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## WANING LAURIERISM

The plute papers are prophesying double elections. They are saying that there will be elections before re-distribution and elections after. The political pot is boiling and the capitalist politicians are stirring up the capitalist mess with a great deal of worry and concern, worry and concern, not for the welfare of the public but for their own political hides.

The Toronto World prophesies that there will be elections in September or October of this year. Let us look at the question and see if this is likely.

The Liberal government at Ottawa has been in power since 1896. They went into power because the voting mutts got tired of the stench of the Conservative gang that ruled previously to that date. The Liberals have been in power and have consistently upheld capitalist exploitation.

They have put through some mighty raw deals. They put through the navy deal. They put through the steel bonus deal. They put through the Grand Trunk Pacific deal. They have got onto board of directors of capitalist concerns. They have found feeding at the political trough fine. They do not want to give it up.

The Conservative politicians have been the outs. That does not mean that they have been denied all power. A Tory M. P. has much influence. He can put through deals that will give wealth to private concerns and incidentally himself. But the big plums are reserved, of course, for the government members.

The country has become dissatisfied with the Liberal regime. The voting cattle were bribed to return the Liberal members. They returned them and now are sick of the men they elected. The Tories are anxiously waiting the time when the common voting cattle will become sick enough of the Liberal gang to put in a Tory gang to run the country in the interests of the capitalist class and to the incidental benefit of the Tory politicians.

The navy deal sickened many voters of the Liberals. In Quebec Laurier has lost much prestige. Bourassa has left him. The Catholic church has turned on him. Many old time Liberals are sick of him.

Recently Sidney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, and our old friend, Rodolphe Lemieux, Postmaster General, held a political rally at Farnham, in the electoral district of Missisquoi, the same district in which Cowansville is located. These two big guns had the meeting widely advertised. They came and spoke. The crowd that gathered numbered about a hundred when they started and numbered about three hundred when they quit. Farnham has a population of four thousand. So they got the cold shoulder.

A couple of weeks later Fisher, and Bland, M. P. for Beauce, who is to go into the Cabinet in the next shuffle, held a political rally at Sherbrooke, the city that returns A. N. Worthington, Tory, to parliament. There were free tickets into Sherbrooke over the C. P. R., the G. T. R., the Quebec Central and the Boston and Maine railways. Yet these gentlemen received another frost. Even free railway trips would not draw the crowd.

Laurier went to England and Fielding was to go into Nova Scotia to help the Liberals in the local elections. Instead of that he took ship for England. Turned his back upon the fight.

Sifton, left the Liberal government. Sifton is one who wants to stay on the winning side. Like a rat that leaves a sinking ship he scurried over to the Tories.

The Tories have been watching these signs and are hopeful. In their hands lies the deciding of the question whether we are to have Dominion elections this fall or not.

They are against reciprocity and that is their weakness and their strength with the capitalist plunderers of Canada and the voting cattle who are herded to the polls by their political drovers. The question of reciprocity is therefore an important factor in deciding the question.

## RECIPROCITY

The farmers of the west want reciprocity. Laurier went west last year and this question was thrust upon his attention many times. The farmers want reciprocity and the farmers form a considerable section of the voters in the prairie provinces.

In the west prices of the things

farmers buy are high and the grain he sells is low. The parasite owners of manufacturing establishments are bleeding the farmers. The farmers are nothing but working mules whose chief object of existence is to sweat for the profit of the profit lords. They suffer from high freight rates, and high priced goods which they buy, and from low priced wheat which they sell.

It is commonly reported that there are only two or three concerns to which the farmers of the west can sell their wheat. If they sell to these favored few at the price these favored few want to pay, cars are at their disposal to ship their wheat. If they sell to other parties it is almost impossible for them to get cars to transport their wheat. This is one reason why wheat that sells at Indianapolis for ninety cents a bushel sells at Port Arthur for sixty cents.

Jim Hill's railway lines nose up against the international boundary. Many branch lines have been built from the main line. Were reciprocity to come these lines would be pushed into the centres of the wheat area and the wheat could be shipped to Minneapolis.

So, the farmers of the west want free interchange of wheat between the two countries and free interchange of manufacturing articles. Laurier saw his opportunity and he has proposed a reciprocity scheme of a very limited character. This scheme is too narrow to suit the farmers, but they think it better than what the Tories will offer and they may vote for it.

The Canadian parasites don't want reciprocity. They want to keep the bleeding of the Canadian toilers through rent, interest and profit for themselves as long as possible. The Tories are with them and are fighting the reciprocity agreement.

Here is the situation which the Tory politicians think propitious. They can get up in Parliament and talk and talk and talk and so block the government that no money will be voted to carry on the government and Laurier will have to appeal to the people or else borrow money to carry on the government.

The census is being taken. After the census, will come the redistribution of the seats of parliament. Representation is based according to population. The province of Quebec, according to the British North America Act, has sixty-five members of parliament. At every census the population of Quebec is divided by sixty-five, the number of members, to see how much population there is to each Quebec member. This forms a basis for the whole of Canada. The other provinces are given members of parliament on that basis according to their population. It is figured out that the maritime provinces will lose, Ontario will lose, and that the prairie provinces will gain twenty-five members. Laurier has been figuring on a reduced membership of the east and an increased membership of the west. That is why he has plunged into reciprocity.

If the Tories can pull off an election this fall they may think it worth their while. They will have plenty of corruption funds with which to buy the voting cattle. The protected interests are behind them. The country is disgusted with Laurierism, and the free trade west will be hived up and underrepresented this fall.

## THE JANGLING CRIES

The Liberals do not know whether there will be an election this fall and the Conservatives do not know. But there may be and so we see the politicians abroad in the land shouting their raucous cries to the people in order to stir them up over the issues that are dragged forth for the occasion.

The Liberals are pointing to the high prices for food products across the border, and they cite these prices as a thing in favor of reciprocity. Incidentally they send Alphonse Ver-ville, labor M. P. for Maisonneuve, near Montreal, to the wage slaves of the constituency to tell them that reciprocity will raise the price of wages and lower the cost of living. Of course this line of talk is not talked out west.

The Tories scream against reciprocity. They point to the trust ridden condition of the people across the border and tell us that if reciprocity comes the American trusts will fasten themselves upon our backs.

The jangling cries rise upon the air. The noise and the shouting of the politicians as they shout and crack their whips at the voting cat-

tle deafens the ears and gives no light to the reasoning faculties.

The workers of Canada are sore pushed to make both ends meet. Their wages are hovering round the subsistence level while the parasites get the rest. The working farmers are nothing but work mules who do not get a living wage because they have put their children on the farms as choreboys and their incomes have so sunk that child labor on the farm is a necessity for a living.

The workers cry for a remedy and Laurier, cute old Laurier, declares that the way of escape lies through reciprocity. The Tories scream that the conditions are as bad across the border and no relief lies that way.

Laurier is wrong when he says the remedy lies through free trade. The Tories are right when they say that free trade is not a remedy. But here both parties stick. Do you not see what a shameless brazen game the politicians are playing upon the workers for the benefit of the capitalists of Canada?

Conditions are rotten in Canada for the workers. Conditions are rotten for the farmers. To make the conditions wholesome there is only one remedy. Let the parasites get off the backs of the workers. Let the millionaires and the multi-millionaires who are bleeding the workers of Canada be cut loose. Let the bloodsuckers be choked away from the lifeblood of the workers.

To do that would create some havoc among the parasites. The whole capitalist class are up in arms against the remedy that will give justice to the workers. But as the workers are groping for a remedy the Liberal and the Conservative party are preparing a fake remedy.

