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RECIPROCITY

Reciprocity has been hurled into the political arena to confuse the workers. Reciprocity is a nice big word. It is big and yet it is pronounced easily. It is indefinite and needs a lot of explaining. It was just the thing that was needed by the master class.

Laurier introduced a reciprocity measure. Previously, every Conservative of prominence had pronounced in favor of a reciprocal measure. Laurier introduced it.

This was the chance. The masters of the political marionettes at Ottawa gave the word. The capitalists realized that this was a measure fitted to confuse. So the word went forth. Laurier filled his part in introducing the measure. Borden and his political henchmen were then to do their part in opposing it.

They did. They opposed. They have been going up and down the country violently haranguing the people. It does not matter that they all declared in favor of this very thing. That was an offhand admission.

The workers, some of them, are deceived. They think that all this fuss and bother, this sawing of air and lung expansion really is of importance. Wherefore the master class rejoices.

Here and there a Socialist candidate runs, and in such constituencies the truth about reciprocity is made plain.

The reciprocity foolishness, undoubtedly, has to be gone through with, for the majority of the people are persuaded that reciprocity is a remedy. They must be undeceived by experiencing this thing. When it has been experienced the workers will be the wiser by having proved that another nostrum for their economic ills is impotent to cure.

Mr. Bickerdike is the Liberal candidate in St. Lawrence division, Montreal. At a meeting held by him last week he spoke and after speaking he asked for questions and said that he would be pleased to answer any questions. A Socialist workingman got up to ask a question. The Bickerdike supporters recognized him for a Socialist and winked to a couple of policemen who were in attendance. The Socialist was seized by the capitalist police and thrown out of the hall. The question this worker wanted to ask was, "What would Bickerdike do for the workingmen of St. Lawrence division?" As a Socialist is running Bickerdike does not want to answer this question and so ejects the voters who ask it. Bickerdike's only chance of getting in is in lying to the workers and stopping at nothing to keep the workers in ignorance as to his true attitude to the working class.

"Why don't you practise what you preach?" Is one of the questions the Socialists are asked. It is impossible to practise Socialism as long as capitalism exists. You might as well ask an ardent free trader why he does not practise free trade when a protective tariff surrounds the country. You might as well ask a republican in Russia why he does not practise republicanism under the rule of the Czar. Socialism is the abolition of the wage system of industry. Socialism is the collective ownership of the mines, mills, factories, railroads. These things are now owned by capitalists. Workers must sell their labor power to the capitalists in order to work under present conditions. Socialism aims at the vesting of the ownership of the means of wealth production in the collective working class. It is impossible to practise Socialism as long as the laws are made to enforce wage slavery and laws protect rent, interest and profit. Socialism can only be practised when the people become Socialists and make laws abolishing unearned revenues and capitalist rule.

"If I work hard and save my money, do you think I am going to allow Socialists to come and take it away from me?" That is the kind of ignorant questions the Socialists have to frequently answer. Socialism does not aim at robbing the workers. It aims at preventing the robbery. If a man works hard and saves his money, Socialism does not aim at taking it away from him. He can spend it as he likes. What Socialism does aim at stopping is the idlers and parasite capitalists taking away from the men who work the greater part of what they do earn now.

If you can't mark your vote for a Socialist, mark it for "Socialism."

Neither reciprocity nor protection will bring prosperity to the working class.

Whether Borden wins or Laurier, the workers of Canada will still be wage slaves.

Quite frequently in Montreal we are asked why the churches oppose Socialism, and we tell the enquirers to go ask the churches.

The bets in Montreal are ten to one that Laurier will win. This, however, is of no interest to the slaves who produce the wealth of Canada.

When you go to vote where no Socialist candidate is running, mark on your ballot the word, "Socialism." That is the only way you will not spoil your ballot.

When I read in the Grit papers that Tory politicians are rotten and corrupt, I believe them. When I read in the Tory papers that the Grit politicians are rotten and corrupt, I believe them. For both old parties reek with graft. Let the common voters leave the two old parties and join the Socialists.

The Socialist sentiment is increasing throughout Canada. The number of candidates running for Parliament are few, it is true, but this is because elections are so costly in Canada. Did we have a really democratic form of government the Socialist vote in Canada would probably be twenty-five per cent of the votes polled.

A question frequently asked is how does labor suppose it can get along without capital. Labor does not intend to get along without capital under Socialism. Capital is the wealth used for the purpose of producing more wealth. Socialists do not propose, in abolishing the capitalist class, to abolish capital. They propose to socialize capital and make it the collective property of the working class. The workers then will become collective capitalists and the separate capitalist class will have to become useful workers if they desire to share in the benefits of collective capital.

Both sides are telling of the wonderful prosperity of the people of Canada. Why, do you know that there are eight hundred million dollars of money in the banks of Canada. Does not that prove prosperity? Sure it does, for the plutes. Eight hundred million dollars mean that there are over one hundred dollars in the banks for each man, woman and child in Canada, or five hundred dollars for each family. But the working class families have not five hundred dollars lying ready for them in the banks. No. The capitalists have the eight hundred million dollars. That is why the capitalist politicians, both Grit and Tory, are boasting of Canadian prosperity. The capitalists are prosperous and that is enough to make the old party politicians happy and proud. The working class are kept in slavery and poverty. For are they not but beasts of burden to do the work for the parasite masters?

A Tory worker in Montreal told a Socialist that the Conservative candidate in St. Lawrence division has a corruption fund of fourteen thousand dollars and the voters were being offered five dollars to vote Conservative. This money will not do for the Tory candidate any good. For the working class population of this district has had Socialism talked in to them and they realize that this corruption fund is part of the wealth that the capitalist class has stolen from the workers. Consequently the workers are taking all the trouble offered—and they are voting as they please. There will be many a five dollar bill paid by the old parties for votes and the votes will go to the Socialist candidate. Bribery is rampant, not only in Montreal, but elsewhere, and it does not land the votes. Last election the Conservatives paid two voters in Cowansville eight dollars each not to vote. The Liberals paid the same two voters ten dollars each not to vote. The money was taken in both cases and on election day the two voters went and voted and neither Liberal nor Tory knows how the two votes were cast. The voting workers of Canada are learning, when they are bought, the folly of staying bought.

POCKET TOUCHED SETTLEMENT CAME

Toronto Garment Workers Union Win Their Strike Against Oppressive Conditions

A VALUABLE TRIBUTE TO COTTON'S

The value of publicity is very often undervalued by striking union men, and it is therefore with pleasure that we publish the following letter from our special Toronto correspondent.

The Garment Workers Union of Toronto went on strike against bad conditions and unfair treatment by the manager for Gordon Mackay. They could not get their side of the case before the Toronto public, through the capitalist press, so they turned to Cotton's Weekly, and distributed several thousand copies of the issues containing the well written articles by our Toronto correspondent.

That this had results is plain from the very interesting letter reproduced herewith:

Toronto, August 30, 1911.

Dear Comrade Cotton:

The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union wish to express their gratitude to Cotton's Weekly for the very efficient assistance rendered the Union in their three months' struggle. It is a well-known fact that Cotton's played no small part in the strike at Gordon Mackay's factory, for, Cotton's gave space in their columns and conspicuous position as well, to all correspondence re strike, so that distribution of papers meant that many were led to read the truth about the strike. This was impossible to find in "our" Toronto papers, only two of which printed any of the correspondence sent them, with an appeal for justice from the courts and Canadian workers, and then one had to search in out of the way corners to find it. Not so had any sensational lie to be hunted out if it contained anything savoring of a criminal nature invented for the purpose of injuring the strikers' reputation.



On the street corners of Montreal the Socialist soapboxers meet with Comrades and sympathizers from the various countries of the world. At one of our meetings a Comrade from Austria was present. He told us that in Austria they no longer argue about the philosophy of Socialism. That stage is passed. In Austria the Socialists are united and are bending their energies towards capturing the political power. Another Comrade from Great Britain was present. He was a waiter on one of the international steamships sailing from Liverpool. He had got shore leave in Liverpool for two hours very reluctantly from his ship officers just before the strike. He stayed out agitating for the strike and as a result he got the waiters to walk out. When sailing for Canada on his ship he asked Tom Man for some Socialist address. The only name Man could remember was that of Cotton. And the first thing this Comrade met on the market square was Cotton addressing the wage slaves. Another Comrade, a woman who had fought for the striking shirt waist makers in New York city, told us that in Montreal we were not as yet even sowing the seed of Socialism. We were but tearing up the cobble stones to prepare the ground for the seed. A business man told me at one of the meetings that he had just been in St. John, N. B., and there they have five soapbox orators going in five different parts of the city in one evening. A traveller from Hamilton told of police breaking up a Socialist meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, and how the magistrate had to admit that the meeting was broken up not to preserve order, but to keep the workers from learning about Socialism. Thus the news of Socialism

spreads apart from the capitalist newspapers. We are winning and a spirit of victory fills the air.

Strength of Socialism

According to the last reports, the strength of Socialism throughout the world is about as follows, though every recurring election sees it augmented.

