forwards five yearlies and five halfers. Nanton is in Macleod and Macleod is represented by John Heron. In Macleod, as elsewhere, the Socialists are active and Heron will be singing his swan-song of dying hopes, unless he becomes a revolutionary Socialist and is nominated by the Socialist Party.

Comrade John Worsley, Chemainus, B. C., sends a dollar for two yearlies. Ralph Smith, the erstwhile staunch labor man, but now the tame follower of Laurier, represents Nanaimo in which Chemainus is situated. The days of Ralph Smith are numbered for the campaign of the Socialists is persistently going on and gaining strength every day.

Comrade V. G. Mollins, Burgessville, Ont., forwards four yearlies. Oxford, South Riding, will not be so willing to return the capitalist poli-

tician Malcolm S. Schell to Ottawa in the future when these new readers become revolutionized. Schell is a prominent manufacturer and lumber dealer, a fit representative of the plutes but an unfit one for workingmen.

Comrade Morrish, Berlin, Ont., forwards a yearly and three halfers and says he is going to get some more sub next week. Berlin is in Waterloo North where W. L. King, Minister of Labor, holds his seat. Berlin is the centre where Canadian Socialist Federation has its executive. King won't be able to hold this seat much longer. The wage workers are getting tired of reform and want revolution.

Comrade W. C. Glaspell, Galt, Ont., sends two dollars for sub cards. Galt is in the South Riding of Waterloo county and has seen fit to elect George A. Clare to be its M. P. Clare is a manufacturer of stoves and furnaces. He is president of Clare Bros. & Co., of Preston. He is also President of the Can. Office and School Furniture Co., and has allied himself with that brand of capitalist politicians known as Tory. He is a gentleman who is on the capitalist side of the class struggle and a fine person for wage slaves not to vote for.

"Enclosed find one dollar for which send sub cards to my address. I made a dollar selling Socialist literature and I want to keep it working for Cotton's." Comrade Robert Marshall, Owen Sound, Ont., Thomas Simpson Sproule, M. P. for the North Riding of Grey county in which is Owen Sound, also has his county corroded by workers for Cotton's.

Comrade Chas. Yeomans, Port Hammond, B. C., forwards a dollar for five sub cards. This is another sub hustler at work undermining the political hopes of J. D. Taylor, M. P. for New Westminster, wherein Port Hammond is situated. Elections are coming on and J. D. Taylor has been hammering Laurier over the Chinese immigration frauds on the B. C. coast. This is the usual trick of the capitalist politicians. As the Montreal Star says, they are now busy making campaign speeches. They can deceive the old party workers who, like kittens, have not got their eyes opened. But neither J. D. Taylor nor any other of his kind can deceive the Socialist slave whose eyes are unsealed.

"Enclosed please find \$3.20 for five yearly subs and six half-yearly ones. This is for ammunition with which to fight the plutes. You can count on me to do all I possibly can in helping you in your good work. I find here that all thinking workmen have socialistic ideals, only they are so busy slaving for a boss for a mere existence that they have no time or money to spend in educating themselves. But they are becoming more class conscious every day even in this Conservative burg, and they will soon cast from them the chains which so long have enslaved them."

Comrade Joe Blugerman, Toronto. A Midland, Ont., Comrade sends in two yearlies. This shows that the sub hustlers are at work in the East Riding of Simcoe undermining the political influence of Manley Chew, Liberal M. P., and lumber boss.

A Comment on No. 147

E. N. Crandell, Souris Valley, Sask.

Allow me to say a word regarding the Anti-militarist Special, No. 147. It is grand. It is the best thing I ever saw from Cowansville. It is a fair, clean, well-delivered body blow, and I tell you it will get the plutes where their wind is short. Its grand, comrades; stand up and do it again if you can.

This paper should be put into pamphlet form and distributed into every Canadian home. Every article in it is a "grandmobile," a beautiful aid to reason. We must not let this thing pass unnoticed. I would like to mention the use of the names of Charles Edward Russell, Jack London and others. It is a good plan to publish their articles. Everybody has heard of these men; most everyone knows they are popular writers but few more than our comrades know they are Socialists. People will be drawn to Socialism by the use of these names, who could not be influenced to make an investigation in any other way.

Bundles of No. 147 can be obtained while they last at the rate of 50 cents per hundred copies.

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TWO POSSIBLE GOALS.

This one prophecy is historically certain. The future has in store for the human race one of two goals. One of these is an empire supported with the sword, built on gold, nourished by the liveried commissaries of greed, and administered for the few with the enslavement of the millions. The other goal is the co-operative commonwealth, under the democracy of man, which was declared a foretime by the revolutionists of the past, exemplified in the free states of the Greeks, and believed in through the middle ages by the sturdy Teutons of the north of Europe. This is the single alternative before mankind—Socialism or despotism. The former springs from the free spirit and aspiration of man, and the latter is the gilded progeny of greed.—John Clark Ridpath, the Historian.