Laurier says that reciprocity is the way to remedy the defects. Borden says it is not. As long as the voting fools can be got to listen to the yawn of the Fishers and the Lemieuxs and the Oliviers and the Borden and the Fosters over this question, the working mules will be fooled and the skin game can go on.

## WHY BE FOOLED?

Here is where the Socialists come to the front and create havoc with the old politicians. The Socialists show up both parties to be the political henchmen of the master class who deceive the workers with false issues so that the master class may live on the unpaid labor of the workers.

Workers and farmers of Canada. You have nothing to hope from the Liberal politician. You have nothing to hope for from the Tory politician. The wage slave in the mill is robbed. The working farmer is robbed. To throw down the protective walls and admit a new set of robbers, the American labor skimmers, who are even now buying up the natural resources of Canada, is no remedy. For Borden to raise issues of nationalism and imperialism as against internationalism and continentalism is no remedy.

The remedy lies in the people who do the work collectively owning the machinery of production and distribution. The remedy lies in abolishing rent, interest and profit. The remedy lies in the workers managing industry and giving to themselves all they produce.

Why be fooled with the old party tricks? Why not become men, thinking, reasoning creatures? Why not use the brains you have in your own interests?

If elections come this fall you can do a lot to help on the good day of your freedom. If you can't vote for a Socialist KEEP AWAY FROM THE POLLS. Persuade your fellow workers to keep away from the polls. Show the political henchmen of the master class, whether Tory or Grits, that you are on their game of fake issues.

## REVOLUTIONISTS

We Socialists are revolutionists. Make no mistake about that.

We are out to raise the working class to political and economic supremacy.

We are out to abolish rent, interest and profit.

We are out to vest the ownership and control of the means of production and distribution in the collective working class.

Do you understand the full import of what we are after? Do you comprehend the vast change that this will work in society?

The power of every capitalist will

be broken. The income of every parasite will vanish. It will reappear as added income to the working class.

MacKenzie and Mann would become salaried experts, provided the working class wants to employ them. If the working class refused to employ MacKenzie and Mann as experts, then these gentlemen would have to become ordinary clerks or even ditch diggers. Instead of controlling parliaments and having millions given them they would sink into ordinary individuals deriving their income from the useful labor they did, unless indeed the working class decided to give them old age pensions.

The social order will be completely changed. The capitalist will vanish like the feudal lord has vanished. His hangers-on will vanish like the heralds and pages and armorers have vanished.

We will not see magnificent residences sprawling over vast grounds in one section of a city and miserable hovels huddled in narrow lanes in another section. For the revenues of the capitalists having been removed, the capitalists will no longer be able to maintain large establishments, and the revenues of the working class having been largely increased and rent having been abolished, the working man and woman will be able to live in comfortable homes on broad streets.

We are revolutionists. We are out to break the power of the ruling capitalist class.

We would prefer the revolution to come peacefully by the ballot. But this may be a vain hope. The French Revolution, the American revolution, the freeing of the chattel slaves in the U. S., the winning of Canadian constitutional rights by Papineau and MacKenzie, all had to be brought about by force of arms. It may be that the winning of the Socialist revolution will have to be by force.

We are revolutionists. The capitalist class know it and fear us. We are revolutionists. The working class are recognizing this fact and are flocking to the crimson banner of Socialism.

## Paid in Advance

This paper is paid for. If you have not subscribed, a friend has. No bill will be rendered, and the paper will be promptly discontinued when the subscription expires.

I was talking with a prominent educational man of the Province of Quebec. He wanted me to fight the Catholic Church. He said it was a shame that in Montreal the pope's flag flies higher than the king's flag and that the pope's flag heads many processions and the king's flag comes after. Here was a thing to fight. But I did not enthuse worth a cent. I told him that I considered that the pope and the king were both parasites, and why should I bend my efforts to having the flag of one parasite precede the flag of another. He was surprised and wanted to know if the British flag did not stand for law and justice and stable institutions and wanted to know if I wanted anarchy. I told him that was a question that did not arise in practical politics. Society is an organic production and the old form of society will not give way until the new society is ready to take its place. It really is a pity to see so many who seem to be intelligent stumbling over the most elementary facts of political science.

The U. S. tariff board has reported to the U. S. Senate the cost of manufactured newspaper. In Canada it costs \$27.53 to produce a ton of newspaper. This is sold for \$90 per ton. The parasite capitalists do not want Socialism that would do away with their more than one hundred per cent profit. But why the wage mules who get robbed of over half their labor product should kick at Socialism is strange. We can only lay it to the ignorance of the wage mules.

Since Cotton's Weekly entered the field the capitalist papers of Canada have been forced to give space to Socialist thought and activity. They could no longer keep dark about this great movement. And as Cotton's Weekly grows in power and influence the capitalist sheets will be forced to give more space still to Socialism, if it be only to warn their capitalist readers and to urge them to oppose the coming of the new freedom.

Socialism will do away with poverty and when poverty is done away with crime and prostitution will cease.

Socialism is the new civilization. The dream of the humanitarians leads the world upward.

The battle against slavery has yet to be fought on Canadian soil.

The working class have nothing to arbitrate with the master class.

The Conservative party and the Liberal party are both tarred with the same stick.

Socialism is not against religion unless you mix your business up with your religion.

The brotherhood of man can only be realized by the cessation of the class struggle.

Man was made to mourn, and the capitalist system is on to the job of making him mourn all right.

Men are not prosperous because of the capitalist system. The capitalist system produces misery and poverty.

What shall we do to help the criminals? Abolish the capitalist system which forces men to become criminals.

The discontent throughout the world is the most hopeful sign of the times.

Socialism is a political movement for the more equitable arrangement of the distribution of social products.

The capitalist, under the capitalist system, is a capitalist. Under the Socialist system he will be a fellow worker.

Socialism aims at the abolishing of all forms of economic parasitism. Let the people who do the work spend the money.

Shall the workers control or shall the useless capitalists. The workers have the votes and can control if they will but act together politically.

Society produces criminals and then hangs them for being produced. And the capitalist apologists declare this is justice.

The militia of Canada is a beautiful organization gotten together by the capitalists to pink holes in rebellious wage slaves.

Capitalism does not give its rewards to the man who works. It gives its rewards to the man who works others.

A bank account is no security under capitalism. The bank may fail or a bad investment may leave you poor. There is no security anywhere but in Socialism.

Why should not the capitalist's children have to work in the factory, and his daughter in a department store, if it is right that any one should have to work under such conditions?

If it is right for the capitalist to take part of the product of labor, why is it not right for the laborers to take away from them part of what they have?

Reciprocity is a nice side issue that the plutes of Canada have set before the working farmers and wage mules of Canada in order to keep them from thinking of their slavery.

There are quite a few workers who have been thinking they were free men. Thanks to the Socialist agitators this class of working mules is growing beautifully less in numbers.

Why should not the employer have to work just as much as any other man? Why should not the landlord have to pay another for the privilege of staying on the earth, if the principle of it is right?

The Chinese government has established a Cabinet, and will hold bourgeois elections. Chin Chin Chinaman and Johnny Canuck Wage Slave are now political equals, sharing the glorious liberty of voting themselves into slavery.

The Canadian government could abolish tuberculosis if it wanted to. All it would have to do would be to abolish poverty through the abolition of rent, interest and profit. But as that would hurt the incomes of the parasites we may expect to have consumption with us until Socialism shall arrive.

