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38 Members of Parliament

How Would You Like It?

How would you like to be a bank-
ing monopoly?

How would you like to sit at the
head of Canadian commerce, gather-
ing up the savings of the people and
pouring them into the channels you
desire?

How would you like to be a pri-
vate institution fulfilling public func-
tions?

How would you like to have thirty-
eight members of parliament directly
interested in the revenues arising
from this practical monopoly making
laws protecting the monopoly?

How would you like to make from
seventeen to twenty millions of dol-
lars every year through your control
of the credit of other people?

It would be pretty nice, would it
not?

Of course it would. That is what
the banks think. They enjoy these
things.

Definition of a Bank

Webster's International Dictionary
gives the following as the definition
of a bank:

Bank. An establishment for the cus-
tody of money, exchange of money,
and for facilitating the transmission
of funds by drafts or bills of exchange;
an institution incorporated by law, or
ing one or more of such functions.

Money

This raises at once the question of
money. What is money? We turn
to page 106, Vol. I, of Carl Marx's
Capital (Kerr edition), and we find
the following:

The first chief function of money is to
supply commodities with the material
expression of their values, or to rep-
resent their values in a form of the
same denomination, qualitatively equal
and quantitatively comparable. It thus
serves as a UNIVERSAL MEASURE
OF VALUE. And only by virtue of this
function does gold, the equivalent com-
modity par excellence, become money.

It is not money that renders com-
modities commensurable. Just the con-
trary. It is because all commodities
as values, are realized human labor, and
therefore commensurable, that their val-
ues can be measured by one and the
same special commodity, and the latter
be converted into the common measure
of their values, money. Money, as
the measure of value, is the phenom-
enal form that must of necessity be
assumed by that measure of value which
is immanent in commodities, labor-time.

Money is a universal measure of
value for incorporated labor time. If
one dollar in gold takes an hour of
socially necessary labor time to pro-
duce and a pair of shoes takes five
hours of socially necessary labor
time, the shoes will sell for five dol-
lars. If a suit of clothes takes twenty
hours to produce and market, it
will retail for twenty dollars. It is
not the gold that is wanted as gold.
It is the incorporated labor time
that is wanted.

As commerce becomes more com-
plex the necessity for money becomes
more and more pressing. The univer-
sal measure of value and medium of
exchange, where the labor time in
commodities can be exchanged, is in-
dispensable.

Boots, shoes, rails, flour, labor
power, perfumes, wines, rubber goods,
glass, cement, glue, tobacco, vaccine
points, and the thousand and one
things on the market, all represent
incorporated labor power. They are
all on the market for sale. To order
to dispose of the products of labor to
those able to obtain them and want
them, there must be a universal me-
dium which represents incorporated
labor time, which is easily divisible
into aliquot parts, and which is not
wasted by time. Gold fulfills these
conditions, and has become the re-
cognized medium of exchange. A shoe
manufacturer can exchange the labor
time in the shoes for the labor time
in gold, and the labor time in gold,
because gold is the universal medium,
can be exchanged for the labor time
incorporated in any commodity, upon
the market.

Money fulfills the three functions of
measure of value, medium of ex-
change, and means of payment.

Our Canadian Banks

The gold itself need not circulate.
Symbols of the gold may circulate in
place of the metal itself. Thus when
you have a five dollar bill, read it
and see what it says. It says, "The
Bank will pay to bearer on demand
five dollars." That is, the
bills of the banks are not money
in themselves. They are symbols used
for circulation, and are the thing but
promissory notes of the bank.

Chapter 29, section 61 of the Re-
vised Statutes of Canada 1906, called
the "Bank Act," says that "The
bank may issue and re-issue notes
payable to bearer on demand, and
intended for circulation," provided
that such notes do not exceed the
paid up capital of the bank, and that
the notes shall be for five dollars or
multiples of five dollars.

Section 76 of the same act gives
the banks power to accept money on
deposit and to lend money to the
public and make advances of the
same upon security.

These are dry details, I know, but
they are necessary to understand the
functions of our Canadian banks.

Through the close association of
all the banks of Canada through their
Bankers' Association, through their
having the power to issue promiss-
ory notes to act as money, through
their power of accepting deposits and
lending money, THE BANKS OF
CANADA ARE PRACTICALLY A
MONEY TRUST.

When you buy goods, you pay with
money. When you get paid your wages,
you get paid in money. You get
paid in gold, but in bank
notes, unless the amount is under five
dollars. The only reason you do not
get paid in bank notes for sums less

than five dollars is because the banks
are not allowed to issue smaller
notes.

If you keep the bank notes with
you, you have been paid, you have
nothing but the promissory notes of the
bank which do not bring you any in-
terest. But if you go and borrow
money at the bank, you give your
promissory note and have to pay in-
terest. The banks grow rich by lend-
ing their promissory notes without
interest to you, while making you
pay interest when you lend them
your promissory note.

When you deposit your savings
with the banks, you get no interest,
or interest at three per cent. Then
the banks take your savings and lend
them to others at seven or eight per
centum per annum.

There are twenty-six banks in Can-
ada doing business. They have a
paid-up capital totalling \$113,694,
638. According to section 61 of the
Bank Act, the banks can issue their
promissory notes to act as currency,
as long as these notes do not exceed
the paid up capital of the banks. On
September 30th, 1912, the banks had
in circulation notes to the extent of
\$104,334,287, which were put into
circulation against the paid up capital
of the banks. These notes of the
bank, being called money, those who
got them received no interest for
taking them. But they paid the
banks interest for being allowed to
take them. Is not that a nice little
graft?