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WORLD WIDE STRUGGLE

Philadelphia cops are jailing the strikers of the Baldwin machine works.

The seamen's union is fighting the line of steamships that run between New York and Porto Rico.

Tampa, Fla., Socialists are having such success with their weekly paper that they are planning to make it a daily.

At Warsaw, Russian Poland, twenty-two members of the Polish Socialist party have been arrested for running a Socialist printing establishment.

Guido Podrecca, the well known Italian Socialist deputy and editor of the anti-clerical satirical weekly, L'Asino, has left Rome for an extended lecture tour in the Argentine republic.

The strike of the harvest workers has spread throughout the whole of the province of Umbria, Italy. 15,000 additional workers went on strike recently.

That the signatures on the agreement which called off the great French railway strike were forgeries has just come to light. The order went out, each leader believing that the other had signed it.

In the recent Portuguese elections, Comrade Manuel Jose de Silva was elected as a deputy. There are four Socialist papers now in Portugal. Two are in Lisbon and have a combined circulation of 52,000.

There were 12,384 deaths in the state of New York during May. Ten per cent of those were from tuberculosis, a preventable disease due to poverty and lack of good food and fresh air.

In Bulgaria the recent appeal to the people resulted in the election of 335 representatives of the government party, 42 agrarians, 6 Socialists, 5 Liberals, 4 radicals, 4 Stamboulists and 2 Democrats.

On July 14th the French republicans celebrated the fall of the Bastille during the French revolution. The French Socialists organized a counter demonstration over the imprisonment of Gustave Herve in the present Republican prison of la Sante. The police charged the demonstrators, but their cheers and encouragements could be heard by Herve in his confinement.

A recent law enacted that all fatal accidents on railroads should be telephoned or telegraphed to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington. This Commission now receives on an average thirty telegraphic reports of accidents on railroads in which one or more lives are lost each day.

The U. S. government has spent over \$3,000,000 in legal expenses during the past nine years in its trust busting campaigns, and not a trust has been busted. The government lawyers are beginning to look upon the trust busting business as a part of their vested interests. It gives them much money and does not hurt the trusts.

The principal features of a proposed law in Uruguay, according to the U. S. Consul Frederick W. Goding, stationed at Montevideo, are as follows: an eight-hour working day for all workmen, including industrial and commercial employees; one day of rest after every six working days; state pension for working women just before and after confinement, during which period they will not be allowed to work.

The Socialists of Saale, Germany, have to hold their meetings in the woods to be free from the police. The police hold that the Socialist meetings are "public" and so force themselves into the meetings. Recently 300 Socialists took an hour's walk from town and held a good meeting. The police arrived after the meeting was over and everyone had disappeared.

Pearson, the Englishman, is in the United States trying to dispose of his Mexican oil titles. Pearson was a great friend of the Diaz gang and the Standard Oil crowd could get no concessions with regard to the Mexican oil wells. So the Standard Oil crowd financed the Maderist revolution against Diaz. Madero won. Now Pearson is trying to sell his claims and the American capitalists do not want to buy. Why should they when they have been put to the expense of financing a revolution? They can get what they want from Madero.

Fourteen striking union men of Colorado have been given sentences ranging from a year in jail to fines of \$250 and costs, for contempt of court. Judge Whitford issued one of those blanket injunctions that the judges are so fond of issuing in labor troubles. The injunction forbade the striking coal miners doing anything which a striker would naturally do. The miners disobeyed the injunction. The stiff sentences are stiffening the backs of the miners and making them turn to Socialism.

Rioting and strikes are still taking place at the ports of Cardiff, Wales, and Antwerp, Belgium. Owing to the success of the strike the steamship

companies out of Liverpool have to pay a couple of million dollars more wages. They have raised the price of first and second class passage to America by \$2.50. This will be born by the parasites. Wage slaves travel third class. The shipping barons pass the burden of increased wages on to the parasite globe trotters.

Johnsburg, South Africa, is unfit for habitation by black men. They die off in winter like flies. The pay of white miners is three dollars and a half a day. The blacks are hired for \$16 a month. Needless to say the diamond mines are run by blacks. It is a matter of indifference to the British owners of the diamond mines that the blacks die. Profits are good and that is the only consideration.

The textile mill owners of England are becoming concerned over the fact that it is becoming difficult to secure children as half timers in the mills. The millowners of the past have been overworking children and lately the wage slaves have refused to breed in a manner satisfactory to the purchasers of child flesh. This is one of the secret reasons for the recent campaign in England for the preservation of baby-life. The child-slave-drivers want the babies to grow up so their tender strength may be used up in the slave pens.