## SOCIALISTS AND CAPITALISTS

The capitalist desires to increase the value of property rights. The Socialists desire to increase the value of living for the great body of useful workers.

The capitalists are anxious for bigger dividends, for more rent, for more profit, for reduced expenses of operating their plants, for cheaper help consistent with working ability, for efficiency of wage slaves so that fewer wage slaves may perform more work.

The Socialists aim at giving to the producers as much as possible and to the parasites as little as possible. The final aim of the Socialists is to abolish parasitism altogether.

The capitalist and the Socialist, looking at modern industrial conditions, see them in opposite light. What the capitalist considers fine, to the Socialist does not seem fine at all.

The capitalists are endeavoring to increase their unearned revenues. If the C. P. R. net profits are twenty million dollars then the parasites are glad to that extent. When the C. P. R. net profits touch thirty-three million dollars net income, as they did last year, the parasites rejoice much more. The greater the amount of unearned revenues the parasites receive the more prosperous the country appears to them. But to the Socialist, the greater the revenue of the parasite capitalists, the greater appears the injustice to the workers, for every dollar the capitalist gets is a dollar earned by labor which labor did not get.

The capitalists endeavor to increase the net incomes of their parasite concerns. The more the net incomes are, the more "stable and prosperous" the country is said to be. Labor troubles, political turmoil, rebellious workers are not wanted. For these things interfere with profit and cause the financial condition, according to the plutes, to become unstable. Capital it is said, will withdraw. Mills will close down and the poor parasite capitalists will temporarily lose some of their unearned revenues.

As revolutionary Socialists we do not worry over the parasites when their revenues fall. We do not rejoice when the price of shares in labor-thieving corporations go up and become more valuable. We do not give a hang whether the parasite capitalists have a good or a hard time of it. We Socialists intend to make all the capitalist revenues to become non-existing. Under our democratic industrial condition, that will come with Socialism, all the net profits of the C. P. R. will fall. The C. P. R. shares and mortgage bonds will be worth only the value of waste paper. For we are going to take the industries. When we come near success then there will be violent fluctuations on the stock exchange. Brokers will go smash. The large owners of industrial stock who have been living luxurious lives and clothing their families in fine raiment and giving them many servants, will find the shares they hold falling on the stock exchanges. We will press forward and among the parasite class excitement will run higher. Judges and lawyers and chiefs of police and officers in the militia will be summoned to devise some way of driving the slaves back to wage slavery.

But such councils will be useless. No doubt some capitalists will commit suicide in despair. The big lawyers, who have grown rich, advising criminal corporations will find their occupation gone. They will sit in their offices wondering where their practice has vanished.

Finally Socialism will triumph and the ideals of the capitalist class will vanish along with the class with whose economic interests they were in harmony. Then will come the reign of ideals of honor and dignity and reward for labor. Then the present rejoicings over unearned incomes will be ended and the man who tries to take a living without working, like the capitalist parasites do today, will be held in contempt.

Francisco Madero, the head of the revolutionists who dethroned Diaz, is the son of a multi-millionaire. The family, Madero Sr. and children, own 2,500,000 acres of land and receive \$800,000 per year from their rubber plantation. This is a bigger income than George Gould gets. The winning of the bourgeois revolution is far from doing away with rent, interest and profit in Mexico.







# THE FIRING LINE

## Book Winners

Comrade George Howey, Quartz Creek, Y. T., wins the book offered for the sub hustler sending in the greatest number of subs for the week ending Friday, May 26th. Comrade Howey wins "Poverty of Philosophy" with eight dollars for sixteen yearly subs. Comrade A. W. Moore, Toronto, wins the second prize, "The World's Revolutions" with the purchase of \$5.25 worth of sub cards. Other books are being offered for June hustlers. See list of books on this page.

Comrade W. B. Book, Springfield, Ill., renews his sub.

A yearly from Comrade Mat. Schiele, Edberg, Alta.

Two half yearly subs from Comrade E. F. Simmonds, Woodstock, Ont.

Two yearlies from Comrade Geo. Hees, Athabasca Landing, Alta.

Comrade Chas. Donner, Wellington, B. C., boosts four yearlies into Socialism.

Ten trials get the dope for thirteen weeks per Comrade A. Lindley, Creston, B. C.

Comrade M. Murawick, North Cobalt, Ont., takes five sub cards and forwards a yearly.

Comrade John E. Lundberg, Lockhart, Alta., lands with four halfers on the toes of old King Capital.

Sign every letter with name and address, you send to Cotton's. This is most important.

Comrade Rupert Lochhead, Port Arthur, Ont., wants two yearlies to get the "real news."

One bone from Comrade Thos. Kendall, Salmu, B. C., to keep the bulldog growling at capitalism.

"Yours for the sacred revolution," says Comrade Brittle, Montreal, with a new yearly wrapped under the folds of the Socialist banner.

"This is the best I can do till fall as homesteaders are always broke," writes Comrade J. Galloway, Herbert, Sask., with a halfer.

In your last copy of Cotton's, there was a sub blank. The New Press waits your answer.

Two yearlies from Comrade J. A. Kendall, New Westminster, B. C., who signs himself, Yours as square as a brick.

Comrade W. Coulter, Central Park, B. C., makes three yearlies see daylight on where the plutes get their graft.

Four dollars for subs from Comrade Alain Burke, Montreal, who declares the revolutionaries of Canada can rely upon him to do his duty.

Two bones for sub cards from Comrade Frederic Lapiere, Toronto, makes the heart of the bulldog happy and boosts the revolution.

Comrade D. C. Wilson, Mattawa, Ont., takes five sub cards and sends in two yearlies. Comrade Wilson is a new hustler since the first of the year.

"I am a warm old Socialist. I am going to rustle some subs, you," says Comrade John Coleman, Kamloops, B. C., as he takes the dope for a year.

Cotton's goes to press Monday morning. All items for a particular issue should be in Cowansville by the preceding Saturday, earlier if possible.

"Please look after the two enclosed yearlies. I have no time to rustle subs, as I am busy making millionaires," Comrade G. A. Robinson, Manville, Alta.

Take a look around to see if any Sub Cards are lying idle. Then hustle them into Cotton's, where the New Press calls insistently for an honest pile of papers.

"I have received my paper and am well satisfied with it. Am sending you a new yearly subscriber. I will do all I can to help the cause," Comrade G. Lebbutt, Winnipeg.

Comrade Findley McLeod, Toronto, Ont., furnishes seventeen halfers and one yearly for the dope sheet and the sinews of war to that extent to Cotton's Co-operative.

Comrade W. P. Scruby, Phoenix, B. C., sends a yearly for an Irish worker who is returning to the old sod. He intends peddling the right kind of dope to the fellows at his home.

Make sure to sign all letters sent to Cotton's. Much trouble has been caused by oversight lately. Comrades in St. John, N. B., and Wilder, Alta., have sent orders with no addresses.

Comrade Hanning Warnica, Painswick, Ont., sends two yearlies and a halfer, and says he's sorry the plutes won't allow him enough money to take a share of stock but he is with Cotton's to the last breath of him.

"I am one of the soldiers of Socialism. I come to the firing line with one half yearly subscription. I hope that it will be my first step on the way of success for our weekly and for Socialism," Comrade A. Nisnevitz, Toronto.

"I am sending you three yearly subs to educate three more workmen in the light of Socialism. Kindly send me a credit slip for facts as I hope to send along more subs in the near future," Comrade J. R. Ernst, Lumbenburg, N. S.