The Canadian banks are banks of
deposit. Instead of keeping your
money in your house for burglars to
steal, provided you have any money,
you deposit it in the banks and get
a little book saying how much you
have deposited. On September 30th,
1912, the Dominion government had
\$7,163,781 on deposit with the banks.
The Provincial governments had \$28,
127,078 on deposit. The public had
on deposit \$374,368,917, which the
public could withdraw at any time it
wished. The public also had on de-
posit \$640,536,652, which the public
could only withdraw upon giving no-
tice to the banks and giving the
banks time to prepare to meet their
obligations. This makes a total of
\$1,050,196,428 which the governments
and the people have on deposit with
the banks, upon which the banks pay
no interest, and all the small inter-
est of three per centum per annum.
When it is taken into consideration
that the total wealth of Canada is
considered not to exceed eleven bil-
lions of dollars, it will be seen how
favored the twenty-six banking com-
panies are to have the people leave
one-tenth of the total wealth of Can-
ada in their care. Upon these de-
posits the banks must pay more than
\$19,250,000 in interest.

If the banks just held the money
thus deposited locked up in their
safes, it would benefit the banks but
little. They don't do that. Goodness
no. They kindly lend the money de-
posited by the people back to the
people at six, seven and eight per
centum per annum. It is true that
the Bank Act in section 91 forbids
the banks taking out of the small inter-
est per annum. That is all right.
They charge seven per centum per
annum, and then a fee of 25 cents or
so for discounting your paper. They
won't take less than 50 cents at one
time. So, if you borrow five dol-
lars (in the shape of the bank's pro-
missory note) for one month, you
pay fifty cents, in other words, you
pay at the rate of six dollars a year
for the loan of the bank's promissory
note of five dollars, or 120 per cent.

In their September statement, the
banks declared they had loaned \$75-
205,261 in the shape of call loans on
stock in Canada, and \$112,767,036 in
the shape of call loans on stock out-
side of Canada. The current loans to
people in Canada from the banks
amounted to \$859,341,193. The banks
of Canada are very secretive about
what they take out of the people of
Canada. They will give you their
"net profits" after allowing for all
expenses, reserves, etc. But if we
figure that the call loans bring in
seven per centum per annum, and if
we allow a couple of millions for
overcharges, which is very conserva-
tive, we find the total revenues of the
banks to be over six dollars a year
for each dollar. Another ten millions
can easily be obtained by the banks
through closing out debtors, taking
over properties, and increase in the
value of securities held.

With the tremendous revenues they
enjoy no wonder the banks, with a
capitalization of but \$113,694,638,
can pay over \$11,000,000 a year in
dividends, and have acquired profits
enough beside to roll up great as-
sets. According to the sworn state-
ment of the bank officials, the banks
own \$38,368,633 worth of gold and
silver, \$95,425,803 worth of Domini-
on notes, \$9,621,523 worth of Domi-
on and Provincial government se-
curities, \$64,845,180 worth of rail-
way bonds, stocks and debentures,
\$37,295,560 worth of bank buildings,
and enough other securities so that
they could pay all they owe, pay
back every cent paid in for bank
stock, and divide a melon of over
\$340,000,000.

The Banking Monopoly

There are 26 banking companies
doing business in Canada. Surely
these 26 companies with each other
Surely a man will be well treated by
the one in hopes of getting his busi-
ness! This is just where anyone
holding these views is mistaken.

In 1900, 63-64 Victoria Chapter 93
Parliament passed a private bill en-
titled "An Act to Incorporate the
Canadian Bankers' Association." By

this act all the banks of Canada
were made into one Association. The
Bankers' Association is composed of
members and associates. The mem-
bers are the banks and the associ-
ates are the bank officials. The banks
vote and act through their chief of-
ficers. Section 5 of the act gives the
object of the Association. "To pro-
mote generally the interests and
efficiency of the banks and bank of-
ficials," etc. The Bankers' Associa-
tion publishes the Bankers' Journal,
has established clearing houses, and
does many things which the public
know nothing about.

IF ALL THE BANKS OF CAN-
ADA ORGANIZED INTO ONE AS-
SOCIATION TO PROMOTE THEIR
OWN INTERESTS IS NOT A MON-
EY AND BANK MONOPOLY,
THEN WHAT IS IT?

Not only are the banks in one as-
sociation. They are amalgamating
among themselves. The following is
a clipping from the Grain Growers'
Guide of Winnipeg:

The merger of the Bank of Nova Scotia
and the Bank of New Brunswick,
which was announced last week, brings
the total number of chartered banks in
Canada down to twenty-five. In 1886
there were 41, and nearly a dozen mer-
gers have taken place since that date.
The Bank of New Brunswick has no
branches in the West, but in Eastern
Canada there are nine towns in which
both banks now have branches. One of
the branches will be closed in the
future, and the other nine towns will
be merged. We are getting nearer every
day to having a money trust in Can-
ada, which will be intolerable.

The Guide evidently has overlooked
the trust already existing through the
Bankers' Association.

Private Institutions

With such tremendous powers as
are exercised by the banks, one
could naturally expect the banks to be
public institutions, obliged to treat
their customers alike.

But this is not true. The banks
are private institutions.

The banks are no more obliged to
accept deposits from you than is
Tom Jones or John Smith. They are
no more obliged to lend you their
promissory notes than is Tom Jones
or John Smith. They are no more
obliged to accept your money and
lend you money on it than is Tom
Jones or John Smith.

Although they have the right to
issue promissory notes to function as
money, they need not give these to
anyone except as they please, pro-
vided of course they pay the deposi-
tors with them according as the
banks have agreed.