The French Parliament adjourned the second week in July. Premier Caillaux, therefore, has a free hand till October in putting down strikes by troops. After that the Socialist deputies will continue digging away at him. At the recent communal elections in the Department of the Seine the United Socialists gained two more seats while the general Socialist vote increased.

BUNDLE BOOSTERS

The Bundle Boosters are composed of readers of Cotton's Weekly who order regular weekly bundles of papers for free distribution. This constant agitation is the strength of the Socialist movement. Just as regularly as the weekly mail is received, hundreds of Socialists get their individual bundles, large or small, and before nightfall the papers have been placed on door steps, in mail boxes or handed personally to non-Socialists. This work never ceases. It is just as intense after an election as it was before.

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THE RIVER—A SOCIALIST FABLE.

Broad and deep under the sun and stars rolled the River onward, gaining in strength as it flowed. Here it cut into a bank; there it ran into the lowlands, and where the soft waters went everything was revolutionized. Finally some of the Men whose property was being affected by the River met to condemn it. A Politician denounced it as having no respect for ancient authority and legal right, with being an enemy of the home and utterly lawless and impossible. A Preacher cursed it, demanding that it cease to flow, and threatening it with dire things here and hereafter. A Soldier lined a company of men before it and shot it full of holes; but the river flowed quietly on as if it knew nothing about all this. An Engineer built a great dam, and for a time it looked like the progress of the River had been arrested, for below the dam it grew thin and shallow. But the waters piled up behind the dam wider than they had been before, and soon they overflowed it and filled again the channel. "Why can't we do anything to arrest the river?" the Politician asked; and the Philosopher replied: "Because its springs lie far away beyond your power to touch them." And the River flowed serenely on.

AGITATION BATTERY

The Agitation Battery expends its energies in getting Socialist propaganda to non-socialists. It affords a means for effective work for Socialists who cannot work openly for fear of losing their jobs. Anyone who contributes to the funds of the Battery is considered a member. Just now the Battery is working on the Publicity Campaign, which includes the covering of all weekly and small dailies in Canada, a very fertile field of propaganda.

The Battery has been the means of capturing a sub-editor for Cotton's Weekly. This will be interesting reading when it appears in Cotton's. All contributions of \$1.00 and over are acknowledged by mail under envelope.

Comrades sending orders or their sub from towns or cities of any size would do well to give street or box address in every case where possible. This is to avoid delay on deliveries. It seems to take but little effort in some cases to return mail parcels marked "Not Here" or "Not Called For."

"WAR—WHAT FOR."

This book, by Geo. R. Kirkpatrick, appeared just at the proper moment. Its effect is being felt all over the country. If you haven't read it and explained it to your boy who's too young to read you're neglecting an opportunity. The book should be in every Socialist library. Single copies are \$1.20. In clubs of three the rate is 80 cents per book. Address all orders to Cotton's Weekly.

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PEACE AND EUROPE

The commercial pirates of Europe are lusty for war. French, British, Spanish and German contractors, ship builders, land grabbers, gun makers, want war. War means large contracts, low government securities, large interest, and cheap securities.

It does not matter to the rulers and capitalists that many workingmen get killed. It does not matter that thousands of women will be made widows and thousands of children will become orphans.

The war trumpets are got out. The rulers are preparing to hurl workingmen at each other to be killed over a stretch of desert land in Africa.

The rulers halt. Why? Because the word goes forth from ten million Socialists that there shall not be war.

King George does not dictate peace. Kaiser William does not dictate peace. The order for peace goes forth from the offices of the International Socialist Bureau at Brussels, Belgium.

The war has subsided. The Canadian press has not mentioned the true reason. It tries to make the people believe that Germany was afraid of Great Britain. This is not true. The German rulers were afraid of four million Socialist voters within the German Empire who would have refused to work had war been declared.

The French anti-militarists have been keeping the wires busy against war.

M. Viot, the French anti-militarist, was expelled from Germany by special order of the Kaiser for addressing the Franco-German Socialist meeting in Berlin against the war over Morocco. He urged the French and German workingmen in the armies of the two nations to refuse to attack each other in the event of a declaration of war over the commercial interests of the rival French and German capitalists who have investments in Morocco.

The British Independent Labor Party stands for peace and the general strike in the case of a declaration of war. The Social Democratic Party of Britain also stands for peace. The German Socialists stand for peace and the general strike to paralyze the German rulers. The French Socialists stand for peace.

Europe is an armed camp but the capitalists grind their teeth in impotent rage. For the workers refuse to fight. They forbid war.