"I enclose list of six names on the fifty thousand, and a dollar and a half. I expect to do my share in keeping the new press busy, until it is found necessary to install one with five hundred thousand capacity," Comrade I. J. Peel, Toronto.

"Enclosed you will find fifty cents for another year. I wish I was in shape to help you in some way. I may get a chance yet in the near future and when I do I will make up for lost time. Yours in the fight," Comrade Albert Sjostrom, Kinley, Sask.

Comrade Alex. Newell, Toronto, lands a bunch of nine subscribers for

half a year and writes, "I have much pleasure in renewing for your paper. I am trying to get that little book of Facts. I think I can get the balance by handing my paper round to my fellow workers."

"Please renew my sub and add this new yearly. I hope every subscriber will send in a new sub each year with his own renewal. I wish you success with your new press, and may you be spared many years to ring out the good news of freedom to all." Comrade F. L. Langston, Bittern Lake, Alta.

"Please renew my sub for a year. Sorry I cannot be of more help to you, but I cannot at the present. I am one of the Alberta ground hogs and you know what that means. I am with you in the fight for freedom." Comrade Kenneth Bryanton, Garden Plain, Alta.

"Enclosed find my renewal for a year and two halfers. Both of these men are Socialists, but they don't know it. I want to make them wise on the matter. I am an old man and may not see the fruition of the efforts being made but my sons may, and I have five who are all interested. Yours in hope," Comrade John Riggins, Kincairdine, Ont.

Comrade Slaves. I take great pleasure in handing you five halfers. I may be able to handle more later on. Don't let the subs retreat, although a retreat sometimes means a stronger position and a victory which we must surely have. Might as well die fighting as starve to death submitting to present power." Comrade W. F. Culen, Mabella, Ont.

Comrade Richard McDougall, Sydney, N. S., forwards two dollars for sub cards and says he will dispose of them when Comrade McKinnon gets the workers aroused. Comrade McDougall would like Cotton's to devote some space to Comrade McKinnon. Cotton's is perfectly willing to devote space to any candidate running, but I was not aware that Comrade McKinnon was running as candidate until too late to help him through Cotton's.

New recruits are joining the army of sub hustlers and adding fresh enthusiasm to the army. Comrade Chas. Nicholson, Berlin, Ont., sends a dollar for five sub cards. Comrades G. F. Marsh, Peterboro, Ont.; W. B. Swan, Lachine, Ont.; P. Q. J. H. King, Palmerston, Ont., each take five sub cards to go hunt likely recruits for the war on exploitation. These Comrades are all new recruits to the sub hustling army since the beginning of the year.

"Enclosed please find one dollar for a bundle of Cotton's of issue May 25th. Your idea of the Old Guard is a good one, and I am sure the management of Cotton's will make it a success if the workers will do their part. I propose to let the younger members of the party do the hustling (I am sixty years old). I can get along fairly well if Socialism never comes. I am not a wage worker. If I had known what I know now when I was twenty-five, that the workers were such dead easy marks, I might have been a millionaire," Comrade E. J. Ryan, Winnipeg.

## Premium Books for Hustlers During June

Here's the Best Book Premium Offer yet put up by a Canadian Paper. Any Socialist who wants to increase his library can't find an easier way to do it than by working for Cotton's.

The hustler sending in the largest amount of subs any week in June, counting from Friday to Friday, will receive Free, Marx's "Poverty of Philosophy," a splendid cloth bound book. The hustler sending in the second largest amount has choice of Untermyer's "World's Revolutions" or Cohen's "Socialism for Students," both standard cloth bound books.

But there is yet more! To the hustler sending in the largest amount in subs from Friday, June 2nd, to Friday, June 30th, Cotton's will present Free, postpaid, Volumes I, and II of Ward's "Ancient Lowly."

Our week runs from Friday to Friday. Subs are computed on the half-yearly basis. These Books are in addition to "Facts" and other premiums.

A. B. C. Comrades writes wanting to know a point of law. A Scotch girl was hired by a parasite mistress of British Columbia to come be a domestic wage slave. The Scotch girl did not know the conditions and signed a contract to work for ten dollars a month for two years. When the girl landed in B. C. she wanted to quit as she saw that the pay was not enough. But the mistress holds her to her slave bargain. Can the girl quit? I do not know the B. C. law, but capitalist law is pretty near the same in all provinces. In Quebec a wage slave can sell himself for a period not exceeding seven years. And the masters can hold the slaves to their bargains. I am afraid the Scotch girl will have to serve her time unless she develops the I. W. W. spirit, smashes dishes, refuses to work, breaks mops, and creates hell generally. The mistress may threaten to jail her but if the organized slaves of B. C. take up her case there would be high times. There is capitalist law, but then again there is a spirit of revolt that laughs at capitalist law.

## Lists Wanted

Cotton's needs lists for sample copies—and it needs them now. Comrades who will send us in electoral or other lists, with post offices marked will be remembered with a good premium. Make out lists carefully, as we want results.

Should it be necessary to make complaint, return receipt card sent for remittance of \$1.00 and over.

## SHOW YOUR PRIDE

Aren't you proud of Cotton's improved, up-to-date, appearance, its snap and vigor, its go ahead spirit, and the good work it is doing as a propaganda paper. Surely you are. Then show the same spirit as Cotton's—take that special Sub Blank sent in your copy last week, and get the subs to give the New Press a hearty send-off on its career of usefulness. And strike now. Now's the accepted time.

## CANADIAN SOCIALIST NEWS

Cobalt Miners Union, No. 146, W. F. of M., is calling for a referendum to have the Western Federation officials elected by referendum vote instead of by convention delegates.

## McNAMARA RESOLUTION.

By the Edmonton, Alta., Union of the Bricklayers and Masons International Union.

Whereas—John J. McNamara, Sec-Treas. of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers—Union of America, James McNamara and Ortie Manigal were arrested and hurried out of the State of Indiana to Los Angeles, Cal., to answer to the charge of having dynamited the Los Angeles Times Building on Oct. 1st, 1910, causing the death of twenty men; and Whereas—the said J. J. McNamara and others were taken out of the State of Indiana without due process of Law, without even being accorded the prescribed rights of the Law, the opportunity to defend themselves; and

Resolved—That we, the Officers and members of Local No. 1 of Alberta of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union of America, do hereby emphatically protest against the said kidnapping outrage perpetrated against the members of the Structural Steel and Iron Workers Association, and be it further

Resolved as we believe the aforesaid kidnapped victims to be absolutely innocent of the grave charge which hovers over them, we hereby call upon all Organized Labor throughout the North American continent, to vigorously protest against this outrage and to use their future votes to place men of their own class in charge of the powers of government, to usher in as soon as possible the Co-Operative Commonwealth; and be it further

Resolved that copies of these Resolutions be spread upon our minutes and also sent to The Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas. Cotton's Weekly, The Western Clarion, The Bricklayer, Mason and Plasterer, and The Local Daily papers.

Signed on behalf of the above Local, F. Blake, Jas. Breerton, S. Stewart, Resolution Committee.

It is rumored that Mackenzie and Mann intend buying the Western Fuel Company's lands and mines on Vancouver Island for \$4,000,000. Pretty soon Vancouver Island will be the vest pocket property of Mackenzie and Mann like Newfoundland is of Reid. Then it will be about time, when these gentlemen are about to tell the people to be patient slaves or get off their island, to just expropriate the property, collectively own it, and tell the parasite owners to go chew their paper title deeds for a meal if they won't work.

