

in overthrewing capitalism? Not on your life! They'll do everything they can to uplift it."

"We're out for all the wealth we produce—the best of everything," the speaker concluded. "No prohibition in any shape or form! We'll have absolute liberty."

Rev. Hooper, superintendent of the Seamen's Institute, followed in the interests of "temperance," as a member of the Moderation League, though not altogether in favor of government control as at present in view. He explained "I've been seaman, soldier, Northwest Mounted Policeman and now I'm a parson." (A voice: "Gee-whiz!" and laughter). "We Anglo-Saxon people are a liberty-loving people," he further explained; not that liberty, however, that "makes us a cursed nuisance," but the freedom to choose what they should eat and what they should drink. Prohibition in B. C. had been a farce in the past, and was now. In the N. W. M. P., he said, "We drank all kinds of things that would make a little glad time." He was going to vote for the government measure, though he hoped it would be improved upon later.

W. R. Trotter was amused to see the last two speakers—a Socialist and a parson—on the same tack. The ex-mounted policeman, he said, "ought to be an authority on British freedom, and especially freedom in Canada." (Hear, hear). As to prohibitionists not being on the side of the working class, he made no apologies for being on the executive of the People's Prohibition Party—"like our friend has for being in the Moderation League." Though some of the prohibitionists were from the other side of the fence, they were there for opposite reasons and changed over as the situation changed. The "red herding" today was "government sale." He did not support prohibition as a palliative, but as a means to an end. "You've got a straight proposition before you. Which side are you on?" (A voice, "Booze," and some laughter).

Mack Eastman of the U. B. C., urged the abolition of liquor—not from a Sunday school standpoint, but on the finding of the leaders of the Federation Generale du Travail in France, after intense discussion. He thought this was worth while, "as coming from the purest of the pure Reds."

S. S. Jenkins said he was 64 years old, was never restricted in the matter of liquor, had drunk all his life, and had never been drunk. "What the people want is education," he said. "They don't want prohibition."

GET-TOGETHER AT NEW F. L. P. ROOMS

Several Speakers Are Heard at the
Gathering in the New
Headquarters

The "house-warming" held at the new headquarters of the Federated Labor Party, at 148 Cordova street west, last Saturday evening was a great success. Although very

little notice was given a large number of the active members of the party were on hand.

The hall in which the meeting was held was still in the hands of the painters and paperhangers and owing to the failure of the electricians to install the lights in time the rooms had to be lighted with lamps. However, the committee had secured an ample supply of lamps, so that the lack of electric lights was hardly noticeable. In any case the supply of light was well supplemented by the speakers who addressed the gathering.

The chair was taken by Comrade O. L. Charlton, who made a few remarks as to the financing of the new rooms and the support that had been obtained. He then went on to outline the activities that the larger headquarters made possible. A large reading room, a hall capable of seating 200 people and plenty of office space were assets that the party had hitherto lacked, and of which the executive intended to make full use.

The first speaker called on was Comrade Dr. W. J. Curry. In all there were eight who addressed the meeting, Comrades J. MacMillan, R. P. Pettipiece, Mrs. J. Clark, Mrs. H. G. Taylor, Mrs. C. Lorimer, J. S. Woodsworth and D. Rees following Comrade Curry in the order mentioned. Each dwelt on the necessity of getting busy immediately with more educational meetings. Several made particular reference to the value of smaller groups

as a better method of educating workers than the big meetings.

After the speaking the ladies served refreshments. A general discussion, a tour of inspection, and some dancing closed the event. It is anticipated that the new quarters of the F. L. P. will be supporting as there are three rooms that will be available for office and already inquiries have been received regarding them.

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