The mothers and children of Europe can thank united labor for the preservation of peace. Asquith, Lloyd-George, King George, Emperor William, Bethman-Hollweg, Premier Caillaux, Premier Canalejas, are powerless to order wholesale murder.

The Socialist movement is not yet strong enough to seize the political power within the nations. It is strong enough, however, to prevent the rulers of the various countries plunging the civilized world into the horrors of an organized slaughter of workingmen by means of war.

COTTON'S COMPENDIUM OF FACTS.

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HOW TO TEACH PATRIOTISM.

Addressing a contingent of Nottingham Boy Scouts who were touring in East Somerset, the Earl of Malmesbury said that if only the Scout movement had started earlier the country would not be in the rotten state it was now.

If they ever came across a lad who expressed opinions that were not patriotic or English-like, his advice was that if they could not convert him by argument let them try another way. They knew which way he meant. (Cheers and laughter.)

EXPIRING SUBS.

All expiring subs get a notice in the last copy of Cotton's going to expiry addresses. Two weeks after, each will receive a sample copy, etc. Any subscriber, having renewed his sub in the meantime, who gets these notices, will please pay no attention, so long as the new sub is coming correctly. Pass the sample paper on to another and get the yellow sub blank filled up. Then with a happy smile, watch Cotton's for satisfaction.

Cotton's Weekly is never sent on credit. The fact that you are receiving it shows that it has been paid for in advance.

THE MOVEMENT IN CANADA

ST. JOHN, N. B.

Local St. John, N. B., No. 6, is holding very successful open air propaganda meetings every Sunday at the corner of Coburg and Union Streets. The people are beginning to become interested, as our meetings last from 8 to 10 p. m., and about 200 people are present during the whole of that time.

At present we are without a hall but hope to secure one before long. Rents have gone up on all properties during late years with a swoop.

All the workers have been served with their tax bills for the year. It is a fact which is not generally known in Great Britain that propertyless people here have to pay taxes in order to vote. The amount depends upon how much the worker is able to force the master class to pay with i. e., \$5.00 upwards. Then if you wish to come to work here they have a working license of \$7.50 for you to pay; and if your employment is unionized, you have another expense before you can start work; which makes this city a dear place to migrate in the hopes of making a pile of money.

Notwithstanding all the so-called prosperity, there are still many men without employment in this burg.

F. Hyatt, Local Organizer.

* CANDIDATE IN EDMONTON.

At a convention of the English-Ukrainian Locals of Edmonton, Alta., held at the Socialist Hall, Kingstons Ave., it was decided to give the slaves a chance to register a vote for themselves at the coming federal election. To this end Comrade A. Farnilo was nominated as candidate by acclamation. This move on the part of the Socialist Party of the city of Edmonton was probably hastened by an order of the Chief of Police to the effect that Socialists shall not be allowed to hold meetings on the streets. This order has been confirmed by an opinion of the city solicitor that "It is illegal for any body of persons to use the streets for the purpose of holding public meetings." Strange as it may appear, the Socialists are more law abiding than that great religious capitalist institution, the Salvation Army, as the latter are still breaking the law by performing as per usual on the streets to the blare of trumpets and banging of big drums, exhorting the slaves of the city to look to the saving of their "souls."

The following Comrades were chosen as campaign committee: Comrades T. Luft, Chairman; J. Brecken, Secretary; F. Blake, Treasurer; S. Stewart, W. Geary, and W. McQuoid of the English Speaking Local, and R. Kramer, T. Baychuck, T. Woronka, T. Semk and A. Kariak of the Ukrainian Local.

If there are any Comrades who are by any chance blessed with a plentiful supply of the "root of all evil" the Treasurer will be pleased to acknowledge all subscriptions forwarded either to Local Headquarters, 622 1st St., or to 1332 Government Avenue. We would especially like to call the attention of our farmer Comrades in the Edmonton District to this notification.

Yours in Revolt,
F. Blake, H. Geary, Press Committee.

FALSE PATRIOTISM.

I do not know anything more ludicrous among the self-deceptions of well-meaning people than their notion of patriotism, as requiring them to limit their efforts to the good of their own country—the notion that charity is a geographical virtue, and that what is holy and righteous to do for people on one bank of a river, is quite improper and unnatural to do for people on the other.—John Ruskin.

DIFFERENT KINDS OF PROSTITUTES.

A woman sells her body for food and clothes—to sustain life, and is forever after ostracized by society. A man sells his brains and honor to the big money interests, and is praised as a man of great intellect. Which is the greater prostitute?

GENERAL Executive Committee, Canadian Socialist Federation, meets every first and third Monday at 9 Queen street south, third floor, H. Martin, secretary, 61 Weber Street east, Berlin, Ont.