Owing to the complications of
business life today, everyone in busi-
ness is obliged to deal with the
banks. But the banks need not deal
with the private individuals.

The people of Canada have over a
billion dollars on deposit with the
various banks. The banks have
loaned back to the people over a
billion dollars. BUT THE BANKS
ARE NOT COMPELLED TO LOAN
THE MONEY OF THE PEOPLE
BACK TO THE PEOPLE AC-
CORDING TO ANY PRINCIPLE.

If you are a small business man
a bank can shut off your line of credit
and force you into bankruptcy.

If you are a favored customer of
a bank, you can get hundreds of
thousands of dollars loaned you, thus
putting you in a position to do busi-
ness on a big scale and crush out
the other fellow.

It is a saying among business men
that if you get into the bank deep
enough you are all right. The bank
then has to carry you over all your
difficulties till the tide turns.

How would you like to be a bank
director interested in other corpora-
tions in need of credit? Do you not
think you would give your corpora-
tion a big line of credit while cut-
ting down the line of credit of rival
corporations competing with yours?

The banks have starved the coun-
try places. They have gathered up
the deposits and hurried them to the
cities. The business men in the
country places get short lines of credit.
The long lines of credit are given
in the cities.

When the Canadian Pacific Rail-
way was being put through, the de-
posits of the people with the Bank
of Montreal were loaned to private
individuals so they could buy C. P.
R. stock at \$30 a share. Had not
Sir John A. Macdonald called a spe-
cial session of parliament and granted
the C.P.R. a gift of \$25,000,000
government money, the Bank of
Montreal would have been broken,
and many prominent men would
have occupied prison cells. They
used the bank for their private en-
richment.

The banks are private institutions
dealing with private individuals.
When the banks have over a billion
dollars entrusted to them, AND
THEY CAN LOAN THIS MONEY
TO WHOM THEY LIKE, is it any
wonder that small men who want
credit and cannot get it go bank-
rupt, while the "eminent financiers"
the insiders, get in on the ground
floor of many a raw deal through
borrowed money? You hear of a
small country merchant being crush-
ed out, and you hear of a couple of
men buying up eighty western eleva-
tors. Could you not buy up a
string of eighty elevators if country
places were squeezed dry to furnish
you the credit? Could you not put
through a cement merger, corner the
market, and raise prices if you could
get a line of credit backed by over a
billion dollars of public deposits?
Could you not put through a can-
ners' combine on the same terms?
The money trust of Canada, gath-

ering up the public credit and caus-
ing it to flow into the channels fa-
vorable to the big capitalists, has
had a tremendous influence in the
concentration of Canadian industry,
the formation of industrial trusts,
and the heightening of the cost of
living.

The Remedy

Here are twenty-six banks sitting
at the heart of Canadian commerce,
drawing seventy or eighty million
dollars therefrom, sucking up a bil-
lion dollars of the credit of the
public and turning it into channels
which enrich the few more and more.

If a remedy could be found, would
it not be well to turn the wealth of
the country to the benefit of all the
people?

The remedy is at hand. There need
be no expropriation. Section 4 of
the Bank Act expressly declares that
the monopoly of the banks only ex-
tends to July 1st, 1911. These are
the words of the section:

4. The charters or Acts of incor-
poration, and any Acts in amend-
ment thereof, of the several banks
enumerated in schedule A to this
Act are continued in force until the
first day of July, one thousand nine
hundred and seven.

By a special act the charters were
extended to the first of July, 1913.
Next July, therefore, unless parlia-
ment passes a law giving the banks
their old privileges again, the banks
of Canada cease to exist. They go
out of business automatically. The
people of Canada have given them
the right to do business only to
that date.

The Canadian government could
step in and nationalize the banking
business. The credit of the people
could be turned into channels which
would benefit all the people. Instead
of the public credit being used now
to finance the formation of trusts in
order that the cost of living may be
raised, the credit of the public
could be used to nationalize indus-
try and eventually to do away with
profit.

Let us take one instance. Al-
phonse Verreille, Labor M.P., from
Maisonville, speaking in the Mont-
real Labor Temple, quoted the Mon-
etary Times of January 6th, 1912.
He stated that the alleged money
trust had a real property and
good-will value of \$1,500,000 and a
capital stock of \$12,500,000. In pri-
vate hands the banking business be-
comes a trust, capital values swell
from \$1,500,000, the original price of
the plants, to \$12,500,000, the value
of being able to squeeze the pur-
chases of canned goods through the
labyrinth of competition.

Had the public credit been used to
nationalize the banking business, in-
stead of several millionaires being
made through monopoly in industry,
a large part of the food of the peo-
ple would have gone down in price,
instead of going up.

Why does not the government, the
representatives of the people, take
steps to nationalize the money
trust? They do not need to con-
fiscate it or to expropriate it. It
goes out of business automatically
next July.

If the government did this, 38
members of parliament would loose
dividends. Can we expect a member
of parliament to vote himself out of
his own private revenues? Below
are given the members of Parliament
who own bank stock, their political
complexion, the district from which
they were elected, their majority,
the number of Cotton's Weekly trav-
elling into it, the amount of bank
stock they own in each bank, and
their revenues therefrom. Each share
of the stock has a par value of \$100
raised, and the shares of the Standard
Bank and the Bank of Commerce,
whose par values are \$50.