Germany leads, with 3,528,960 votes, 43 members of the reichstag, 2,000 minor officers and 158 journals. A property qualification keeps the Socialists from their proportional representation; with the votes cast, they ought to completely dominate Germany.

France is second with 1,120,000 votes, 76 representatives in congress, 2,769 minor officers and 70 journals. Austria has 1,041,968 votes, 87 representatives in the legislative body, 526 minor officers and 56 journals.

The 1910 election placed the United States fourth in Socialist strength in the world. It has 604,756 votes, one member of congress, 20 representatives in four legislatures and about 250 minor officers. It also has over 100 papers, including four dailies and the Appeal with the largest circulation of any political paper in the world. However, because the population of the United States exceeds that of other lands, the ratio of the Socialist strength here is not so great as in various other nations.

Belgium has 469,094 votes, 37 members of the legislative body, 741 minor officers and 56 journals.

Australia has 447,651 votes, 50 minor officers and 3 journals. Great Britain polls 421,270 votes, has 41 members of parliament, 845 minor officers and 12 journals.

Finland polls 330,000 votes, has 80 members of the legislative bodies 81 minor officers and 19 journals.

Italy has 320,000 votes, 42 members of the legislative body, 1,000 minor officers and 92 journals.

New Zealand has 311,844 votes, 60 members of the legislative bodies and 3 journals.

Russia polls 300,000 votes, has 60 members of the douma, and 850 minor

The strike-breakers cannot help but learn that loyalty to the BOSS will not even be remembered when PROFITS are to be gotten, for no one thinks for a moment that anything but PROFITS were considered when the settlement was made.

It is likely that some will call this a Union victory because all are going back to work and to a "closed shop," but the settlement has all the advantages for the Company, and the wage slaves are still getting a small portion of what they produce back in their pay-envelopes. However they have shown they are not cowed by a manager's petty tyranny but still have the love of and desire for freedom that cannot be killed. Best of all the SHARP CLASS-LINE has been laid bare, as it always is when the EXPLOITED dare to put their strength against that of the EXPLOITERS. When all the trouble has been forgotten, apparently, by the toilers, we'll hear once more that the "Interests of Capital and Labor are identical," and some will be fools enough to gulp it all down, but not all.

WHEN PROFITS ARE IN THE BALANCE WITH HUMAN WELFARE THE PROFITS' SIDE HITS THE GROUND WITH A THUD AND HUMAN WELFARE IS A NEGLIGIBLE QUANTITY.

The last lesson to be learned was that of the falsity of the teaching: "JUSTICE can be obtained by the poorest in a British law court."

Police, magistrates, judges and courts are all arrayed on the side of Capital against Labor so that decisions are fore-ordained to be IN FAVOR OF MONEYED INTERESTS IN ORDER TO PROTECT PROPERTY.

Will the workers ever get wise to the farcial comedy enacted every day in the name of Justice to cloak the bitter struggle going on between the two opposing classes in society, the MASTER CLASS who OWN all, and the SLAVE CLASS who TOIL TO PRODUCE ALL?

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THE COMING DEATH STRUGGLE

There is coming in Canada a death struggle between the wage slaves and the exploiters. This struggle will come whether we have free trade, reciprocity or high protection. It is coming from the forces within the capitalist system.

At present Canada is in the full flood tide of capitalist expansion. That flood tide has been reached in the older countries and now it has ebbed and the revolutionary Socialists are on the verge of triumph.

Under the capitalist system the worker produces a dollar's worth of wealth and gets about twenty cents in wages of the wealth he has produced. The working population is the great purchasing population, and the wealth producers get but one-fifth of the wealth their labor creates. Where does the other four-fifths go? The capitalists cannot consume the four-fifths. It must be consumed by labor.

It is consumed in great part by workers who do not produce wealth for consumption, but who produce wealth for future wealth production.

In Canada vast armies of workingmen are employed in laying new railway lines, in digging new canals, building new houses, creating new cities, making new engines and new machinery for new mills.

But the time is coming when the railways will be built, when the houses and cities and mills will be ready, and the capitalist class will be seeking markets for the sale of the products of the new mills.

Then will come the panic and the unemployed in hundreds of thousands. For the very completion of the expansion of capitalist production in Canada will cut the market from under the capitalists.

When the railways are completed the thousands of men now employed in railway construction will be dismissed. When the cities are built the bricklayers and masons and carpenters will find little work to do. The store keepers and the workers in the mills who have been producing the necessities for these tens of thousands of workers will find themselves out of work, for the dismissed workers in the construction gangs will no longer have the wages wherewith to buy.

Then the workers will of necessity turn to Socialism and the capitalists will fight for the maintenance of their unearned revenues and the final struggle between exploiters and exploited will be on.

Reciprocity or protection will not stop the process. If we have protection, the American capitalists will buy up our industries, and the capitalist expansion will assume a more rapid pace than now. If we have reciprocity, the American capitalists will ship in their goods and the expansion of industry will take place equally as rapidly.

He is a foolish worker who allows himself to be excited over the present political fight between Liberal and Tory. He is the wise worker who realizes the coming death struggle and prepares his fellow workers to take the side of the workers and organize them for the coming victory of Socialism.

In the last number of the British Clarion, Robert Blatchford declares that a profound change has come over the British workers and he wishes to study it and find out what it means. Before the strike the workers were cowed. They held to moral ideas such as taught by the master class. They had reverence for property rights. Now this is all changed; the workers go about defiantly. The women lift their heads and glance around with a new spirit. They seem to have realized that labor creates wealth and that to labor that wealth should belong AND THEY ARE PREPARED TO USE ANY MEANS TO GET IT. They are no longer content to wear shabby clothes if they cannot get decent clothes by the usual means. This new attitude points straight to revolution. It means that the aristocracy and capitalist exploiters are in danger of personal violence. It looks as though the long rule of the exploiters is over and that the workers are prepared to seize their own.

Who will win the elections? That is a question which interests a Socialist very little. The thing that interests them is, when are the workers going to waken to the necessity of electing Socialist M. P's.

Returns Wanted

The only way we can get the number of Socialist votes polled is from the candidates or comrades in charge in the various constituencies. We strenuously urge Socialists to be on the alert. Get the election figures and send them to Cotton's. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

FROM THE SOCIALIST PRESS

The Illinois state analyst says soap bark, poison to the human stomach, is used largely in soda water dispensed at fountains. It makes the stuff foam better. Capitalism is strong for making things foam.—Chicago Daily Socialist.

SOME MURDER, THIS.

Rutledge Rutherford, a food expert and editor of the National Food Magazine, has made some statements on adulterated and colored food that knocks the spots off all wars of ancient or modern times. Rutherford says that 250,000 children were killed last year by poisoned food. Rutherford says the em-balmed beef scandal sinks into insignificance when compared to the present murder by adulterated food. In speaking of chemicals and their action on foodstuffs, the editor has the following to say:

The main service of the chemicals is to deceive. Saccharin deceives children into believing a product is sweetened with sugar. Coal-tar dyes deceive them into believing it is colored with fruit juices or made of fruit products. Formaldehyde, or other chemical employed to keep milk from turning, deceives them into thinking the milk is fresh, when in reality it is dangerous from pollution. In such cases, he says, the chemical hides the ill taste and smell, which are nature's means of warning the consumer that the products are poisonous.

When asked what he would give as an estimate of the total number of adults and children that died in the U. S., from the effects of food adulteration last year, Mr. Rutherford replied:

"I think a conservative figure would be 550,000."

Three million people were needlessly ill in the United States last year, he asserted, and chemicals are charged with being mainly responsible.—The Industrial Worker.

What Makes Tramps

What makes a tramp and why does a tramp keep on tramping?

The following letter was written by a 17-year-old American boy:

"Having a natural love for a horse I went around the sales stables and got a pair running horses up and down the streets."

"Getting warmed up one day, and having no other clothes I caught pneumonia, and I went to the city hospital (in Boston.)"

"The treatment there was fine, and I will never forget the face of my nurse."

"When I came out I was weak and sealed about 90 pounds. Having no money that night I had to go to the municipal lodgings, and I told the policeman in charge about having come out of the hospital, and he asked me to show him my discharge papers, and I handed them out to him and he tore them up right in front of my face, and said, 'You son of a—, you are working the hospitals, are you?'"

"Then he kicked me all the way down to the bathroom and said he'd see that I saved enough wood in the morning. And he was there, and after working a little while I fell from weariness, and the brute kicked me while I lay helpless."—(From the July "World Today."

THE IMPORTANT MAN.

The really important man, as seen by the true Socialist, is the producing worker. At present he is despised, poor, often ignorant. But he has always made all the good there is; and if he is not rich and educated and respected, it is because he has been robbed. There has been in the past too much giving of advantage to the fortunate and strong, and too much ignoring of the man in the ditch. The strong can get along without Socialism. The enslaved cannot. They are the unvoiced who must be heard. If we are to have a rule by so-called intellectuals, we might as well leave the old slavery intact. It is the poor who are to free themselves. It is the slave who must be heard. It is the meek who must inherit the earth. This does not mean that they will always be poor, or slaves, or meek enough to bow, but only that they have in them the making of the very highest type, the power to lift the world to higher things. None but those who work have that power. Therefore, they are of the supreme importance in the Socialist movement. They must be awakened, and they must be heard. They must arise and really live. Until they do, the world can never be anything but a slave pen, a welter of lunacy and misery.