Six American publications have been consolidated into one trust capitalized at \$4,000,000. These six publications are, Hampton's Magazine, Columbia Magazine, Home Magazine, Sterling Magazine, Orr's Farm Review and the American's Review. The trustification of industry proceeds apace. The capitalists see that it is reading matter that wakens the slaves. So they are now capturing the magazines and consolidating them. But the trust magpies cannot capture the Socialist publications.

The capitalist press reports that four thousand workers of Vancouver went on strike in the building trades on June the fifth. This is awful from the plute point of view. When wage workers strike for higher pay it is outrageous. But when the capitalists shut up the mills and thousands are forced into the bread line, that is another story. There must be crises and the capitalist class is not to blame. It is a dispensation of God and workers must bear trials with Christian fortitude. Wake up, you workers and assert your rights.

A twenty million dollar lumber merger is being formed in British Columbia. There will be much water fung into this corporation upon which the parasites will expect to pay dividends. So the lumber jacks can expect to have still worse working conditions so that the parasites may enjoy bigger revenues. There are prosperous times in Canada at present—for the master class.

## WORKINGMEN'S HOMES

The proposal to have the government issue \$500,000,000 in money to be loaned to bona fide workmen in sums not to exceed \$2,500 for the purpose of building homes, the government to hold land and improvements for security, for repayment of loan in monthly payments in amounts equal to a moderate rent, is attracting considerable attention. A number of labor unions have endorsed the plan.

The idea is one of the "practical" schemes of the Socialists. It has already been incorporated into a law in South Australia.

Socialist Milwaukee has taken steps toward putting it into effect, and if the capitalistic courts and laws do not stop the plan, that city will soon furnish workingmen with homes at cost on easy payments.

Some of the capitalist papers are favoring the plan. They are beginning to realize that something must be done to stop the advance of Socialism, and hope to lull the workingmen to sleep by empty promises.

To make the plan effective, the currency issued for the purpose by the national government must be full legal tender. It must not be based upon interest-bearing bonds, but must go directly and without interest to the people.

The effect would be the lowering of interest rates and of house rents. It would stimulate building of homes and create a demand for labor, thus making the times better.

Were the matter to stop there the benefits would soon disappear. However, the working class, seeing that homes could be built collectively, would demand that factories and mills be operated for their benefit, and would thus lead toward a complete socialization of the production and distribution of wealth.—Chicago Daily Socialist.

## Some Definitions

Politician.—A statesman for revenue only.

Statesman.—A politician who has money enough to dress well.

Legislator.—A ruler of the people who is skilled in the art of preventing the repeal of bad laws and the enactment of good ones.

Graft.—Unpunishable crime perpetrated by very rich men.

Conviction.—A legal process by which innocent men are punished in order to protect the guilty.

Immunity.—A legal process by which a man or body of men may violate the law provided they confess it.

Crime.—Any violation of the penal code by a man who has not money enough to establish his innocence by corrupting the courts.

Finance.—A sleight-of-hand trick by which the products of labor accrue to the benefit of a few.

Financier.—One who collects what others produce. Not to be confused with producer, which see.

Producer.—One who produces wealth, but does not get it.

Office Holder.—One who is nominated by a political party and elected by the people.

Workingman.—A species of slave who in order to live must beg some man for a job. He is not absolutely a slave, for if he does not wish to beg for a job, he is welcome to starve.

Tramp.—A man who finds it more profitable and more pleasant to beg for food than to beg for a chance to work himself to death.

Individualism.—An imaginary school of economics opposed to Socialism.

Individualist.—One who is a member of a society or community and doesn't know it.

Prosperity.—A condition of society in which the rich grow rapidly richer and the poor poorer. The more rapid the process the more prosperous the community.

Overproduction.—A condition of society where men starve because there is too much wealth.—Ex.

## Finds it Interesting

This is another letter from a reader of Buncombe & Scrapp's, the serial story now running in Cotton's:

Toronto, May 27th.

To the Editor:

I have been reading R. W. Northey's serial story, "Buncombe & Scrapp's," and I must say that it is an interesting and well-laid out story giving as well an intelligent conception of socialistic views of coming events. I hope that Comrade Northey is in better health by this time. I enjoy the story fine. Yours in the rev., D. Williams.

We cannot fill the many requests that are coming in for back copies of papers containing Buncombe & Scrapp's, nor start subscriptions from the first installments. Get into the new story now, you'll soon get the thread. Later it may be published as a book, if enough encouragement is given. Do you like Buncombe & Scrapp's—write and tell us about it.

Say Comrade Hustler, are you working for those Premium books. See list on this page. Fine chance to add to your library. Wake up.

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## WASTE

The primary needs of mankind are food, clothing, shelter, instruction and amusement. It should be the duty of the social organism to so arrange itself as provide these primary necessities for all with the least expenditure of human effort.

Capitalism does not provide these necessities cheaply nor efficiently nor in a just manner. Capitalism supplies these things in a poor and inefficient manner to the class which produces these things. It heaps these things up on those individuals who do nothing to create them. It frequently starves the producers and surfeits the non-producers.

Socialism will confer a great boon on humanity by giving an assured living to all and by doing away with the tremendous waste of human effort that goes on under capitalism.

Did you ever stop to think of this tremendous waste and the amount of labor now being uselessly employed that could be turned into productive channels through industrial democracy, the abolition of private ownership in the means of wealth production and distribution and production for use instead of for profit?

Under Socialism the burden of rent, interest and profit will be removed.

Under Socialism the tremendous waste of human effort in repressive service will be removed. The need for soldiers, for police, for private detectives, for constables, for jails, and jails, criminal judges, lawyers and sheriffs, will be done away with. For these repressive agents are kept alive by capitalism because the parasite rich must protect themselves against the tempted poor, and criminals are forced to crime through economic want. Let the temptation of riches and the cause of crime—poverty—be removed, and the repressive forces will no longer be necessary. The men now employed in these services could be set to building homes, widening streets, or producing the necessities of life.

Under Socialism the parasites of the parasites, the valets, personal servants, private chauffeurs, gardeners, waiters, etc., will be relieved from their service to the parasites and could be utilized in producing food, clothing, shelter, instruction and amusement.

Such professional classes as the notaries, lawyers, civil judges, bailiffs, etc., would find their occupation gone with the abolition of disputes over private ownership and their brains could be used in constructive work instead of private squabbles.

Under Socialism, the functionaries of capitalism, such as stock brokers and their clerks, advertising agents, commission merchants, real estate agents, commercial travellers, rent collectors, insurance agents, bankers, trust and loan officials, and many others with the expenses connected with wheat pits, stock exchanges, leased wires, newspaper advertising and many other things, will be useless and the tremendous waste of human effort along these lines could be directed to producing food, clothing, shelter, instruction and amusement.

Under Socialism competitive waste will be eliminated, such as merchants, retailers, duplicated plants, unorganized running round after business. The effort now being wasted along these lines could be directed to food, clothing, shelter, instruction and amusement.

Under Socialism the waste of tramps, out-of-work, job hunting, shutting down of mills, tying up of railways, receiverships, lockouts, will cease and the efforts now running to waste can be directed to producing food, clothing and shelter.

With all these tremendous wastes going on under capitalism, it is no wonder that there is great misery. But let industry be organized on a sane system, let there be production for use and not for profit, let there be food, clothing, shelter, instruction and amusement provided by social cooperation instead of fool competition, and the world would be remade for man. Let this be brought about through Socialism and it will be possible for every worker to enjoy an income equivalent to four thousand dollars a year under capitalism. And each worker need work but four hours a day.

Is not Socialism something worth striving for?

Socialism will introduce industrial democracy. The bourgeois capitalist state maintains industrial tyranny.