Members Owning Stock

JAMES ALBERT MANNING-AT-
KINS, Brandon, Man., Conservative, 660
shares of Bank of Montreal stock pay-
ing \$130 per annum. 37 Cotton's go
into his district. Owns 14 shares of Bank
of Montreal stock bringing in \$188 per
annum. 72 shares of Imperial Bank bring-
ing in \$64 per annum, and 25 shares of North-
ern Crown Bank stock bringing in \$300
per annum. Total revenue of Mr. At-
kins from his ownership of bank stock
is \$132. This is three times what the
average wage of a Canadian is being paid.
SAMUEL BARKER, Hamilton, East, Ont.,
Conservative, 2,576 majority, (a
banker, therefore, of the Standard
Bank, and the Bank of Commerce,
and 120 Cotton's go into his district.
Owns 29 shares of Merchants Bank
stock paying \$200 per annum, 45 shares
Union Bank stock paying \$20, 26 shares
Commerce Bank stock paying \$130, 20
shares Dominion Bank stock paying \$160,
and 30 shares of Home Bank stock pay-
ing \$60 per annum. Total revenue
per annum, \$2,551. Will his M. P. be
allowed to give his PUBLIC vote in favor
of the public or himself in the matter of
the private bank monopoly?

JOHN J. PAPINEAU, Beauharnois,
P.Q., Liberal, 27 majority; no Cotton's
in his district. Owns 29 shares Provin-
cial Bank stock paying \$120, and 29
shares of Eastern Townships Bank stock
paying \$225. Total per annum, \$345.

HON. WILFRID BRUNO NANTER,
Minister of Inland Revenue, Terrebonne,
P.Q., Liberal, 142 majority; owns 40
shares of Eastern Townships Bank stock
paying \$225 per annum, 30 shares of
Home Bank stock paying \$60, and 20
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HON. JACQUES BUREAU, ex-Solici-
teur-General, Liberal, elected from Three
Rivers and St. Maurice, P.Q., 3 major-
ity; 1 Cotton's Weekly goes into his
district. Owns 26 shares of Hochelaga
Bank stock paying dividends of \$24 per
year, just one-half the annual income of
the average slave of Canada.

EDMUND BRISTOL, Toronto, Centre,
2,162 majority, Conservative; about 290
Cotton's go into his district. Owns 50
shares of Banque Internationale stock.
This bank has just been incorporated,
and has not yet had time to declare a
dividend. If we place the dividend rate
at 6 per cent, which is very low for a
bank, these 50 shares will bring Mr.
Bristol \$3,000 per year. The forerunner
of such a glory will no doubt make Mr.
Bristol very anxious to continue the
banking monopoly.

WILLIAM ANDREW CHARLTON,
Norfolk, Ont., Liberal, 18 majority; 85
Cotton's go into his district. Owns 30
shares of Union Bank bringing in \$45 per
annum. This would pay the rent of a
shack for a slave for four months.

GEORGE A. CLARE, Waterloo South,
Ont., Conservative, 83 majority; 731
Cotton's go into his district. Owns 30
shares of Union Bank stock, bringing
him in annually an unearned revenue of
\$45.

WILLIAM FOSTER COCKSHUTT,
Brantford, Ont., Conservative, 719 major-
ity; 135 Cotton's go into his district.
Owns 25 shares of Imperial Bank stock
bringing him in annually \$264 of unearned
revenues.

CHARLES JOSEPH DOHERTY, Minister of Justice, St. Anne Division,
Montreal, Conservative; about 160
Cotton's go into his district. Owns 100
shares of the Montreal City and District
Savings Bank bringing him \$1,500 per
annum, 10 shares of Eastern Townships
Bank stock bringing him \$225, and 20
shares of Home Bank stock paying \$60
per annum. Total revenue, \$1,785.

RODOLPHE FORGET, Conservative,
elected from two electoral districts, from
Brantford, P.Q., not a single copy of Cot-
ton's goes into either of these districts.
Owns 156, 30 shares of Royal Bank pay-
ing \$156, 30 shares of Hochelaga Bank pay-
ing \$270, 2,265 shares of International
Bank stock bringing in an estimated re-
venue of \$13,230. 11 shares of Commerce
Bank stock bringing in \$72.50. Total re-
venue per annum, \$14,528.50.

ALFRED ERNEST FRIPP, Ottawa,
Ont., Conservative, 322 majority; 235
Cotton's go into his district. Owns 45
shares of Northern Crown Bank paying
\$30 per year. This would pay 300 beds
for a slave at ten cents each.

AMNES DOUGLAS HAZEN, Minister of Marine and Fisheries and of
the Navy, St. John City and County,
Conservative, elected by acclamation, 288
majority; 2 Cotton's go into his district. Owns
2 shares of Montreal Bank stock paying \$20
per annum, 2 shares of Nova Scotia Bank
stock paying \$24 per annum. Total \$44.

BERNARD HICKART, HEBURN,
Ontario, Conservative, 288 majority; 2
Cotton's go into his district. Owns 30
shares of Commerce Bank stock pay-
ing \$180 per annum.

ALBERT EDWARD KEMP, Toronto
East, Ont., Conservative, 4,801 majority;
Owns 30 shares of Commerce Bank stock
paying \$180 per annum.

ALFRED LACHANCE, Quebec Centre,
P.Q., Liberal, 593 majority; about 30
Cotton's go into his district. Owns 30
shares of Eastern Townships Bank stock
paying \$225, and 20 shares of Home
Bank stock paying \$60, and 20 shares of
Imperial Bank stock paying \$160. Total
per annum, \$2,551.

ALFRED MARSHALL, Elgin East, Ont.,
Conservative, 394 majority; 57 Cotton's
go into his district. Owns 30 shares of
Provincial Bank stock paying \$120, and
20 shares of Eastern Townships Bank stock
paying \$225. Total per annum, \$345.