SKEETERS.

If a mosquito settled down on your eyebrow and tried to get his oars out of your hide would you wallop him one? I should say you would. Why, that skeeter wouldn't live long enough to read a single chapter from Genesis.

But—If the capitalist mosquito settles down on your back and whistles: "Carry me, Mercutio, I am too tired

to walk," do you smash him one? Well, I should say not, for—Wouldn't it be agin human nature?

Wouldn't it do away with the incentive to scratch?

Wouldn't it end religion?

Wouldn't it make us all equal?

Wouldn't it break up the family?

Sure it would.

So sting on, Oh Thou Capitalist Mosquito! What would we do without you?

Heart to Heart

Thou shalt not steal is good. I will not steal is better.

Socialism stands for humanity; capitalism for immunity.

When the workers think more they will work less and get more.

Have you ever noticed that the popular man very seldom makes money?

Among the greatest givers of the world are the workers who give all but barely enough to keep them alive.

When the worker takes an outing it is generally in the guise of a tramp. He never gets a chance at any other kind.

There is plenty of religion in the world, just as there is abundance of talent and wonderful possibility of intellect. The trouble is, these things are all in a practically undeveloped state.

It is a great thing to have something to do with the awakening of the world to better things. Not that any of us can do much toward it or that the opinions and efforts which we take so seriously really amount to much. But we are finding our own souls when we try to arouse the better part of the man that has so long lain dormant in half civilization.

The best thing about it is the awakening of the whole people to a new view of things. They no longer talk as though only a few had rights. They no longer talk of aid in some other world, but of justice now. There never has been such an awakening in history. Without this awakening, it would be hard to inaugurate Socialism, because mere laws count for but little. But with this strange change coming over the people—strange, since agitation will not account for it all—it will be impossible to prevent the new spirit working into concrete form. You can't confine a living thing in nature, any more than you can in the hull of a nut or the shell of the egg.

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CAPITALIST CIVILIZATION

Even the best of modern civilization appears to me to exhibit a condition of mankind which neither embodies any worthy ideal nor possesses the merit of stability. I do not hesitate to express the opinion that if there is no hope of a large improvement of the condition of the greater part of the human family; if it is true that the increase of knowledge, the winning of a greater dominion over nature which is its consequence and the wealth which follows upon that dominion are to make no difference in the extent and intensity of want with its concomitant physical and moral degradation among the masses of the people, I should hail the advent of some kindly comet which would sweep the whole affair away. What profits it to the human prometheus that he has stolen the fire of heaven to be his servant and that the spirit of the earth and air obey him if the vulture of pauperism is eternally to tear his very vitals and keep him on the brink of destruction.—From Prof. Huxley's writings.

It is not blessedness to know That thou, thyself, art blessed. True joy was never yet by one, Nor yet by two possessed. Not to many is it given But only to the all: The joy that leaves one heart unblest. Would be for mine too small. And he who holds this faith will strive With firm and ardent soul, And work out his own proper good In working for the whole.

—Wisdom of the Brahmins.

WARNING.

All coal miners are urged to stay away from Alberta and Eastern British Columbia, as the strike is still on.

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BUNCOME & SCRAPP'S

By R. W. NORTHEY

WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR "COTTON'S WEEKLY"

CHAPTER XXIII.

Grabbitt Makes a Vacancy for the Man Who Struck McSurly.

(Continued.)

Smoothe & Grabbitt's was a cheap shop, and Buncome & Scrapp's would be no better if Buncome and McSurly had their way. The Buncomes and Grabbitts and McSurlys are in a majority in all lines of Big Business. It is only here and there a Scrapp is to be met with who has common sense enough to understand that cheap labor and cheap work are not in the long run the most profitable. Of course Scrapp did not and could not see the matter from the workers' viewpoint, but he was broadminded enough to understand that good pay attracted good workmen, and good workmen turned out good work, and good work meant good prices, and good prices meant big profits, and there you are.

Seated at the restaurant table Evans and Billy were soon on terms of familiarity. There was not much difference in their ages, and Evans' loneliness in the great city had made him long for a companion of his own way of thinking. There were two or three young men at his boarding house, but he had not become intimate with them for various reasons, no need to recount them here. Their way of seeing life was not his way. But it must not be supposed that he was a milkop or a goody-goody young man. He was something of a student, a great reader and was beginning to be a thinker.

"So you will see, Mr. Gay," he said, "that I only obeyed orders when I stated that no one from Buncome & Scrapp's could get a job at Smoothe & Grabbitt's. I had received a note from McSurly that William Gay was on the blacklist and was not to be employed, but I didn't intend to take any notice of that. I don't see what right a superintendent has to prevent a discharged employee from getting work anywhere in his own town."

"Oh, it's a standing agreement between the employers," said Billy. "They all respect each other's blacklist, and when a man has done something very objectionable to Capitalism he's blacklisted all over the country. I've known of railroad men in the States who have been blacklisted from Maine to California. No work for them on railroads any more."

"If I am not asking too much," said Evans, "I should like to know what your offence was against McSurly."

"Well, I suppose it was an offence he'll never forgive," answered Billy. "I daresay you've heard that McSurly is a man of very hasty temper, gets violent very quick. He got hot with me one day last week and called me a liar. I suppose I got hot too and said something he didn't like, so he struck at me and before I realized it I hit back."

"Then it was purely a personal affair," said Evans. "So McSurly blacklisted you to soothe his wounded dignity. That's not very manly." "No doubt the little tap I gave him was the cause of my discharge all right, but there was a stronger reason than that for blacklisting me. Behind that is the fact that I'm a Socialist, and McSurly hates Socialism as much as a cat hates water. He's had it in for me for a long time, but I had always been careful not to give him any opportunity of venting his spleen till this thing happened just at the very moment when I was a bit riled at a dastardly trick. There are four or five more Socialists over at Buncome & Scrapp's whom he's going to fire at the first opportunity."

"Why, now I can place you," said Evans, smiling. "I've been cudgeling my brains trying to remember where and when I had met you before. You are the young man who presides over the bookstand at Maynard's meetings Friday nights at the corner of Green and Main streets. Don't you remember selling me some books three weeks ago?"

"I thought your face was familiar," said Billy. "I've sold such a lot of books lately that it is hardly possible to remember all the buyers. I remember you now, though, because you told me to keep the fifteen cents change for the good of the cause."

"Ha, ha," laughed Evans. "That's right. I paid you."

"I hope you have been able to get a good idea of what Socialism means from reading those books, Mr. Evans."

"Yes, I think I can grasp the idea, and I believe it must eventually come when the world is ripe for it. But I can't exactly see how Government ownership—which is the same as ownership by the people, as the people elect the Government—is going to make every individual independent as to his job. There will have to be managers and bosses, and there will have to be different grades of workers under any system. How are you going to make them all independent and each worker get all he produces?"

"Oh, that's easy," said Billy. "But I must correct you in one thing. I may say in two things. First, as to getting all he produces. Of course the cost of Government will come out of labor, as it does now. But the workers will not have to divide up with the owners of the machines, as they will be the owners themselves. At present labor only gets about one-third of what it earns; under Socialism it will get all it earns, less the cost of Government. There will be no dividends squeezed out of labor and handed over to a leisured class to squander and waste as they do under the present system. There will be no high-salaried officials gobbling up as much as a hundred workmen and doing very little for it. The

profits and graft and greed of the capitalist system will be cut out. There will be a tax for the upkeep of Government, and this divided amongst the whole people will amount to a very small sum per capita. So you see it is quite true to say that labor will get all it earns."

"Then you say Government ownership is the same as government by the people, or public ownership. That's a mistake that most people make when they first begin to study Socialism. Government ownership means a vast increase in the number of parasites already in office. Every man would be on a still hunt for a Government job until at last the majority of the population would be holding down soft jobs under Government, and no power on earth could defeat that Government and put it out of office. A Government job would be a perpetual job and those outside would have to stay outside, because every office holder would have a son or nephew or friend waiting for the next vacancy. Under Government ownership the lot of the common people, the workers, would be harder than it is today."

"But you must have Government, even under Socialism," said Evans. "I can't see how you are going to have any system or anything systematic without Government. Everything would be at sixes and sevens with every man doing just what he liked and when he liked."

"Ha, ha," laughed Billy. "that would be anarchy. There'll be government under Socialism all right, but not the kind of Government we have today. It would take too long to explain that point now, but I am going to call on Maynard tonight and I'll ask him to speak on this subject next Friday night. You know how clearly he explains everything he touches on, and I don't doubt that he'll be able to explain the difference between Government ownership and public ownership so plainly that you'll be able to see that they are not a bit alike. I shall expect to see you there, Mr. Evans."

"I certainly will if we don't work overtime. We've had to work till ten every night for the past two weeks. But come, 'tis five minutes to one."

CHAPTER XXIV.