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THE McNAMARA TRIAL

Harrison Grey Otis is back of the prosecution of the McNamara brothers for the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building.

The conspiracy of capital against these labor officials is plain to every thinking man. The Times building was an old rattletrap of a thing, ready to fall to pieces. The machinery was old and outworn and Otis, after the explosion collected more insurance than the whole concern was worth. Many union men were killed. Otis had been fighting the unions hard. He hated them. The explosion removed a lot of them. NO HIGH EMPLOYEE WAS KILLED, ALL BEING OUT OF THE BUILDING AT THE TIME. Otis had a duplicate printing plant ready and his paper was not delayed a day. He knew that the explosion was coming. HE WAS THE ONLY MAN WHO BENEFITED BY IT.

This is the deliberate statement of Johnson, Governor of California, as to the character of Otis:

In the city from which I have come we have drunk to the very dregs the cup of infamy; we have had vile officials; we have had rotten newspapers; we have had men who sold their birthright; we have dipped into every infamy; every form of wickedness has been ours in the past; every debased passion and every sin has flourished. But we have nothing so vile, nothing so low, nothing so debased, nothing so infamous in San Francisco, nor did we ever have, as Harrison Gray Otis. . . . He sits there in senile dementia; with gangrened heart and rotting brain, grimacing at every reform; chattering impudently at all things that are decent, frothing, fuming, violently gibbering, going down to his grave in snoring infamy. This man Otis is the blot on the banner of Southern California; he is the bar sinister upon your escutcheon. My friends, he is the one thing that all California looks at when, in looking at Southern California, they see anything that is disgraceful, depraved, corrupt, crooked and putrescent—that is Harrison Gray Otis.

Otis is the man who has hired Burns to convict the McNamaras. Burns, who kidnapped the prisoners from Indiana, is now thoroughly discredited. He perjured himself in Indiana and is under indictment there. His agents have been found guilty of many crimes. His reports from London re the arrest of criminals there have been shown to be pure fakes. The day he arrested the McNamaras the yellow papers came out with flaring accounts of the arrest, with pictures of Burns and the alleged criminals, and all the details of the crime. All these could not have been published so soon had not there been conspiracy between the detective and the yellow papers whereby they were given all the details beforehand and had pledged themselves to try and create a sentiment of hostility to the labor officials.

McMingal is the crown star witness. He has been coached daily by detective agencies as to the story he is to tell. He has made two or three conflicting confessions. The relatives of McMingal declare that he is unsound in mind and that his word is not to be trusted.

The case is breaking down. It is only ignorant Canadians who do not read the papers closely and who get their information from the yellow American papers or the misleading headlines of Canadian capitalist journals who now believe in the guilt of the McNamara brothers.

Private ownership of natural resources is wrong in principle and destructive of individual inherent rights because it carries with it the power to exploit the labor of all non-owners, thus making economic dependents of the great mass of people. Only under the collective ownership and management of the means of life can the individual be secure in his God-given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The word "wealth" is very much misused and misunderstood. Money is not wealth. Wealth means good things—useful things—things which minister directly to human wants and human comforts. The man who has the most of these good things is the wealthiest. Money is merely the medium by which we exchange with one another the different forms of wealth.

The Socialist commonwealth can be inaugurated and developed to full fruition without violating a single natural or inherent right of any man, woman or child.

The chief function of all existing governments today is to hold the workers in subjection while the employing and ruling classes skin them.

If you receive a sample copy of this paper, it is an invitation to subscribe.

Laurier and Borden are busy keeping the workers in slavery.

Every dollar a capitalist gets in rent, interest or profit, is a dollar stolen from labor.

We don't want the lives of the capitalists. We don't want to kill them. All we want to do is to make useful workers of them.

Patrick Henry declared, "Give me liberty or give me death." The Canadian capitalist declares, "Give me profits from the labor of slaves, or give me the death of the slaves."

Now that elections are approaching, the politicians of the master class are beginning to fawn on the workers for their votes. The workers are getting mighty tired of these leeches who suck them of their votes and then hand them over to the profit leeches to be sucked of their life's blood.

A new invention is a machine that will seal, stamp and count 150 letters a minute. Just another little machine to do away with a few more jobs and increase the army of the unemployed that keeps wages down. The machines will make a few more idle capitalists. Why do not the slaves rise, seize the machines, and become the master class?

The Winnipeg Street Railway Company is trying to sell out its plant to the city for \$24,000,000. The Winnipeggers allow the street railway to use the streets, and then the railway tries to sell the use of their own streets back to the people of Winnipeg and charge them about seventeen million dollars for something it got free. That is what capitalism does. It gives social values to a group of parasites and the parasites live by getting something for nothing.