A. A. MONDOU, Yamaska, P.Q., Con-
servative, 83 majority; no Cotton's go
into his district. Owns 29 shares of Pro-
vincial Bank stock paying \$120, and 29
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shares of Imperial Bank stock paying
\$160 per annum. Total revenue per
annum, \$2,551.

WILLIAM FOLGER NICKLE, Kin-
gston, Ont., Liberal, 345 majority; 65
Cotton's go into his district. Owns 15
shares of Merchants Bank stock paying
\$150 per annum.

JOHN ROYD OSLER, Toronto
West, Ont., 8,005 majority (an extremely
popular parasite with the slaves), goes
into his district. Owns 11 shares of Mont-
real Bank stock paying \$110, 125 shares
of Toronto Bank stock paying \$1,250, 17
shares of Union Bank stock paying \$136,
1,000 shares of Dominion Bank stock pay-
ing \$160, 20 shares of Imperial Bank stock
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HON. LOUIS PHILIPPE PELLETIER,
Minister of the Interior, Conservative,
Quebec County, P.Q., 48 majority; 2
Cotton's go into his district. Owns 14
shares of Union Bank stock paying \$42,
and 200 shares of International Bank, est-
imated revenue, \$1,200. Total per annum
\$1,242.

HON. GEORGE HASLEY PERLEY,
Cabinet Minister, Argenetice, P.Q., Con-
servative, 597 majority; 3 Cotton's in
his district. Owns 400 shares of Union
Bank stock paying \$200, 800 shares of
Imperial Bank stock paying \$320. Total
revenue per annum \$1,520.

WILLIAM POWER, Quebec West, P.Q.
Liberal, 91 majority. About 25 Cotton's
go into his district. Owns 72 shares of
Northern Crown Bank stock paying \$216
per annum.

EDGAR NELSON RHODES, Cumber-
land, N.B., Conservative, 338 majority;
350 Cotton's go into his district. Owns
5 shares of Nova Scotia Bank stock pay-
ing \$60, 20 shares of Merchants Bank stock
paying \$120, and 20 shares of Royal Bank
stock paying \$120. Total per annum \$780.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL ROSS, Middle-
sex West, Ont., Liberal, 131 majority;
15 Cotton's go into his district. Owns 10
shares of Northern Crown Bank stock pay-
ing \$60 per annum.

FREDERICK LAURENCE SCHAFF-
NER, Souris, Man., Conservative, 64
majority; 29 Cotton's in his district.
Owns 5 shares of Union Bank stock pay-
ing \$40 per annum.

S. S. SHARPE, Ontario North, Con-
servative, 552 majority; 16 Cotton's in
his district. Owns 3 shares of Stirling
Bank stock paying \$12 per annum.

JOHN STANFIELD, Colchester, N. S.,
Conservative, 644 majority; 43 Cot-
ton's in his district. Owns 12 shares
Nova Scotia Bank stock paying \$1,680,
and 84 shares of Royal Bank stock pay-
ing \$1,008. Total \$2,688.

WILLIAM THOBURN, Lanark North,
Ont., Conservative, 227 majority; 89
Cotton's in his district. Owns 10 shares
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Six from Round Hill, Alta.
A list of nine comes from Mapes, B. C.

From Winnipeg, Man., come eight new recruits.

"Enclosed find \$5 for subs and maintenance."—Castor, Alta.

Four more to Lindsay, Ont., and four more to St. Catharines, Ont.

Blaine Lake, Sask., jumps upon the map with a list of four subs.

Quite a number are taking advantage of the four year sub for \$1.00.

"Please send Local Stratford a bundle of \$3 for three months."—Stratford, Ont.

"Enclosed find eight. Don't mention name. Ayr is a warm corner."

"Enclosed please find five dollars, two for subs and three for maintenance."—Fresno, Ont.

"Here are five subs for Cotton's Weekly. This makes me sixteen subs in six months."—Donaldson, Ont.

"I am sending you four subscriptions I am interested in the paper very much."—Wild Bight, Newfoundland.

"Enclosed find six. We are all farmers round here, and I want them to read the paper."—Meeting Creek, Alta.

Forbes, Sask., keeps to the front. This week again another list, this time of seven, strikes the temple of the revolution.

Eight more copies go to Wadena, Sask., and five more are driven into the political camp of Mr. Neely, M. P. for Humboldt.

Fifteen subs tumble in from Richard, Sask., much to the disgust of Mr. A. Chappman, the Social-Democrat M. P. for Battleford District.

Six more to Amherst, N.S., makes the day nearer the Communist revolution. They will be represented at Ottawa by a revolutionary Socialist.

"Enclosed please find \$5 for a life subscription, and \$5 for the present year in favor of continuing the present year."—Guelph, Ont.

"This bill for the four enclosed is one of my own pocket. This is the poorest place in Borden's country to find subs."—Kakabeka Falls, Ont.

"Here are four. My wife says she knows only one name better than Cotton's Weekly, and that would be Cotton's Daily."—Stratford, Ont.

"Please send me ten sub cards."—Winnipeg, Man. The same day a letter arrived from another Winnipeg comrade with 14 subs. Who says the slaves are not awaking?

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NOTES BACKED BY GOLD

Mr. Henry B. Ashplant, of London, Ont., has found that Karl Marx is all wrong on the money question, so far as Canada is concerned. He is busy at work setting the Socialists of Canada right. However, the Socialists persist in their stiff-necked adherence to the doctrine of Socialism.

Mr. Ashplant is publishing a series of articles entitled "The Problem Solved" in the Voice, the labor paper of Winnipeg.