"As You Sow so also Shall Ye Reap."

The Monday morning that Billy Gay got a job at Smoothe & Grabbitt's was something more than an ordinary Monday morning to several of our friends. Old man Harris returned to work with renewed health, renewed hopes, and far more vigorous, physically, mentally and spiritually, than he had been for the last five years. His two week's holiday had enabled him to throw off the decrepitude and feebleness which had been growing on him during those long years of poverty and misery. He rode to work for the first time in years, and he was surprised himself to find how nimble he could run up the steps of the big building, which heretofore had been a task of considerable magnitude after his four miles' walk.

But it was not the holiday that had rejuvenated Old man Harris. It was the release from poverty, that hideous devil of man's creation which ought never to find a habitation on this beautiful planet. The Almighty never created poverty. The bountiful productiveness of our mother Earth precludes the necessity of poverty being here at all, and it is certain that poverty would be unknown were those products free to those whose work produce them. There is not the least necessity for a single one of God's children to be in want, and yet there are millions on the verge of starvation in every civilized country on earth. Why is this? Because the greedy, cunning beast, better known as the Capitalist system, stands between the producer and his product. The beast takes from one-half to four-fifths as his share and hands the worker his pittance as if conferring a favor.

Doctors tell us that poverty is the chief cause of tuberculosis, the great white plague that claims the lives of thousands in the flower of their youth annually. Scientists tell us that poverty stunts the growth of children both physically and mentally. Preachers tell us poverty is the chief cause of illiteracy and irreligion. Chiefs of police and prison philanthropists tell us poverty is the greatest incentive to law-breaking and nearly every sort of crime. Prohibitionists are beginning to discover that poverty is the chief inducement to drunkenness. And yet, in spite of all these statements from men of wide experience and practical knowledge, the insatiable beast of Capitalism won't let go! Like Shylock he demands his pound of flesh, even while his victims perish by the thousands. He has the strong hand now and the workers are ignorant. But once they get wise as to the true cause of their poverty! Ah, when they get wise the beast will go!

Old man Harris received many a handshake from the men in the machine shop that Monday morning, and his altered mien and cheerful countenance caused a new note of respect in their greetings. Even Jimmy Hike noticed the change.

"Golly," he exclaimed to Dick Norris, "I never seen th' ole man lookin' so chipper before."

It was funny, too, how the men seemed to think that "Mr. Harris" sounded more appropriate than "Old man Harris." He noticed this and felt that it behooved him to live up to it. For him and his wife the stormy tide of misfortune that had ebbed and flowed so long and left them at last forlorn castaways on a

bleak and desolate shore seemed to have spent its fury. They were now in smooth waters again, and the hand that had brought them deliverance was the hand of a beautiful woman with a sympathetic and beautiful soul. A churchman would say: "For this, good Lord, make me truly thankful," but Old man Harris didn't say it that way, although it meant the same thing. He said: "Miss Wimple did this; saved us from death by poverty through her strong and sympathetic soul. God bless her!"

This same Monday morning had been somewhat out of the usual for Miss Wimple herself, as she had foregone her customary before breakfast walk to write a long letter to Bob Harris, the doing of which had awakened pleasant reminiscences of the cordial friendship, comradeship, which had existed between them before he spoiled it all by "popping the question," and which had been resumed to a considerable extent after the wound caused by the rejection—had been healed. While writing the letter she felt a deeper and more tender sympathy for Bob than she ever had before. And they say sympathy is akin to love.

(To be continued.)

Epigrams by Debs

The sooner the trust gets us the sooner we will get the trusts.

True riches come from within. They are the products of the spirit and the soul.

Instead of the government regulating the trusts, the trusts are regulating the government.

Rockefeller is a highly-developed capitalist. He is a ripe capitalist; ripe enough to pluck.

I have not grown up out of the ranks. I pride myself that Debs is still a member of the ranks.

The whole arrangement of things has grown to be a mass of warring units—man pitted against man.

You workers build the palaces and live in rented houses, workers support all government, and are enslaved and suppressed by it.

You ride in state on election day, it's true—so you can have a fair chance to vote to walk the remaining 364 days of the year.

Under present conditions capitalists own the tools, the workers use them. Ownership of tools implies ownership of product.

In the present system you are known as hands! Hands! Not heads. The capitalist wants only hands. He wants to furnish the head.

The beneficiaries should be made to produce what they get, and you should get what you produce. That would be a square deal all around.

It is the coal miner who provides the cheerful firesides for others, yet too often is forced to shiver in the cold of his cheerless dugout.

Happiness is an essence which springs from within. It can come only from a sense of social obligation or joy of service. It is infinitely better to serve humanity than to exploit it.

Ask any capitalist what he thinks of Socialism and he'll tell you there is nothing in it for him. This fact should be all the more argument why there should be something in it for you.

There will be relief for you when you decide to unite to put an end to the wanton waste of the products of your labor, and work co-operatively side by side instead of fighting each other like wild beasts.

Fresh News Just Out

The last census returns show the population of London, England, to be 4,522,961. Together with the outer sections, the total population is 7,252,963.

With the great detractor of revenue at work, the recent British Industrial cessation—the customs receipts for Montreal show an increase of \$100,000 over last year's corresponding period. And the waist belt of the consumer is accordingly drawn in like proportion so much tighter around his custom-extorted body.

The druggists of Canada in convention at Montreal, declared in favor of restriction of the hours of labor in their own industry. They find out what all the other workers have felt on many occasions, that alert brains must not be overtaxed and that physical proficiency cannot be overtaxed. All work and no play makes life a damned inferno.

THE EVOLUTION OF GOVERNMENT.

Barbarism is a government of, by and for slave owners.

Feudalism is a government of, by and for the owners of land.

Capitalism is government of, by and for the owners of capital, i. e. for the owners of the means of production and distribution of the commodities.

Socialism is government of, by and for those who socially own and operate the means of producing and distributing commodities.

The form of government in each epoch is determined by the prevailing mode of producing and distributing the commodities produced.

Hence the term and doctrine of economic determination so often found in Socialist writings.

"All down through history people seem to have been incapable of thinking for themselves. Parrot-like they have repeated the cry handed down to them from higher up. At the best of their masters they have ever been ready to throw mud and stones at those who dared to show them their chains."—Alan Maynard in "Buncome & Scrapp's."

SOME GAIN THIS WEEK

H. A. Webb.

The sub list takes a little bit of a jump this week, but it is only temporary. Cotton's always gives the true exact state of its subscription list, whether it be up or down. This particular gain happens because an eastern Comrade chose to donate bundles for a specific purpose.

The Sub List will jump again next week—but DON'T GET ALARMED—again it is only temporary and the work of a specific organization for another specific purpose.

Just a word to our faithful army of Canadian hustlers—If you will go after the subs from now to December, we'll hit above 15,000, and you'll hear something that will please you—something big. Let us get well out of the 10,000 rut—and stay out.

Stay with the game, follow agitators, and there'll be good news for you.

Circulation Statement

Following is the statement of circulation for the issue of September 7th.

	OFF	ON	TOTAL
Ontario	104	522	4060
British Columbia	29	23	1905
Alberta	43	440	1915
Prov. of Quebec	20	225	1232
Nova Scotia	31	33	927
Saskatchewan	15	9	731
Manitoba	12	217	729
New Brunswick	3	8	225
Foreign	2	3	148
Yukon Territory	0	0	69
Newfoundland	0	0	15
Prince Ed. Island	0	0	6

Total

259 1480 11,962

Gain for Week 1,221

Total issue last week was 15,408

CIRCULATION NOTES.

We are running over 15,000 papers a week now, and none over. The way the pile of white paper diminishes makes your manager scratch his head. "Oh, you paper bill!" But say boys, keep him scratching. Don't let up. Wiggle him through somehow.

There's a grand chance for locals in this new stock issue. Ten shares subscribed for, sends 50 separate yearlies. Co-operate and win.

The total copies of Cotton's issued and registered by the new press totals 191,640. Keep her climbing.

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

TORONTO LOCAL 1, English, C. S. F.—Business Meetings held on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Finnish Hall, 24 Adelaide St. W., at 8 p. m. 8-cent door. Economic class, second and fourth Wednesday of each month held at 17 Chestnut St., at 8 p. m. Secretary, W. Bellemare, 113 Sumach Street.

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Life of Jesus, Renan	25c
Age of Reason, Paine	25c
The Teachings of Huxley	25c
God and My Neighbor, Blatchford	25c
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THE FIRING LINE

By Margaret Allan.

If the firing line is a little long this issue comrades, don't get discouraged. It only makes up for last issue when there was none. Keep at it. We're hiking for 20,000.

Three yearlies from Comrade Jas. McClung, Montreal.

A "duces" of sub cards to Comrade W. H. Abrey, Malton.

Comrade Thos. Bevington, Toronto, guides in a yearly.

Comrade Brown, Dundurn, fires in two yearlies.

Comrade Pete Bergquist, of Georgina, Sask., sends in a yearly.

Comrade Cordwell, Toronto puts five halfers over the counter.

Comrade W. R. Scott, Cranbrook, B. C., forwards two yearlies.