## THE WORLD-WIDE STRUGGLE

Socialism is the hope of the world. Tampa, Florida, is the home of a new weekly Socialist publication. The American Tobacco Company declared a 62 per cent dividend while the U. S. supreme court was deciding that it was an illegal combination.

There are about 28,000 co-operative associations in Germany, with more than 4,000,000 members; and these, with their families represent nearly one-third of the total population.

The textile trades called a Congress in Amsterdam on June 12th. The questions to be discussed were those of establishing an international eight hour day in the textile trades and the abolition of fining workers.

Charles Edward Russell is advising the U. S. workers to read the Daily Socialist papers. Were the workers to refuse to buy the capitalist papers that slander the workers these papers would have to go out of business.

At Hull, England, an indignant crowd mobbed the election judges who decided that Tory M. P.'s who had been guilty of bribery should not be unseated. The English people are finding they have the same legal tyranny to fight that the Americans have.

The members of the Socialist trade unions in Germany numbered, at the beginning of this year, more than two millions. During the last six years their membership has doubled. Their aggregate property amounts in value to \$11,000,000.

Famine is raging in a number of Persian states, and revolts as a result of this famine are widespread. A significant thing about these outbreaks is that the soldiers in every case line up with the hungry masses and help them in their struggle against the authorities.

It is now being admitted by the capitalist press of the U. S. that the 1907 panic was deliberately brought about by J. P. Morgan and his associates in order to force the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company to the wall so that it might be picked up for next to nothing by the U. S. Steel Corporation.

The artist Sagrista has been condemned to nine years' imprisonment, in Spain, for two drawings: "Homage to Ferrer" and "The Revolutionary Tosein." The latter had already been circularized, in lithograph form, for more than a year and a half all over Spain. It has taken all this time to discover its subversive character.

Gustavus Myers, author of Great American Fortunes, in two volumes, the books that have stirred America and shown the rottenness of the foundation of the big fortunes of America, is at work on another work. This is a history of the United States Supreme Court. When Myers has published this history, it is said, the U. S. Supreme Court will be thoroughly discredited throughout the civilized world.

The Grand Jury at New Castle, Pa., has brought in true bills against the editors of the Socialist Free Press, on a charge of seditiously libelling the capitalist judge of that town, and the four editors are to be brought up before the judge they are accused of libelling to be tried. The case is creating great excitement and subscriptions are pouring into the Free Press from all over the U. S.

The co-operatives of England last year had a membership of 2,777,513, and with assets aggregating \$294,897,470, an increase of over \$10,000,000 over that of the previous year. Of these co-operatives, 250 are wholly productive in nature, 901 distributive and 1,155 both productive and distributive. The business done by the co-operatives last year aggregated \$547,064,229, which is much more than was done by any single private enterprise in England. Yet they tell us nothing can be done except by private initiative or apart from the profit system.

The conviction of General Reibutt, once the all powerful Perfect of Moscow, on charges of extortion and abuse of power during the disorders in Moscow five years ago has created a profound impression throughout Russia: Reibutt has had powerful protection up to and during the present trial. He was the court candidate for the office of Perfect of St. Petersburg after the assassination of the last holder. The firmness displayed by the Moscow court in the two weeks' trial in resisting the threats of the defense is described as a wholesome innovation in Russian criminal procedure.

Guatemala, the largest of the Central American republics, has handed herself over to the American money trust to exploit. A blanket charter has been given by a bribed assembly to an American syndicate. This charter gives a perpetual grant of every foot of mineral land in the country and equally perpetual franchises permitting the syndicate to exploit every waterway, to sell light and power to every town, to operate newspapers in every part of the republic, to build railways and to engage in fruit growing. Guatemala gets in return one-tenth of her own natural wealth and one-tenth of the increment.

Machinery and trusts are not increasing the ranks of the unemployed fast enough. French cotton experts are going to make an attempt in Fulton County, Georgia, to teach monkeys to pick cotton. If the experiment succeeds a colony of monkeys will be imported. The idea was suggested by the antics of a pet chimpanzee carried by a farmer boy into the fields. The little animal, after frisking around for a time and watching the negroes at work, began to pick cotton with almost incredible rapidity. By utilizing monkey labor the cost of cotton harvesting would be infinitely less than with human labor, it is claimed by the promoters of the scheme.

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## WAR AND PEACE

Gustave Prager, Berlin, Ont.

Faulty logic often finds expression in high sounding empty phrase. The misleaders of public opinion prate "peace, peace, when there is no peace," utter shallow pacificatory platitudes, or even assert that mighty armies and powerful navies are the necessary safeguards of the world's tranquility.

As well might, one advise a peaceful community to arm all its members with guns and daggers to avoid rows and disorder, as to "waste the nation's resources in armaments with a view of maintaining peace."

But as long as there remain in society classes, whose interests oppose each other, there will be war! While "King Capital" reigns and unpaid labor is wrung from miserable wage slaves, "Peace on earth, good will to men," remains an idle mocking phrase. The capitalist system cannot endure without the waste entailed by militarism and jingoism.

Modern governments, notably Great Britain, Germany, France and the United States are at present expending vast sums for armaments that were ever before spent in actual warfare.

During the fiscal year of 1908, for instance, the U. S. A. appropriated for its army, navy, fortifications etc., \$204,122,855 or 36 per cent of its total revenue, and paid out in pensions for wars past the sum of \$189,678,204 or 31 per cent of its revenue. According to the treasury report up to April 30th, 1909, there was collected that far during the fiscal year, a revenue of \$493,027,989 exclusive of the postal revenue. Up to that date during the fiscal year there was spent for pensions and in preparations for war the enormous sum of \$356,483,937 or 72 per cent of the total revenue of the nation. And still a howl for more! Think of the waste of human life and endeavor under capitalism!

Abraham Lincoln, in his message to Congress in 1861 said: "Labor is prior to and independent of Capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could never have existed, if labor had not existed first. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration."

Then during the civil war, the cotton industry of England suffered, and in certain circles there was a great deal of sympathy with the cause of the South. Old Gladstone expressed the thought that the South, having created an army and a navy, would soon make a nation. It seemed for a time that the English Government would recognize the Confederacy, which would have dealt a heavy blow to the Union cause and led to more bloodshed. But this action was defeated by mass meetings, held in London, Manchester and other places, when the English workers made their protests heard.

It is a matter of history, that since that time, on several occasions, war has been prevented by the protestations of the Socialists.

When war seemed imminent between Sweden and Norway, the workers of the two countries fraternized and the ruling powers took the hint!

When the Morocco troubles almost precipitated bloodshed between France and Germany, the workers of the two countries exchanged friendly greetings and Socialist sentiment and activity prevented war.

It is a fact that very recently the Socialist press of the United States prevented a raid into Mexican territory by American troops, and the disastrous consequences that may have followed.

It follows that the hope for peace rests not upon the idle theories of college professors or the empty phrases of the exploiters and the misleaders of the people, but upon the spread of enlightened ideas among the common people. War will cease, when exploitation is abolished, not before! But humanity must ultimately achieve this ideal, and sooner or later the toilers will realize their emancipation, for it must be true what old Abe Lincoln said: "You can fool some people all the time. You can fool all the people some of the time. But you can't fool all the people all the time!"

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The Tories are howling against the reciprocity. They say we will fall a prey to the United States trusts. We don't need to have reciprocity to do that. The Great Northwestern Coal Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., capitalized at \$100,000,000, has purchased large coal areas in northern Alberta and are planning to import 1,000,000 tons from the states and mine 6,000 tons of coal a day as a starter. Canada is being gobbled up by the American trusts.