Mr. Ashplant says the Socialists hold that money and gold are equivalent terms, and that the labor time in a commodity exchanges for the labor time in the gold in any normal market. He holds that the Socialists hold the direct employee to be the typical capitalist. He also holds that this gold-money is the basis of our social order.

Mr. Ashplant holds we are all wrong. He holds that the worker is not paid in gold, but in paper bank notes, because the banks are allowed to float millions of dollars worth of what he calls "paper counterfeits of gold." He holds this to be a great wrong. The workers are robbed because they are forced to hand over the volume of wealth created by labor for the paper counterfeits which cost the banks nothing. Evidently, his idea is to have the workers paid in gold.

Mr. Ashplant, I think, fails here to prove his point. The workers are paid, he practically says, in counterfeit money, worthless money. This counterfeit money, however, circulates. The worker who gets it passes it on to his landlord for rent. The landlord takes it. If you have a bad quarter of a dollar and can pass it on, you don't get stuck. If it is counterfeit money and the landlord takes it, according to Mr. Ashplant, the worker is robbing the landlord, which is ridiculous.

Mr. Ashplant holds that the banks have no gold behind them. He says, "This matter of paper bank notes having no gold backing is no joke." As a matter of law, the banks do

not need to have any gold reserves. But the Bank Act nowhere says that bank notes shall be legal tender. They are only the promissory notes of the banks. So you can compel the banks to pay you legal tender.

The Currency Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, chapter 25, section 9, says that Canadian gold coins shall be legal tender. Section 10 says that silver coins shall be legal tender to ten dollars and that copper or bronze coins shall be legal tender to twenty-five cents.

The Dominion Notes Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, chapter 27, says that the Dominion government may issue Dominion notes which shall pass as legal tender throughout Canada, save at such places where the notes are redeemable. They are redeemable at the branch offices of the Department of Finance in Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, St. John, etc. To redeem these notes the government must hold gold. For the first thirty millions the government need hold only seven and a half millions worth of gold. For notes issued beyond thirty millions the government must hold gold.

According to the statement published in the Canada Official Gazette the Dominion Government had a hundred and fifteen millions of Dominion notes out on September 30th, 1912, and had over a hundred millions of gold held against the notes issued. Of Dominion notes issued on that date, the banks held over ninety-five million dollars worth.

Mr. Ashplant Disproved

Mr. Ashplant charges Marx with making money and gold equivalent. Mr. Ashplant must have overlooked the opening words of chapter 3 of volume 1 of Capital. Marx distinctly says, "Throughout this work, I assume, for the sake of simplicity, gold as a money-commodity." Marx does not confuse gold and the money-commodity. He, to make his work simple, deals with the question assuming gold to be the standard.

But Karl Marx recognizes paper money. Page 143, vol. 1, (Kerr edition) he speaks of inconvertible paper money put out by the state and having COMPULSORY circulation.

The state puts into circulation bits of paper on which their various denominations, say one pound, two pounds, are printed. "In so far," says Marx, "as they actually take the place of gold to the same amount their movement is subject to the laws that regulate the currency of money itself." In Canada the paper money, being actually converted into gold, makes the paper money follow the same rules as gold.

To remove the stigma cast upon Marx that he did not understand paper currency, let us quote Marx further. He says, "A law peculiar to the circulation of paper money can spring up only from the proportion in which paper money represents gold." He says on page 144, "If the quantity of paper money issued be double what it ought to be, then, as a matter of fact, £1 would be the money name not of one-fourth of an ounce, but one-eighth of an ounce of gold. The effect would be the same as if an alteration had taken place in the function of gold as a standard of prices. Those values that are previously expressed by the price of £1 would now be expressed by the price of £2."

This happened in the U. S., when the greenbacks were made inconvertible, and you could buy \$100 of them for \$50 Canadian money. Along the border the commodities were quoted in Canadian money when the price they were when quoted in American money.

Mr. Ashplant evidently considers that the Canadian bank notes have sunk in value when compared with a gold standard. But you can get \$5 in gold for every \$5 bank note. This disproves Mr. Ashplant's contention completely. Canadian bank notes circulate at par on a gold basis. The banks redeeming their \$5 notes with \$5 in gold, no one, not even a worker, will be foolish enough to exchange \$10 in bank notes for \$5 in gold, even in the shape of his peddled labor power. Hence the robbery of the worker cannot take place at the point where the Canadian bank notes circulate in place of gold. Mr. Ashplant's contention is therefore disproved.

How Banks Treat Their Slaves (Grain Growers' Guide)

An Edmonton bank clerk has been arrested at Vancouver and has confessed to forging checks to the extent of \$90. A case of gay living, of card playing, theatre going and drink, some will say. But that is not so. This young man, who is 20 years of age, was receiving the miserable salary of \$50 a month, and on that he was supposed to pay all his living expenses and keep up appearances in the city of Edmonton. He could not live decently on that salary, and instead of going into debt he had not eaten for three days, but had secured a position in a store at a fair salary, and even the police, who are proverbially hard hearted, believed him when he said he intended to live an honest life, and pay back what he had stolen. This young man no doubt did wrong in taking what did not belong to him, but what about the people who put him in a position of such temptation? The bank he was working for is paying a dividend of 12 per cent. It made a profit last year of \$704,045.94, and has accumulated a reserve fund of \$5,792,799.00. Its board of directors includes a knight who is also a member of parliament, and several other millionaires. And they expect a bank clerk to be honest and live in Edmonton on \$50 a month.