Three halfers from Comrade J. Reay, New Westminster, B. C.

Comrade Marcus Martin, Gleichen, Alta., fetches alongside one halfer.

To Comrade John McCallum, Bridgeville, P. Q., three halfers.

Comrade W. Haskell, of Winnipeg, clinches two yearlies and a halfer.

Comrade John Saunders, Galt, Ont., to hand with five halfers.

Comrade Daniel Smith, St. Mary's, Ont., lands two halfers.

Comrade Mark Robinson, Toronto, lands two and a halfer.

Comrade S. R. Waters, Galt, Ont., sends two yearlies and a halfer.

Two yearlies from Comrade W. Henry, Vancouver.

Comrade Mrs. Irvin, Regina, Sask., sends a yearly.

Comrade A. Burke, Montreal, uses up five more sub secures.

Comrade Jas. Shaughnessy hauls in two halfers from Hastings, Ont.

Comrade Tom Walker, Cumberland, B. C., sends forward one yearly.

Comrade C. C. Clarke, Gnanogue, Ont., dumps down two yearlies.

"One for the fight," Comrade C. R. Neale, Galt.

Two yearlies rattle in from Comrade E. F. Brison, Graham, Ont.

Two yearlies and a halfer from silent worker" of N. S.

Comrade J. Reay, New Westminster, B. C., encloses two halfers.

Comrade A. H. Welker, Waterloo, takes the peerless sub card offer.

A yearly and a halfer from D. H. McMillan, Manville, Alta.

Comrade C. J. Weeks, of Kelowna, connects with five sub cards.

Comrade Dan. McLellan, Trout Mills, Ont., forwards a halfer.

Four halfers for Comrade Wm. J. Warren, Cardston, Alta.

Comrade D. Norder, Stocks, Alta., hies forth two halfers.

Comrade Rose Henderson, Montreal, forwards two halfers.

Comrade J. W. Morish, Montreal, hands over two halfers.

Comrade Wesley Burnett, Poplar, Ont., forwards a halfer.

Comrade Jos. Weeks, Kakabeka Falls, Ont., sends two yearlies.

Three yearlies hit the sub chute from Comrade W. Dixon, Winnipeg.

Comrade J. A. Austin, Nelson, B. C., sends two yearlies and a halfer.

Comrade of Lac Du Bonnet, Man., forwards two dollar's worth of subs.

Comrade A. Chase, Port Arthur, Ont., drives ahead a dollar's worth of subs.

Comrade J. H. Morrison, Amherst, N. S., forwards the necessary for sub cards.

Comrade W. A. Boyce, Mozart, Sask., sends in for a bunch of sub cards.

A sticker with an order for sub cards is Comrade J. Foster, Preston.

Comrade J. A. Sinclair, Tilson, Ont., presses forward three yearlies.

Comrade Gottschlich, of Lacombe, forwards the price of ten half-sub cards.

Comrade Geo. Earl, of North Bay, Ont., claims "Facts" and forwards two yearlies and a halfer.

Comrade J. A. Sinclair, Tilson, Ont., presses forward three yearlies.

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World-Wide Struggle

Strikes and rumors of strikes are rampant over all the industrial world.

Socialist Free Speech is in grips with Suppressive city authority at Chicago.

Rough estimation of the cost to the country of the British Railway strike is fifty million dollars, exclusive of companies' decreased profits. The lessons deduced are inestimable.

Word has been received that the mailing and folding room of the U. S. government printery at Washington, has become clogged with orders and that it is at least 75,000 copies behind with Comrade Berger's speech on the tariff.

Ben Tillett, British Strike Leader, had to be asked by the Post Office Department to give authority for the handling of fodder and petrol for the service. How the old order changes!

The Russian seamen's strike at Black Sea ports is extending to the volunteer fleet. Thirteen mail and passenger steamers have been tied up. A railway strike is threatened and 10,000 factory hands have struck at Lodz.

Two international unions in convention last week have contributed liberally to the fund which will be used in the defense of the McNamara brothers. The Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' Union, in session at Chicago and the convention of the International Typographical Union, in session at San Francisco.

City Attorney Daniel Hoan said in the recent convention of Socialist officials that "Nine-tenths of the Constitution of the United States can be left unchanged and operated under a Socialist administration of the federal government, only the court's interpretation must be changed."

Socialist City Treasurer Charles B. Whittall said in part at the recent Milwaukee Conference: "A new sense of responsibility is being recognized. Those who see it as yet styled dreamers or visionary cranks by those who do not see it, and are for the most part the greatest sufferers and will remain so until the dreams come true."

The concentration of capital and the practical elimination of competition have so altered the rules of the game whereby we struggle and compete with one another for existence that the industrial conflict is far more destructive than actual warfare.—John J. McNamara, Jail, Los Angeles.

The League of the Rights of Man have got up a petition for Sagrista, the Spanish artist who was recently condemned to nine years' imprisonment for two political drawings. They do not, however, ask for a reprieve for Sagrista, but they demand that he shall be properly treated in prison. The petition is addressed to the Minister-President of Spain.

The New York Call gives the number of victims slaughtered at their daily toil on steam railroads in the U. S. during the months of January, February and March of the present year, at 2,124 killed, 16,430 injured. In addition to this bloody carnage 61 were killed and 696 injured on electric railways. What price the edict "By the sweat of thy brow."

British railways lost considerably more than £500,000 as a result of the two days' strike. The traffic returns published show an aggregate decrease of £465,000, whereas under normal conditions an increase of £60,000 might have been looked for. The falling off was £101,000, on the Great Western, £91,000, on the Midland Line, £54,000, and on the Lancashire and Yorkshire, and North Eastern about £50,000 in each case.

The Bataine Socialists says that one of the leaders of the trade union movement in France, a certain Metivier, has confessed in writing that after an interview with M. Clemenceau in 1908 he entered the service of the police, where it was his business to report regularly the labor movement, and he received for these services 250 francs a month. Metivier took part especially in revolutionary demonstrations. The trade unionists at last recognized him as an agent provocateur.

In the columns of the Coming Nation, there is depicted a five foot pile of industrial accident reports. Each report represents a workman killed or injured in Minnesota, U. S., during the past year, exclusive of railway accidents. In the trade of lumbering in that State 55 men were killed and 1,094 injured in 1910. In the statement this sentence occurs "These accidents are easily avoided." And it is safe to add that if Labor would take in hand its own business responsibilities, all of these would be avoided for then one of the

least of these accidents would be more than enough.

The great lockout in Norway affects 40,000 workers. It is the greatest economic struggle that has ever been waged in Norway. In no country, says Legien in his international report, have the organized workers sacrificed so much for the support of their fighting brothers. That is why they have been locked out by the employers. The general public sympathize with the workers. Many of those who are locked out are employed to help the peasants with hay-making, while many others have gone to the coast and are occupied with fishing. Negotiations are in progress.

A conference was recently held—of course, in secret—of Social-Democrats in Russia, who are organized in the legal Labor organizations in the large towns. The following resolution was passed: "The noticeable revival of the workers' interest in political and social life urgently demands the re-forming of the Social-Democratic Labor Party of Russia. This can only be effected by drawing the great masses of workers to public political action by the working classes taking active and energetic part in the social and political life of the country."

General Botha, of the South African Republic, favors British immigration to his country but thinks it would in the meantime only accentuate the starvation trend of those that labor there and who are at the present moment in a semi-starvation condition. Quite so, but keeping out the immigrant for any purpose whatever is as ineffectual to solve the living problem as it would be to pass in parliament a bill and seal it with the royal assent, called the Mosquito Bill, demanding these pests to remain within the prescribed boundary of a Mosquito Colony. Socialism will attack the difficulties and solve the huge simplicity of clothing, food, shelter, and recreation of all the people from pole to pole and that too without inflicting want or hardship on any wealthy individual. Socialism is the building up process where the only losses to society will be those of the unsightly, and the inhuman.

Militarism

A monster gathering of 100,000 Socialist Democrats demonstrated on Sept. 4th, against the war spirit being incited over the Morocco situation. The heat of the day—80 degrees in shade—was out done by the fervid heat of Socialist enthusiasm manifested in the resolution condemning "the infamous war instigation, armor plate, cannon and capitalists."

Dispatches from Copenhagen and Stockholm tell of several mutinies in the Norwegian army as the result, it is charged, of the Socialist propaganda. The officers are defied and soldiers confined in military prisons have been released by force. The troubles seem mostly to have arisen over dissatisfaction in the drastic manner of punishment of offenders, which the soldiers have deemed too severe.

The Internationalism of Socialism is evidenced in the anti-military crusade being carried out unanimously in every country. The Australian "International Socialist" has in its latest issue to hand a leading article dealing with the education of the young, under compulsion, from the ages of 14 to 18 years, to be drilled, marched, and taught to carry firearms, in order to be qualified to murder their fellow beings in the most precise and approved style. The article deals the truth around the matter and a bare ugly aspect is the result.