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We hold that the earth, with all its resources, is the gift of the Creator to the human family—the means from which the human race must derive subsistence. Therefore, to permit land or natural resources to become the private property of some individuals means a practical denial of the right to life to all others.

As long as capitalism rules and the wage system continues, the worker will get but a living wage and nothing more. Reforms will not help him much. Revolution is the only thing that will free him. A workingman gets wages and buys the necessities of life with those wages. If rents go down through town planning schemes and if tram fares go down, then either wages will go down or the cost of living in other ways will go up. The only way of escape is for the workers to control ALL the things they need to work and live, through the social ownership of the means of production and distribution.

There are men who, when you talk to them, talk against trusts and believe that the workers are having a rough time of it and know that the capitalist politicians are betraying the people. But these men will shy at the word "Socialist" and will have none of it. The reason is that these men are half baked economists who don't know anything about the materialist conception of history, who do not realize that the class war is on in society, and who believe that in some mysterious way "brains" plant potatoes and manufacture shoes.

Socialism would never do. Why, we would all have to dress just alike and there would be no variety and people would never, never stand for it. Did you hear any pinhead give forth much like that? Some gay young bank clerk on seventeen dollars a month and board himself, perhaps gets off something like it. In the meantime we can see soldiers all dressed alike. We can see postmen all dressed alike. We can see street car conductors and motormen all dressed alike. We can see machine men all dressed alike in the same greasy clothing. We can see the underpaid workers all dressed alike in the same shoddy suits. Capitalism compels the vast majority of workers to dress just like their neighbors in the same cheap, shoddy made-for-profit clothing while those who enjoy the profit can dress their wives in finery that the Queen of Sheba could not rival. Socialism will allow the wealth producers to dress warmly, comfortably and appropriately without stinting or buying shoddy.

ELECTION PROCEEDURE

Valuable Information for Socialist Candidates in the Coming Dominion Election

Elections will probably come this fall. Socialists will attempt to run candidates in many counties. Some enquiries have already been received by Cotton's as to the method of nominating a candidate. The following brief summary of the election law of Canada is therefore given.

When the government of the day advises the Governor-General that it can no longer carry on the business of the country, the Governor-General calls upon the leader of the opposition to form a cabinet. If the opposition leader declares his inability to do so, Parliament is dissolved and the general elections are held.

Clerk of the Court in Chancery thereupon issues a writ of election addressed to the returning officer of each electoral district in Canada, ordering him to hold an election in his county upon a certain fixed date. The person to whom the writ is addressed is the returning officer. Needless to say the writ of election is almost invariably addressed to some good Liberal party worker, as the Liberals are in power.

As soon as the returning officer receives the writ of election, he endorses upon it the date he received it, and takes the oath of office. He thereupon appoints an election clerk to help him to do his duties.

Within the shortest possible time the returning officer issues a proclamation declaring at what time and place candidates shall be nominated, the day on which the election shall be held to see which candidates shall be members, the several polling places where the electors shall vote, and the time and place when he shall add up the votes given to the respective candidates.

In the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan this proclamation is posted up in ten of the most conspicuous places in the electoral district. In the other provinces it is posted up in four of the most conspicuous places in each city, town and village, or ward of such city, town or village, and in each parish, township or division of parish and township.

In Saskatchewan and Alberta any four or more electors may nominate a candidate by affixing to and signing a nomination paper before a justice of the peace and filing the same with the returning officer. In the other provinces any twenty-five electors may nominate a candidate by signing a nomination paper stating the name, etc., of the candidate. Each signature of the electors must be witnessed by some person who saw them sign.

This nomination paper must be filed with the returning officer on or before the nomination day, and must be accompanied by the consent in writing of the person chosen as candidate and by a deposit of Two Hundred Dollars. If the two hundred dollars are not forthcoming the candidate will not be allowed to run. The two hundred dollars are returned to the candidate if he polls one-half the number of votes that the successful candidate received. If he does not get this many votes, the money is kept by the Dominion government and used to help pay the costs of the election.

While only twenty-five names of electors are required it is best to get as many as possible, as some of the signers may not be electors owing to some legal quibble.

The person who files the nomination paper with the returning officer must swear that he knows the signers.

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If the number, 152, follows your name on Red address label attached to this copy it means that your subscription expires next week and after that no more papers will be sent until you forward new sub.

The Socialists spread discontent. Of course we do. We are proud of it. No jails can stop us from doing it. Laws against free speech cannot stop us. Our speakers are on the street corners, urging the slaves to rebel, seize the ballot and overthrow the rule of the master class. The discontent spread by the Socialists will result in a system of economic organization that will abolish poverty and want.