Owing to the Turkish war over fifty million dollars worth of American securities have been sold in Europe. A superficial thinker would suppose that the Turkish war had nothing to do with the United States of Canada. It has had two effects. It has pulled down the price of securities. C. P. R. fell fifteen points. It has also made labor scarce. The exodus of Serbians, Greeks and Bulgarians has held up construction work in Canada. By so doing the collapse of capitalism in Canada has been postponed a short time. But the war in the East will give a tremendous boom to capitalism in the Balkans. Business will boom there. Factories will go up, and vast armies of wage slaves will be created. The exodus of Turkey from Europe will replace racial and religious war with the class war.

Comrades having sub cards in their possession will be doing us a great help if they will put them to work. There are thousands out, and the subscription list is calling loudly for them.

The national burglary company is now sitting at Ottawa.

The three rods of the capitalist—rent, interest and profit.

A bank is an institution which lives off the interest of its debts.

The I. W. W. are organizing in Montreal. Now watch the dance begin.

We Canadians used to call them com-bines. Now we call them trusts.

Alderman Blumenthal is aiming to be the Teddy Roosevelt of Montreal.

All the wage slave gets under the present system is his fodder, stall and blanket.

We do not agree with the anti-parliamentary tactics of the I.W.W. But their advocacy of industrial unionism has certainly advanced the unity of the working class.

When the wage slaves get tired of having Laurier do the dirty work of the capitalist, they turn him out and let Borden do it.

The I.W.W.'s are the stormy petrels of the labor movement. They are needed when we have so many placid craft-union men who are nothing more.

The bankers say that they find the Canadian conditions excellent. Why should they not? Do they not get seventy millions a year out of present Canadian conditions?

Laurier was given a hundred thousand dollars, and he kept it. Kier Hardie was given thirty thousand dollars, and he turned it over to the Labor party to make possible the publication of the new labor paper in England, the Daily Citizen.

In 1832 the triumph of the Democrats wiped out the old Whig party. In 1912 the triumph of the Democratic party has wiped out the Republican party. This presages the passing of wage-slavery within a dozen years as the former Democratic triumph presaged the passing of chattel slavery.

"Within ten years I prophesy the great revolution in Canada and the United States that mankind has ever seen." Thus declared Alphonse Verreille, Labor M. P. from Maisonneuve in the Montreal Labor Temple on November 3rd. They are all getting to see it.

Five independent bakeries of Winnipeg have already sold out to the Canadian Bread Co., the "bread trust," which is operating in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. Father Mahony of Hamilton, Ontario, the Socialists will do with the tradesmen. The trusts are putting them out of business now. Unless Socialism comes soon there won't be any of them left.

According to the Montreal Witness, fourteen cents a square inch was paid for the French-Canadian papers for the publication of Jingo articles. The capitalist class do not pay without expecting some return. When Jingo and patriotic articles are inserted in the press as advertising matter, it shows that patriotism has become a business proposition for the profit lords.

Lloyd George appears to be losing his grasp. He is a weakling in many ways. His desire for reform is crossed by his ambition. He wants to be premier. Hence he has kept one foot in the capitalist camp while trying to get the other foot into the camp of labor. As a result neither side trusts him. This is not the day for straddlers. The class lines are too clearly drawn.

The public deposit their money with the banks. The banks owe the money to the people. They do not pay interest on it. The money the banks owe they lend to the people. The people who borrow have to pay high interest. In this manner the banks get a gross revenue of seventy or eighty million dollars a year. The people stand for this skin game. They will stand for anything raw and then worship the tricksters as "eminent financiers."

A little while ago the Jingo was speech of Lord Roberts was published widely over Canada. That speech was sent by cable and telegraph free to any Conservative paper in Canada which would print it. All charges were paid in England. This is the way the people of Canada are being inflamed. Who pays for it? Surely the workmen of Canada will not be led into a militaristic mood by the Jingo schemes of those who want to get a profit from the sale of munitions to the government.

When the strike of the C.P.R. men threatened Swift Current, Sask., orders were telegraphed to Moose Jaw to send all available constables. Four were dispatched. If these were not enough, more would be sent. If these could not put down the slaves, the militia would be called out and the regular army mobilized. For the capitalist class are in control, and force will be used to the utmost power of the state to keep the slaves in their slavery. When the working class capture the state, then the powers of the state will be at their disposal against the master class. This is the aim of the Socialists, to abolish capitalism through the conscious control of the supreme political power.

A war is fought ruthlessly, even if its aim be humanitarian. The aim of the class war is to abolish slavery forever, to do away with want, to give children to the child and motherhood to the mother. There could be no higher aim than that of the class war. But the war itself is a ruthless one. The bloodsuckers upon labor must be choked off. They rob, lie, cheat, enslave, cause prostitution, create wars, cause panic, suicides, slums. They will not let go without a struggle. Labor cannot afford to be merciful when dealing with the traitors of humanity, the eminent statesmen, the prominent financiers, the captains of industry, who ride triumphant over the toiling slaves of Canada.

In talking with an Episcopalian clergyman, I once asked him if he had studied comparative religion. He said he had not. I asked him whence he got his theology, what was the basis of his system. He replied that the church had its creed given to it by God. It was revealed and eternally true. So they did not discuss it, but drew their system of theology from it. In the same way the capitalist apologists act and talk. They have the capitalist system given to them of God. They have rent, interest and profit as sacred things. They do not want to argue about it. All their writings and arguments take the present system for granted as founded by God for eternal existence. From their point of view Socialists are outside the pale of civilization.

"Would look queer to see a government delivering milk." Would it? It simply shows that people think funny things they are not accustomed to. It does not look funny to see the government delivering seeds to your door, or delivering water and gas in your house, or placing lights in the rivers. Socialism, however, is not government ownership. Socialism is the public ownership and democratic management with the abolition of rent, interest and profit.