The German Emperor will review at Kiel, one hundred and forty vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 400,000 tons and a personnel of 25,000 men. Two of the 22 battleships will be of the Heligoland or super-Dreadnought type, of 22,800 tons. In an effort to break the strike of the bootblacks who are demanding ten cents for a shoe shine, at Des Moines, W. D. Olney, scoutmaster of the U. S. Grant troops of Boy Scouts, of the First Methodist church of that city, has promised to send out fifty Boy Scouts to take the places of the bootblacks. Business men of the town have offered to supply stands for the Boy Scouts in order to force the bootblacks to come to their terms. Speaking of the strike the leader of the Boy Scouts said: "It is an outrage that may be prevented or reduced to a minimum by the timely interference of the Boy Scouts, who are eager to demonstrate their practical value to the community. I have been promised by many business men that the boys would be furnished with temporary stands free from rental until the shoe shining strike could be broken." This shows what the boy scout movement stands for. What's worse than child scabbing? Socialists should fight this movement at every turn.

SOCIALIST FABLE—MOVING THE HOGS.

After having endured the offensive odors of a Hog Pen located near, as long as they could stand it, the Barn Yard People met to consider what could be done about it. "I think it ought to be investigated," said the Cock of the Walk, "and the investigation ought to be by friends of the accused." "There is no use of investigating what we all know," the fractious young Colt replied, "Our very noses tell us that there is something rotten in this neighborhood. I move the Hogs be compelled to vacate." "Oh, no, no, that is too radical and revolutionary," the Colt responded. "I move they be moved to another pen." "That will soon smell as bad as this," remonstrated the Colt. "Well, in that case," the Colt replied, "we can move them back to the old pen again." The matter being submitted to a vote of the Barn Yard People, it was so ordered.

The Co-Operative State

By Robert G. Ingersoll.

I see a world where thrones have crumbled and where kings are dust. The aristocracy of idleness has perished from the earth. I see a world without a slave. Man at last free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved. Lightning and light, wind and wave, frost and flame, and all the secret subtle powers of earth and air are the tireless toilers for the human race.

I see a world at peace adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled, while lips are rich with words of love and truth—a world in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns; a world on which the gibbet's shadow does not fall; a world where labor reaps its full reward; where work and worth go hand in hand; where the poor girl in trying to win bread with the needle—the needle, that has been called "the asp for the breast of the poor"—is not driven to the desperate choice of crime or death, of suicide or shame.

I see a world without the beggar's outstretched palm, the miser's heartless, stony stare, the piteous wail of want, the livid lips of lies, the cruel eyes of scorn.

I see a race without disease of flesh or brain—shapely and fair, the married harmony of form and function—and, as I look, life lengthens, joy deepens, love canopies the earth; and over all in the great dome, shines the eternal star of human hope.

Battery Election Fund

Not very much more time before the election, and the need of funds for the election work is strenuous. Don't wait to think it over, but rattle in a frayed bank note for the Special Election Fund, so that advantage may be taken while the election fever is on. Here's a list of comrades who have landed effectively:

F. Rowlett, Norwich	\$1.00
P. Bergquist	.50
W. McCormack, Toronto	2.00
C. A. Kinder, Toronto	1.00
J. Smith, Hopewell Cape	1.00
B. Brittle, Montreal	1.00
A. Bannerman, Ottawa	1.00
Geo. Penfold, Guelph	1.00
A. H. W. Waterloo	1.00
F. R. Mann, Ont.	1.00
J. Nesbitt, Parkman	.50
W. T. F. Ont.	1.00
Geo. Wood, Manitoba	1.00
C. Thompson, Alberta	2.00
W. R. Scott, Cranbrook	1.00
C. Turner, Winnipeg	1.00
Geo. Bulman, B. C.	1.00

Previously acknowledged 19.25

Total used ... \$37.25

HUDSON BAY STRIKE AT GOWGANDA.

Lateford, Sept. 6th.

Re Hudson Bay Strike at Gowganda.—They have been endeavoring to get a crew of men to the mine this last month, recruited from eastern Nova Scotia. Seven men were placed under arrest and committed to North Bay for trial, but will be released on bail today till assizes. Seven of us are now on the way in, charged with conspiracy and obstruction of passengers, etc. Above named company reduced wages 60 cents per day in April last. Arbitration Board failed to effect settlement. Cases may be dismissed for lack of evidence, but what their tools have sworn to might get the boys two years same as Springhill cases. Two ex-board members of the W. F. M. here now with bail. Counsel arranged for magistrate's preliminary hearing was a farce. Yours in revolt—Jas. T. Johnson.

GET OUT OF THE RUT.

If one of your neighbors should sell his possessions to some one, and then buy them back at an advance price, for the sole purpose of giving the one that he sold to a profit, believing it would be to his interest to do so, he would meet with haws from even the children, and would be the laughing stock of the whole community. Yet you that vote the old party tickets are more ignorant than he. You vote to be forced to do that which the neighbor did voluntarily. You are more ignorant than he inasmuch as the neighbor is not compelled to repeat his foolish act, while you, by your votes are.

ONE OF THE REDS.

Friend, its the system or method by which we are governed, that is causing the hardships that we are experiencing at present. Get out of the rut.

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION.

Local No. 4, S. P. C., of Springhill, N. S., have deposited their election fund with Cotton's Weekly to be distributed pro rata among the Socialist candidates running in this election who have appealed for funds through Cotton's. The amount is \$50.00. We have got in touch with the various candidates, and will announce particulars later. The Springhill boys also sent \$10.00 to help the Socialist candidate at Glace Bay. They are always in the forefront at the right time. Generous and true.

KEEP IN MIND.

That your name and address should be signed to everything you write. All money orders should be made payable to Cotton's Weekly. Write book, bundle, card or sub orders on separate sheet of paper from letters on other matters. Always give expiration number when renewing sub.

BUNDLES FOR SOCIALIST CANDIDATES.

The various Socialist candidates running for parliament are receiving generous bundles of Cotton's through the efforts of Comrade Jules Lavenne, of Springhill. We have made the distribution to all candidates reporting up to the present time. The total number of copies is 4,000. Good for Comrade Lavenne. No trace nor rest.

THE CANADIAN MOVEMENT

NEW LOCALS.

New locals are being formed by the Canadian Socialist Federation. Creighton and Welland, Ont., Calgary and Coleman, Alta., and Lake Coteau, Sask.

CANDIDATE IN CALGARY.

Calgary Local, No. 6, S. P. C., will put up Comrade A. Masters to contest Calgary in the interests of the workers. Last general election the Socialist candidate polled 743 votes and at the provincial election there was an increase made of 60 per cent in Calgary alone. A good vote is confidently expected at this election.

SOCIALIST UP IN YALE-CARIBOO.

The Socialists of the Yale-Cariboo riding in British Columbia have placed Comrade J. F. Johnson, of Enderby, in nomination against the late Tory member, Martin Burrell and K. C. McDonald, Liberal. The secretary of the election committee is H. Gildermester, Mara, B. C., who will receive all funds that may be donated.

O'BRIEN IN COBALT DISTRICT.

The meetings at Gow Ganda, Elk Lake, Cobalt and Porcupine held by Comrade C. M. O'Brien, M. L. A., have been good ones, and great interest taken. Vice-President Mahoney of the W. F. M., addressed large public meetings at Gowganda on 3rd September, and certainly made his hearers aware of the necessity of action on both the industrial and political field.—Report by Comrade J. T. Johnson.

MONTREAL SOCIALISTS.

Your help is badly needed in the St. Lawrence division by our candidate, W. U. Cotton, to work as speakers, canvassers or scrutineers. Financial aid will greatly assist the workers to carry on the campaign. There are at least 2,000 Socialists in Montreal. If each of you will make a special effort to aid in the election, we can send our candidate to Ottawa. Our candidate can be seen at head committee rooms, 3 City Hall Avenue, every day, 3 to 5 p. m.—Geo. Edward, organizer.

ACTIVE AT ST. JOHN, N. B.

Local St. John, N. B., S. P. C., No. 6, still continues to hold record open air meetings on the corner of Coburg and Union Streets and despite other attractions, the message of Socialism is being pushed home. At one of our meetings a person joined in the criticism at question time when he said that he would speak on Socialism at his church the next Sunday. He did, but it was an attack on the local speakers and he stated that no change could be brought about unless it came through religion. A challenge to debate the question has been sent to him, but up to the present no reply is forthcoming. Sir Wilfrid Laurier paid a visit to this burgh still wearing his sunny smile and it was painful to note how hard-up the Liberals must be when 70 per cent of their torchbearers should have been in bed if the Curfew was in force. However, it doesn't much matter whether Pugsley and Lowell are elected or Daniels and Powell, the people will be no better off as they all stand for the present system of wage-slavery. We hope soon to be in possession of a hall for winter propaganda.—F. Hyatt.

INFORMATION SUPPLIED.

We publish the following notice on special request from western Socialists: "Any member of the Socialist Party wanting full information about the Hawthornthwaite affair, and other matters, should write to Jack Place, secretary of local committee, Nanaimo, B. C."

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SOCIALIST MANIFESTO

Issued by Ottawa Local No. 8
S. P. of C.