Political and economic freedom will be absolutely secure under the co-operative commonwealth; every one will receive the full product of his labor; humanity will take on new life and all will have ample opportunity to develop into the full stature of manhood and womanhood, thus fulfilling the design of our benevolent Creator.

All governments today are capitalist governments, based upon the private ownership and monopoly of the land and means of production and are therefore destructive of the inherent or God-given rights of the people.

that they are electors, and that he saw them sign and that the consent of the candidate to be a candidate was signed in his presence. The returning officer must give a receipt for the papers and money he has received and this receipt shall be sufficient evidence of the facts that the money has been handed over, that the nomination paper has been deposited and that the candidate has given his consent.

The time of nomination lasts between twelve noon and two p. m., of the day fixed. During this time nominations will be received by the returning officer at the place appointed. But it is usual to have the nomination papers in the hands of the officer before this day.

After two p. m. the returning officer declares how many candidates are in the field. If only one is in the field, (or in the case of Halifax, Ottawa and Queens, P. E. I., two candidates, for these three districts elect two candidates each) the returning officer declares this candidate to be elected by acclamation and no voting is done. If more than one candidate is nominated in the ordinary constituencies then the returning officer announces that voting will be held at the various polls. The voting usually takes place one week after nominations.

After nominations, speeches by the various candidates are usually made outlining their various platforms. Nomination day is the great gala day of every election. After that the party heeler gets down to work.

After this a candidate has his name placed on the ballot. He is voted for. The elections are presumed to be impartial but a lot of dirty work goes on and each old party candidate winks at all the cursed things that take place on his behalf.

Any male British subject twenty-one years of age can be a candidate. He does not need any property qualification.

The voters are those who are on the voters lists made up some time before the elections. The fight to be on the voting list takes place quite a while before elections. The old party workers, months before election, work on these voting lists and try to have removed as many names as possible of those who are against their candidate or prospective candidate. Monkeying with the voting lists and depriving hostile voters of their votes is a regular business of the local backers of the capitalist politicians.

Each candidate is allowed to have a representative at each polling division. No polling division can be erected for more than three hundred voters and no voter can vote elsewhere in his district except at his own polling division where his name is registered.

The forms of nomination papers, oaths, etc., are all contained in the Election Act. This Act we believe, is furnished free upon application to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery at Ottawa. The nomination papers and other necessary forms are also furnished free. The Election Act should be studied by all Socialists who intend to be candidates or by some Socialist who is willing to coach the prospective candidate and to see that his nomination is in perfect order.

James G. Foley, Esq., Ottawa, was the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery at the last election. But his private name is not necessary on official communications.

THE CENTURY CONTEST

We are awaiting with great interest for the day that starts the Century Contest, Monday, August 7th. Already, at this writing, July 31st, there are several entry clubs received, which promises well for the interest to be shown, and the grand success of this unique contest.

While we do not expect it to last very long, we want to see a large number start in for a good send-off. Persistence is the quality needed for the winner.

All points about the Century Contest have been carefully explained in the two preceding issues. The prize is \$100.00 in cash. It goes to the hustler who sends in \$1.00 per week for Five half-yearly subs, Five half-yearly sub Cards or Five half-yearly Agitation Subs each week, for the most consecutive weeks. Weeks end on Friday.

There's nothing worn out about this Century Contest. It is new and appeals to all as it gives equal chance to all, and the \$100.00 prize is worth some effort and persistence. We look for a lively race. Steadiness wins, not speed.

How about that friend of yours? Can't you get him to subscribe to Cotton's Weekly? That will help some.

There are over nine million voters who are voting for the dream of Socialism.

The working class must free themselves. The master class are not going to do it.

The sugar workers are on strike in Australia. The strike originated in Melbourne. There is a labor government in control and yet the wage slaves have still to fight their masters for living conditions. The only remedy is Socialism. Mere laborism which allows capitalists to live on the unpaid labor of the workers is not sufficient to do away with the class war.

Socialism will abolish the capitalist class. It will raise the working class to political and economic power. The change from capitalist to working class control is the revolution which the Socialists are out to accomplish. This may come peacefully, if the master class will abdicate its power when the workers waken and vote for Socialism. Otherwise it will come by violence.

In the establishment of the Socialist commonwealth we do not contemplate or propose to draw a sword or fire a gun. We will proceed upon clearly defined legal and constitutional methods to restore to the people their rightful inheritance to the earth and all its resources. If any violence is manifested it must proceed from those who elect to oppose this grand restoration of human rights.