Since John Quit Drinking

By John's Wife



I'm the happiest little woman. In all this little town. And my merry laugh and singing. Takes the place of sigh and frown. For JOHN HAS QUIT HIS DRINKING. And is like himself once more. And the world is just a paradise. With such happiness in store!

One day I read some verses— "Mary's Miracle," the name. And I said, that John exactly was. And I'll read and get the same. So I sent for GOLDEN REMEDY. (As they say) to cure him. And I put it in John's supper. And I put it in his tea.

And it didn't taste a little bit. Had no odor, so, you see. It was mostest kind of eating. For little doctor JOHN. And I watched and prayed and waited. And I didn't have the greatest faith. I'm ashamed now to confess.

And John never thought a minute. He was being cured of drink. And soon he's as well as any one. 'Takes me cry to think! Just makes me cry for gladness. I'm so proud to be his wife— Since he is cured of drinking. And leads a nice, new life.

"Since John has quit a-drinking!" I can't say it times enough. And hales and loathes a liquor. As he would a poison stuff. And now he's a sober, steady man. As thankful as can be— I pray for John the most of all— Then GOLDEN REMEDY.

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Costs Nothing to Try. We Socialists have a way of neglecting the effects of "sympathy" and "religion" on practical legislation. We are considered to be immoral and irreligious in so doing. We are called materialists and a lot of other things. The important question is, are we right in so neglecting "sympathy" and in refusing to believe that legislators will be influenced by such things, or rather are we right in believing that their "sympathy" will coincide with the dollars and cents side of the question? We all know about the "unspeakable" Turk, his atrocities, his murderings and pillages and oppressions. If ever there was a case when sympathy for humanity and Christian religion would have been roused, it was in this case. Yet Europe supported the Turk. The Christian powers were with him in his misdeeds. Until he went bankrupt. Turkey failed to meet her interest payments on the public debt in 1875. She owed \$160,000,000. This was scaled down to \$367,000,000 by an international commission. Says the Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. 27, page 461, "The finances of Turkey now collapsed, and the inevitable bankruptcy was declared, whereby MORE THAN THROUGH ANY OTHER CAUSE the lost such sympathies as she possessed in western Europe." It was not the massacres nor the persecutions, nor the mutilations of women and children that caused Europe to turn on Turkey, but the failure to pay tribute to the eminent financiers. We Socialists will let the sentimentalists deal in sympathy and get their rewards out of cloud-land. We stick to the sphere of practical politics wherein we must be able to read aright the motives prompting our legislators.

The Reverend Mahony, of St. Mary's Catholic church, Hamilton, Ont., is the latest recruit of those who are lambasting Socialism from the pulpit. Just to show what a straw man the anticlerical gentleman erects to knock down, he says, according to the Hamilton Herald, "In the Socialism theory the sole cause of all the troubles that afflict labor is competition in production." What's the use of answering anything so nonsensical as that? Another little question will show how ridiculous Mahony makes himself. He says, "At present a man may not only get what he wants, but he can get it when and where he wishes, at home or abroad." I have wanted a nice big automobile for years. I have not been able under the present system to get it either at home or abroad. What is the use of wasting Cotton's good space in answering such fool statements as Father Mahony makes.

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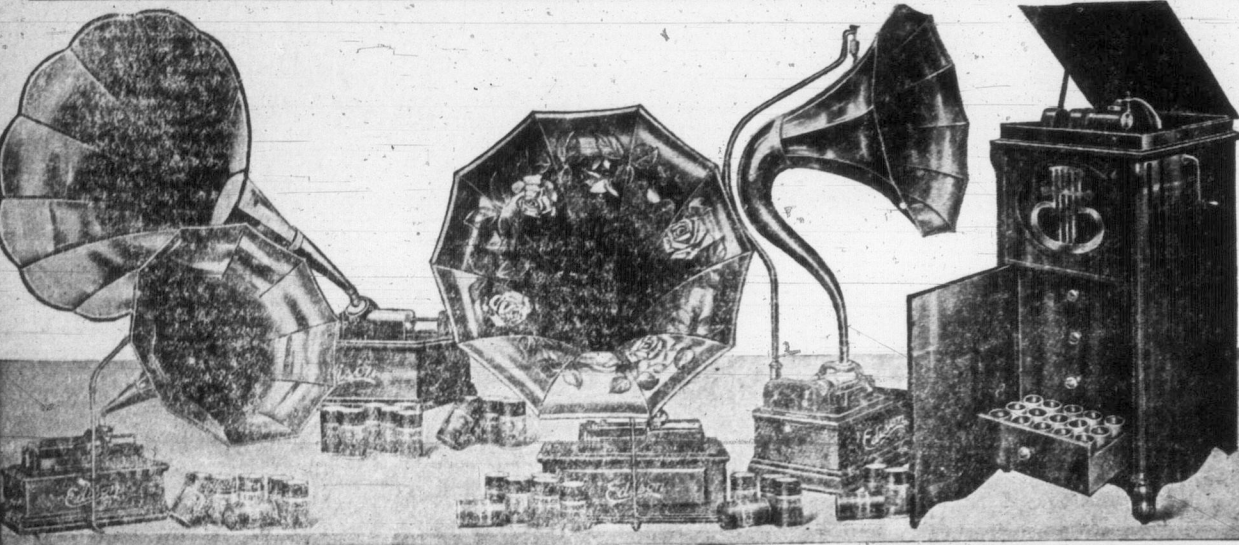
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