For the first time in the history of Ottawa working men will be given an opportunity to vote for a representative of the protesting working class. Ottawa Local has nominated A. G. McCallum, as standard bearer in the coming election, upon the only real and vital issue before the workers of this country as well as the Working Class of the World, viz—Socialism versus Capitalism.

We appeal to every worker, regardless of any distinction of race, creed or color, to read this manifesto carefully in order to get an intelligent grasp of the principles of our movement.

CLASSES.

Society has always been divided into two distinct classes. A minority property-owning class, and a majority propertyless slave class—workers. In every age the ruling class received their power and wealth through ownership of the means whereby the subject class lived. Upon this basis the civilization of the ancient world was built. Babylon, Egypt, her pyramids and tombs; Greece, her colonades and statues. The great armies of Xerxes and Hannibal, and the mighty empire of Rome were all built and maintained out of the surplus produced by vast armies of chattel slaves.

HE WHO OWNS RULES.

Was the essence of Feudalism, the lords assumed ownership of the land by divine right. The slave—now a serf, toiled on his lord's land producing wealth for him in return for which he was permitted to till his own behalf on a piece of land set apart for that purpose. The difference between the chattel slave and serf is more one of form than of reality. Each produced the wealth that maintained himself and his master, each only received sufficient at the best to maintain him in good working condition. The best point worth remembering about the Feudal system is—that the serf worked part of the time for himself and the rest of his time for his lord. The worker under capitalism works part of the day producing his own wages, and the rest of the day producing profits for his employer.

FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIETY.

It is the working class alone that made possible any form of human society, because it is solely by the labor of that class that the resources of the earth are converted into form suitable for the sustenance of human kind. It is the presence of this useful portion of modern society that gives railroads, factories, mines, steamships, towns and cities all the boasted wealth of the world that is expressed in money, its value, yet in spite of all this wealth produced, the working class is practically without wealth and is becoming more and more dependent, industrially bound to an international capitalist class, who own all the natural resources, industries and the great social tools of wealth production and distribution. In short, the workers are slaves to the machines subject to the will of the capricious owners of the machines. The term "slave" is resented by some workers, but we maintain that wagedom, the present form of servitude enslaves and degrades the working class and that this condition is bound to exist as long as capitalism exists, and that the freedom of the workers from wage slavery and consequent degradation, must and will be achieved by the working class themselves.

CAPITALISM DEFINED.

Capitalism is based upon the exploitation of the workers by capitalists. On the one hand there is a class which owns and controls industry and although relatively few and decreasing in numbers, by means of this ownership, are the ruling class. Opposed to this, owning class stand the wage workers—the ever-increasing proletariat or propertyless class. In society of today each class is necessary to the other, the capitalists must have workers to run the industries, the wage workers must find employers to whom they sell labor power since they have nothing else to sell.

What the workers sell is their muscles and brain power, their very life forces, in short themselves. This is sold by the day or hour as the case may be. Like any other "commodity" it becomes the property of the one who buys. Its value is determined by the cost of its production, or in other words by what will enable the workers to live, work and bring up children to take their places when they themselves are worn out.

Out of this expenditure of the labor power of the workers the capitalists realize a greater value than its cost. This is "Surplus Value" the source from which all capitalist revenues—profits, rents and interests—are derived.

It is of no benefit to the workers that the great development of modern machinery has increased their productive power to an enormous extent. They get a mere subsistence so long as they are needed to produce wealth, and when the immense quantities of commodities they have produced for the masters are not readily disposed of by the latter on the market, the workers are forced into idleness and unemployment, subjected to hunger and want because they have produced too much wealth.

The sole aim of capitalist industry is the making of profits. So long as profits can be realized from their labor, the workers are employed. To increase profits "labor saving" machinery is introduced because cheaper than the human machine. The labor of women and children is substituted

for that of men when it can be profitably done. When the workers arrive at an age when they can no longer keep up the required pace, they are thrown upon the human scrap heap to make room for those who are younger.

Capitalism converts the lifetime of the worker into "labor time" and reduces him to a mere appendage of the machine.

CAPITAL.

In a material sense CAPITAL PRODUCES NOTHING. Its sole function is to take the wealth produced by labor. To carry out this function the owners of capital need but to own the resources of the earth (land, forests, mines) and the instruments (factories, mills, railroads) by means of which Social labor converts those resources into shape suitable for the satisfaction of human needs.

The capitalist class in their mad headlong rush for profits, recognize no race, creed or sex, they invariably see to it that their capital goes wherever it can be manufactured to contain the very largest possible proportion of surplus value. A lower standard of living prevails in China than in America, thus enabling the capitalist to buy labor power more cheaply. He goes there because profit is, of course, the goal he seeks.

Take a look at the situation, you workers who have not yet discovered wherein your interests lie. Today, all the capitalist countries of the world are struggling for markets. The globe has been embraced by this gigantic machine. No sooner does capital get hold of a country than development begins. Wage slavery with its mass of surplus-value—profit for the master—takes hold, and presently that country also has a surplus and is looking for a market. Hence the cry of Reciprocity.

COMPETING AGAINST ONESELF.

Fellow workers does it not strike you that increasing numbers of the unemployed, competing with their fellow workers on the labor market is continually reducing the purchasing power of wages and lowering the standard of living of your class to the point of a bare physical subsistence and that reduction in the consuming power of the working class reacts upon the market causing less production, which in its turn causes more unemployment.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

The unemployed are found in the hot and cold climates, under all forms of government, Free Trade or Protection. Yea more prominent wherever the most modern machinery exists, or in other words where the "means" of life are most concentrated, and in the hands of the capitalist trust.

THE ONLY OUTLOOK FOR THE WORKERS.

It is very clear that the forces at work within the capitalist system are fast bringing about its dissolution. The "productive forces" which it has set in operation have already got beyond its control. It cannot dispose of all the commodities that it's wage slaves produce because it cannot find markets for them. It can no longer employ all its working class hence it's problem of unemployment. The great army of proletariat, whom it robs of the product of their labor through the process of production, is revolting against this robbery and is fast organizing to overthrow capitalism and bring in a system of collective and social ownership of all the means of life by the working class.

To bring this change about is the mission of the Socialist Movement. No mere reform can effect this.

We, the proletariat must become the political dominant class and use that power to take over the ownership and control of all capitalist industries. This will mean the end of wage slavery and classes.

We, the Socialist Party again appeal to the workers of this country to unite in a solid political Party and by political action take possession of the government, abolish the capitalist system with its interests, rents and profits and establish a Co-operative Commonwealth in which the whole means of production shall become the collective or common property of all the people, each person having full and free access to them and receive in return the full social value of the product of his labor.

Wealth will then be produced for use, labor will cease to be a commodity to be bought and sold on a labor market.

Workers of the world unite and take part in your own emancipation, hear the call of freedom from your comrades in the Socialist Party.

MR. WORKINGMAN:

A vote for Socialism is a vote for yourself.

BARGAINS IN LEAFLETS

We have in stock at Cotton's about 6,000 excellent election leaflets, "Slavery" by Wage Slave. While they last only 60 cents per thousand. \$3.75 takes the lot.

About 7,000 leaflets "Shorter Hours for All" by W. R. Shier. It is a timely leaflet and good propaganda. Only 60 cents per 1,000 while they last. The lot for \$3.95.

FIRST COME—FIRST SERVED.

"But charity now-a-days means nothing more than the giving of money, old clothes, loaves of bread and a few basins of soup in the winter. Charity! When the workers grow intelligent enough to understand all that Capitalism stands for they will put an end to it! Charity by ending the Capitalist system itself."—Old man Harris in "Dunsmuir & Scapp's."

ENGLISH SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The subscription price of Cotton's Weekly is the same for the British Isles as in Canada. Also to the British Colonies and Mexico.

Of Interest To Women

By Margaret Allan.

At Atlantic City, N. J. Mary Conway, a hotel worker, was taken from the surf by the life guards. Mary's dead body was fully clothed and she had taken care to hem sand around the bottom of her skirt. It is thought by those who think that she was deranged, Mary meant no mistake about the result anyway.

An attempt is being made to prevent women from earning a living at pit brow work in England. It is not as easy as playing the piano, but it is the means of earning an independent living. To hunt women out of that independence only accentuates the labor problem and makes the outlook for the sex more gloomy and formidable than ever.

Paul Schulze, of Chicago, president of the National Association of Master Bakers says if a woman bakes a loaf of bread, she is in reality a murderer. He does not say what the manufacturer is who adulterates her flour and other ingredients, that unless the woman cook is up to stripes with the chemical antidote, there is no cook-knowledge nor apparatus can enable her to put out anything else but the soggy article. Of course home bakery does not fatten the Master Baker. And what about bakers' bread.

Toronto Dairymen have had hundreds of quarts of milk condemned. The preservative used was formaldehyde. Socialism means milk, i. e. the product from the cow. Are preservatives generators of consumption? Or is it the mother of the moneyless, who don't know how to nurse their offspring, and don't know how to cook for their husbands. Poor mother! she is generally saddled with all the woes, perhaps now, she will not be expected to attend science classes and listen to young collegiate's instructions.