ANTI-MILITARY ISSUE NO. 147

This is the finest propaganda issue that ever came off Cotton's press. It contains two splendid articles with cartoons, "Get Off Our Backs" and "The Boy Scouts," and is packed full with other grand propaganda matter. We have only a few thousand on hand, and while they last the rate is 50 cents per one hundred copies. Order early as the demand is keen.

Australia is keeping watch upon the development of the American meat trust. The politicians there are telling the people that they will protect them from the American monopolies and all the while the people are being bled by Australian trusts of all kinds. The home of the trust is everywhere that capitalism has developed. They are in Great Britain where they call them trade agreements. They are in Germany where they call them cartels. They are in Canada where they call them combines. They will continue to monopolize industry until the workers get sick of being exploited and confiscate them.

In 1906 there were thirty establishments in Canada engaged in the manufacture of paints and varnishes. The total capital of these thirty companies was \$3,000,000. Three of these companies have recently merged in Montreal and the capital of the merger is placed at \$6,000,000. Work, you wage slaves, work like blazes. Now that the merger has come you have to pay dividends on \$6,000,000 each year. You produce more wealth. Expenses are to be lowered, and your masters get the benefit. Did you run your own industry you could be comfortably off with easy daily labor. But under capitalism all the benefits of reduced expenses and increased production go to an idle possessing class. Why, slaves of Canada, do you not unite and become the possessing class yourselves?

There are many employers who cannot see how Socialism will work. We Socialists say that the workers should run industry and that the only morality worth while is wrapped up in the working class. The employers say, "Confound 'em. They can never run anything. They shirk their work. They loaf on the job. They steal. They are all the time trying to do me." The capitalist cannot see any good in the working class. This is only natural because he is on the wrong side of the class line. The master owns and the worker gets wages. Under capitalism the only way the worker can get a bigger income is by getting it out of the employer. Consequently the employer is the enemy of the working class. He keeps them from getting bigger wages. They treat him as an enemy in whose power they are. But among themselves they are good fellows. There is a comradeship—save where there are sneaks and spies whom the boss likes to place among the workers. From the point of view of the boss the workers are lazy and more or less worthless, incompetent and immoral. From the point of view of a worker working with his fellows in wage slavery, the working class are a decent, moral, comradely lot who won't peach to the boss and who will stand true in the class fight. The very things that make the employer say that the workers are no good and can never govern themselves are the things that show the workers can stand together and realize where their interests lie.

GEORGE HASLEY PERLEY, M. P.

George Hasley Perley, M. P., is the Conservative representative from Argensteuil County, province of Quebec. He is chief Conservative whip. He recently travelled through the west accompanying K. L. Borden on his speaking tour. Perley is a millionaire. He is head of the G. H. Perley Co., a lumber concern; vice-President of the Hull Lumber Co.; a director of the Bank of Ottawa, and connected with many other concerns that give income to the parasites from the unpaid labor of wage slaves.

On July 26th, in the House of Commons, Mr. Pugsley taunted Mr. Perley over the reciprocity bill. Pugsley stated that the Riordan Paper company, with which Perley is connected, stood to gain \$90,000 if reciprocity went into effect. Mr. Perley replied that as the reciprocity treaty now stood, sulphide pulp, which the Riordan company manufactured, was not included. The company wanted the benefit of being included if any treaty was passed. "The company is not a political company or a Tory concern," he stated.

This incident is an example of what members go to Parliament for. Perley is a millionaire. He is considered to be a philanthropist. He is supposedly in politics for the good of the country, and incidentally works to have the company from which a part of his revenues are derived get the benefit of laws which he will help pass. He is opposed to the treaty but if the treaty comes about he wants to have the Riordan company share in the gains.

This is the sort of thing going on all the time at Ottawa. The receivers of unearned revenues are sent to Ottawa by the voters and when there these gentlemen make laws that will benefit themselves.

Railroad franchises are given to friends. Bank laws are passed allowing the banks to graft on the people. The whole system is so arranged that the workers must sell themselves as slaves to the owners of the industries of Canada which the politicians have given to the master class and to which class the majority of the politicians belong.

"The company is not a political company or a Tory concern," says Perley. It does not need to be. Both Tory and Liberal politicians are agreed that business shall be kept out of politics and protected by both parties against the interests of the working class.

Socialists come along and fling business into politics. Socialists declare that the more income the masters get the less the workers get. They declare that the present private ownership of the Riordan company as well as the other companies by parasite capitalists means robbery of the workers and that industry should be democratically owned, operated, and enjoyed by the working class.

The Socialists have the only remedy that will ever do anything to help the working class. For that reason the Perleys and the other capitalist politicians shun it.

When the master class shun a philosophy that claims to bring freedom to the working class it is good policy for the working class to investigate and find out why the masters shun it.

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