

WORKERS RALLYING TO RANKS OF F. L. P.

Old Party Workers Break Away from Various Organizations

Meetings Being Held and Locals Formed All Over the Province

Enthusiastic is no word for the grand reception the Federated Labor Party is receiving throughout the province. Old-timers and well-known workers of the Liberal, Socialist, and even Conservative, parties are flocking to the ranks of the party that intends to wrest the political power from the rubber stamp and reactionary outfit that now holds on to the seats in the provincial house.

Applications for membership and organizers' credentials are being asked for by many prominent British Columbians who have been fighting Labor's battles these many years. This in itself bodes ill for the element who have blocked the path of real live, fighting and progressive legislation through their lack of understanding of the human animal.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, representative of the F. L. P. in the provincial parliament, and R. P. Pettipiece, addressed a big audience in the Miners' Union hall, South Wellington, Sunday afternoon. Fifty-six members were enrolled after the meeting and as many more signified their intention of enrolling as soon as finances permitted. The dues are only \$1 a year, but even that sum takes a great deal of rustling from the exploited slaves of the coal barons.

Another organization meeting will be held at the same place and time, Sunday, March 17. Walter Head is the chairman and Brother Brooks the secretary of the local organization.

In the evening, the same speakers addressed another splendid meeting in the Dominion hall, Nanaimo, which proved to be probably the largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held in the city for many years. The miners' orchestra gave the audience a few selections and then the speakers got down to the why and wherefore of the F. L. P. One of the noticeable features of the meeting was the number of women present and the cordial reception they gave to the advent of the new movement. One hundred and ten members were enrolled and another meeting was decided on for next Sunday, March 10, at which officers will be elected. The Nanaimo local hopes to be able to hold weekly propaganda meetings.

Brother Hodgkinson, Nanaimo, intends to organize the workers of Ladysmith and the surrounding country.

Nelson Lines Up

Another 45 members were added to the membership of the F. L. P., when, according to J. A. Austin, the workers of Nelson held their first meeting in the new miners' headquarters, Annabel block, last Friday. Meetings will be held in the same place every Friday and, if the enthusiasm is anything to go by, there will be a lot of new members brought in, not only by the men but by the women, who are assuming a more rebellious attitude than was expected. Vice-president Pezeril, organizer for the West Kootenay (south) district, is about to go out to line up the rest of the district.

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Vice-president W. Smith, Hedley, reports holding a bumper meeting of the miners, at which lots of discussion took place, with the result that the old parties will be greatly surprised at the strength of the F. L. P. in the mines of that locality. Brother Smith is going to hold a meeting in the town of Hedley some time next week and he is in touch with some of the rebels of Queenstown for the purpose of holding a meeting there.

Good News From Silverton

The miners and mill workers of Silverton are well pleased over the formation of the F. L. P. They had a good live organization during the Dominion elections and have now made it a permanent one by adopting the name of the F. L. P. The officers are: Harry Dimock, president; George McInnis, vice-president, and J. A. Cavan, secretary-treasurer. Members are being signed up every day and the old-timers feel confident that the F. L. P. fills a long-felt want.

Ward Organizations in City

Membership fees are pouring in from residents of Vancouver and as soon as the membership becomes big enough, ward organizations will be formed. The vice-presidents of Vancouver district are working on the plans for this kind of organization within the city limits. These ward organizations will each have a separate organization and their own officers. Residents of Vancouver are urged to get in their applications for membership without delay so that the ward organization plan can be started immediately. Applications can be obtained in the office of The B. C. Federationist or from business agents of the various unions.

The difficulty of finding a suitable man for organization work, without draining the finances, has been overcome by securing Mr. George H. Hardy, who will now devote all his time to this work for a few weeks. It is now up to all who want to see a strong movement in the city, to rally to the support of Mr. Hardy in achieving the object desired. Mr. Hardy can be found in Room 206 of the Labor Temple. Call and get some applications and get busy among your friends.