Mrs. Minnie O'Herring, of Chicago, sold the index finger of her right hand to Mrs. Reginald Waldorf, of Philadelphia. Surgeons assured the latter lady that her finger—recently lost—could be replaced. Advertisements brought the desired result. What kind of a woman can she be, who knowing what the loss of a finger means would ask any other woman to deliberately similarly deprive her hand in order to accommodate, and what education is worth such a sacrifice and what daughter worth the name would allow it.

Vera Digner, who suffered Russian prison torture for 21 years for holding revolutionary ideas is now doing her utmost to awaken the Revolutionary Spirit of the world, by recounting through press and on platform the horrors of the Russian prison systems. Why do workingmen build prisons, why, oh why, will they allow this everlasting sacrifice. Unite! Out of forty-seven comrades incarcerated at the same time as Vera, in 1884, only 29 survived in 1890, and in 1896 the number was reduced to twenty-four. The treatment is of the most diabolical, outrageous and cruel character. It is fearful, unbearable, International Socialism! Get busy.

Sylvia Pankhurst, England's Militant Suffragette, in an effort to make a series of sketches of women at work in various trades describes her experiences thus: "When in order to make these sketches, I went for some weeks to a boot factory, I suffered from almost constant headache, owing to the heat and noise of the machines. When I went into Glasgow cotton spinning mill I fainted after one hour in the mule-spinning room, and was literally unable to work in the ring-spinning room, where I was pained to see numbers of poor little half-timers—tiny, stunted creatures all of them, and a large proportion with bumpy legs and curvature of the spine. When I went into the dipping house of a pottery I fainted twice during the first morning, and all the time I was going there continually felt a sensation of pressure and discomfort in the chest and throat, and a desire to swallow, and had after a time the nasty sweet taste of which the lead workers complain. In all these places I was struck by the leaden pallor of the workers. When I went to the pit brow of a Wigan Colliery my face was blackened like the faces of the workers but that did me no harm, and I was perfectly well all the time I was there. Certainly the work is not what many of us would choose, and the wages are lower than they should be, but one must regard it in comparison with the other trades that are open to women. One must remember, too, that there is no hardship so great, and no temptation so strong as that of being without work and without means."

WARNING

To the Socialist of Canada
Don't waste your vote by voting for the old party politicians. If there is a Socialist candidate running, vote for him. If there is no Socialist candidate running, write the word "SOCIALISM" across your ballot. By so doing you will stand true to your political ideals, you will show that Socialism is flourishing right in your community, and you will create much talk about Socialism by so doing. It will be a great propaganda stunt if ten thousand Socialists in Canada do this.

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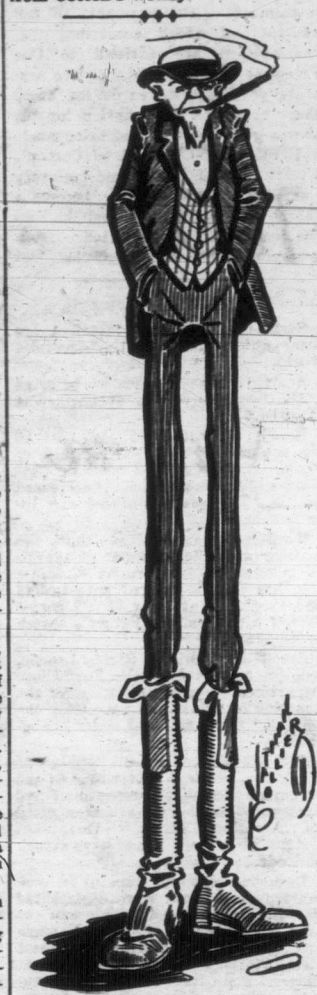
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"This damned Socialism is only another dog-gone scheme to get a feller's money."

From "Hope."

And the People Suffer

It is a lamentable thing to have to acknowledge, but the Imperial Parliament—Mother of Parliament—no longer occupies the proud position of the foremost legislative and deliberative body in the world. With the rise of Socialism it has sunk both in power and in prestige. No longer does the majority rule. The government of the day are now compelled to act according to the bidding of a small and irresponsible group of demagogues. Take, for instance, the payment of members. It is perfectly safe to say that out of the 670 men comprising the House of Commons six hundred don't want the money—would rather not have it. But the price of the support of the small, noisy group is the salary—therefore the salary is voted. The government of the people by the people—and especially for the people—has become a farce. It is government by a small, noisy and insistent group of men who have nothing to lose, but everything to gain. The Radical Government has loosened forces which now cannot control. They have sown the wind, and they are reaping, not a whirlwind, but a cyclone. And the great mass of the people suffer.—The News, St. Johns, P. Q.

The lamentable news contained in the foregoing clipping is Bunkum—pure, unadulterated, undiluted Bunkum. The loosened forces are the revolting convulsions of Labor, who waking up out of the bondage sleep of centuries, has found himself manacled with oppression's chains and deeply buried under the sticky adhesiveness of privileged Wont and Usage. That's all.

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HOPE.

The wretch condemned with life to part
Still, still on hope relies;
And every pang that rends the heart
Bids expectation rise.

Hope, like the gleaming taper's light,
Adorns and cheers our way;
And still, as darker grows the night,
Emits a brighter ray.

Goldsmith.

'TIS A PITY (I)

The Hamilton Times, in commenting on an editorial in Cotton's, remarks that: "It is a pity that Canada should be disgraced by such publications." Wow!

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By Emanuel Julius.

Because I realize that it is harmful to the best interests of society to permit a small-class of capitalists to own the industries.

Because I want to receive the full social value of all that my labor produces.

Because I know that by collective ownership and democratic management of the industries (which is Socialism) we can remedy all the existing social evils that we workers must put up with.

Because I don't want any useless parasites to live off the product of my labor.

Because I want to be secure when old age comes upon me.

Because I believe in the working class and want to see every man, woman and child who belong to it have enough decent food to eat, proper clothes to wear and have sufficient rest and pleasures.

Because I want the people who live by useful work to have an opportunity in life to develop and reach a higher and nobler plane of existence.

Because I believe that—

No headman's axe will flash,
Nor sword of death unsheath,
When the rising strength of labor,
Controls the commonweal.

THE FARMER AND THE FINANCIER.

By J. E. Nash.

A financier drove out to see a farmer, who professed that he, (Although his farm was rented,) Had found the surest means to take, And own the wealth which others make, Yet keep his dupes contented.

The farmer proudly led him out, To see his oxen strong and stout, His pride and greatest treasure; They came, almost before he spoke, And placed their necks beneath the yoke, Apparently with pleasure.

"What makes them come?" the other said,

"With nothing but a nubbins fed; Indeed, I don't see through it. The farmer smiled, and said, said he, 'I broke them in as calves; you see; They're educated to it.'"

"They do my will, my word obey, Without reward, not even hay, Although I let them pass An hour at noon and all the night Down in the pasture, out of sight, A hunting 'round for grass."

Thus spake the financier then "You deal with cattle, I with men, Whose toil has greater worth, Financially, I reign a king, Invest in nearly everything, Some day I'll own the earth."

"Men come to me in sorest need: They beg for work; implore and plead;

If I a job assign, The highest wage I ever give, Is fixed by what it costs to live, The product, sir, is mine."

"Your nubbins represents the wage For which the working class engage, To live so mean and humble; And grind our profits, don't you see, That comes to me, yes, comes to me, What cause have I to grumble?"

"I serve the farmer much the same, Ha! Ha! But they are easy game, And think they're independent, I set the price and profit well On all they buy; on all they sell, And roll in wealth resplendent."

"And price or wage, which e'er it be,

The system soon returns to me In interest, profit, rent, Yet, all the same my victims cheer And shout with joy when I appear, So well are they content."

The farmer asks: "What makes them toil,

For you to plunder, rob and spoil? Gee whiz! It beats the nation." "Ah, well! they are taught as babes, you know, That God Almighty wills it so; 'Tis all in education."

"I pension men to teach our youth As I direct; to hide the truth, And regulate instruction. For, if the truth were known, you see,

My dupes no more would give to me The fruit of their production."

SAME OLD TALE.

The Moose Jaw News has a strong article criticising the policy that landed thousands of harvesters in the West, probably a week or two, before the grain was ready to harvest. These people were all without work, and many of them without money, as they were promised work as soon as the grain was ready to harvest. Bear River as they arrived. Their condition was News.

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MODERN CANNIBALISM.

"The poor man, who defecates himself by toil, who labors for wife and child, through all his anxious, barren, wasted life, who goes to the grave without ever having one luxury, has been the food of others; he has been devoured by his fellow men. The poor woman, living in the bare and lonely room, cheerless and fireless, sewing night and day to keep starvation from her chud, is slowly being devoured by her fellow men. When I take into consideration the agony of civilized life, the failures, the poverty, the anxiety, the tears, the withered hopes, the bitter realities, the hunger, crime, the humiliation, the shame—I am almost forced to say that cannibalism, after all, is the most merciful form in which man has ever lived upon his fellowmen."—Robert G. Ingersoll.

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