And both Grit and Tory politicians are proudly telling how much "foreign capital" is being invested in Canada. The politicians are putting up a sham fight about reciprocity while they are all fostering the grip of American capital on Canada to the utmost of their ability.

## CAMPAIGNING

The capitalist politicians are campaigning in view of a possible election. The Socialists campaign all the time.

The capitalist politicians want to become members of parliament in order that they may stay in power four or five years, grant large favors to the exploiters and have little to do with the people who elected them.

Therefore the campaign of the capitalist politicians begin only when an election is in sight. They begin and end in a month or so.

The Socialists campaign all the time. The Socialists are wakening the workers to the benefit they will derive from doing away with the class that robs them. A Socialist is out to make Socialists. He is not out primarily to win votes.

A Socialist will run in a county where he will get but two hundred votes as readily as he will in a county where he will get two thousand. For the workers of Canada must be aroused and the Socialist recognizes that he must win the weak counties as well as the strong ones.

The Socialist campaign never lets up. The soap boxer will take his stand on the street corner the day after the election in which his candidate was beaten and begin campaigning for the election four years hence. The old party politicians retire into their shells for three years and eight months.

It is the persistent, everlasting campaigning of the Socialist agitators that is wearing down the old parties. We have truth, justice, science, humanity on our side. We have entrenched wrong, parasites, legalized robbery, police, judges, entrenched in power against us.

We are winning. For we are everlastingly hammering away at the political supports of the master class. We will continue to press forward the fight, in election times and out of them, in spite of judge, police and soldier, priest and paper and politician, until our fight for the freedom of humanity is won.

The London Times says that Great Britain has refused to receive the Moorish Ambassador to the Coronation because of the barbarities committed by the Sultan's troops on the inhabitants of the villages surrounding Tangier. The Montreal Star heads this item of news as "A Salutary Rebuke." The report goes on to state that the villagers were burned and the women and children were brought to Fez and openly sold. It will do these slaves so much good to know that "a salutary rebuke" was administered to the Moorish Ambassador by Parasite George refusing to shake hands with him. It will be such a comforting thought to these slave women and children to know that the Montreal Star thinks it is a salutary rebuke for the ambassador of the Sultan of the troops who burned their homes and sold them to slave drivers to not be admitted to where George Fifth sits with about twelve million dollars worth of moveable property decking his person. Talk about the finesse and peculiarities of Chinese ideas of punishment and reward, the capitalist scribbler of Montreal have them beaten to a frazzle.

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## INTERNATIONALISM

Internationalism is necessary in the Socialist movement.

We Socialists are blamed for being anti-patriotic. Yet Socialism must be international in scope in order to combat international capitalism.

Let us imagine that we Canadian Socialists were patriots. Let us imagine we resolved to stand for the good of our country and the good of our own country alone.

We would still be Socialists, and would still have to fight for the social revolution. Because true patriotism, the true welfare of the citizens of a country, can only be brought about through Socialism, through the abolition of profit and poverty, of rent and misery, of interest and woe.

Let us imagine that we Socialists had conquered the political power and proceeded to abolish all unearned incomes arising from the exploitation of wage slaves on Canadian territory. What would happen then?

International capitalism would step in and forbid us. The German warships would move up the St. Lawrence to protect the interests of the German capitalists who were deriving unearned revenues from Canadian wage slaves. She would do this like she did in the Venezuela affair.

British capitalists draw large revenues from Canadian slaves. Were we to abolish those revenues the British warships would gather at Halifax and at Vancouver, ready to shell the coast cities and destroy the homes and murder the people of Canada unless the Canadian Socialists would submit to allow the robbery of the workers to go on in Canada. This is what Britain did to Alexandria in Egypt and to the Chinese cities.

The American capitalists draw much revenue from Canadian slaves, and as both Tory and Grit have been busy fastening the grip of the New York parasites upon the natural resources of Canada, the American capitalists look forward to drawing many more millions from the labor of Canadian slaves in the days to be when Canada becomes more thickly populated and the slaves produce more surplus value.

Suppose we forbid the American parasites to live on the unpaid labor of Canadian workers. The American soldiers would line the Canadian border and the American warships would threaten our coasts.

International capitalism by force of fleets and armies would force us patriotic Canadian Socialists to continue to allow slavery to exist in Canada. The patriotism of the Canadian capitalist and capitalist politician is not really patriotism. It is only a sham article. For were the Socialists to triumph the Canadian capitalists would be anxious for the foreigners to invade Canada in order to perpetuate slavery throughout the Dominion.

We Socialists recognize our bondage to international capitalism. So we become internationalists. We rejoice when a foreign reactionary government is pulled down. We rejoice when the Socialists gain ground, no matter in what foreign territory.

We extend help and we receive help. For the slaves of all countries know that the governments of all countries are against them. So a weakening of the power of the exploiters in Germany means a weakening of the power of the exploiters in Canada. And a forward step in Canada is a cause of rejoicing in Germany.

Thus we stand together throughout the countries of the world. If the German Socialists triumph and England should go to war with Germany to re-establish tyranny and repeat her infamous example when the French were struggling to be free, we Canadian Socialists would do all in our power to weaken the might of Great Britain.

We Socialists are internationalists because international capitalism is against us.

Many men with big salaries cannot save. A railroad president with a salary of fifty thousand dollars a year declared he could save nothing from it. He had to live up to his salary. He had to have a magnificent home, entertain lavishly, particularly for the benefit of politicians. There were a hundred ways in which he had to spend his salary. He was compelled to do this because of his position. A university president with seven thousand dollars a year is a poor man. He must live in a large house. He must travel quite a bit. He must be nice to millionaires in order to wheedle money out of them for his university. Laurier on fifteen thousand dollars a year finds it hard to live within his income. Parliament has voted five thousand dollars for his expenses over in London. Many of these men would like to free themselves from the burdens they bear. Under capitalism they cannot. For if they let go they would fall into the ranks of the unemployed. Capitalism works misery for the wellpaid as well as for the underpaid.

## INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM

Industrial Unionism is growing apace. The workers are recognizing its merits.

Craft unionism divides the workers according to crafts. On railways there are unions of telegraphers and of engineers and of maintenance of way employees and of conductors and of many others.

When one union goes on strike the rest still keep working. The unions scab on each other thus helping the bosses break the strike.

Should all the employees on a railway system become united into one single union and go on strike at one and the same time, that railway would be put out of business until the men went back to work. The bosses would be up against a labor problem that so far they have not had to face in Canada.

A strike of all the railway workers on the C. P. R. would create havoc temporarily with the C. P. R. system.

If the workers not only got into one big union, but became revolutionary unionists as well, then there would be things doing in Canada. A revolutionary unionist is one who wants to put his employers out of business by capturing the means of production. A non-revolutionary unionist is one who wants to fight his boss on the question of bigger pay or shorter hours while still leaving the boss in possession and ownership of the railway or mill.

When the workers become revolutionary industrial unionists then the master class will use the repressive powers of the political state to their utmost limit in order to drive the workers back to their slavery.

Thus it is the function of the political actionists to capture the political power if they can. If they cannot, then to get as much power in the political state in order to harass the master class as much as possible on the political field so that the capitalist class may not effectually use the repressive powers of the state against revolting workers.

The London police are taking great precautions for the safety of King George the Fifth during the coronation procession. Millions of people are hunger smitten in Great Britain while millions of dollars are being wasted to deck a puppet called George the Fifth. George while being crowned will have a crown on his head worth five million dollars, and a globe worth over a million. The nobility of England will be decked in ermine while rags cover many people in the same city. The police had better look well to the life of George. For where contemptuous wealth rides in pride past ignorant misery it is nothing but natural that the miserable should become filled with desperate hatred and hurl a bomb at the central figure of the wanton display. Look well to your necks, you expensive parasites of Britain. For you move over a volcano like that which burst upon the aristocracy of France in the French revolution.

The capitalist papers are telling what a wonderful result the Railway Commission of Canada has brought about through ordering reduction of rates in express charges. In Toronto the carters charge one dollar for hauling one hundred pounds of stuff to the railway station. The express companies will call at the house, take one hundred pounds to the station, ship it to Kingston and deliver it for ninety cents. The express companies are owned by the railroads. The railroads have been given millions of dollars from the public funds. They clear millions and more of net profits each year. The express companies have been charging large tolls. It is true that the charges have been reduced. But this will not benefit the workers. It will benefit the retail mail order houses which will accelerate the smashing of retail dealers. It will give other branches of the capitalist robber system a chance to get more profits. The workers will only be freed by a revolution that will give them the ownership and control of the machinery of production.

The capitalist papers of Canada generally carry a real estate page. This page tells what enormous profits are to be made in land. It carries a couple of columns of real estate purchases and sales and the rest is advertising by real estate companies who want the workers to buy a lot by paying five dollars down and so much a week thereafter. The workers buy and lose their jobs or get behind the payments made and takes back the land sold. That is a highly honorable and respectable way for a parasite to make his living under capitalism. Under Socialism land will not be bought nor sold but will be socially owned and no one will be able to charge high rents because people must live on the earth.

## YOU Want BIG THINGS

You want to see Cotton's grow to a big circulation. You want to see it enlarged. You want to see it read by every reachable human in Canada. You want to see Canada fairly carpeted with it. You can help by flashing a good list of subs over the dope counter. There was a timely Sub Blank sent you in the last copy to your address, No. 143. The New Press says USE IT.

The Mergenthaler Linotype Co., has declared a quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. This is at the rate of twelve per cent per annum. This means that this company pays back to the parasite owners the amount of the capital stock thereof as interest every eight and a half years. The parasite owners still own the property although they have been paid back in unearned revenues many times the amount the property cost them. Under Socialism we will abolish rent, interest and profit. One way we could acquire the Linotype Co., for the collective working class would be to pass laws abolishing interest and dividends. Then we could pay the Linotype Co., shareholders their same twelve per cent per annum, but we would pay it, not as interest but as principal. So after eight and one half years the Socialist state would have paid off the owners and would own the right, title and interest to the Mergenthaler patents, workshops, warehouses, etc. We could do the same with railroads. But if the real revolutionary Socialist has anything to say about the matter he will see to it that the parasites take pot luck with the wage slaves who have achieved their freedom.

## ORGANIZE

Organize. This is the keynote of success. When the Socialists organize, and then organize some more, and keep on organizing, then will they benefit by their numbers.

Man is a political animal. He has gathered in his political rallies ever since Rome emerged from the barbarous state. Long before that in the days of the Israelites in Palestine, and long ages before that still, men gathered in their political assemblies.

Men have long recognized the power of political activity. Those who have grown great have learned the secret of swinging men politically. The laboring classes in Rome knew the power of political activity. The modern working classes are rediscovering their power on the political field.

Socialism will come through political action. This action need not be ballot box action. But it will be political action of some kind.

Because men realize the power of political action is why they gather to hear the capitalist politicians string off a pack of lies.

Organize your county and run a candidate if possible. When once you have run a candidate the principles of Socialism will be well known. Moreover running a candidate will give you practical experience in the political game.

A Socialist candidate is one of the best advertisements that Socialism can have. It will show that we are growing. Men will gather in election times to hear the principles of the various candidates set forth. They will listen attentively. And when once a candidate is run in a county the principles of Socialism will be known and the workers of that county will have become educated.

If you cannot run a candidate, organize your county. Another election is coming four or five years later on. Perhaps sooner. And you cannot get your county into shape to win it a bit too soon.

Organize your county. This will be a great lesson to you Socialists. It will lick you into shape. When the capitalists send the workers to war as soldiers they do not send green hands. They send the men whom they have trained to shoot, to ride, to handle their weapons, to manoeuvre in large bodies. These lessons the Socialists have to teach themselves. For politics is warfare and you must have a disciplined organization, a machine if you like, in order to capture your county.

Organize your county. It will take you away from headquarters. It will make you meet non-Socialists. It will fling you into the fight. It will keep you from wrangling over the minute differences in Socialist theories.

You are out to capture Canada for Socialism. Then organize your county.

## THE POWER OF REITERATION.

Did you ever feel the power of reiteration? You tell a fellow about Socialism and he laughs at you. You remain serious and tell him the next day. He does not laugh so much. You remain serious and tell the same thing next day. He then begins to look upon Socialism as your fact. You remain serious and tell him the same thing. Finally the reiterated statement sinks into his brain and he gets to see it. Try it on some one and see.

## WHAT IS SLAVERY?

A man is a slave when another man is able to determine the character of his labor and take from him the product of his toil.

In one form or another slavery has existed for many ages. It could not arise until a man produced more than was required to keep him alive. No man wants to own a person who does not produce more than it costs to feed and clothe and house him, any more than a farmer will keep a cow or horse that "eats its head off."

Very soon after man began to use tools and domesticated plants and animals, the worker could produce a little more than his subsistence.

Slavery was then possible because profitable. The master had only to watch his slaves. By taking from each one what he produced above his "keep" the master secured his own living without working. At that time it was much trouble to guard the slaves.

Later on, when all land was made private property, watching was no longer necessary. The slave was given a certain piece of ground upon which to live and work, on condition that he gives a portion of his time to the landlord.

Chattel slavery gave place to serfdom and the race had moved up one stage. The serf was bought and sold with the land, but he could not be driven off it. During his "free" time he produced his own "keep." During the rest of the time he worked for his master.

By and by the tools with which the work was done became great, complex machines, requiring hundreds of laborers to operate them.

No one could live unless he could get to these machines. Therefore it was no longer necessary to stand over the laborer with a club as in chattel slavery, or legally to fasten him to the land as in serfdom.

The master needed only to own the tools. This would enslave the workers as completely as the more primitive club or the later landlordism.

Now and then more shrewd, lucky or unscrupulous laborers would escape out of the slave class into the master class. The hope of doing this made the other slaves work harder than ever. Moreover, it enabled the defenders of the system to point to this fact as proof that there were no classes and that slavery had been forever abolished.

The best thing about this last system from the point of view of the masters was that these latest tools were so productive that only an hour or two per day of the laborer's time was required to produce his "keep." During all the rest of the time he was working for the owner of the tools.

Consequently the fortunes gathered by chattel slave and wage slave owners faded into insignificance beside the colossal accumulations of the modern capitalist.


The wage-slave has this striking advantage over the chattel slave and the serf in that he carries the key to unlock his own fetters.

The ownership which enslaves him is established by law. The making of law is in the hands of the majority. The wage workers make up a majority.

When they really have intelligence enough to use their ballots to alter the system by which the things necessary to the life of all are owned, so that these things will be owned by those who use them, there will be no more slavery.

Reciprocity is a sham remedy for our present ills. The workers in Canada are slaves and the workers in the United States are slaves. How can the slaves become free by the master class of both countries agreeing to swap the slave products with each other. The thing is nonsensical on the face of it.

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